



# 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 activities 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.



Please see overleaf for a list of the forthcoming events for the 2025/26 season.



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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](http://www.theca.org.uk/sections) alternatively contact us on the details provided.

## CA Kent Winter Warmer Programme 2025-2026

### **Thursday 9th October 2025 - From Racing to Cruising and Back by Patrick Blake**

Patrick started dinghy sailing at age 13 and went on to win several National Championships in different classes including the International Flying Dutchman class, but never got to compete in the Olympic Games in the USSR although selected, as the UK boycotted these games. He and his wife competed until 1989 when they bought a yacht for family sailing from the Solent to France, the Channel Islands and Holland. He now has a Beneteau First 32ft yacht, two Merlin Rocket racing dinghies and a share in a cruising catamaran in the Grenadines. He is keen to share his thoughts on some of the things he has learnt and some of the mistakes he has made in his long sailing life.

### **Thursday 13th November 2025 - Sailing Down Under by Kent CA member Roger Lloyd**

This will be an evening of photos and reminiscences of sailing in Australia & New Zealand. Roger has crewed on his friend's S&S 51' around Tasmania twice in the VDL cruises, and also across The Ditch to South Island New Zealand, as well as crewing on various boats in the Bass Strait, and a trip down the East coast from Queensland at the time of the fires.

### **Thursday 4th December 2025 - Life and times on the Royal Yacht Britannia by Tony Noble RN (Nobby) and Steve Porter RN**

Tony spent nine of his seventeen year Royal Naval career on board the Royal Britannia and during this time he served alongside Steve Porter. This double act will entertain you with stories and photographs of the people and the different places they visited.

### **Thursday 8th January 2026 - Kent 24 hour Lifeline – SERV Kent by Trevor Sayer**

SERV Kent, also known as the 'Bloodrunners', is a registered charity that has, since 1993, been delivering blood, blood products, samples for testing & other medical items to hospitals across the county of Kent. Riders, drivers and controllers all give up their free time to be on call, on a rota basis with up to six riders/drivers on duty every night plus two on the Air Ambulance run and a controller, 24/7, 365 days a year.

### **Thursday 12th February 2026 - Anchoring and Rodes by Kent CA member John Barry**

This talk is about how anchor rodes work, how they respond to the various forces acting on them, and how understanding them can help give your anchor an easier time and enable you to rest easy at night.

### **Thursday 12th March 2026 – Voyage around the UK in memory of Sam by Camilla Herrmann**

*Cruising* editor Camilla Herrmann and her husband Sam Brown always wanted to sail around Britain in their Westerly Storm *Kalessin of Orwell*, but after Sam suffered a stroke in 2012, which left him seriously disabled, it really wasn't a practicable option. They continued to sail gently, with crew, in our local East Coast waters, the Netherlands and France. In 2023 Sam died, and Camilla decided to devote the summer of 2024 to sailing anti-clockwise around (most of) Britain in his memory. She describes the challenges of finding and sailing with crew, and dealing with bumpy waters, unknown harbours, anchoring and reefing, after years of undemanding marina-hopping. She encountered some of the worst summer weather in many years... but made it safely back to Suffolk in late September 2024.