

# Cruising Association East Coast Spring Bank Holiday Rally 2025

## Programme and Arrival

A sociable weekend with a Passage Challenge, indoor Pontoon Party, an Outing to Felixstowe for a museum, a fort and historic vehicles, an Evening Event with art exhibition, informal dinner and after dinner presentation, something for everyone. Come for some or all of the activities – you choose.

**Date:** May Bank Holiday weekend from Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

**Venue:** Royal Harwich Yacht Club on the River Orwell, IP9 1AT.

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### Programme

#### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Passage Challenge – predict your time of arrival to Woolverstone, however you travel, and win a prize. See separate instructions.

**1730** “Pontoon Party” – held indoors at RHYC upstairs in the Orwell Room, a chance to meet the other participants, please bring your own **glasses, a drink and a little food to share**, savoury or sweet.

The RHYC Bar and Galley will be open over the weekend from 1100 till 2200, food until 2100.

#### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May

##### Outing to Felixstowe

**0915** Meet on the RHYC lawn and depart for Felixstowe in shared cars.

**1000** Drive into the Landguard Fort car entrance and park in the Felixstowe Museum car park free to us all day by special arrangement (see map).

Coffee/tea at Felixstowe Museum followed by guided tour.

**1130** Landguard Fort (next door). Audio guided visit. Members of English Heritage enter free.

**1230** Participants may wish to have lunch at the View Point Café (100 yards). However, this is a very popular venue, be prepared to queue. There is another café, called Sea You Café, just over one mile walk along the front shortly past the NCI Martello Tower.

Alternatively, take Bus 77 from outside the Fort to Felixstowe seafront for lunch.

**Afternoon:** The Historic Vehicles taking part in the annual Ipswich to Felixstowe Road Run are due to start arriving on the Felixstowe promenade from 1200 and can be viewed during the afternoon. Last year there were 500. Finding a parking space there is likely to be a nightmare, so leave cars at the Museum and walk or take Bus 77 to Felixstowe.

##### Sunday Evening Event

**1730** Royal Harwich Art Club Exhibition, private viewing with a pre-dinner glass of wine.

**1830 for 1900** Three course informal Dinner including sweet bites and tea/coffee followed by “The Hanse and East Anglia” by guest speaker Malcolm Harding. Extensive evidence of a mysterious German organisation known as the Hanseatic League was unravelled by Malcolm during three years of cruising around the Baltic. Having further researched this League, Malcolm has collated his findings into an illustrated talk which charts its beginnings, achievements and eventual decline.

## **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**1000** Meet on the RHYC lawn for a walk through the woods to the Butt and Oyster and treat yourselves to a drink.  
Departure for home.

## **Arrival by Boat, Car, Caravan or Motor Home**

Why not enter the Passage Challenge? See the instructions which are separately downloadable.

### **Arrival by boat at RHYC Marina** (preferential mooring rates)

- Berth Masters, 07742 145994 and VHF Ch.80, are on duty to assist but are not always present during quieter periods.
- Alternatively, call 01473 780319, if arriving during office hours, Monday to Friday 0900 to 1600.
- If there is no answer, please tie up to a hammerhead 'V' pontoon and enquire at the bar.
- Arriving from Harwich, the first row of pontoons is Row A. Rows B and C are within the marina pond, and Row D is the row nearest the Orwell Bridge. Berths are numbered from 1, starting from the first berth inside the hammerhead.

**Arrival by car**, see "Directions to RHYC" which are separately downloadable. Free car parking in the RHYC car park.

**Arrival by caravan or motorhome:** contact MDL Marina on 01473 780206 for instructions, booking and payment.

## **Sunday Outing, Transport to and from Felixstowe**

For the outing we share private car transport. Some years, most attendees arrive by boat and there is a shortage of cars. If you plan to arrive by boat from Ipswich, if needed, could we help you bring your car down to RHYC on Saturday afternoon ready for a prompt start on Sunday morning? Please contact us at [suffolk@theca.org.uk](mailto:suffolk@theca.org.uk) or 07757 218690 if you can help.

**Queries?** Email Simon & Georgette with a query by clicking here: [Query to Suffolk@theCA.org.uk](mailto:Query to Suffolk@theCA.org.uk)

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