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Think you needed ownership to go boating? Think again. Drawing on Practical Boat Owner's experience and reader case studies, Laura and Ali explored alternative routes afloat and debunked the idea that you had to own a boat to go boating. It was a clear-eyed look at how to get on the water as affordably as possible.

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Speaker: Laura Hodgetts news and cruising editor of Practical Boat Owner and Ali Wood, features editor of Practical Boat Owner

Laura wrote the Dorset Echo's Afloat page and became the Echo's accredited reporter for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing events, before joining Practical Boat Owner, where she has worked for over a decade as news and cruising editor. She has passed her RYA day skipper, Dinghy Sailing Level 2, Powerboat Level 2, Windsurfing and Kitesurfing beginner.

LAURA



Sailing and watersports are Ali's passion. As a child, she raced Mirror dinghies with her parents and went on to cruise the North Wales coast in everything from a fibreglass trimaran to a 100-year-old wooden gaffer. These days Ali lives in Dorset and enjoys wild swimming, paddleboarding, surfing and sailing dinghies in Christchurch harbour. She previously owned the PBO Project Boat, Maximus, refitting the 43-year-old cruiser with her husband. Ali is the features editor for Practical Boat Owner.

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