

## 9 Years on the 7 Seas - by Anne Brevig

Sure, there have been any number of books written about sailing around the world and it took us a while to get started reading this one which was a big mistake. 9 Years on the 7 Seas is like no other circumnavigation book before it and every chapter provides you with another unique insight into the world of cruising in this day and age which is a combination of old world common sense sailing and the reality of dealing with the politics of a modern world. In addition there are beautiful full-color pictures throughout the book along with excellent charts and descriptions. For this reason we have selected 9 Years on the 7 Seas to receive this years Northwest Yachting Editors Choice Award.

In 1986, Anne Brevig and Martin Vennessland sold most of their worldly belongings and moved onboard their new sailboat, which they named "NOR SIGLAR", meaning "Northern Sailor" in Old Norse. For five years they lived onboard their 40-foot French sloop in Spruce Harbour Marina in Vancouver, to save money and prepare themselves and the vessel for an offshore adventure, which started in 1991

and ended in 2000. So NOR SIGLAR, has not only been their faithful circumnavigator for nine years—but their beloved floating home, their only home—for 15. Their voyage has not "just" been a circumnavigation, but a life style.

During 56,000 nautical miles at sea, which is a bit more than

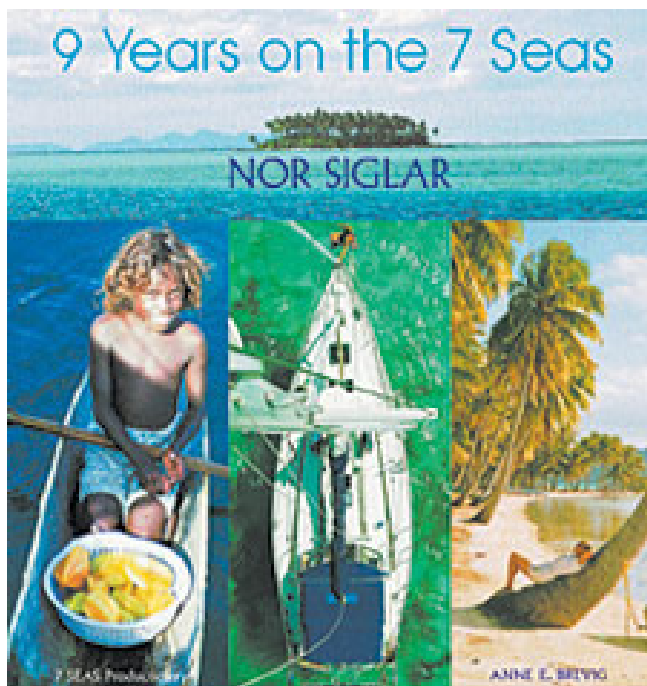
lows, which they share with you on these pages.

On a technical note, the "List of Vessel Specifications and Equipment Inventory," will prove helpful to those of you who are planning an offshore voyage. In the discussion, "Pros and Cons of a Circumnavigator," they share with you their experience with the equipment onboard: What worked and what didn't work, what broke and what didn't, what they could have done without and what they would not leave home without, and finally, what they would have done differently should they do it all over again.

In the "Map and Log" section, you can follow NOR SIGLAR's route around the world, complete with a statistical summary of distance, time and speed and the many countries visited. They have also

included their cruising budget with supporting comments.

The best news is that Anne Brevig will join us in the Northwest Yachting Magazine Booth at the Seattle Boat Show for a book signing. If you can't wait to get your book at the Show then just go online at [www.norsiglar.com](http://www.norsiglar.com) or visit your local bookstore.



twice around the world at equator, they visited 76 countries and island colonies, met lots of interesting peoples from different cultures and had many, many exciting and touching experiences while also encountering dramatic and dangerous challenges. In short, it was a once in a lifetime adventure, full of highs and