



# Wessex

## We Offer:

- A winter programme of talks
- Social activities and visits

## Welcome to the Wessex Section

The aim of the Section is to promote friendship amongst sailors living in "Wessex", whether they keep their boats on the local coast or sail further afield. We run talks and social events through the winter season, and are keen to organise outdoor activities during the summer months. If you would like to share tips, stories, and time with fellow lovers of the sea, find opportunities to learn and laugh together, or if you're just passing through, or planning to come to one of our area's beautiful harbours, please join the Section to find out how to meet other local CA members whilst you are here.

We consider "Wessex" to stretch from Hurst Narrows to West Bay and inland north to Salisbury. We are fortunate to have a beautiful coastline including the Jurassic Coast which is an UNESCO World Heritage site. The main harbours are:

- Christchurch, at the confluence of the rivers Stour and Avon, which has a quiet bustle of activity in summer with a very relaxing feel to it.
- Poole, the second largest natural harbour in the world. It is a busy commercial port with cross channel ferry services, and the home of the R.N.L.I. with its very impressive Training College. Yet it still offers peaceful anchorages as well as yacht clubs and marina facilities. From the harbour the River Frome gives access to Wareham, an ancient town settled by the Vikings and the Romans at the foot of the Purbeck Hills.
- Weymouth, a working harbour, supporting fishing and pleasure boats.
- Portland, a deep water commercial port and home of the National Sailing Academy, which hosted the 2012 Sailing Olympics and Paralympics.

There is lots to see and do whether you visit our harbours as passage ports of call or as cruise destinations. In fine weather there are beautiful anchorages at Chapman's Pool, Warbarrow Bay and Lulworth Cove. The traditional "gem" of our region Studland Bay now has a large no anchoring zone with a few eco friendly moorings.

## Section Secretaries

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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

## Activities

The Section aims to serve CA members living locally or keeping their boats in one of the harbours overleaf, as well as those cruising abroad, or just passing through. Our talks for the winter are held from October through to March and cover a wide range of nautical topics. See our archive summary of talks to get a flavour. Recommendations of speakers and topic suggestions are always welcome.

### Forthcoming Events 2025/26

We plan to meet on the third Tuesday of each month from October through to April.  
Please check the CA website for confirmed dates, talks and locations.

**Tuesday 21st October 2025** - Charting Channels and Anchorages of the West Coast of Scotland

**Tuesday 18th November 2025** - Antarctica – In the Footsteps Of Shackleton

**Sunday 7th December 2025** - Festive Lunch

**Tuesday 20th January 2026** - "Near and Far", and Photo Competition

**Tuesday 17th February 2026** - To Svalbard and 80 degrees North

**Tuesday 17th March 2026** - Operation PLUTO

**We meet at Lilliput Sailing Club, 200A Sandbanks Rd, Poole, BH14 8HA.**

Bar service from 1900 hrs,  
Meetings begin at 1930 hrs.

All CA members, their guests and local yacht club members are welcome.  
There is a charge of £3 for CA members and £6 for non CA members,  
there is no need to book, just turn up.

**Please see the CA website for the latest event information**

