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## 2025 Cross-Channel Rally/ Cruise-in-Company

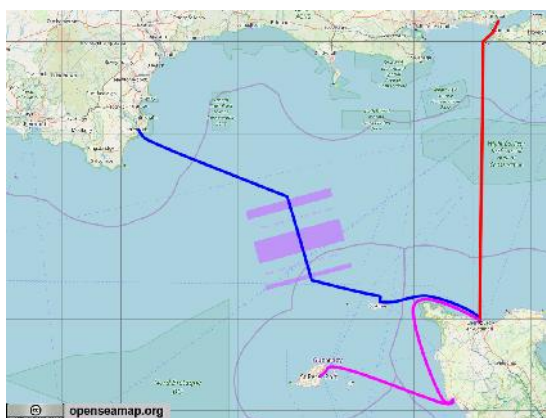
- 19<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- West Country & Solent starts
- Meeting together in Cherbourg
- Sailing and socialising together
- Dinners, pontoon drinks, barbecue
- Walks, visits and more



Your Channel Section 2025 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.



It's 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 Dartmouth and cross the Channel to Alderney and then on to Cherbourg; or start in Lymington and cross the Channel to Cherbourg. Then both flotillas cruise onwards together to Carteret and then St Peter Port 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. Remember, last year all places were booked within 24 hours.



## The West Country Flotilla

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Meet in Dartmouth

This attractive port is well sheltered and easy to enter at any state of the tide and in nearly any weather conditions. With a picturesque river front, good shopping and food facilities there are many reasons to visit.

We will berth in Darthaven Marina.

Optional walk to the Brownstone Battery.

Pontoon welcome drinks with briefing and then dinner at The Royal Dart Yacht Club.



### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Cruise in Company to Braye, Alderney (~69 Miles)

An unspoilt and friendly island with many attractions in history and nature.

Berthing on visitor buoys.

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

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Braye

Day on Alderney.

Guided walk with Alderney Wildlife Trust, cost £10 per person to be paid on the day (cash preferred).

Pre-dinner drinks at Alderney Sailing Club followed by dinner at The Quarterdeck restaurant.



### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Cruise in Company to Cherbourg (~28 Miles)

We meet up with the Solent flotilla.

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

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## The Solent Flotilla

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Meet in Lymington**

This is an attractive harbour and town in the western Solent with an interesting market in the High Street on Saturdays as well as walks to the Nature reserve via the Normandy Marsh.

We will berth on the Dan Bran Pontoon.

Pontoon welcome drinks with briefing and then a meal at The Haven Restaurant.

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Cruise in Company to Cherbourg (~67 Miles)**

We meet up with the West Country flotilla.

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



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## The Combined Flotilla

### Monday 23<sup>rd</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.

Check-in expected to be at the marina office at 0900 preceded by a briefing for those new to Cherbourg.



Optional e-bike hire - maybe travel along the excellent cycleways along the coast and out on the sea wall.

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

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Day in Cherbourg

Coach trip to Omonville-la-Rogue and Goury (Cap de la Hague) then on for a tour (English speaking guide) of a cider farm. Returning to marina at around lunchtime. Option to leave coach at the foot of Batterie du Roule which is a short (but steep) walk to the Liberation Museum or other central Cherbourg locations.

Optional e-bike hire - maybe travel along the excellent cycleways along the coast and out on the sea wall.

Briefing on pontoon followed by group dinner at L'Equipage (translation 'The Crew').



### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - 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.

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



### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Day in Carteret

Local market in the morning.

Drinks and DIY barbecue at the Barneville Carteret Yacht Club.

Briefing for passages onwards (and drinks) at BCYC.



### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Day in Carteret

Boules competition on the beach.



Lunch or dinner at La Poitiniere (to be confirmed)

Check-out of France.

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Cruise in Company to St Peter Port (~ 31 Miles)**

This lively town has a picturesque sea-front and marina as well as a number of tourist attractions both in town and further away by convenient buses. There is an inner marina with a gate as well as shore-connected pontoons with full tidal access in the outer area.

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



### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Day in St Peter Port**

“Safari supper” where each boat prepares one course of a meal (not gourmet) for a few extra crew. Crews move from boat to boat for each course in a pre-organised manner to meet and mix.



### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Day in St Peter Port**

Option to do a self-guided bus or bike tour of Guernsey meeting up at 12.30 for a picnic lunch at L'Ancrese Beach.

End of Rally drinks and Dinner at Guernsey Yacht Club



### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - End of Rally**

Optional rally breakfast at a local café.

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

Further passage and other details will be provided prior to the event to those who have booked.



# Booking

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.

**Note that many marinas are now limiting the size of boats for rallies. If your boat is >14m LOA or draft >2m special arrangements may need to be made by you.**

Item	Price (on Eventbrite)	Notes	Max numbers
Rally Fee (per boat)	£15	Includes CA Channel Rally 2025 flag and some pontoon drinks parties.	20
West Country Flotilla: Rally Deposit & Berth Booking (per boat)	£40	This deposit allows us to make advance booking payments for Dartmouth, Braye, Cherbourg, Carteret and St Peter Port 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 with the exception of St Peter Port where to get the rally discount all payments must be in cash to the rally leader.	10
Solent Flotilla: Rally Deposit & Berth Booking (per boat)	£40	This deposit allows us to make advance booking payments for Lymington, Cherbourg, Carteret and St Peter Port 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 with the exception of St Peter Port where to get the rally discount all payments must be in cash to the rally leader.	15
<b>West Country Flotilla</b>			
West Country Flotilla: Walk on Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify number taking part in walk.	24
West Country Flotilla: Dinner at Royal Dart Yacht Club on Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify number wishing to eat from the two course group menu. Participants will need to select menu choices and pay £19 per head at least 72 hours in advance using a link to be provided.	24
West Country Flotilla: Guided walk with Alderney Wildlife Trust on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June.	0	Specify numbers to book. Payment of £10 per head to be made on the day -cash preferred.	24
West Country Flotilla: Drinks at Alderney Sailing Club followed by dinner at The Quarterdeck Restaurant on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June.  See further below for continued order form for the Combined Flotilla.	0	Specify number wishing to eat. Pay restaurant for individual orders. Participants will need to select menu choices in advance.	24
<b>Solent Flotilla</b>			
Solent Flotilla: Dinner at The Haven Restaurant in Lymington on Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	£34	Specify number wishing to eat from the two course group menu (starter+main or main+dessert). Participants will need to select menu choices in advance.	36
<b>Combined Flotilla</b>			
Combined Flotilla: Hire of e-bikes for the day on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	0	Only 10 e-bikes are available and we have reserved them all so book now while they are available and pay the marina on the day. Estimated day hire is €20. Half day hire may be available at the marina	10



Combined Flotilla: Coach tour of Cap de la Hague and tour of Cider Farm on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June.	£18	This will only take place if sufficient numbers sign up. Otherwise there will be a refund.	46
Combined Flotilla: Hire of e-bikes for the day on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Only 10 e-bikes are available and we have reserved them all so book now while they are available and pay the marina on the day. Estimated day hire is €20. Half day hire may be available at the marina	10
Combined Flotilla: Dinner at L'Equipage on Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify numbers taking part. Rally organiser to be paid in Euros (approx €45 per person inc. some wine) on arrival in Cherbourg. Price will be fixed when summer menu is available.	46
Combined Flotilla: DIY Barbecue participation on Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes.	46
Combined Flotilla: Meal at Beach Restaurant La Potiniere on Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June.	0	Specify number wishing to eat. Pay restaurant for individual orders.	46
Combined Flotilla: Safari Supper on Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	0	Specify numbers for planning purposes.	46
Combined Flotilla: End of Rally drinks and dinner at Guernsey Yacht Club on Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	£28.50	Two course rally dinner inc. service with choices to be made shortly beforehand. Drinks extra.	46
Combined Flotilla: End of rally breakfast	0	Specify numbers. Pay cafe direct.	46

Book early as spaces are limited.

General booking will be open from 9pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

The link for booking will be shared on the rally page of the CA web site (<https://www.theca.org.uk/channel-rally-2025>) at that time.

Booking deadline 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.**

