



GERRARDS CROSS SAILING ASSOCIATION

The off season club for boating enthusiasts

For those interested in sailing, boats, maritime matters, anything that floats

Come and Join Us
Visitors Welcome

Illustrated Talks
Wednesday evenings

October - March

Coffee and Bar open 7.45pm
Talks 8.15pm – 10.00pm

Spring 2024 Season

See www.gxsa.org.uk/programme
Talks in Colston Hall and online

Also social events, days out and friendship all year round

Gatherings afloat in the Sailing Season

Talks free to members, visitors £5
www.gxsa.org.uk

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GXSA PROGRAMME – Spring 2024

Wednesday 10 th January	Wildlife of Galapagos, S Georgia and Falklands – Peter Brinsden Peter is a retired hospital consultant and also served as an RN Surgeon Commander. He enjoys wildlife photography and will tell us about his journey in the footsteps of Darwin in Galapagos, and show us the amazing scenery and wildlife of the South Atlantic Islands.
Wednesday 17 th January	Brunel's Three Ships – Jim Cannon From an early age, Jim has been fascinated by Brunel, one of the greatest engineers of the 19 th Century. He will tell us about the history of Brunel's 3 most famous ships. Jim is a GXSA member but lives in Australia during the English winter, so he will speak via Zoom.
Wednesday 24 th January	Lyme Regis or Bust: Unfortunately Bust – John Apps John is one of our most accomplished GXSA sailors and was beginning to move his boat south for the winter. It didn't quite work out that way, but events resulted in him meeting a man living in the Isle of Wight with an exceptional life-story skipping large sailing yachts.
Wednesday 31 st January	Musings of a Freelance Delivery Skipper – Bill van Bommel Bill is a Dutch mariner who started life at sea aged 15 on cargo ships but subsequently spent many years delivering motor yachts all over Europe's inland waterways. He now lives on his boat in Windsor and has written a book about his adventures. CA Speaker
Wednesday 7 th February	Sailing and Diving in Antarctic waters – Alison Vincent Featured in the recent Make it at Market BBC series, Alison makes glass art locally and will display some at her talk, but she also loves exploring remote wilderness and oceans. She will tell us about her sailing in the Drake passage, Svalbard and diving in Antarctica.
Wednesday 14 th February	South of the River: London's Cradle of Power – Jeremy Batch The story of Greenwich, Woolwich and Deptford - building ships overseen by Samuel Pepys and fitting out for James Cook, Trinity House, East India Company, the Arsenal, the Seamen's Hospital, the first steam railway and much more!... CA Speaker
Wednesday 21 st February	From Dinghies to the Fastnet Race – Ben Palmer Ben was a highly competitive dinghy sailor as a teenager but then went into personal coaching while still enjoying some sail cruising. Always a racer, things got more exciting when he joined the crew of a highly ranked boat in the challenging 2023 Fastnet Race.
Wednesday 28 th February	Boat Jumble and GXSA Member Talks – What we did last Summer This is it - the annual opportunity to sell your unneeded sailing gear, books, charts etc. to your friends. A share of all proceeds will go to support GXSA. This will be interspersed with some very entertaining accounts of GXSA members' sailing trips last season.
Wednesday 6 th March	Royal Clarence Dockyard – David Verghese Until the early 1800s, ship provisioning and servicing was from small yards in Gosport and Portsmouth. David will explain how the Royal Clarence Yard in Gosport developed and how it virtualised the Royal Navy from the pre-Victorian era to the late 20 th century.
Wednesday 13 th March	Annual General Meeting AGM and review of the year's activities, followed by a briefing on plans for the GXSA Annual Dinner, Summer Rallies, Events and next season's programme.



GXSA Website

Programme may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

The talks will be delivered in Colston Hall and on Zoom.

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Autumn 2024 talks will begin on Wednesday 9th October 2024