



The Cruising Association The Mediterranean Section



The Cruising Association's Mediterranean Section came into being from small beginnings, a 20 strong Eastern Mediterranean Special Interest Group. It has now grown into a large community of cruising sailors numbering 750 plus. Most members sail their boats in the Mediterranean, but some are still in the planning stage of heading there. We are a group of like-minded people who support, help and encourage each other. We do this by keeping in contact electronically and meeting up both in the UK and the Mediterranean.



Our communications and information systems

Section members communicate electronically where possible, via our forums and nets and, in particular, through MedNet. A query or comment posted on MedNet goes out immediately and invariably receives rapid and comprehensive replies.



Within these searchable forums and nets is a wealth of information to support and enhance any Mediterranean sailing experience. The information is always up-to-date as the membership constantly contributes information on pilotage, regulations, gear, services, shops, restaurants, etc about the places they visit.

For example during 2010 members have kept each other updated on issues like:

- The proposed changes to the Turkish Visitor's visa
- Implementation of a new tax in Greece
- Depths of water found in the harbours along the foot of Italy which are very prone to silting
- Where to exchange Camping Gaz cylinders in Greece following the recent supply interruptions
- The best place to leave your boat during the winter in Sicily
- Navigation problems in the Levkas Canal... .. And many, many more.

We also provide

- Annual updates of our Mediterranean Pilot Books which also include lay-up information. These are available as PDF files that can be downloaded or printed and kept on board
- Web Cruising Guides that cover the whole Mediterranean. These contain information on cruising areas and specific ports, marinas and anchorages, on boat preparation, regulations, paperwork etc. This information is extremely useful when planning next season's sailing adventure!
- The Cruising Association also edits Adlard Coles' Yachtsman's Ten-Language Dictionary, a valuable resource when sailing between Mediterranean countries



Support in the Mediterranean

The Section takes special responsibility for the Association's 50+ Honorary Local Representatives located in the Mediterranean. These special people are always willing to offer help and support to our members as they sail through their areas.

Meetings and Social Events

Section meetings are held in CA House twice a year, November and February, along with an annual all-day Mediterranean Seminar in March.

The Section organises other 'get togethers'

- *Cruises in Company. Members meet up and cruise for a week or so. These have taken place off the south coast of Turkey, the south of France and, in 2010, from Simi to Crete*
- *A winter land-based excursion. In 2011 this will be to Istanbul*
- *Two annual parties. The Summer Party takes place in a member's garden somewhere in the UK. January's boat show party is held at CA House*
- *But of course our best parties are the ad hoc ones that happen when members meet up in warm and exotic places!*



Membership of the Mediterranean Section is free and open to all CA members

If you would like to join the Cruising Association please contact CA House at office@cruising.org.uk or telephone 020 7537 2828

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