Kent

We Offer:

- Winter Warmer Talks and presentations from Oct - Mar
- Newsletters
- Honorary Local Representative (HLR)
- Social events

Welcome to the Kent Section

The Cruising Association Kent Section arranges a series of winter lectures as well as events and visits during the summer months. Kent Section members are invited to join functions and rallies organised by the Suffolk Section as part of the East Coast activites of the CA.

Where we meet

Our Winter Warmers take place on the second Thursday of each month from October through to March. We meet at the Dog and Bear Hotel, The Square, Lenham, Kent, ME17 2PG. The hotel is approximately 10 minutes from Junction 8 of the M20 near Leeds Castle.




Photo: Thames Maunsell Forts


Photo: HMS Gannet Chatham Historic Dockyard


Photo: Conyer


Photo: Edith May

Please see overleaf for a list of the forthcoming events for the 2026/27 season

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Join Us!

Be part of our cruising community ashore and afloat.
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CA Kent Winter Warmer Programme 2026-2027

Thursday 8th October - What happens when the iron topsail blows out by Tim Bishop
When that auxiliary engine dies far from home on a club rally, and the best and most costly efforts by a local Volvo Penta dealer in Vlissengen produce small improvement: You and the crew dearly want to get home to people we all know and trust. Forget the rally through the Dutch canals without an engine. We call those we know that are a lot more skilled in the dark art of repairing elderly diesel engines. And so the fun begins across some of the busiest shipping lanes, and most dense wind farms, anywhere. Wind dies away, strong tides, big ships, and calling the lifeboat is for losers. But calling HM Coastguard is definitely required.

Thursday 12th November - Is Now a Good Time to Sell My Boat? by Peter Norris
With the boating market continuing to evolve, many owners are asking whether now is the right time to sell, how values are holding up, and what they can do to achieve the best possible price. Peter Norris, owner of Network Yacht Brokers Kent, will provide an insight into the current UK boating market and discuss the factors influencing both buyers and sellers. Drawing on over 30 years of brokerage experience, Peter will explain how to prepare a boat for market, the practical steps owners can take to maximise value and minimise the risk of price renegotiations following a survey. The presentation will also cover common pitfalls in the sales process and offer guidance on ensuring a smooth and successful transaction. Whether you are considering selling in the near future or simply interested in understanding current market trends, this informative presentation will provide valuable advice for all boat owners.

Thursday 3rd December - Paul Cozens, Marine Compliance Officer Peel Ports Medway
Will discuss his role in ensuring safe practice at sea. He will present some incidents which may shock you and may encourage you to re-evaluate your own behaviour.

Thursday 14th January - An Evening with Thea: A Family Sailing Story Chris Passmore
Chris tells the remarkable story of his grandfather Brian Passmore and his yacht Thea from her construction on the River Medway at Yalding to competing in the 1965 Fastnet Race. The talk is illustrated with films shot by Brian himself, capturing both the building of Thea and the drama of the Fastnet, and may be screened on an authentic 16mm projector. The evening will also feature a model of Thea built by Brian, together with the yacht's original logs and a display of artefacts from Thea and the other yachts sailed by the Passmore family over the years.

Thursday 11th February - The Story of Tiller & Wheel Ed Gransden
Will present tales from 30 years of sailing the East Coast aboard traditional smacks and barges, including cock-ups, smash-ups and rescuing barges from far-flung parts of the country - there's nothing quite like being off Dungeness with the sun setting, wind howling and water level inside steadily rising.

Thursday 11th March - Counter Terrorism Borders Engagement Team By Rachel Marshall
The presentation will include some information about the team and the work they do and also the department within Kent Police. A general CT Update, the risks to Maritime and Aviation and some examples of the incidents that can occur, and will include a couple of short video clips.