

## Agenda 2025

Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich, IP9 2RX

Time	Session	Presenters
0915 – 10:00	Registration and Refreshments	
1000 –1020	Welcome & introductions	Sara Hopkinson Deputy Chair RYA East
1030 –1130	<b>Workshops Round 1</b> – Choose 1 to attend	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choosing and Using a Life-Raft – with live inflation top tips &amp; opportunity to inspect life-raft packs</li> </ul>	Roland Mann, Suffolk Marine Safety
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pioneer Sailing Trust – saving and sailing their historic vessel, support opportunities and apprenticeships</li> </ul>	Robin Cole, skipper Pioneer
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sailing Blind – assistive technology for the visually impaired; an interactive, hands-on session</li> </ul>	Ian Jewry, East Anglian Sailing Trust.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weather forecasting – models, apps and scepticism</li> </ul>	Larry Botheras, West Mersea YC
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackling the Thames – all you need to know, including navigation, regulations and problem solving.</li> </ul>	Liam Battersby, Met. Police Marine Unit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Antifouling Dilemma – balancing cost, performance, and the environment</li> </ul>	Jacob Cook, Essex University
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Essex Police Marine Unit – the work and vessels of the team based at Burnham on Crouch</li> </ul>	Alex Southgate, Essex Police Marine Unit
1130 –1200	Break, networking and refreshments	
1200 –1300	<b>Breakout sessions</b> – Choose 2 to attend within the hour (25-minute informal discussions and technical talks)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When does my boat need a survey? Advice from a local professional surveyor</li> </ul>	John Munns, West Mersea Yacht Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What do local Coastguard volunteers do? How can I help? Could I join?</li> </ul>	Richard Harvey, Station Officer

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pitfalls of AIS – Automatic Identification System – is it as good as Radar?</li> </ul>	Larry Botheras, West Mersea Yacht Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can I think critically in a stressful situation? A scenario-based workshop looking at decision making under pressure.</li> </ul>	Richard Harris, Orwell Yacht Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tidy minded skippers can be dangerous! Can safety equipment be stowed too securely?</li> </ul>	Colin Stracey, Care Ashore Trustee
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Life-raft advice – should I buy, or should I rent? What is an HRU? Do I need one and how should it be fitted?</li> </ul>	Roland Mann, Suffolk Marine Safety
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pinpoint or Perish – The importance of avoiding ambiguity when reporting a position. A discussion about preventing confusion, especially when lives are at stake during marine emergencies</li> </ul>	Robin Cole, Nottage Nautical Institute
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How to go sailing without a boat! Cruising opportunities with local sailing associations</li> </ul>	Adastral Park Sailing Club, Nancy Blackett Trust, Kessingland Sea Sailing Club
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protecting our Playground – Gain insight into RYA work to represent boaters in planning consultations. Share your concerns about works in coastal and inland water.</li> </ul>	Cloe Evans, RYA Boating Information Officer
1300 -1400	Lunch and networking	
1415 -1515	<b>Workshops Round 2</b> – Choose 1 to attend (A repeat of round 1)	
1515 -1545	Break, networking and refreshments	
1545 -1615	Summary, prize draw and close.	Alice Davies Chair RYA East