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2024 Cross-Channel Rally/Cruise-in-Company

- 15th or 17th to 27th June 2024
- West Country & Solent starts
- Meeting together in Cherbourg
- Sailing and socialising together
- Dinners, pontoon drinks, barbecue
- Walks, visits and more



Your Channel Section 2024 Rally/Cruise-in-Company has two flotilla starting points, one from the Solent and one from the West Country.

Both flotillas offer the attractions of cruising together; some local tourism opportunities; plus drinks and dinners and general socialising.

It is all within a two week period allowing you to fit around other commitments.

It's an ideal opportunity for a first time Channel crossing with support and advice from others or an opportunity to cruise and socialise with friends old and new.



Start in Brixham and cross the Channel to Alderney and then on to Cherbourg; or start in Yarmouth and cross the Channel to Cherbourg. Then both flotillas cruise onwards together to Dielette and then Carteret where, after some further shore attractions, the rally ends.

You can then cruise home or onwards, with your new rally friends or alone.

There will be a rally WhatsApp group for liaison between members during, before and after the rally.

Book now as spaces are limited.



The West Country Flotilla

Saturday 15th June - Meet in Brixham

This is an easy access fishing port in Torbay. There is much to do here with the fish market, coastal walks and maritime history.

We will berth in the MDL Marina.

Optional walk in the afternoon to Berry Head.

Welcome and complementary pontoon drinks party followed by dinner at The Prince William restaurant.



Sunday 16th June - Cruise in Company to Braye, Alderney (~71 Miles)

An unspoilt and friendly island with many attractions in history and nature.

Berthing on visitor buoys.

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.



Monday 17th June - Braye

Day on Alderney with an organised walk to places of interest.

Pre-dinner drinks at Alderney Sailing Club followed by dinner at The Moorings restaurant.

Tuesday 18th - Cruise in Company to Cherbourg (~26 Miles)

We meet up with the Solent flotilla.

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.

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The Solent Flotilla

Monday 17th June - Meet in Yarmouth

This is an attractive harbour and town in the western Solent, convenient for setting off around the Needles and to Cherbourg.

Pontoon welcome drinks and then a meal (barbecue) at Yarmouth Sailing Club.

Tuesday 18th June - Cruise in Company to Cherbourg (~67 Miles)

We meet up with the West Country flotilla.

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.



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The Combined Flotilla

Wednesday 19th June - Day in Cherbourg

This city has a large port and marina with easy access in all states of tide and weather.

The city has many restaurants and shops all located quite close to the marina. Amongst its attractions are the excellent maritime museum which includes an aquarium, a French nuclear submarine and the Titanic exhibition. There is also the Liberation Museum plus other attractions.

Optional e-bike hire - maybe travel along the excellent cycleways along the coast and out on the sea wall.

Wine tasting at Normandy Wine with opportunity to order for delivery to boats.

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.



Thursday 20th June - Day in Cherbourg

Optional e-bike hire.

Group dinner at L'Equipage (translation 'The Crew').



Friday 21st June - Cruise in Company to Dielette (~28 Miles)

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.

Saturday 22nd June - Day in Dielette

Walk to Chateau.

"Safari supper" where each boat prepares one course of a meal (not gourmet) for a few extra crew. Crews move from boat to boat for each course in an organised manner to meet and mix.



Sunday 23rd June - Day in Dielette

Boules competition.

Meal at "[Le Semaphore](#)".

Monday 24th June - Cruise in Company to Carteret (~16 Miles)

A drying entrance to a gated marina for this pretty resort town with numerous restaurants, a good sandy beach and some attractive walks.

Optional drinks at Barneville Carteret Yacht Club (BCYC).

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.



Tuesday 25th June - Day in Carteret

Lunch at the beach restaurant “[La Potiniere](#)”.

Beach games.

Briefing for passages onwards (and drinks) at BCYC.

No dinner booked so eat on board or go ashore to restaurant.

Wednesday 26th June - Day in Carteret

Walk (or bus) to Barneville for shopping.

Walk to the lighthouse and ruined church on the beach.

DIY barbecue (bring and cook own food) using the barbecues at Barneville Carteret Yacht Club.

Thursday 27th June - End of Rally

It is market day in town though not the big summer market yet. Say farewell to all your new cruising friends, and maybe sail onwards or back home with some of them.



Further passage and other details will be provided prior to the event to those who have booked.



Booking

These marinas and restaurants are popular during the summer and we need numbers early to secure your place.

Costs

The items identified below are all to allow you to select your options and to make initial payments through the CA booking system. Many items are to be paid on arrival.

Note that many marinas are now limiting the size of boats for rallies. If your boat is >14m LOA or draft >2m special arrangements may need to be made by you.

Item	Price (on Eventbrite)	Notes	Max numbers
Rally Fee (per boat)	£12	Includes CA Channel Rally 2024 flag and some pontoon drinks parties.	20
West Country Flotilla: Rally Deposit & Berth Booking (per boat)	£40	This deposit allows us to make advance booking payments for Brixham, Braye, Cherbourg, Dielette and Carteret and will be refunded by the end of the rally for all who take part. All marina berths are to be paid by participants in each marina/port directly at the marina/harbour office on arrival.	10
Solent Flotilla: Rally Deposit & Berth Booking (per boat)	£40	This deposit allows us to make advance booking payments for Yarmouth, Cherbourg, Dielette and Carteret and will be refunded by the end of the rally for all who take part. All marina berths are to be paid by participants in each marina/port directly at the marina/harbour office on arrival.	15
West Country Flotilla			
West Country Flotilla: Guided walk on Saturday 15 th June	0	Specify number taking part in walk.	24
West Country Flotilla: Dinner at The Prince William restaurant on Saturday 15 th June	0	Specify number wishing to eat. Pay restaurant for individual orders.	24
West Country Flotilla: Organised walk to places of interest on Monday 17 th June.	0	Specify number wishing to take part	24
West Country Flotilla: Drinks at Alderney Sailing Club followed by dinner at The Moorings Restaurant on Monday 17 th June. See further below for continued order form for the Combined Flotilla.	0	Specify number wishing to eat. Pay restaurant for individual orders.	24
Solent Flotilla			
Solent Flotilla: Barbecue at Yarmouth Sailing Club on Monday 17 th June	£25	Per person	36
Combined Flotilla			
Combined Flotilla: Hire of e-bikes for the day on Wednesday 19 th June	0	Only 10 e-bikes are available and we have reserved them all so book now while they are available and pay the marina on the day. Estimated day hire is €20.	10
Combined Flotilla: Wine tasting on Wednesday 19 th June	0	Specify numbers to take part.	46



Combined Flotilla: Hire of e-bikes for the day on Thursday 20 th June	0	Only 10 e-bikes are available and we have reserved them all so book now while they are available and pay the marina on the day. Estimated day hire is €20.	10
Combined Flotilla: Dinner at L'Equipage on Thursday 20 th June	0	Specify numbers taking part. Rally organiser to be paid in Euros (approx €45 per person inc. some wine) on arrival in Cherbourg. Price will be fixed in April when summer menu is defined.	46
Combined Flotilla: Walk to Chateau on Saturday 22 nd June.		Specify number taking part.	46
Combined Flotilla: Safari Supper on Saturday 22 nd June	0	Specify number taking part.	46
Combined Flotilla: Dinner at Le Semaphore on Sunday 23 rd June	0	Specify numbers taking part. Rally organiser to be paid in Euros on arrival in Cherbourg. Price, including transport, to be announced.	46
Combined Flotilla: Lunch at Beach Restaurant La Potiniere on Tuesday 25 th June.	0	Specify number wishing to eat. Pay restaurant for individual orders.	46
Combined Flotilla: Coastal walk to lighthouse and beaches on Wed 26 th June.	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes.	46
Combined Flotilla: DIY Barbecue participation on Thurs 26 th June	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes.	46

Book now as spaces will be limited. Booking deadline 18th May; early booking helps planning and ensures your space as previous rallies have always been fully booked.

Booking are subject to standard CA Terms and Conditions and Rally T&Cs as on the next page.

[Book via eventbrite with it open for orders from 09:30 on Saturday 24th February 2024.](#)

If you have any queries, feedback or comments, please email channel@theca.org.uk.



Terms And Conditions

1. The skipper shall be a fully paid up member of the CA.
2. Should the rally have to be cancelled before it starts then all monies will be returned to participants. The organisers retain the right to vary the programme if necessary.
3. A vessel may withdraw from the rally but will still be liable for costs unless their place is filled by another vessel or suppliers agree to reduce their charge, which the organisers will use all reasonable efforts to achieve.
4. Vessels attending the events are to be covered by adequate third party and public liability insurance; minimum £2,000,000 for any one accident.
5. The Event Organisers and Organising Body shall not be in any way liable for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to the owner, skipper, his/her crew or other persons on a boat, as a result of their taking part in the Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company. Moreover, every skipper/owner warrants the suitability of his/her yacht/boat for the Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company and that his/her boat is insured for taking part in the Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company;
6. When on a Meet, Rally or Cruise-in-Company with the CA the safety of any yacht/boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper who must ensure that the yacht/boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by a crew of sufficient number and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all other gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in-date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

The vessel is insured and I have Third Party and Public Liability insurance cover of at least £2,000,000 for any one accident. My insured cruising range covers the area relevant to this event. I am aware that the Cruising Association and the Rally organisers accept no responsibility for the safety of my vessel, or its crew. The decision to sail and all handling of the vessel and its tender are the responsibility of the skipper who should take his/her decisions knowing the abilities of his/her vessel and of his/her crew. I confirm that I have read and agree to the General Conditions that apply to the CA Sections' Rallies/ Meets and Cruises.

