Motorboat

We Offer:

- Talks and presentations in autumn & spring
- Newsletters
- Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs)
- Section days at the CA House

Welcome to the Motorboat Section

The Motorboat Section was formed to bring together motorboaters wherever they are. Since its launch at the 2024 Southampton Boat Show, the Motorboat Section has attracted around 200 members to join the Section. Some of these were already members of the CA but others have joined specifically because of the Motorboat Section and the chance to discuss and share experiences unique to motorboating within the boating community.
The Section is mostly aimed at providing information through Zoom talks, our newsletters and forums. We aim to organise informal meetings at events such as boat shows and organise an annual Section day in London. In addition, there may be some trips in company with other motorboaters, both for the confidence this may bring to those new or expanding their horizons and also for the social side of motorboating. We also provide, together with the European Inland Waterways Section, resources for sailboat users who would like to transition to a motorboat for whatever reason. Many of our members went through the same process and we are ready to share experiences.

What's available

All of the information and forums on the CA website will be available. This includes forums, RATS, information on visas and entry into all EU ports, and classified adverts. Also available is CAptain's Mate, an invaluable asset for finding unbiased reports on marinas and anchorages. If you are looking for additional crew then the Crewing Service will help with this.
The Section has a frequent newsletter, including interviews with new joiners, practical tips and news. The Section also operates the "CA Motorboat group" as part of the CA Community on WhatsApp, allowing for informal exchange of experiences and social talk.
As well as joining the Motorboat Section you can also join any of the other
Sections in the CA. It is recommended you join your local Section, if you are based in the UK.



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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

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Section Day

The first Motorboat Section Seminar at CA House on Saturday 14 March 2026 was a resounding success. The day focused not only on choosing a motorboat, cruising skills and inspiring destinations, but also allowed plenty of time to socialise and exchange experiences. All agreed that it had been an extremely useful day, and plans are already in hand for the next one in early 2027.

Cruising in Company

The aim of the Cruise In Company is to give boat owners the experience of a long passage (such as crossing the Channel or going to the Netherlands) whilst enjoying the security and safety of completing the passage with experienced skippers and on arrival the chance to meet other motorboat owners and learn from them.

Winter Zoom talks

Outside the cruising season, the Motorboat Section organises a series of Zoom talks about various subjects, including technical issues, cruising areas suitable for motorboats and transitioning experiences from sailboat to motorboat.

We have previously had winter talks about trim stabilisation systems, buying and selling motorboats, cruising along the Danube to the Med (including transitioning from sailing boat to motorboat), cruising around the Dutch Frisian Islands, the UK's National Coastwatch Institute, circumnavigating the UK, and on the North Sea to the Baltic by motorboat – Kiel Kanal or Elbe-Lübeck Kanal.

This 2026 winter, we aim to have joint talks with the European Inland Waterways Section of the CA. This entails a series of "Motorboat Tuesdays" in November on subjects such as what boat to choose, Motorboating at sea: what you need to know, the world of European inland waterways and Buying a second-hand motorboat: a practical guide. These talks are focussed on first-time motorboat buyers (including sailors transitioning to a motorboat) and motorboaters who intend to change their cruising area (e.g., UK motorboaters that are interested in continental cruising). If there is sufficient interest, we will organise later in the winter some chat & share follow-ups via Zoom for more in-depth discussion and Q&A in a limited group.





