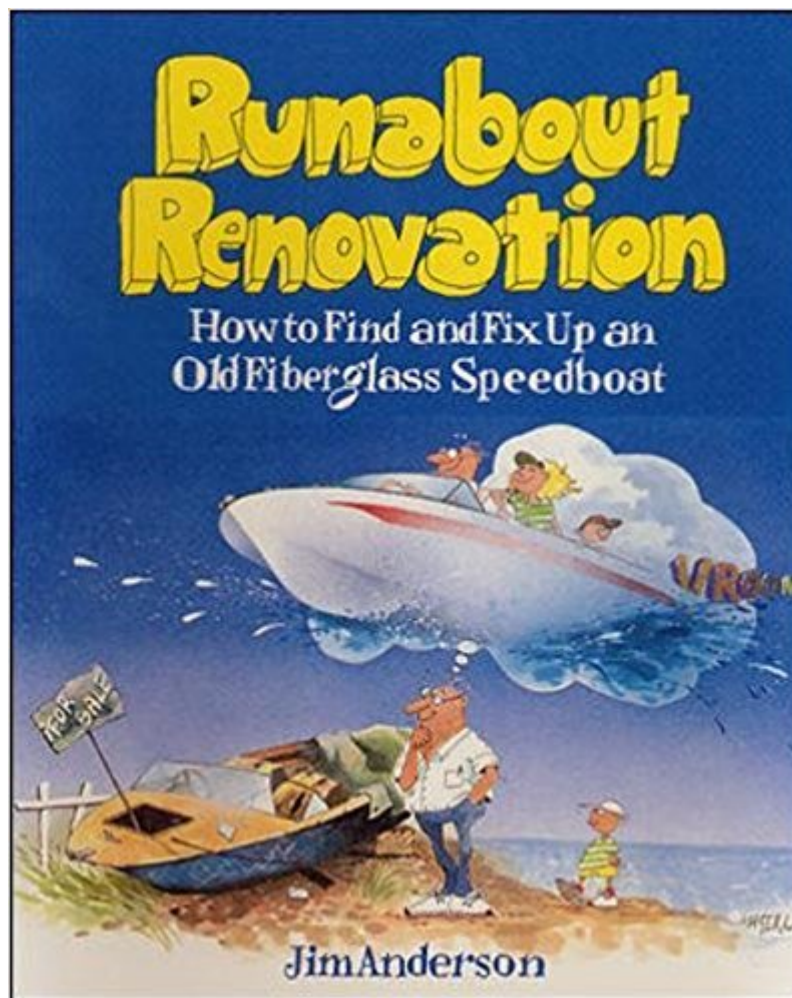




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Runabout Renovation: How To Find And Fix Up An Old Fiberglass Speedboat



Synopsis

For those who own a cherished but dilapidated fiberglass runabout, or for those who want a boat but are turned off by the high prices and often poor quality of today's offerings, this book explains everything there is to know about turning a rundown runabout into a real showpiece for a fraction of the cost of a new model. Author Jim Anderson, a runabout renovator from Minnesota's Land of Ten Thousand Lakes, leads readers through the whole renovation process. For those who think a project like this may be more than they can handle, renovating an old runabout is actually less complicated and expensive than adding on a deck or redoing a room--two of the most popular projects for home handymen. And Anderson's sense of humor and gift for providing simple solutions make *Runabout Renovation* as fun to read as it is easy to understand. The backyards of North America house literally millions of rundown runabouts ripe for renovation. With Jim Anderson's help, you can own a better boat than you can buy new, for a quarter of the price or less. And like a beautifully restored '57 Chevy, it'll have class. Low-cost alternatives for the powerboater on a budget. Although more people own boats ranging in length from 14 to 24 feet than all others combined, most books published about boat repair and restoration are directed at the "big boat" or yacht owner. In addition, many marine dealers and technicians never seem to have the right answers or the time to spend on people who own "little boats." Hence *Runabout Renovation*, a complete guide to finding and fixing up old fiberglass speedboats. You'll learn how to: Choose and survey a boat Make cosmetic repairs and repaint your boat Replace the floor Reupholster and carpet the interior Build a new transom Upgrade electrical and mechanical systems . . . and much more. There's even a section on repairing aluminum boats, and one on installing and repairing horns, lights, bilge pumps, live wells, and other speedboat accessories. "Considering the tens of thousands of fiberglass powerboats that exist today, one wonders why Jim Anderson's *Runabout Renovation* is so late in coming. Whether you're shopping for a used or new boat, or trying to maintain the value of a boat you already own, this book will prove indispensable."--Richard Lebowitz, Editor, *Boating World*

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"A good book for do-it-yourselfers." -- Boating World

Jim Anderson owned and operated a successful boat repair business in southern Minnesota before becoming a full-time writer. Most of the boats he has repaired and restored are fiberglass runabouts ranging from 15 to 18 feet in length.

This book was helpful to get a general idea of what the renovation of a fiberglass boat is all about, but every boat is different and the focus is on polyester resin. I was hoping for a good discussion about the different resins (polyvinylester and epoxy) and the advantages and methods to use for each one. I haven't looked at in a while, since some of the forums and online resources are more detailed and better. This and other information are important to consider first, but at some point I had to start laying fiberglass to really understand it.

Great book to have around. You can surf the net and find a lot of useful bit and pieces of information, parse them together and pull a renovation of just fine. Or you can spend the \$14 and get something in your hand that has all the information you need in one place and walks you through the whole process easy peasy. It is written precisely for the person who has never done this before, and will explain the how and why of things in a way that gives you the confidence to get started on it. I found myself referring to this book repeatedly. Easily one of the best purchases I've made in a very long time! Enjoy

This was written by a former owner of a boat repair shop who knows his stuff. He covers all the bases in the book focusing mainly on repairing/rebuilding runabouts in the 16 ft. range. Because it was published in 1992 it lacks advice on current technology and techniques such as rebuilding

stringers and transoms using new wood alternative products like SeaCast with the chainsaw method of decayed wood removal, but it gives a good overview of techniques, advice and what is required using more conventional methods. It also covers interiors, gelcoats, ect. For anyone interested in fixing old boats this would be the place to start.

Great book. Glad I bought it. Plan to use it to rebuild my boat floor this fall. It's that good.

Great seller and great book. Helped me realize what I was getting into.

This is a rather slim volume, but it does cover every aspect of a "classic" boat, though not in a lot of detail. I'd buy it again just for the help it provide on the overall view of early American boating.

Very informative...I refer back to this book often...fun to read and can learn a lot!! I wish Jim Anderson could see my boat!! highly suggest this book!

Not the best book out there.....there are many more better ones on fiberglass repair!

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