Press Release: Elaine Lembo Named Editor-in-Chief of Cruising World

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Elaine Lembo Returns to Cruising World as Editor-in-Chief

Longtime CW editor and liveaboard sailor rejoins the magazine

November 6, 2026, Chattanooga, TN - Firecrown Media today named Elaine Lembo editor-in-chief of *Cruising World*. Lembo returns to the magazine where she spent 17 years in staff editorial roles and 11 years as editor at large. She most recently served as editor in chief of *Caribbean Compass*, where she oversaw the brand's transition to digital platforms.

Lembo will lead *Cruising World*'s editorial direction as part of Firecrown's Sail Group, alongside *SAIL* and *Sailing World*.

"Elaine has spent her career on the water and on the page, and *Cruising World* readers already know and trust her work," said Mark MacKenzie, Chief Operating Officer of Firecrown Marine Group. "Our job is to know cruising sailors better than anyone else. Elaine brings years of firsthand cruising and chartering experience to that job, along with the digital experience she built at *Caribbean Compass*."

During her earlier tenure at *Cruising World*, Lembo focused on news, profiles and the development of the magazine's environmental coverage. She also made the magazine's Adventure Charter program and its coverage of bareboat and crewed chartering a special focus, drawing on years spent as charter crew based in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

An award-winning journalist, Lembo began her career as a reporter and editor at small and large newspapers. She has held contributing editorial roles with *BoatUS Magazine*, the *New York Yacht Club Magazine* and *41N*, the magazine of Rhode Island Sea Grant. She has freelanced for *Soundings*, *Soundings Trade Only*, *Yachts International* and *Explore New England*, and has edited and co-authored works by America's Cup-winning tactician and television commentator Gary Jobson.

Lembo has served in a marketing and editorial role with the Cruising Club of America and is a fellow of the Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting at the University of Rhode Island. She wrote the content for the Sailing Museum and National Sailing Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island. A liveaboard sailor, delivery crew member and boat owner, she splits her time between Newport and Prudence Island, Rhode Island.

About Cruising World
Founded in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1974 by Murray Davis, *Cruising World* is written by sailors for sailors who explore the world's coastlines and oceans. Across its print magazine, cruisingworld.com, newsletters, and social channels, *Cruising World* pairs real-life voyaging stories with practical how-to coverage of seamanship and boat ownership, along with reviews of new sailboats, electronics, and gear. *Cruising World* is part of Firecrown Media's Sail Group alongside *SAIL*, *Sailing World* and the Sailing World Regatta Series. Learn more at cruisingworld.com.

About Firecrown Media
Firecrown isn't just the leading media platform for affluent enthusiasts; it's pioneering the fusion of content and commerce. With more than fifty prestigious publications in the marine, aviation, and hobby markets, Firecrown goes beyond traditional media. Its business encompasses e-commerce, finance, and real estate, all tailored to the communities engaged by its media outlets. Serving more than 24 million U.S. households classified as affluent enthusiasts, these consumers have considerable disposable income and are keen to invest in their passions and adventures. Firecrown is headquartered in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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