



Mediterranean

We Offer:

- Talks and presentations in autumn & spring
- Monthly zoom meetings
- Newsletters
- Honorary Local Representatives (HLRs)

Welcome to the Mediterranean Section

The Mediterranean Section is a community of cruising sailors numbering over 2,000 members. Most of our members sail in the Mediterranean, but quite a number are still in the planning stages or dreaming stage of heading there. We are a group of people who aim to support, help and encourage each other; we do this by keeping in contact electronically and meeting up both in the UK and the Mediterranean. We also hold very good parties!!

The Mediterranean Area

Our sailing area extends across the Mediterranean from Gibraltar to the Levant and includes the Black Sea.

Image: Marina Preko

Where we meet in

The UK

In the UK, Section meetings with a talk followed by supper are held in CA House twice a year, in November and February, along with Zoom meetings on varied topics every month or so during autumn, winter and spring. We hold a weekend of talks



about both technical aspects of Med sailing and favourite cruising grounds at our Mediterranean Seminar in March at CA House. We also hold a Med Section Summer Party somewhere in the UK in August, which is a great opportunity to meet old and new members and of course the Section Secretaries who organise our events.

The Mediterranean

The Section aims to hold a sailing rally somewhere in the Mediterranean every year and a winter 'land-based' rally some years. The social side of our Section is very important and we encourage members to organise informal local 'get-togethers' where members meet for dinner and "cruises in company". These have been very successful, numbers varying from half a dozen to fifty or so people. Some members post details of their proposed sailing ground so that those in the same areas can meet up and sail together informally, if they wish. All members fly a CA burgee which is a great way of welcoming other members along for a chat, which often morphs into an invitation to come on board.

Section Secretaries

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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 alternatively contact us on the details provided

Forthcoming events

Thursday 14th November 2024 – Autumn supper and talk by Dr Gilbert Parks, on “Senior Sailing”.

Thursday 20th February 2025 – Spring supper and talk

Saturday and Sunday 22nd and 23rd March 2025 – Mediterranean seminar

August 2025 - The Summer Party will be held somewhere in the UK in August

Being Part of our Section

The Section communicates with its members electronically where possible and makes strenuous efforts to keep members updated with ‘Mediterranean’ information. We have our own Section pages within the CA website. We also have an occasional newsletter with important updates, more light-hearted news and events from members.

MedNet Forum

Is an interactive email network where questions are posted and information shared. Topics covered are wide ranging, from queries about gear, boat maintenance and repair professionals, to new regulations and procedures, to friendly restaurants and the best anchorages. One of the many outstanding features of this system is that members who cannot or do not want to receive emails can switch it off, but all the messages that they have missed can be viewed at a later date via the CA website on the MedNet forum.

CAptain’s Mate

The CA app ‘CAptain’s Mate’ is being used extensively by our members to access and submit Cruising Reports. We have now collated some 11,000 Mediterranean Cruising Reports, meaning that information is being continually updated by members. It is readily accessible both at home and while on board. We have extensive coverage of all the Mediterranean islands and the northern coastal areas. It also has an optional switch on/switch off “Friends” feature which enables you to see CA boats moored or anchored nearby.

Presentations from the Med Seminars

The Mediterranean Seminar weekend is one of the highlights of the Med Section UK events. We try to provide a good mix of technical and regulatory information on Saturday mixed with some lighter topics and ending with an optional Seminar dinner. On Sunday members present talks about various cruising areas in the Med which they know well so sharing their knowledge and expertise. We save the powerpoint slides and upload them onto the website each year so that they are available for all members at all times. For the 2025 seminar we plan to record the talks and upload them onto the CA website which will make the seminar even more accessible, and possibly to live-stream some of the talks.

Currently we have presentations covering a wide variety of topics from our most recent seminar weekend in March 2024 and going back to 2010! The link is <http://www.theca.org.uk/sections/med/seminars>. Please note that some of the presentations are very large documents (up to 3MB), even though they have been compressed. The 2025 presentations will be posted as soon as possible after the end of that weekend and we hope you will find them of interest whether or not you are currently based in the Med, or planning to sail there in the future.