

FROM INLAND ADVENTURES TO COASTAL CONFIDENCE

Cruising Routes on the European Inland Waterways: Preparation, Routes and Planning

Each year, thousands explored Europe's inland waterways in everything from luxury cruisers to humble wooden skiffs, including sailing yachts navigating 'mast up' rivers or 'mast down' canals. In this session, Gordon highlighted the attractions of these waterways, explained how accessible and enjoyable they were with little experience or paperwork required, and described the low costs compared to saltwater cruising. He offered plenty of practical insights to help boaters make the most of these diverse cruising routes.

Speaker: CA Member Gordon Knight

Gordon is a member of the CA's [European Inland Waterways Section \(EIWS\)](#) and publishes the Section's portfolio of [25 digital and printed guides](#) and [12 free Guidance Notes](#) to the European inland waterways. A CA member since 2013, he spent 40 years cruising under sail, mostly in Northern European waters and throughout the Mediterranean. During that time, he was an active administrator on the [World Cruising Wiki](#), creating several Mediterranean sections. In 2015, Gordon purchased a Dutch steel cruiser and now spends much of the year cruising the inland waterways of Europe with his wife, Soophy.



Explore further EIWS resources below

[Trip Planning on the EIW](#)

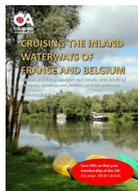
[Sources of Info on the EIW](#)

[CA Shop to buy the guides](#)

[EIWS flyer](#)

[Presentation Slides](#)

[Cruising the European Inland Waterways Facebook page](#)



Cruising Skills Week Membership Offer!
Join now and enjoy **20% off your CA membership***

Use code: CSW20
offer ends at midnight on Thursday 30 April 2026



[Cruising Skills Week Presentation Recordings](#)