

# Channel Section



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## 2026 Cross-Channel Rally/ Cruise-in-Company

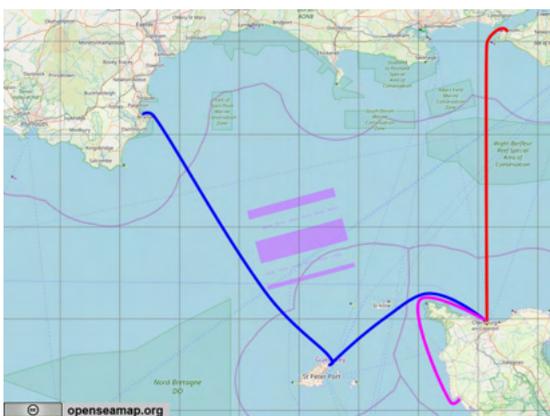
- 17<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> June to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- West Country & Solent starts
- Meeting together in Cherbourg
- Sailing and socialising together
- Dinners, pontoon drinks, barbecue
- Walks, visits and more



Your Channel Section 2026 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.



This is an ideal opportunity for a first time Channel crossing with briefings as well as support and advice from others plus an opportunity to cruise and socialise with friends old and new.

Start in Brixham and cross the Channel to Guernsey and then on to Cherbourg; or start in Yarmouth and cross the Channel to Cherbourg. Then both flotillas cruise onwards together to Carteret where 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.

As well as the programme's events we will suggest other optional activities you might like.

Book early as spaces are limited. CA Member Attendees of the First Time Channel Crossing Seminar will be offered a limited number of rally places a few days prior to general open booking for members.

Last year all places were booked within 24 hours.



## *The West Country Flotilla*

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 on the MDL Events pontoon

Optional walk in the afternoon to Berry Head.

Pontoon welcome drinks with briefing followed by dinner at The Prince William restaurant.



### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Cruise in Company to Beaucette, Guernsey (~68 Miles)**

This hidden marina in a tranquil quarry accessed through a dynamited channel is a fascinating stop.

Berthing as directed by the marina.

No dinner booked so eat on board.



### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Guernsey**

Walk to Pembroke Bay and L'Ancrese Beach

Pre-dinner pontoon drinks followed by dinner at The Saltwater Restaurant.



### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June – Cruise in Company to Cherbourg (~40 Miles)**

We meet up with the Solent flotilla.

We expect to berth on the rally (J&K) pontoons at Port Chantereyne.

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

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## ***The Solent Flotilla***

### **Friday 19th 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.

Berth as directed by Harbour Master.

Pontoon welcome drinks with briefing and then dinner at The Bugle.



### **Saturday 20th June - Cruise in Company to Cherbourg (~68 Miles)**

Meet up with the West Country flotilla.

We expect to berth on the rally (J&K) pontoons at Port Chantereyne.

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



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## The Joint Flotilla

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



Local e-bike hire is available – maybe travel along the excellent cycleways along the coast and out on the sea wall. Shopping and preparation for the Safari Supper.

Pontoon drinks party and briefing on the pontoon followed by Safari Supper.



### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Coach trip

Departing at 09.00 and returning at 18.00

Coach trip from Cherbourg to Barfleur to visit the picturesque harbour, the delightful fishing port of St Vaast, Utah Beach for a cafe lunch or picnic on the beach. Then to Saint Mere Eglise (as featured in the film 'Longest Day') and the Airbourne museum. At the museum, we will use their Histopad digital tablets to fully immerse in augmented reality scenes scanning between 5th June 1944 and the current day.

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



### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Day in Cherbourg

Free day to take advantage of the attractions of Cherbourg as described above.

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



### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Cruise in Company to Carteret (~42 Miles)

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

Berthing as directed by the marina.

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



## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Day in Carteret

Local market in the morning.

Petanque competition on the beach.

Drinks and Crew Supper style meal at the Barneville Carteret Yacht Club.

Briefing for passages onwards.



## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Day in Carteret

Walk or local bike hire available.

DIY Barbecue at Barneville Carteret Yacht Club.



## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June - End of Rally

Check out of the EU.

Informal breakfast at The Terminus.

Say farewell to all your new cruising friends,  
and maybe sail onwards or back home with some of them.



# Booking form

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.

**Please note that many marinas are now limiting the size of boats for rallies.**

**For this reason we are unable to accept bookings for yachts over 14m LOA.**

Item	Price (on Eventbrite)	Notes	Max numbers
<b>Overall</b>			
Rally Fee (per boat)	£15	Includes CA Channel Rally 2026 flag and some pontoon drinks parties.	18
<b>West Country Flotilla:</b> Rally Deposit & Berth Booking (per boat)	£40	This deposit allows us to make advance booking payments for marinas 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
<b>Solent Flotilla:</b> Rally Deposit & Berth Booking (per boat)	£40	This deposit allows us to make advance booking payments for marinas 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
<b>West Country Flotilla</b>			
West Country Flotilla: Walk on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify the number taking part in the walk.	24
West Country Flotilla: Dinner at The Prince William on Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify number wishing to eat at the Restaurant. Pre ordering may be required and payment made to the restaurant directly.	24
West Country Flotilla: Walk to Pembroke Bay / L'Ancrese Beach on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	0	Specify the number taking part in the walk.	24
West Country Flotilla: Dinner at The Saltwater Restaurant on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.  Continue below to order for the Joint Flotilla.	0	Specify number wishing to eat at the Restaurant. Pre ordering may be required and payment made to the restaurant directly.	24
<b>Solent Flotilla</b>			
Solent Flotilla: Dinner at The Bugle Restaurant on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June.	£28	Specify and pay for number wishing to eat from the two course group menu (starter+main). Participants will need to select menu choices in advance.	36
<b>Joint Flotilla</b>			
Joint Flotilla: Safari Supper on Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes.	46



Joint Flotilla: Coach tour of Barfleur, St Vaast, Utah Beach, St Mere Eglise and Airbourne museum (group booking) on Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June.	£18	Fee covers coach travel and entrance (with English self guide tablet) to the Airbourne museum. No food or drinks included.  This will only take place if sufficient numbers sign up. Otherwise there will be a refund.	46
Joint Flotilla: Crew Supper at Barneville Carteret Yacht Club on Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	£25  £15	Beef Bourguignon + chips and apple crumble <u>OR</u> Vegetable curry and apple crumble	46
Joint Flotilla: DIY Barbecue participation on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June.	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes.	46
Joint Flotilla: End of rally breakfast on Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes . Pay The Terminus directly.	46

**Book early as spaces are limited.**

The link for booking will be shared on the rally page of the CA web site (<https://www.theca.org.uk/channel-rally-2026>) at that time.

Booking deadline 17th May; early booking helps planning and ensures your space as previous rallies have always been fully booked.

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

If you have any queries, feedback or comments, please email [channel@theca.org.uk](mailto: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 or participant may withdraw from the rally but will still be liable for costs. Booking fees will not be refunded but other costs may be recovered if the places are taken by another vessel or suppliers agree to reduce their charge, which the organisers will use 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.
7. Participant and boat details may be provided to third parties such as marinas where direct payments for bookings are required.

**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.**

