

THE BOAT BUYER'S SURVIVAL GUIDE

Buying your first boat: Pitfalls and Top Tips

This session guided participants through the key decisions and common traps. They learned to clarify what they really wanted from a boat, where to find suitable options, and how to calculate the cost of ownership. Mike covered what to look for when viewing boats, the importance of professional surveys, and how factors such as where they planned to sail and berth the boat should shape their choice. It offered a practical, realistic overview to help them buy with confidence.

Speaker: CA member Mike Eastman

A CA member for over twenty years, Mike brings more than 60 years of sailing experience, from dinghies to large yachts. An RYA Yachtmaster Instructor, he has raced and cruised extensively. He is a passionate advocate for owners truly knowing their boats, with the confidence to undertake and even enjoy most maintenance and repairs, both in harbour and at sea.



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