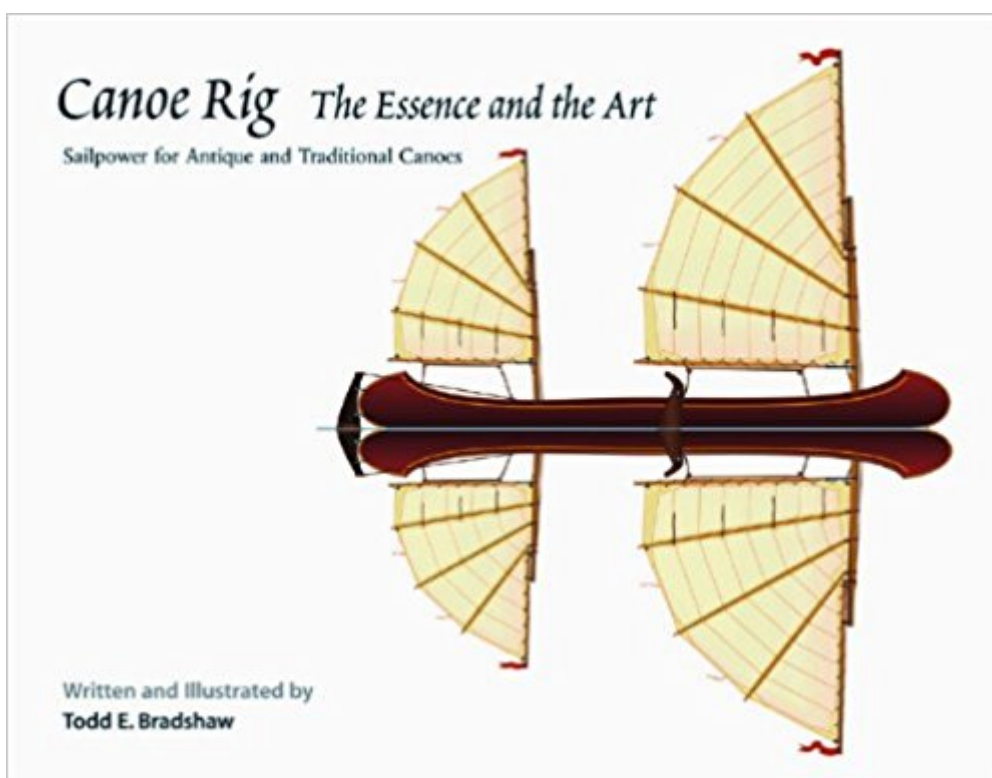


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# Canoe Rig: The Essence And The Art: Sailpower For Antique And Traditional Canoes



## Synopsis

You are about to enter a unique world--one of bold, intriguing illustrations and detailed, solid information. It's a world of that will spark your desire to re-examine how the wind might best move your boat. And it will open your eyes to sail and rig configurations you may have never seen. Open this book, and be prepared to travel, sometimes for hours on end. Enjoy a world that comes from the mind and hand of a sailmaker with a gift for teaching by image as well as by word. Author/Illustrator Todd Bradshaw has an obvious addiction to canoes, although you can easily apply the principles, concepts, and detailed sail plans to any hull that strikes your fancy. So if you have a daysailer, and you're thinking about a new set of sails, you've come to the right place. Or if you are contemplating a leeboard, adding an ama, or just want a resource of ideas for a variety of ways to steer a boat, then take a look at *Canoe Rig*. All the information you need for building sails, spars, leeboards, centerboards, and more, is right here. The artwork is backed up by measurements, so you can create in the flesh exactly what Todd has drawn on paper.

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## Customer Reviews

Author/illustrator Todd Bradshaw was born in Waterloo, Iowa. He and his wife, Marite, make their home in Madison, Wisconsin, where Todd builds sails for a living under his shingle *Addiction Sailmakers*. *Addiction* was the name of his wooden Star-class sloop. She was rescued from oblivion, fully restored and then struck by lightning. For fun Todd rebuilds old boats, and designs new ones. His background in art and music, as well as having owned backpacking and canoeing

businesses, are just some of the puzzle pieces that have converged to create this book.

This book is now on my nightstand, right next to Rob White's "Floatsam and Jetsam". That's tough company to match. After 55 yrs of small boat sailing I thought I knew a lot however I learned a lot from this book. As much as I love it I am compelled to add that many of the drawings are of untested ideas. The author tells you this and makes no bones about it. Think carefully and maybe build a model, as I did, before investing big bucks or time in a rig. See you on the water, JW

This is an awesome book for those interested in canoe sailing or any type of small boat sailing. The illustrations are very clear and beautiful. I really enjoyed the author's writing too. Great discussions of sailing techniques. Highly recommended!

This book is more than beautiful. Not a canoe building book, although it does offer some ideas. Instead it is a canoe completion book full of all the details forgotten in boat building kits or plans. In fact, Mr. Bradshaw brings to life a forgotten art. A highly detailed and creative review of sails, rigging, hardware as well as the instructions to balance and put it all together. As a boat builder, I am more than impressed and look forward to sewing some sails! Some great ideas for touring sails for sea kayaks as well.

After having completed a canoe trip in the Everglades, with one day's leg shortened considerably by the use of a hammock to catch the wind and give us a break from paddling, my brother and I wanted a better way. We found it in this book. I am planning for my next trip to have a complete sailing rig at the ready, and leave the hammock for resting later on.

A lovely book! Covered many sail configurations that I didn't even know existed. Well illustrated with great text. Can't wait to apply some of these new sail types discussed. Hard cover and a great edition to the shelf.

This book is better than my wildest expectations when I ordered it. The author writes so even a novice could understand his concepts and it is backed up by beautiful, artfully done illustrations (there are no photographs) to help you understand his point. This would make a good coffee table book just because of all of the beautiful drawings of sailing canoes. I understand now why it is titled "the essence and the art". It also has everything you need to know to rig a canoe for sailing. I think

even if you were not into sailing canoes, you would be by the time you finished this book.

I am restoring a 1960 Old Town sailing canoe that needed a sail, rudder and lee boards. My source for specifications was on line pictures and I scaled the parts the best I could from pictures. Then I found Todd Bradshaw who made a sail and recommended his book. The book provided scaled plans for the parts I was making and discussed the science and reasoning behind his plans. This book is exactly what I needed. In addition Todd's book offered practical advice. For example based on his advice I contacted the Oregon State Marine Board and learned that I needed to "title" and "register" my sailing canoe. If I had not done this and was cited, the fine would have been stiff.

If I had a canoe I would have this book open all winter long. Great book to choose a sail for your canoe if you had thoughts of sailing. There are so many types, all nicely illustrated. Diagrams and dimensions given so that you can make it yourself. This book should be printed on plastic so that one can read it while soaking in the tub. Lovely to have a hardcover for that price. Wonderful gift to keep for oneself.

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