Suffolk

We Offer:

- Talks and presentations from October to March
- Organised trips and visits
- Newsletters
- Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs)
- East Coast Spring Rally

Welcome to the Suffolk Section

Sharing information and expertise is what the CA is all about and CA Suffolk plays its part by organising talks, seminars and social events.

Being Part of CA Suffolk

The Suffolk Section is for Association members who sail in Suffolk waters from time to time, keep their boats in Suffolk, or just have an interest in the region. Not all are able to attend Section meetings, but they enjoy keeping in touch. We are a social Section, with a winter programme based around meetings on one Saturday evening each month and some Thursday mornings, with talks by experienced speakers on a wide range of subjects. Our organised tours and visits to places of nautical interest are always popular. The Annual Rally is held over the early May Bank Holiday and is based at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club Marina. There, we are joined by visitors from the Essex and Kent Sections and some from further afield.

Where we meet

Meetings are held jointly with the Royal Harwich Yacht Club in their clubhouse at Woolverstone on the banks of the River Orwell, near Ipswich, IP9 1AT. There is time to socialise and enjoy an optional meal before the Saturday talks. On Thursdays, we eat lunch after the talk.



Photo: A CA Suffolk Winter Talk in progress at the Royal Harwich YC

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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

Forthcoming Events

Winter Programme: October to December 2026

Saturday 10th October – 18:00 – 'Stars to Steer By' by Julia Jones
Extraordinary stories of the fearless women who set their sights on the sea in an all-male world, paving the way for the female sailing superstars of today.

Thursday 22nd October – 11:00 - Biography of Peter Bruff by Peter Boyden
A Victorian engineer who brought the railways to Suffolk, repaired Ipswich's sewerage system and was responsible for Landguard Breakwater and Walton-on-the-Naze pier.

Saturday 14th November – 18:00 - What's What in Marine Electronics by Oliver Ballam
What goes wrong, how to prevent it and what to do when laying up.

Thursday 26th November – 11:00 - Shotley Ganges Mast Restoration by Jim Dine
Hear about the colourful history and origins of the mast and the restoration programme including how many of the original components still exist and were reused.

Winter Programme: January to May 2027

Saturday 9th January - 18:00 - Weather and Weather Apps by Larry Botheras
An introduction into how weather models work and the apps available, helping the average sailor arrive at their own weather conclusions, both coastal and offshore.

Thursday 21st January - 11:00 - Pioneer Sailing Trust
A sailing charity which uses the marine environment to build relationships, support the environment, and teach individuals life skills on land and at sea using historical craft.

Saturday 13th February - 18:00 - 100 Years of the Shipping Forecast by Andy Beharrell
Learn about the origins of the shipping forecast, the people and places behind the sea areas and how this enduring broadcast found its way into popular culture.

Thursday 25th February - 18:00 - Cruising in Normandy by Simon and Georgette Harrison
Be inspired to explore harbours from Cherbourg to Calais and learn more about the history of Normandy and its role in WWII – all easily accessible from the East Coast.

Saturday 13th March - 18:00 - Near & Far
A series of short entertaining talks by members – whether it's a picnic on a beach, an adventurous voyage or a near miss – please let us know if you have a story to tell.

Thursday 25th March - 11:00 - What Shall We Do When the GPS Fails? by Professor Richard Harvey, University of East Anglia
The UK Government is considering what we could do when the GNSS fails due to electronic warfare or environmental conditions. Failure is not just some topic for speculation in the bar, for some it's an everyday reality.