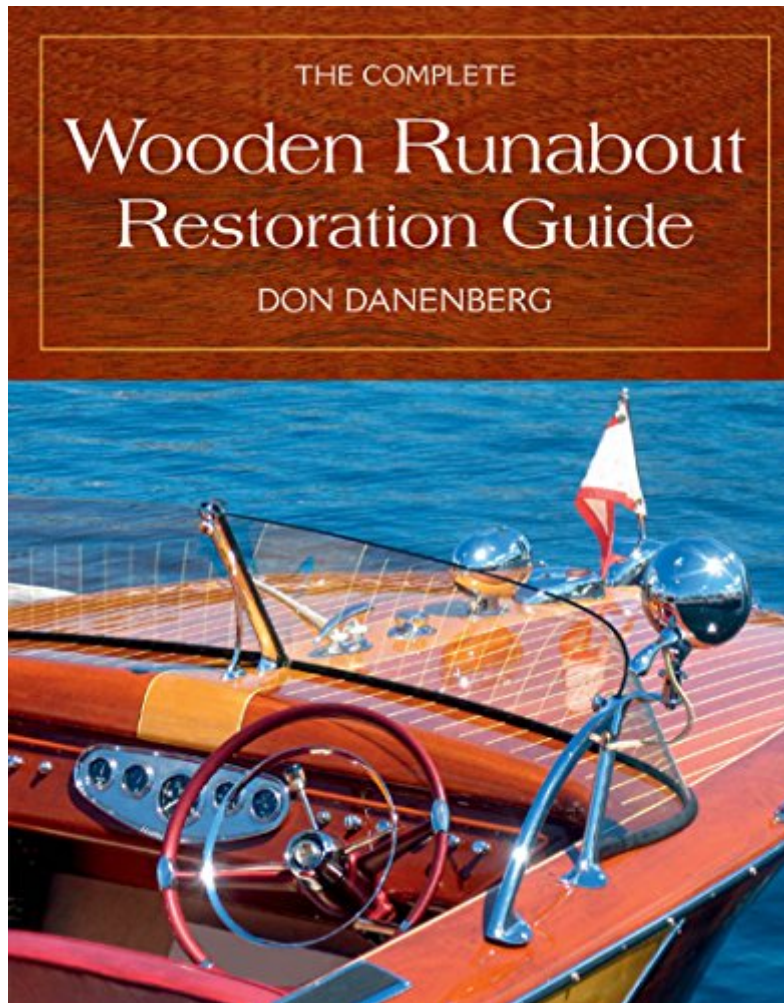




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Now MBI Publishing Company's two top-selling boating titles—written by one of the world's top authorities on the subject of antique wooden boat restoration—are available in one volume. In this comprehensive restoration guide for owners and enthusiasts of wooden powerboats of all makes and models built from the early 1920s through the 1960s, author Don Dannenberg covers all major woodworking aspects of restoration: surveying, disassembly, repair, reconstruction, and varnishing. But when it comes to restoring a classic wooden powerboat, getting the frame, planking, and deck right is just one part of the story. Danenberg also walks enthusiasts through the topics of hardware, running gear, electrical wiring, plumbing, instruments, upholstery, trailers, and maintenance. Fully illustrated with step-by-step color photos and written in an entertaining style in which the author stresses sound reconstruction techniques over preservation of original components, this comprehensive volume also includes resource listings, glossaries, and School of Hard Knocks sidebars.

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Customer Reviews

This book is my bible for wood boat restoration. It is helping me restore a 1948 Chris Craft that I stumbled upon and I would be completely lost without it. It has very thorough and detailed step-by-step instructions all the way from surveying a boat before purchase to restoring every final touch. Danenberg does favor specific techniques which some may say are debatable. For instance he all but dismisses most bottom restoration techniques outside of a brand new "5200" bottom. I personally agree with him on this matter but some do not. That said it still an excellent book but just research some restoration forums and talk to many restorers to get a range of opinions. Danenberg has his own website and he is very active in responding to the message boards and helpful with questions. It is clear he is passionate about his craft and helping others do it right. He points out common mistakes and short-cuts that a restorer may do and the potential disastrous results. Only minus is the e-book's images are not very high resolution, so some of the labels in the diagrams are not legible. I wish this book was still in print, but the kindle version does just fine if you don't want to pay for the inflated used paperback price (due to no supply). I've checked and the iTunes version is no better (although more spendy)

This is a good book on boat restoration for the Kindle. The biggest drawback is the illustrations do not enlarge well when you scale them up to the point they would be readable the image is pixelated and not useable. As there a lot of illustrations this is a major drawback to the Kindle version. Get the book in dead tree form if you need the pictures and illustrations.

Great technical book on old wooden boat restoration; HOWEVER, you really need to bone up on your understanding of boat part terms if you're going to keep up with and understand what Danenberg is talking about. This is a must read for anybody contemplating the actual restoration of a wooden boat. There's a whole bunch more to it than just slapping on a fresh coat of varnish!!!! If you're still ready to tackle the project after reading this book, you probably really are up to doing it.

We have a 1959 wooden Chris Craft that we are restoring. This has been a valuable resource in evaluating and working on the restoration. It is a detailed book with rough schematics/drawings, material and other resources sources and has served us well so far.

A comprehensive review of woodenboat contruction and repair. Author concentrates on practical repair and re-construction. Not designed for restoration of show boats, but for serious amateurs

looking to re-build and use a wooden boat classic. Plenty of photographs and drawings to help you along. Covers just about every topic from keels and frames to finish and upholstery.

Exhaustive in its detail and too technical for an amateur like me, who just loves the old wooden speedboats. It convinced me the trying to replace the bottom on my 1940 Chris Craft is probably way beyond my knowledge and ability.

Great! Packed with tons of good advice.

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