



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 2025

Saturday 11th October – 18:00 – The Riddle that was Erskine Childers *by Cathy Shelbourne*

Hear the fascinating story of the sailor and spy, Erskine Childers, author of *The Riddle in the Sands*.

Saturday 18th October – 09:30 – Bird Watching from the deck of classic sailing barge Victor

Join us for a cruise along Suffolk's peaceful Orwell and Stour rivers with a bird expert as our guide.

Thursday 23rd October – 11:00 – Sailing Around Britain in Memory of Sam *by Camilla Herrmann*

Discover the challenges and rewards of sailing around Britain with changing crews, changeable weather and unfamiliar harbours as told by *Cruising* magazine's editor.

Saturday 15th November – 18:00 – Harbour Master Sailing Challenge *by Mark Ashley-Miller*

Harbour Masters, those men and women who keep our harbours open and seaways safe, are often the unsung heroes of the sailing community. This is their story.

Thursday 27th November – 11:00 – Old Buoys Tales of the Haven: A Sail Through the Centuries *by Bob Crawley*

Tales from an inquisitive East Coast sailor who enjoys the maritime history of our region and will explore the tales and connections he has discovered with us.

Winter Programme: January to May 2026

Saturday 10th January – 18:00 – Sailing around Spitsbergen *by Peter Webb*

An exceptional story of an almost unbelievable 696-mile Arctic circumnavigation rowing and sailing around the island of Spitsbergen.

Thursday 22nd January – 11:00 – Frozen in Time, an Ancestor in the Arctic *by Sue Bale*

Learn about the ill-fated Franklin Expedition which set off in 1845 to discover the Northwest Passage across the Arctic Circle and the two ships that were wrecked.

Saturday 7th February – 18:00 – Stories of a Maritime Incident Investigator *by James Kelman*

Fascinating stories from an investigator who is called in whenever there is a maritime incident to discover precisely what happened.

Thursday 26th February – 11:00 – Dunwich Heath *by Richard Symes*

A history of the Heath through the centuries including the smugglers of Hadleigh, WW1 and WW2 and the losses of shipping along the coast.

Saturday 14th March – 18:00 – Life and Times of a Harwich Harbour Authority Pilot *by Jane Stone*

A light-hearted evening with one of the very few female commercial marine pilots in the UK about her life as a sailor and work as a pilot at Harwich Haven Authority.

Thursday 26th March – 11:00 – Eyes of the Few - Bawdsey Radar *by Graham Murchie*

The fascinating story of why, how and by whom radar was developed in the 1930s and the role it played in the Battle of Britain.

Saturday 2nd to Monday 4th May – East Coast Bank Holiday Rally

An event packed long weekend for all East Coast sailors to enjoy. Come by boat, car, motorhome or on foot and join us for all or some of the activities.