



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

Biscay Section area extends from Ushant to Gibraltar; an area that includes some of the most stunning cruising grounds in Europe and is easily accessible to UK-based boat owners. The varied and splendid scenery of the Atlantic coasts of France, Spain and Portugal are a delight – there are numerous rivers and islands to explore as well as the renowned Rias, and the opportunity to moor in the centre of historic cities that include Brest, Lorient, Vannes, La Rochelle, Bordeaux, San Sebastian, 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 in the non-cruising season, which are normally held at CA House, Limehouse, London, during which members share their cruising experiences; they are valuable sources of information for those who are preparing to cruise in our region. There are two Boat Watch schemes linked to the Section both for ports on the River Vilaine. In addition, we have a WhatsApp group for those planning to cross Biscay and to meet up with other CA members. 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 event every year, the most recent being the Quiberon Bay Rally, which was based in the marina at Port Haliguen on the southern tip of the Quiberon peninsular, during June 2025. The Quiberon Bay is a popular sailing ground with three major islands to visit, together with the protected gulf of Morbihan, where you could spend weeks exploring this inland sea.

Social events included a walk to explore part of the peninsular and a bike ride over to the wild, Cote Sauvage, 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. The local sandy beach, immediately outside the marina, is a great place for a swim between the gatherings.



Forthcoming Events

Venue: CA House, Limehouse, London E14 8BT

Saturday 29th November 2025

Beginning in Biscay - An Introduction to Cruising in Western France

The Atlantic coast of France is an exceptional cruising ground, and many people make this their cruising home. The day will include an exploration of this area with information on how to get the best from exploring this coast from the Chenal du Four to the Spanish Border. This seminar is held at CA House.

Saturday 21st February 2026

Crossing Biscay - Passage planning for a Biscay Crossing

For many cruisers, crossing the Bay of Biscay is their first passage lasting over 24 hours. Although the Bay has a fearsome reputation, during the summer months conditions are moderate. Northern and western Spain, including their beautiful rias are delightful unspoilt places to sail to and explore throughout the summer. The speakers will share their experiences and expertise including sourcing and using weather information. This seminar is held at CA House.