

CAMSAIL PROGRAMME

2019 – 2020

Winter Programme for Sailors Living In or Near Cambridge

Our club, now in its tenth season, has a membership of over 50. Some of the members have or have had their own yachts, others enjoy sailing by chartering or as crew, others have sailed in the past and or simply interested in things nautical!

Our club welcomes a connection with the Cruising Association (www.theca.org.uk) through their Suffolk Section. Camsail and C.A. members can attend each other's meetings, and the Camsail programme will be published in the C.A. quarterly magazine.

Committee:

Chairman: Peter Jones
Secretary: John Aylmer
Treasurer: Malcolm Dee
Member: Jim Hibbert
Member: Jayne Tracey

If you would like further details, please visit our website:

www.camsail.org.uk

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CAMSAIL is a club which meets monthly from October to March to enjoy a wide range of illustrated talks, given by invited speakers and club members, and provides an opportunity to socialise in a nautical atmosphere (albeit in central Cambridge!).

Our monthly meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 19.30 for 19.45. We meet in the Cambridge and County Bowling Club, Brooklands Avenue, CB2 8FG. The club is situated towards the west end of Brooklands Avenue on the north side, and parking is available there. There is a bar open before each meeting; tea and coffee are served after each meeting.

There is an annual subscription of £15 (to cover the cost of the venue and speakers' expenses), but those new to us are welcome to attend one meeting without charge or any commitment to join.

Oct 9th: Antares Charts for Scottish Islands

Bob Bradfield. Bob has spent the last 10 years creating his Antares Charts of the West Coast of Scotland. They are very large scale electronic charts with related pilotage information and are aimed at experienced yachtsmen, to supplement information available from the official charts and sailing directions. To date he has published 461 charts, which can run seamlessly with UKHO-type charts on PCs, Macs, iPads, iPhones and Android tablets and phones. He was awarded an MBE for them in this year's New Year Honours. Before retiring he worked in finance in the City, retiring at 50 and spending the first few retired years sailing in all oceans of the world, including to the Arctic and Antarctic as well as on Gipsy Moth IV.

Nov 13th: Tying the knot:

Circumnavigation with Clipper Venture

Glenn Manchett. Glenn hadn't sailed until preparing for this 11 month trip across the oceans, but his background in vehicle repair fitted him for the role of Engineer on board. Racing with a changing international team of amateurs under Australian skipper Wendy Tuck, much of the year was spent at 45 degrees. From mending glasses to mast repairs, Glenn was kept busy throughout the journey and finally crossed the finish line in Liverpool to achieve a hard-fought first place on Sanya Serenity Coast.

Dec 11th: Members' Evening

Our first (brief!) Camsail AGM; election of Committee; mainly a chance to share sailing experiences, hear reports from Camsail trips since last season, and get to know other members better (with Christmas refreshments).

Jan 8th: Sail Training and Tall Ships Races

Stephen Burgess. The Rona Sailing Project has taken part in Tall Ships Races for over 50 years, racing its large yachts alongside mighty tall ships of many nationalities. This talk will focus on a number of these races - some with all female crews, others with all male crews; and whether that makes any difference! The RSP also enters all four of its boats, with mixed crews, in the Small Ships Races in the Solent each Autumn, when sail training yachts battle it out between themselves. A few additional special RSP voyages will also get a mention.

Feb 12th: The East Coast Pilot

Garth Cooper. Garth is an ex-BBC and Fleet Street journalist, has worked on Sailing Today, edited Anglia Afloat, and served 20 years on the RYA Eastern Regional Committee. He is a member of the CA and East Anglian Sailing Trust, with whom he takes blind people cruising. He sails a Contest 33 after 22 years owning a Holman classic. He is co-author of East Coast Pilot and author of North Sea Passage Pilot. There's a new edition of ECP out and he'll be taking us through the work involved in producing it and also be revealing changes to NSPP and touching on an exciting new project to help blind people get more from their sailing.

Mar 11th: Border Force

The talk will start with a brief history of Customs and Immigration work and the eventual merger of the two. It will then cover the work they currently undertake and the assets they have to help achieve their aims. They will explain the current setup of their local intelligence and the area they cover. We will see a few examples of the lengths smugglers will go to in order to transport their goods, and the vessels they use. Very important to them is how the maritime community can help and the various methods by which information can be passed.