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Sailing + YouTube = great iso getaways

WITH MANY TRAVEL PLANS ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19, NOW'S THE PERFECT TIME TO BINGE ON A SAILING CHANNEL TO KEEP THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE ALIVE THROUGH LOCKDOWN.

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Whether you are into DIY projects or exotic expeditions, here is the perfect list of YouTube sailing channels to itch that wanderlust scratch:

SV Delos

With over 580,000 subscribers it is no surprise that SV Delos is one of the top sailing channels on YouTube, with just over 400 well-produced videos to binge-watch. The story starts with two brothers, Brian and Brady, who had a thirst for adventure and decided to quench it by sailing the world. The brothers host many lucky crew members along the way, eventually welcoming aboard their future significant others Karin Syren and Alex Blue. In their own words, Delos's channel is "about meeting amazing people and making lifelong friends. It's a story of people living their lives in an alternate way, in close connection with the beautiful people and amazing planet that we call home." The crew of Delos set the bar for content creators, producing high-quality YouTube videos starring the magnetic personalities that make them an easy channel to fall in love with, and inspiring people everywhere to follow their dreams. Recently Brian and Karin welcomed aboard

their new daughter, Sierra, and have adjusted to family life afloat. If you start watching from the beginning you are in for over 10,000 hours of a good time exploring, learning, and growing with the Delos crew; there's no time like the present, check them out!

The Expedition Family

Hot off the blocks, this YouTube channel has only been around for a couple of months, but already they are rising through the ranks. Setting off from the west coast of America, this family of seven, yes you read that right, seven, have made no secret they are here for the long haul, with plans to circumnavigate over the next 10 years. With five kids onboard a 46-foot monohull, it's a miracle they even find the time to make videos. However, not only do they find the time, but they look good doing it, often wearing matching sunglasses or bathing suits! Posting several times a week, their content is fast-paced and intriguing with Trevor and Caci Chapman making the chaos look fun. The couple's positive vibe and optimism, along with their can-do attitude stemming from their previous business success, turning \$200 into \$1,000,000 in three months, are contagious. It's almost like tuning in to a motivational speaker.



The SV Delos channel has a lot of fans around the world due to its quality content and high level escape factor.

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FROM TOP: Captain Rick Moore and Maddelena of Sophisticated Lady fame.

Carla and Simon of Sailing Ocean Fox.

Sailing Ruby Rose follows the lives of British/Australian couple Nick and Terysa.

OPPOSITE TOP: The Expedition Family are making waves on YouTube.

To top it all off, their eldest son Jace is the lead star of a Netflix show and the family plan on heading back to the states each time he needs to film, promising to take their viewers along for the ride. There is no doubt that The Expedition Family is the channel to keep a close eye on over the next 12 months.

Sophisticated Lady

Captain Rick Moore is well known in the sailing community for his salty vibe (complete with talking parrot) as he sails the world with his beautiful crew members. He is arguably the very first sailing YouTube channel in existence and has produced over 460 videos. As a professional drone pilot and videographer, his videos always feature some unique aerial views of deserted islands or crystal clear blue waters. Rick is also extremely hands-on and technically minded, sharing all of his upgrades and advice with his viewers. If you have a job to do onboard, chances are Rick has done it and will share with you the best products to use and all of the little tips and tricks to make the job easier. As a lover of fresh food, Rick has perfected techniques for growing plants on board his boat; you will be amazed at what vegetables and herbs he can manage to cultivate on anchor. Together with his first mate Maddelena, who is an experienced chef from Italy, the pair invite you aboard *Sophisticated Lady* to get an idea of what it's like living on board as a middle-aged couple. Having sailed the Caribbean islands extensively, Rick has moved on to Colombia, with plans to cross the Pacific as soon as the world opens up. Tune in to see the amazing amount of work Rick has done to his boat in preparation for the crossing.

Sailing Ocean Fox

In 2015, the newlywed couple Carla and Simon were laying on the beach when the idea of





sailing the world popped into Carla's head. Lucky for us, Simon agreed and ever since they have shared their journey around the world with us through their YouTube channel, Sailing Ocean Fox. This channel bleeds humanitarian as they travel to less fortunate countries offering a hand where they can and in their words, "when the opportunity to help comes we will put our hands and hearts into it." The couple recently completed an Atlantic crossing, marking number 125 of their YouTube video collection. This channel is down to earth and not afraid to show you the reality of living afloat, one of the many reasons their channel has begun to take off. If you are looking for a feel-good, educational and adventurous channel look no further, Sailing Ocean Fox has what you need.

Sailing Yacht Ruby Rose

Sailing Ruby Rose follows the lives of British/Australian couple Nick and Terysa as they sail the world in their Southerly 38. Their videos provide a fly-on-the-wall look into life on board a boat, showing not only the sunsets, perfect days out on the water, pristine beaches, and immersion into the local culture,

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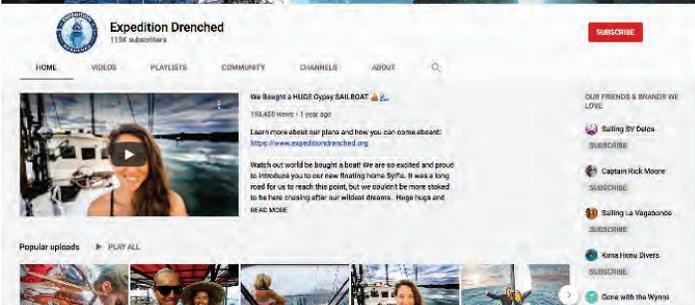
but also the more challenging aspects of life afloat: unpleasant sailing conditions, tiny space constraints, and the realities of living a nomadic, off-grid lifestyle. After a five year Atlantic circuit, they are now cruising the iconic Brittany coastline in France, before commencing the next sailing chapter with their new 45-foot catamaran. Transitioning from a monohull to a catamaran has been a process they thoroughly documented on their channel. They reviewed 20 cruising catamarans using the revolutionary approach of a public scoring system which ranked all the reviewed boats from most to least popular. This removes the sales pitch you often find when touring boats at a boat show, and gives the viewer objective

and analytical information about safety, design, performance and price. Their new series on Catamaran Design deep dives into thorny subjects such as daggerboards vs. mini keels, build materials, hull design and more. Sailing Ruby Rose undoubtedly has the most comprehensive resource of catamaran reviews and information anywhere on YouTube.

Expedition Drenched

Jordan and Nate are both professional scuba divers from Hawaii on a journey around the world, the whole world, with a mission to share their love of all things aquatic. Every week Expedition Drenched uploads a new video sharing breathtaking footage of their life afloat on *Sylfia*, a very unique pirate ship-esque 75' custom steel ketch that is large enough to accommodate their many changing crew members, which is very reminiscent of the earlier Delos' videos. This channel has travelled far and wide to some of the most alluring dive locations in the world, focusing on the beauty and importance of conserving these spots for years to come. With over 100,000 subscribers the makers are top-notch, having excellent storytelling skills that pull

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LEFT FROM TOP:
See the adventures of a single-handed sailor in Sam Holmes Sailing.

Incredible dive locations feature in Expedition Drenched.

Sailing Alma is big on DIY.

OPPOSITE: Beau, Brandy and Oona.

ABOVE: Fun times on Millennial Falcon.

their viewers through the screen and into the cultures that they are showcasing; a great way to feel like you are still travelling with them, all from the safety of your own home!

Sailing Avocet

At just 22 years old Chris and Marissa are the youngest of the Sailing Channel Community on YouTube and have been welcomed with open arms. Their floating home is a 1979 Cheoy Lee 41' named *Avocet* that they have been preparing to sail around the world since 2018, filming every step along the way. Their current videos take you around the Channel Islands of California as well as inside the cabin of *Avocet* where the couple shares their expertise in carpentry, mechanics, and design as they complete DIY projects. With less than 30 videos they have a following of nearly 10,000 subscribers which is impressive but not surprising since Chris is a professional documentary cinematographer and Marissa is a digital marketer, working from wherever the wind takes them. While watching their videos you may spot a couple of familiar faces from the sailing community such as the crew of *SV Prism*, Jon and Shannon, since Jon is Chris's older brother. With a strong sailing background and knowledge of video production, this is definitely a channel to put on your watch list especially as they gear up for their Hawaii crossing, then onward to Alaska.



“BEAU AND BRANDY ARE AN ECCENTRIC COUPLE SHARING THEIR LOVE FOR ADVENTURE THROUGH THEIR SELF-TITLED YOUTUBE CHANNEL...”

Beau and Brandy

All aboard the love boat! Beau and Brandy are an eccentric couple sharing their love for adventure through their self-titled youtube channel Beau and Brandy. *Saoirse*, their Pearson 36', has taken the couple from the United States to the warm waters of the Caribbean where they have met up with many other sailing channels such as Sailing Uma. The couple first joined YouTube in 2018 and have just celebrated their 30,000 subscribers milestone, which is a great accomplishment for such a young channel. Beau and Brandy's easy-going vibes make their videos easy to watch if you are in serious need of smiles, which is guaranteed especially if their salty dog Oona makes an appearance!

Sailing Alma

Sailing Alma is a fairly new sailing channel but has been a part of the sailing community for quite some time building friendships and connections through their Instagram account @sailingalma. Yulian and Angela bought their 1969 Ericson 31', *Alma*, as a fixer-upper; completely refinishing the exterior to a

beautiful flagship blue hull and remodelling their interior to a modern and comfortable living space to accommodate not only themselves but also their young daughter, Aria. The crew of three are currently sailing around Miami, Florida uploading videos every Monday, perfect for those who crave scheduled programming. Their videos are very relaxing to watch as the family shares life afloat from their perspective, showing day to day life and the adventures along the way.

Sailing Millennial Falcon

If you enjoy watching knowledgeable sailors on the journey of a lifetime, Adam and Khiara have the channel for you. The couple of “rag tag Aussies” Have been sailing aboard their *Tayana 42, Millennial Falcon*, since January 2018. The crew of Millennial Falcon have done an outstanding job documenting their adventures on YouTube while also sharing their knowledge of DIY projects, rightfully earning them 40,500 subscribers. Together they have visited 17 countries with 6,500 nautical miles under their keel, only losing 12 pairs of sunglasses and a prop to Poseidon along the way. In the words of

Adam and Khiara themselves: it hasn't always been smooth sailing, but together [they] are learning and laughing their way through.

Sam Holmes Sailing

Last but certainly not least, in the vast amount of sailing couples there are a handful of single-handed sailors who are voyaging the world with no one besides their camera, which lucky for us, allows their followers to have a portlight view to the world afloat. In 2019 Sam Holmes cast off from Los Angeles, California and set his course to Hilo, Hawaii while documenting every step of the way. The crossing took 27 days which is a long time to be alone aboard his *Ranger 23'* sailboat. Luckily, the solo-sailor made friends with a bird along the way who stuck around for a few camera appearances. This crossing video, in particular, earned Sam over 50,000,000 views on YouTube, launching his solo sailing channel to 50,000 subscribers. Recently, Sam has been single-handing offshore on the east coast of the United States, continuing to keep his followers entertained with real sailing content as he sails into the sunset with nothing but the wind in his sails and camera in hand. [📺](#)