



# Biscay

## We Offer:

- Talks and presentations in autumn & spring
- Newsletters
- Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs)
- Social events & rallies
- Cruising information
- BiscayNet

## Welcome to the Biscay Section

Biscay Section area extends from Ushant to Gibraltar; an area that includes some of the most stunning cruising grounds in Europe and is easily accessible to UK-based boat owners. The varied and splendid scenery of the Atlantic coasts of France, Spain and Portugal are a delight – there are rivers and islands to explore as well as the renowned Rias, and the opportunity to moor in the centre of historic cities. The cuisines of this area are among the best in Europe.

## Being part of our Section

Each year we host two seminars in the non-cruising season which are normally held at CA House, Limehouse, London, during which members can share their experiences; they are valuable sources of information for those who are preparing to cruise in our region. There are two Boat-Watch schemes linked to the Section both for ports on the River Vilaine. In addition we have a WhatsApp group for those planning to cross Biscay. We also keep in touch during the sailing season using BiscayNet to share recent information, help each other in times of need, or to make social arrangements.



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## Join Us!

Be part of our cruising community ashore and afloat.

Join as many CA Sections as you wish. Section membership is FREE to subscribed members. To find out more about our other Sections, visit [www.theca.org.uk/sections](http://www.theca.org.uk/sections) alternatively contact us on the details provided

## Rallies

As well as informal meet-ups, either ashore or afloat, we usually organise at least one Rally every year, the most recent being the Île d'Yeu Rally in June 2024.

Île d'Yeu is a lovely island and a very popular place to visit by boat. Social events included a walk to explore part of the island and a bike ride round the island, a "pontoon" party with drinks and a "bring your own" buffet, with food shared between boats on the roof terrace of the Port Joinville Capitainerie. We also had a very convivial dinner at a restaurant in Joinville. As the weather after the rally was inclement and most boats stayed in port our social activities continued with several boats hosting meet-ups for afternoon tea, games and also drinks.

## Forthcoming Events

***Beginning in Biscay An Introduction to Cruising in Western France* - CA House, Limehouse, London E14 8BT - **Date TBC****

The Atlantic coast of France is an exceptional cruising ground, and many people make this their cruising home. The day will include an exploration of this area with information on how to get the best from exploring this coast from the Chenal du Four to the Spanish Border. This seminar is held at CA House.

***Crossing Biscay* - CA House, Limehouse, London E14 8BT - **Date TBC****

For many cruisers, crossing the Bay of Biscay is their first passage lasting over 24 hours. Although the Bay has a fearsome reputation, during the summer months conditions moderate. The speakers will share their experiences and expertise including sourcing and using weather information. This seminar is held at CA House.