

CAMSAIL PROGRAMME

2021 – 2022

Winter Programme for Sailors

Living In or Near Cambridge

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 £20 (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.

Dec 8th 2021: Members' Evening

Camsail AGM; election of Committee; a chance to share sailing experiences and to get to know other members better (with Christmas refreshments), including reports from any Camsail trips since last season.

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Nov 10th 2021: Polar Ocean Challenge

Ben Edwards/Rosalind Smith: Ben was 14 when in 2016 he completed Polar Ocean Challenge, a circumnavigation of the globe around the North Pole, through the North East and North West Passages in one season, on the sailing yacht Northabout, highlighting the decreasing sea ice in the Arctic Ocean. He is the youngest person, and the only British person, to have done this trip in a single season. He spent 4.5 months as a member of the 7 person crew, and was the only person to be on board for the entire trip. Ben talks of excitement and boredom: sea ice, polar bears, a hurricane off the coast of Russia, and the realities of 4.5 months on board a 49 ft yacht.

Oct 13th 2021: Nancy Blackett Trust

Bryan Davies: Bryan is a volunteer Skipper for the Nancy Blackett Trust which has restored and now operates the 1931 Hillyard cutter once owned by Arthur Ransome, author of Swallows and Amazons and many other sailing titles. The talk will cover the restoration of 'Nancy' from near derelict to her current as-new condition and also the work of the Trust in operating her to provide sailing opportunities to a wide variety of people. Bryan has been 'messing about with boats' for most of his adult life. Although a cruising man at heart, he has participated in several ocean races and an Atlantic crossing. In 2015 he completed a round Britain sail. Bryan currently owns a 36' yacht based at Ipswich.

Our club, now in its twelfth 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!

Proposed Autumn 2021 trip (if Covid conditions allow): flotilla from the Orwell (probably September 7-9).

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 (2021):
Chairman: Peter Jones
Secretary: John Aylmer
Treasurer: Malcolm Dee
Member: Jim Hibbert
Member: John Peregrine
Member: Jayne Tracey

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Mar 9th 2022: Marseille to Honfleur by the Inland Waterways

Peter Jones: Within 6 weeks of buying Allegria I had recruited three crew for a journey of unknown length. About halfway between leaving Gosport on 12.05.09 and reaching Marseille on the 20.04.11, I had no difficulty in deciding to return home via the inland waterways of France. It seemed a simple way of avoiding the NW trade winds along the Atlantic coast, and the rivers Rhone, Saone, Marne and several canals connecting to the magnificent Seine proved a wonderful journey. Apart from no sailing, it was a journey of endless delights: gastronomy in Lyon, vineyards of Hermitage, sur le pont d'Avignon, Pt. De Arsenal next the Bastille, battlefields of the Marne, and an infinite variety of canal locks.

Feb 9th 2022: The work of the East Anglian Sailing Trust

Ian Jewry and Simon Daws: Ian is a cruising yachtman, yachtmaster instructor and former trustee of EAST. Simon worked for the Border Force until his career was cut short by sight loss. Together they will illustrate how the charity provides sailing opportunities to people with disabilities, including the challenges and solutions, and the joy brought to people who thought they never could sail or sail again.

Jonathan Dyke: "The Big Dig" is a history of the planning and development of Suffolk Yacht Harbour and the dream of turning flooded salt marshes into a marina. The talk will cover over fifty years of mud, blood, sweat and tears: starting with the excavation of the earliest yacht basin, through the expansion of facilities afloat and ashore, highlighting the current facilities offered by the largest independent marina in the UK.

Jan 12th 2022: The Big Dig: Suffolk Yacht Harbour