# How to Make Your Boat Do Exactly What You Want It To Do

#### The Ultimate Guide to Boat Handling and Maneuvering





### Powerboat Handling Illustrated: How to Make Your Boat Do Exactly What You Want It to Do by Paul Eng

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If you're like most boaters, you probably want your boat to do exactly what you want it to do. But if you're not careful, your boat can quickly become a liability. That's why it's so important to learn how to handle and maneuver your boat properly.

In this comprehensive guide, we'll teach you everything you need to know about boat handling and maneuvering. We'll cover everything from basic boat control to advanced docking techniques. By the end of this guide, you'll be able to confidently operate your boat in any situation.

#### **Basic Boat Control**

Before you can start maneuvering your boat, you need to master the basics of boat control. This includes learning how to start and stop your boat, how to steer it, and how to control its speed.

#### **Starting and Stopping Your Boat**

To start your boat, simply turn the key to the "on" position. Once the engine is running, you can put the boat in gear by moving the gear shift lever to the desired position. To stop your boat, simply move the gear shift lever to the "neutral" position.

#### **Steering Your Boat**

To steer your boat, simply turn the steering wheel in the direction you want to go. The boat will turn in the opposite direction of the steering wheel.

#### **Controlling Your Boat's Speed**

To control your boat's speed, use the throttle lever. Moving the throttle lever forward will increase the speed of the boat, while moving it back will

decrease the speed.

#### **Advanced Boat Maneuvering**

Once you've mastered the basics of boat control, you can start learning some more advanced boat maneuvering techniques. These techniques will allow you to dock your boat, turn it around, and even parallel park it.

#### **Docking Your Boat**

Docking your boat can be a tricky maneuver, but it's essential to learn how to do it safely and correctly. To dock your boat, you'll need to first find a suitable docking space. Once you've found a space, approach the dock slowly and carefully. As you get closer to the dock, you'll need to use your boat's engine to control your speed and direction. Once you're close to the dock, you can use your boat's fenders to protect it from damage.

#### **Turning Your Boat Around**

To turn your boat around, you'll need to use a technique called a "pivot turn." To perform a pivot turn, simply turn the steering wheel all the way to one side and then apply power to the engine. The boat will turn in a tight circle, allowing you to change direction.

### **Parallel Parking Your Boat**

Parallel parking your boat is a more advanced maneuver, but it's a great way to save space when docking. To parallel park your boat, you'll need to first find a suitable space. Once you've found a space, approach the dock slowly and carefully. As you get closer to the dock, you'll need to use your boat's engine to control your speed and direction. Once you're close to the dock, you can use your boat's fenders to protect it from damage. You'll then

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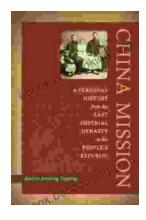
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