

# CREW NEWS

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE WITH THE CREWING SERVICE

## ‘Hamble Warrior’ a Warrior 40

Leaving Ag Nicolaos in Crete  
for a stormy sail north.



## CA and Crewing Service

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Philip and I joined the CA in 2002 and enjoyed many wonderful years sailing our boat, Hamble Warrior, with the help of the Med section – see below. Sadly, we decided to sell our boat in 2018. We posted her on the CA website together with a video and sold her to another couple of members. She remains in the Med.

In 2019 we joined the crewing service and through that have had experiences of a

Lagoon 39 back and forth across the Channel, a Hanse 37 in Portugal, a Beneteau 45 going down to La Rochelle and Philip helping a Rival down from the Western Isles to Strangford Loch. And the skippers and crew were all great people too. We were a little worried about being crew after being skippers, but if you sit on your hands and go with the flow it becomes easier.

### About us

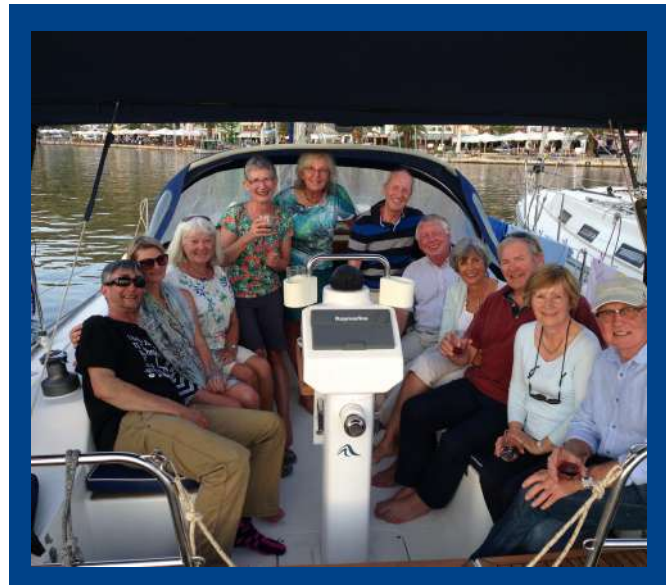
Although we had been sailing for very many years we did not join the CA until 2002. What motivated us was that we had both been lucky to secure six months away from work the following year and wanted to take

# A spontaneous CA drinks party in Cephalonia

our boat to the Med to join the Eastern Mediterranean Yacht Rally in Bodrum that May. We knew it was not going to be like our foggy, soggy holidays in Brittany when the maximum time we had spent on board was two weeks. Our first visit to CA House was to attend a Mediterranean Seminar where we met many other like-minded members, many being experienced Med sailors. There were questions we hadn't even thought of and we went home full of information having joined the Med Section.

Our boat, a Warrior 40, was transported to Palma and from there we sailed to Bodrum to join the Rally. Digital communication was in its infancy and very slow then and we were unable to get much up-to-date information; however, over the intervening years the Med Section website has become more and more informative and helpful.

## A pic of us together in Leros



Flying the CA burgee has allowed us to meet up with many other members on our travels swapping tales, drinks, information and even freshly-caught tuna. We have posted some information on Captain's Mate when the pilot book has been inaccurate, due to local changes and used other posts when planning our trips. It is a very useful source.

We have only met a few HLRs; luckily we hadn't much need to contact them. There was Mary in Almerimar where we overwintered one year, the redoubtable George at the 'Yat Hotel' near Riposto, the fount of all knowledge, and Hassan in Fethiye who, together with our wonderful insurers Pantaenius, helped us navigate some extraordinary Turkish processes after an incident with a fish farm. Knowing the HLRs were there and contactable was a great source of comfort.

***Sadly no crewing in 2020 and possibly not in 2021, but after that anything is possible.***