

GXSA PROGRAMME – Spring 2025

Wednesday 8 th January	Cruising with Jason – Nick Cook Join Jason and the Argonauts on the first and greatest sea cruise in history. You will harass Harpies, slay Spartoi, generally live the heroic life and navigate the Hellespont against the main current. Berths are filling fast, so don't miss the quest for the Golden Fleece!
Wednesday 15 th January	Boat Recycling and Re-Homing, Suffolk – Ignat Fialkovskiy Selling or scrapping an old boat can be difficult and non-recyclable components make breaking boats an unprofitable and ecologically damaging choice. So, what can be done with end-of-life boats, damaged boats or boat projects that were never completed?
Wednesday 22 nd January	Northwards to the Faroe Islands – Bob Hendicott Bob has sailed Rosinis, his Rustler 36, from its Solent base as far as the Azores in the mid-Atlantic and Svalbard in the high Arctic. Island destinations always seem to have a big attraction for him - this talk is about his 2023 sailing expedition to the Faroe Islands.
Wednesday 29 th January	European Sailing in 2024 and the Vendée Globe – GXSA members Interesting summaries of GXSA members' 2024 European coastal sailing, how to visit France by boat without meeting immigration officers and insights into the 2024 Vendee Globe race. Previously scheduled talk by Timothy Long has been postponed.
Wednesday 5 th February	Canal History and Amusing Tales – Roger Butler Roger is a Fellow of the Royal Geographic Society; he will tell us about some of the history of canals in Britain and their impressive engineering. Many entertaining stories too, including a pioneering canal honeymoon in 1962, Stoke on Trent, Wolverhampton!..
Wednesday 12 th February	Sailing Round Britain, the Easy Way – Kim Sturgess Kim had enjoyed club racing and some brief sailing holidays before he decided to sail around Britain. Sailing mostly single-handed, he broke the voyage into a series of day sails, visiting 48 towns and making it an achievable ambition for many weekend sailors.
Wednesday 19 th February	Empowering Young People out on the Ocean – Alastair Floyd The Tall Ships Youth Trust supports youth development, taking over 1200 young people on their fleet of Challenger 72 boats each year. CEO Alastair Floyd will share experiences and explain the impact of the programme, along with operational details of the fleet. CA talk
Wednesday 26 th February	HM Coastguard: what happens when your EPIRB goes off – Tom Barnett Tom is National Network Commander at the Coastguard Joint Rescue Coordination Centre. He will explain the extensive work of HM Coastguard with a particular emphasis on how technology has revolutionised search and rescue operations.
Wednesday 5 th March	The Green Blue – Kate Fortnam (RYA) The Green Blue is the RYA's environmental outreach programme, promoting a sustainable UK leisure marine sector. This talk will explore all aspects of how the boating community can act responsibly to avoid pollution and also protect wildlife and the environment. CA Talk
Wednesday 12 th March	Annual General Meeting AGM with a review of the year's activities and discussion of GXSA strategy; also a briefing on plans for the GXSA Annual Dinner, Summer Rallies, Events and next season's programme.

Programme may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

The talks will be delivered in Colston Hall.

See www.gxsa.org.uk/programme for details and updates.

Talks are free to GXSA members, Visitors £5 (£2 for CA members)

Autumn 2025 talks will begin on Wednesday 8th October 2025

