GXSA

GERRARDS CROSS SAILING ASSOCIATION

The off season club for boating enthusiasts

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

GXSA Website

Come and Join Us
Visitors Welcome

RYA Affiliated

Illustrated Talks
Wednesday evenings
October - March

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

Autumn 2026 Season
See www.gxsa.org.uk/programme
Talks in Colston Hall, Memorial Centre

Also social events, days out and friendship all year round

Gatherings afloat in the Sailing Season

Talks free to members, visitors £5
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GXSA PROGRAMME – Autumn 2026

Wednesday 14th October	**Summer 2026 Sailing in Normandy and Brittany – GXSA speakers** Over a 3-week period, several boats from GXSA and Yately SC visited interesting parts of the French coast, meeting up occasionally to enjoy the beaches, food and liquid refreshments. Between Le Havre in the east and Trebeurden in Brittany, there are many good stories to tell.
Wednesday 21st October	**Shipwrecks of the Thames – Rob Smith** Among the thousands of shipwrecks in the Thames, Rob will tell us about a sunken Roman cargo ship, a mysterious sinking during the Cold War, a ship sinking that shocked Samuel Pepys and an update on the ship full of explosives that is still there…. CA Talk
Wednesday 28th October	**Salvage Masters – Kevin Patience** Kevin qualified as a diver while in the RAF and subsequently established TechDive, doing ship salvage and commercial diving in Africa and the Middle East. His hobby became a full-time job and he has published several books and numerous articles on shipwrecks.
Wednesday 4th November	**Climate Change and Sailing – Tim Reader** Tim is a Climate Change consultant and has served as Senior Climate Change Advisor at the Environment Agency. His talk will consider how we can plan for major changes in sea level that may affect the UK, for example flood prevention, shipping, fisheries and tourism.
Wednesday 11th November	**The Ocean: Truth, Myth or Misinformation – Isabelle Ansorge** We hear about ocean current collapse, tipping points, conveyor shutdown, marine life at risk but what is really going in our oceans and how will it affect us and other parts of the world? Professor Ansorge will separate the science from the spin. CA Talk
Wednesday 18th November	**The Fastnet Race – Jon England** Jon has a strong racing history in the RORC series, campaigning a Sigma 38 named Vitesse. He successfully finished the Fastnet Race several times in recent years in demanding conditions and will tell us about what it takes to compete at this level.
Wednesday 25th November	**Lighthouse Explorers – Annie Spencer** Annie began creating content for Lighthouse Explorers while completing her degree in Archaeology. They uncover the legends and lesser-known stories behind these incredible coastal landmarks, including the people who built, tended and lived alongside them.
Wednesday 2nd December	**River Safety on the Thames – Dave Webb** Dave served in the Met, as a Diver and skippering Police vessels on the Thames. He is now busy refitting his Moody 36. Offering tips and advice to keep safe on the water, he will discuss his recent service in the Dive Team and the Police role on the Thames.
Wednesday 9th December	**Superyachts – Richard Lambert** Richard is a senior executive with Burgess Yachts, one of the leading global companies in the superyacht sale and charter business. He will tell us about his career, what makes an outstanding luxury yacht and maybe a chance to ask about unusual client requirements…
Wednesday 16th December	**Cast Off for Christmas** Our usual mixture of Christmas refreshments with several short entertaining talks by members, the annual photo competition and a look ahead to next season's programme.

The talks will be delivered in Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross.
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Talks are free to GXSA members, Visitors £5 (£4 for CA members)
Spring 2027 talks will begin on Wednesday 6th January 2027

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