

GO AFFORDABLE BOATING SEMINAR

Learning from Experience

Tom reflected on decades at sea — the mistakes, the economies, the false savings and the genuine ones. This was not theory but lived experience: where it was safe to economise, where cutting corners cost more in the long run, and how judgement developed over time. The session offered stories, candour and practical wisdom drawn from a lifetime afloat.

Speaker: Tom Cunliffe

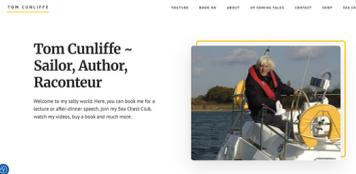
Tom read law before going to sea. He ran a sailing school in France and was an MCA Yachtmaster Instructor Examiner for 40 years. He served in traditional sailing ships, skippered and delivered private yachts, raced offshore and was mate on a merchant vessel. Since 1971, Tom has cruised his own boats to Brazil, Greenland, the Caribbean and Soviet Russia, to name but a few. He is an award-winning nautical author with broadcasts including 'Boatyard' and 'Boats that Built Britain'. Tom's YouTube channel has 40,000 subscribers and he continues to cruise his 45-foot cutter each summer in the Baltic.



How the Cruising Association will enhance your journey

In this [video session](#), Tom explains how shared knowledge, cruising reports, technical expertise, local contacts and a global membership network reduce both risk and unnecessary spending. Discover how the CA's resources can shorten your learning curve and support you at every stage of your cruising ambitions.

Tom Cunliffe ~
Sailor, Author, Raconteur



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