



Celtic Section



Cruising The West Coast of Scotland Celtic Seminar at CA House – Saturday 25th January 10.45 - 17.00

The nature of Cruising on the West Coast of Scotland is largely influenced by the 120 mile run of islands which are the Outer Hebrides, from Barra Head in the south to the Butt of Lewis in the north. The islands are exposed to the Atlantic on their western side but provide shelter on the eastern which results in some of the most varied and rewarding cruising imaginable.

Insulated from ocean swell, there are nearly 40 inhabited islands which provide a matrix which allows passages not just north-south along the coast but also east-west between the Outer Hebrides and the mainland. Safe and comfortable sailing is thus often possible in conditions which in the North Sea or Channel would leave the cruising sailor disconsolately in harbour.

Cruising is different in other ways and this year's seminar will set concentrate on the West Coast of Scotland and aims to suggest ways of adapting to a slightly different style of cruising, identify the not to be missed places and provide practical advice on how to get to the West Coast both on the water and by public transport.



Provisional Programme

Registration from 10.00

Welcome

Derek Lumb

Scottish Gems - cruising the Scottish West Coast

Alan Kohler

Lunch

Getting There

*Derek Lumb,
Alan Kohler and Bob Bradfield*

Making the Most of Tides

Boyd Holmes

Antares Charts

Bob Bradfield

The Speakers

I am delighted that the speakers include Bob Bradfield of Antares charts. If you haven't heard of Antares charts they are a source of 'unofficial' very large scale electronic charts and related pilotage information created by Bob. To date they now cover 500 locations and not surprisingly he is an authority on the anchorages off the West Coast. Also speaking will be Boyd Holmes, past commodore of the Royal Highland YC who has spent so long cruising the West Coast he is about to have a newly discovered rock named after him, Alan Kohler, Celtic Section member and veteran of the West Coast and Derek Lumb, Celtic Section Secretary.



It is now available to book on the CA website at £32 for members and £40 for non members including lunch. Go to events and click on [Book Events Online](#)

If you have any problems with booking please call the office on 0207 537 2828

Please note that bookings will close at 23.30 on the 19th of January