

# CA House Lectures

## Programme Spring 2012

A fee is payable for lectures unless otherwise stated:  
Individual lecture tickets: Members £4.00; Non-members £7.00  
Season tickets available - contact Secretariat for details  
Lectures and talks start promptly at 19:00hrs

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Wednesday 25.01.12	<p><b>New members' evening</b> As usual, our traditional twice yearly welcome to new members will follow the Boat Show. This year, Jimmy Cornell will celebrate the release of his latest publication, <i>Cornell's Ocean Atlas</i>, at a special launch event with a short talk and some cheese and wine. The Atlas shows the prevailing direction of winds and currents for every month in all oceans of the world, and also along the most commonly sailed trans-ocean routes, and all based on the latest meteorological information rather than the old observation data used by pilot books.</p> <p>Jimmy is offering the Atlas at a good discount to CA members, so come and join the celebration. Tickets free.</p>
Wednesday 1.02.12	<p><b>Extreme Voyagers, by Jeremy Batch</b> They travelled around the world, through the Northwest and Northeast Passages, to the Poles, to the bottom of the ocean, through the sound barrier, to the edge of the atmosphere and to the surface of the Moon. They built their craft from papyrus, balsa, cedar, oak, iron, titanium, canvas, carbon fibre and aluminium foil. Their teeth fell out, their joints came apart, their blood boiled, their eardrums burst and their eyeballs came out of their sockets. They made voyages that were thought to be too far, too fast, too dangerous or too expensive – or all of the above. They defied the laws of science, and wrote several new ones. Who <b>were</b> these guys, and who were the shipwrights, designers, scientists and engineers who made their voyages possible?</p>
Wednesday 8.02.12	<p><b>Sail Away, by Nicola Rodriguez</b> Nicola and her family sailed away for eight years, exploring the Caribbean, Bahamas, US Eastern Seaboard and the Mediterranean. Her book, <i>Sail Away</i>, offers practical guidance for the would be adventurer, including choosing a boat, planning a round-the-world route, information on safety, communications, children, insurance, and budgeting and extensive information on routes and destinations around Europe, the Caribbean, the Pacific, and beyond - as well as a realistic look at the pros and cons of living onboard. Whether you're opting to cash in your savings, making use of your pension, or taking a sabbatical from your daily routine, her guide will help you take the plunge and Sail Away.</p>
Wednesday 15.02.12	<p><b>La Dolce Vita: Cruising the Islands of the Central Mediterranean, by Kath Stott</b> In 2009, Kath set off from Lancashire with her husband Barrie on <i>Yarona</i>, their Hallberg Rassy 43, with a vague plan of spending a few summers in the Med. <i>Yarona</i> was hauled out for the winter in Italy in the Fiumara Grande, and this year they have spent three months exploring Corsica and the Italian Islands of Elba, Sardinia, and Sicily. Kath will try to convince us this can be done without destroying the cruising budget, and that coming across the occasional Italian male with an attitude problem is a small price to pay in order to enjoy the many delights of Italian food and scenery, not to mention the excellent sailing.</p>
Wednesday 22.02.12	<p><b>Hostage: a year at gunpoint with Somali gangsters, by Paul and Rachel Chandler</b> 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009 is a day that the Chandlers and their family will never forget. While sailing in the idyllic Seychelles archipelago, their yacht Lynn Rival was attacked and seized by Somali pirates. Six hellish days later they were forced to abandon ship near the Somali coast and were taken inland for a further 382 days of captivity. During this time the gangsters sought to extort money from their family, friends and anyone else who took an interest.</p> <p>Back by popular demand, Paul and Rachel will talk about the horrific attack and</p>

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their prolonged captivity, focussing on issues of interest to the sailing community. This is the stuff of nightmares, but there is a happy ending: they survived relatively unharmed and have kept their sense of humour! Lynn Rival was recovered and brought back to the UK. Paul and Rachel are now restoring her and plan to resume cruising in 2012.

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**Some By-ways off a Circumnavigation, by Henry and Kikki Capleton**

Wednesday  
29.02.12

Starting out as novices Henry and Kikki sailed the 'coconut milk run' through the Caribbean, Pacific, Australasia, SE Asia and in 2011 made it through 'pirate alley' and the Red Sea to Turkey. Sailing is the means, visiting interesting places is the end. Initially this talk will describe places and their people off the normal cruising route, some accessible only by boat, including: Palmerston Atoll, Tasmania, Vanuatu, North Borneo and the Andaman Islands. After the break the focus will be on recent experience with the Vasco de Gama rally crossing the Indian Ocean and up the Red Sea which sparked an enthusiasm for the Red Sea as a cruising option for Med based boats.

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**Cruising to the West Country on a Budget, by David Sadler**

Wednesday  
7.03.12

David will take us on a cruise down the English Channel from the Suffolk rivers to Cornwall, with some diversions in the Solent on the way. In recognition of these straitened times he will offer hints on how to enjoy a leisurely cruise along this delightful coast and then linger in the South West rivers and harbours without doing too much damage to the bank balance. The talk will be illustrated by some excellent photographs, not all on a nautical subject.

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**Exploring, Cruising and Diving: Five Years at Sea, by Ed and Sue Kelly**

Wednesday  
14.03.12

In 2008, Ed and Sue gave up professional careers, sold their home and possessions in Iowa and set off to explore the world in *Angel Louise*, their UK built Catalac 12 metre catamaran, taking in the US Intra-Coastal Waterway, the 1,300 mile long US Atlantic seaboard from Maine to Florida, and the Eastern Caribbean from the Bahamas through the West Indies, to Venezuela and the Dutch A-B-C Islands. Their most recent North Atlantic crossing has brought them to England and London. Their joint presentation reveals what they have learned in five years of exploring, cruising and diving together, told with humour and illustrated with photos, charts and music.

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**The Jan Meyen Expedition, by Alasdair Flint**

Wednesday  
21.03.12

Jan Mayen Island, part of the Kingdom of Norway, is a volcanic island in the Arctic Ocean about 400 miles north east of Iceland. Partially covered in glaciers, it is home to the mighty Beerenberg, the world's most northerly active volcano. In July 2011, Alasdair Flint and a crew of three set sail from Scotland in *Sumara of Weymouth*, a 26ft Vertue, to reach Jan Mayen and climb the 7,470ft mountain. This talk describes the trip, the climb, a thwarted attempt at reaching East Greenland and the adventurers' return to Oban via Iceland and the well kept secret of the Westmann Islands.

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**Hanson Lecture, by Sir Alan Massey, Chief Executive of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency**

Wednesday  
28.03.12

Sir Alan is a former Royal Navy officer. In his seagoing career he commanded four warships, including the aircraft carriers HMS ILLUSTRIOUS and HMS ARK ROYAL, seeing action against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan in 2001-2, and in the amphibious assault into Iraq in 2003. He later led the Operations Division of the UK's Permanent Joint Headquarters at Northwood, went on to be Assistant Chief of Naval Staff in London and finally served as Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command. He was appointed Chief Executive of the MCA in July 2010. He is particularly proud to have served as Commodore of the Royal Naval Sailing Association from 2008-2010.

Following the talk, prizes will be awarded to this year's log competition winners. Tickets are £15 and include a buffet supper. Bookings in advance, please, from the secretariat on 0207 537 2828 or [office@cruising.org.uk](mailto:office@cruising.org.uk).

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