

NIGEL CALDER BIO:

Nigel Calder got into motorcycles and sailing dinghies as a teenager, and has never been far from mechanical things and boats ever since. In a varied career, before becoming a full-time sailing writer he worked on an automotive assembly line, in a foundry and machine shop, and on offshore oil production platforms. He and his wife, Terrie, built a couple of 70-foot canal boats, on which they lived in Oxford, England, and a 39-foot Ingrid cutter, which they cruised from a base in Louisiana. They then sailed a Pacific Seacraft 40 for 5 years, following which they had a Malo 45 built in Sweden. This was replaced by the same boat but with experimental electrical and propulsion systems. It was used by the European Union HYbrid MARine (HYMAR) project, of which Nigel was the Technical Director, for extensive testing of hybrid propulsion systems. Nigel is a member of the American Boat and Yacht Council (ABYC) Electrical Project Technical Committee. Nigel and Terrie have sailed in the North Sea, and extensively in the Caribbean, with Pippin (now aged 26) and Paul (25) augmenting the crew along the way. Nigel is best known for his *Boatowner's Mechanical and Electrical Manual*, and his *Marine Diesel Engines*, both in their third editions, and both considered the definitive works in their field. In addition to over 200 magazine articles, he has also authored a '*Cruising Guide to the Northwest Caribbean*', '*Cuba: A Cruising Guide*', '*Nigel Calder's Cruising Handbook*' and '*How to Read a Nautical Chart*'.