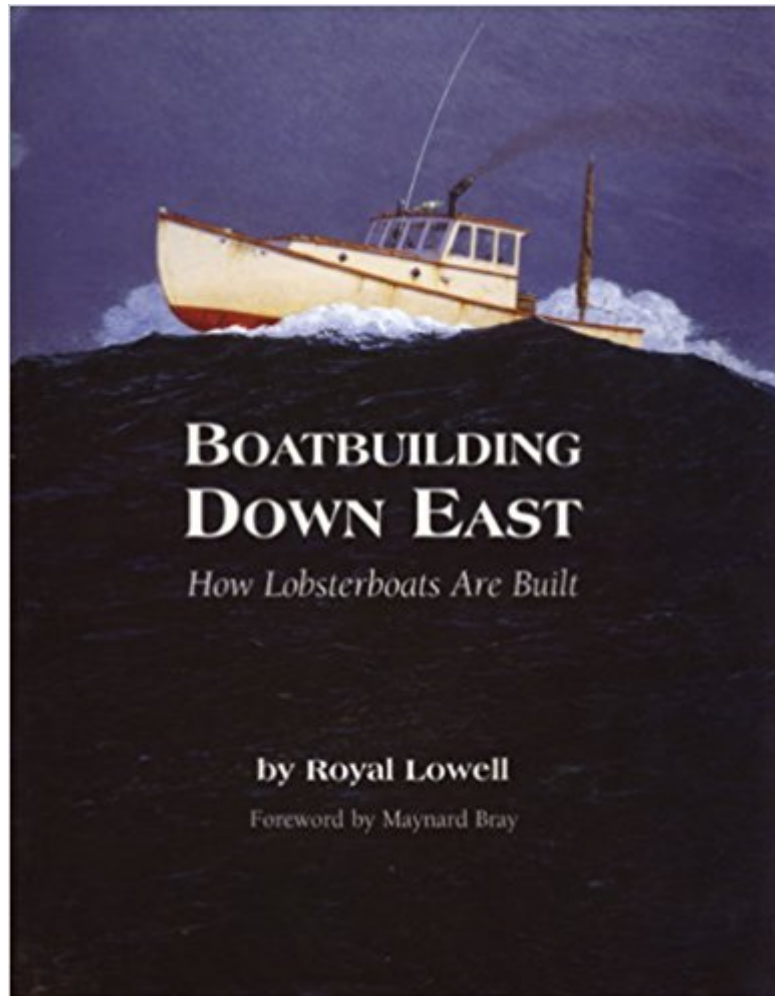




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Boatbuilding Down East: How Lobsterboats Are Built



Synopsis

Well illustrated, the book includes lines for several boats (no offsets) including a 36-foot lobsterboat, a 32-foot sport cruiser, and a 26-foot sport fisherman. If you too have fallen in love with the lines of lobsterboats, you will be especially pleased to have this book, as there is so little published on the type. The book content is succinctly put into perspective for us in the foreword, written by noted marine historian Maynard Bray. This edition is true to the original book, although there is the addition of listing of all of Royal Lowell's designs.

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Customer Reviews

Born on Beals Island, Maine, in 1936, Royal Lowell built his first boat at age 10... a kayak, and used his mother's bedsheets for the skin. He began helping his grandfather build "pods" by the time he was twelve. Royal went on to design and build some of the finest lobsterboats afloat.

Novice to Experience Boatbuilder will enjoy this book. Wood or even Metal Boats Much of setting up and laying down lines are explained in the Simple Language of Someone who knows what he is talking about, inside and out, This Is the BEST Wooden Boat Building Book I've ever read. My third one. Previous 2 disappeared through mysterious circumstances.. Get it You won't regret it. this may be the only 5 ***** I've ever given anything.

Good for boat builders, not so much for those more casually interested. Love the cover art, wish there

were more photos. Still a good addition to the library.

Very interesting book.

This is a book I have wanted since I first heard of it. I received it as a gift this Christmas, so the waiting is over, and it is about 75-80% what I expected. It is highly instructive on the process of building a traditional wooden lobsterboat, written by one of the very people who help define what a lobsterboat is - Royal Lowell. The illustrations and instructions are some of the best I've seen. The guidelines given in the text would be good enough for an experienced boat-builder to construct one of these boats with very little guessing required. My only reservation in giving this a five-star rating is that the "yacht design" information is lacking in my opinion. I was expecting at least 'some' information from Royal Lowell about how lobsterboats, particularly those designed and built by his family, were designed to do what they do and do it well. In all of the reviews and descriptions, you are led to believe that this book is centered on Lowell's designs, and that design drawings are included. In some respects that is correct - but misleading for someone wanting to know more about how these boats were designed as well as how they were built. 's description reads "Featuring many of Lowell's lobsterboat designs and is truly a builder's guide for traditional lobsterboats. Well illustrated, lines for several boats." There are drawings of 4 boats (or 5, if you count a "cruiser" version of the 4th one) featured at the end of the book. There are "lines" for only one, though - and although it was clearly drawn by Royal Lowell, it is a design-reproduction of a boat that his grandfather Will Frost actually designed. That's great information and I'm glad to have it, but it's not really his design. I don't doubt that all of the illustrations that Lowell did for the book are based on his designs, so thereby his designs are indeed "featured" - but the 4 boats in the back are much less "design" than I was expecting based on the description. The "lines for several boats" statement is the one I find most misleading. Saying "Lines" implies sheer lines, keel lines, waterlines, buttocks, sections, diagonals, etc. - all the things associated with design. But for the boats featured, what is given are outboard profiles, arrangement plans, and construction plans - with a midship section for 3 of the 4. Clearly not lines, but designs no doubt. So, although I am very happy with this book, and will treasure it, I feel that the descriptions and reviews should reflect that it is a "building" book, not a "design" book. In the Wooden Boat Store's defense (which I have no doubt is the source for this book), they have it included in their building section, not their design section. And they clearly mention that the dust jacket (with the wonderful painting of the boat high on a wave) is no longer included - so the book is plain denim-blue canvas with the title only on the spine. But, their

description is the same as 's, so that's likely where 's came from. If you are considering this book, and you should, consider mostly that the part of the description saying "...is truly a builder's guide for traditional lobsterboats. Well illustrated..." is the most accurate part of the description and then you will fully get what you are expecting.

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