

Programme – MEDITERRANEAN WEEKEND SEMINAR - 25th/26th March 2023

DAY 1 Morning

Registration 9.30

10 – 10.30 Preparing your house and personal stuff before going to the Med - Keith Pettican

10.30 – 11 Preparing your boat for the Med Joel Tatham

11.15 – 30 coffee

11.30 – 12.00 Extended cruising in Schengen post 90/180 days, signposting CA website info on visas, residence permits, EU countries as boltholes. To be given by a member of RATS

12.00 – 12.30 How to get the most out of Captains Mate Steve Crome

12.30 – 1 Role of HLRs and how they can help you Caroline Milmo

1.15– 2 Lunch

Day one Afternoon

2 – 2.45 Mediterranean Weather forecasting. Dr Andrew Eccleston from Plymouth University. How you can make the most of authoritative weather data – and what to make of recent changes in weather patterns in the Med.

2.45 – 3 .30 First Aid and survival - how to manage till help arrives. Dr Gilbert Parks

3.30 - 3.45 Tea

3.45 - 4.15 Hidden metal failures in boats - with particular reference to rigging. Vyv Cox

4.15 – 4.45 Crossed anchors - the bane of Mediterranean anchoring. Vyv Cox
(please note there is a chance Vyv won't be able to come in which case I will rearrange the Saturday speakers. To be confirmed nearer the day)

Imray have kindly agreed to run a stand on both days with a displaying products and offering generous discounts. They will be sending me an affiliate link shortly which will enable you to purchase stock at the discounted prices from now until a week after the seminar, without even attending!!

CA gear and Cruising Almanacs will also be on sale on both days.

On the social side we are also planning a dinner on Friday night at a local Turkish or Italian restaurant, and a dinner at CA House on Saturday night. These are a great way of meeting other Med sections members and having a jolly sociable evening. Numbers at both may be limited and will need to be confirmed by 12th March so if you are interested please let me know before then at med@theca.org.uk. You will also be asked to confirm whether you are interested in the Saturday night dinner when you buy your Eventbrite tickets but please let me know as well. Helps me with the planning!

DAY 2 morning

Registration 9.30

10 – 1.00 Country/cruising area talks. Using both ground floor and council room upstairs we will have 50 minute presentations from the speakers below and a coffee break at 11.30

France/Corsica/ S Italy David Innes Wilkin

Sardinia and Sicily Robert Johnson

Croatia, Montenegro and Albania Andrew Osmond

Ionian/Gulf of Corinth Tony Montgomery-Smith

Saronic Gulf and Athens Mick de Pomerai

Turkey Keith Pettican

Lunch 1 - 2

Day 2 Afternoon

information tables/boards with the speakers above, plus Vyv Cox on the southern Aegean. This is a chance to have more specific 1:1 chats with people who are familiar with their areas.

4.30 finish

Other Information

Cost Tickets for members are £25 per day reduced to £40 if you book both days, £30 per day for non-members. Available on Eventbrite now. Link via the CA webpage

Refreshments by way of morning and afternoon tea/coffee and a buffet lunch are included in the price for both days.

Venue. This is at CA House only. We are not zooming any of the talks on the day. However with the speakers permission we will put the talks on the website for members to see later.

We will be using both the ground floor and Council rooms.

On the Saturday the Council room will be available for 1:1 demos of Captains Mate after the talk.

On Sunday morning we will use both the Council room and ground floor for the cruising talks, and in the afternoon for information tables/boards.

It would be good to have some helpers for setting up and clearing away on both days. If you are interested please email me at med@theca.org.uk

Accommodation – the CA cabins are full but there is plenty of local hotel accomodation. CA has a discount deal with the Foundation of St Katharines – details and discount booking code on our website

Cheers and looking forward to seeing you there Sarah Stevens. Joint Med section secretary