



Cruising Association

European Inland Waterways Section

Meeting on Saturday 24 November 2012 at CA House

10.45 am to 5 pm

Programme

(Tea or Coffee will be available from 10.30am)

10.45 Introducing French Inland Cruising

The French inland waterways offer much more than a shortcut to the Mediterranean, and **Brenda Davison** will outline some of the many and varied experiences of cruising both the small canals and the great rivers of France.

11.30 Choosing and Equipping a boat for Inland Cruising

In France, boat sizes (and especially water and air draughts) tend to be more restricted than most mainland European countries, so we will cover this topic immediately after the cruising possibilities of France. **Brenda Davison** will lead this discussion.

12.00 Connectivity - Keeping In Touch

Methods of maintaining email and internet contact whilst cruising without needing to find WiFi posts will be reviewed by **Mike Biden**.

12.30 Buffet Lunch

This will also be a chance to meet and exchange views and experience with other members, as well an opportunity to view a range of maps, guides and other information.

14.00 Holland – the ‘Mast Up Route’

David Hide will summarise the ‘mast-up’ route across Holland.

14.20 Cruising in Holland & Belgium

Mike Biden will introduce us to more of the 6000 km of Dutch Waterways and also tell us a little about the waterways of Belgium.

15.00 The Story of the Canal du Midi

John Harwood will summarise the history of this impressive and beautiful waterway, linking Atlantic to Mediterranean, and built about a hundred years before English canal construction got under way.

15.30 Members’ Summer 2012 Cruises

A number of Section Members will describe their cruises last summer. There is still room to fit in a few more who are prepared to give short (10 to 20 minutes) talks.

16.30 General Discussion & Tea

We will start this by bringing you up-to-date with the rules and regulations that affect European Inland Cruising.

17.00 Close

A Buffet Lunch will be included in the price for the day.

Price	CA Members	£21
	Non Members	£31

(If a non member who attends joins the CA on the day, they will be refunded the difference between the non-member and CA member meeting prices.)

To book your place(s) please call CA House 020 7537 2828 or email office@crusing.org.uk