

## GO AFFORDABLE BOATING SEMINAR

### Zen and the Art of Boat Maintenance

Understanding your boat was the ultimate money-saving strategy. Malcolm explored four critical areas that could ruin your day if neglected: hull integrity, rig and sails, engine care, and the electrical system. The focus was on observation, prevention and calm attentiveness — spotting early warning signs before they became failures — the 'Zen' of boat maintenance. Participants learned how to reduce dependency on expensive contractors, source cost-effective parts, and build the confidence to diagnose and resolve problems themselves.

### Speaker: CA member Malcolm Denham, chartered engineer

Malcolm is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, who started his career in engine design. After a spell with Lloyds register of Shipping, he worked for BP for the rest of his career. He has worked in fuel and lubricant development and ran the engine and vehicle test facilities. In the 1980's he was a keen performance windsurfer. Having sailed on friend's boats and chartered during the late '80s, he decided to be on the water rather than in it and bought a cruising yacht a Rival 34. Malcolm is a Yachtmaster offshore and he his wife Julie now own a Maxi 1100, which they keep in Southern Brittany and mainly sail the Atlantic coast of France and Spain.



### Explore further resources below

- [Coxeng](#) - A wealth of practical information that will assist owners in the maintenance and repair of sailing and motor vessels
- [Hints and advice on rigging and tuning of your Seldén mast](#)
- [How to service a Lewmar Ocean Winch](#)

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