# Biscay

## We Offer:

- Talks and presentations in autumn & spring
- Newsletters
- Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs)
- Social events & rallies
- Cruising information
- BiscayNet

## Welcome to the Biscay Section

The Biscay Section's area extends from Ushant to Gibraltar and includes some of the most stunning cruising grounds in Europe.The varied and splendid scenery of the Atlantic coasts of France, Spain and Portugal is a delight – there are numerous rivers and islands to explore as well as the renowned Rias of Galicia, and the opportunity to moor in the centre of historic cities that include Brest, Lorient, Vannes, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, San Sebastion, Gijon, A Coruna, Lisbon and Portimao. The wines and cuisines throughout this area are among the best in Europe.

### Being part of our Section

Each year, we host two seminars during the non-cruising season, normally held at CA House in Limehouse, London. Section members share their cruising experiences, providing valuable information for those preparing to cruise in the region. The Section also operates two Boat Watch schemes for members who keep their boats on the River Vilaine. In addition, we have WhatsApp groups for those planning to cross Biscay and to meet up with other CA members plus an extra group for members similarly exploring the Portuguese and southern Spanish coasts. We also keep in touch during the sailing season, via BiscayNet, to share recent cruising information, help each other in times of need, or to make social arrangements.



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## Join Us!

Be part of our cruising community ashore and afloat.
Join as many CA Sections as you wish. Section membership is FREE to subscribed members. To find out more about our other Sections, visit www.theca.org.uk/sections alternatively contact us on the details provided

## Rallies

As well as informal meet-ups, either ashore or afloat, we usually organise a rally each year, the most recent being in the beautiful medieval port of Vannes, situated in the Gulf of Morbihan. The Morbihan is a picturesque inland sea with many beautiful islands and narrow passages between them, where currents during spring tides can reach nearly 5 knots. Away from the strongest tidal currents, there are many peaceful anchorages.

Social events included a walking tour to explore the historic town of Vannes, a "pontoon" party with drinks and a "bring your own" buffet, with food shared between boats. We also had a very convivial dinner at a restaurant beside the marina basin.

## Forthcoming Events

**Saturday 14 November 2026 - Beginning in Biscay - An Introduction to Cruising Western France**
A one-day seminar introducing the Atlantic coast of France, from the Chenal du Four to the Spanish border. Learn about passage planning, destinations, anchorages and how to make the most of this exceptional cruising area.

**Saturday 20 February 2027 - Planning a Successful Biscay Passage**

Experienced cruisers explain passage planning, weather forecasting, preparation and routing, helping you approach this rewarding voyage with confidence.

**Both seminars are held at CA House, Limehouse, London E14 8BT.**

