

Agenda 2026

Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich, IP9 2RX

Time	Session	Presenters
09:00 – 09:45	Registration and Refreshments	
09:45 – 10:30	Welcome, aims & event overview An introduction to Fox's Yacht Sales RYA Together on Water – Representing Cruising Boaters	Sara Hopkinson, Deputy Chair RYA East Charles Vinten, Fox's Yacht Sales James Stuart, RYA Director of Corporate Affairs
10:30 – 11:30	Talks Round 1 – Choose 1 to attend (Topics repeated in Talks Round 2 @ 13:30)	
	"Baltic or Bust" a voyage in the wake of Erskine Childers – a trip from Belgium through the Frisian Islands and into the Baltic	Karen Hubbard Lowestoft Cruising Club
	Is Your Rig Ready? Simple checks every boat owner should know	Aaron Woolf Compass Riggig
	Is it always 'Plain Sailing'? How do we and the crew respond when a potential situation develops? An examination and discussion focusing on effective human behaviour when things start to go wrong	Richard Harris Orwell Yacht Club
	"Definitely not Roger, Wilco, Over and Out" come along and sharpen up your VHF radio knowledge	Ian Low & Larry Botheras West Mersea Yacht Club
	Choosing a lifejacket seems more complicated than it used to be! The basics, plus modern features & add-ons	Roland Mann Suffolk Marine Safety
	The voyage of Zorra. A round Britain cruise from Shotley Marina to Brightlingsea, the long way	Adrian Gibbons & John Paxman Colne Yacht Club
11:30 – 12:00	Break, networking and refreshments	

12:00 – 12:45	Workshops Round A – Choose 1 to attend (Topics repeated in Workshops Round B @ 15:00)	
	Small boat diesel fuel systems, how they work and how to fix them when they don't	Brian Warwick West Mersea Yacht Club
	Rope Repairs at Sea: Essential splicing skills for sailors	Dan Waxman Compass Rigging
	Smooth Sailing: Buying, selling & maintaining boats with confidence – a guide through the whole brokerage journey	Charles Vinten Fox's Yacht Sales
	Defibrillators. An opportunity to understand when and how they should be used from a local Community First Responder	Anna Caston Pin Mill Sailing Club
	What owners can check on their lifejacket and when is a professional service required?	Roland Mann Suffolk Marine Safety
	Radio procedures in practice; an opportunity to have hands-on practice with VHF/DSC radio simulators	Ian Low & Larry Botheras West Mersea Yacht Club
	Celebrating 60 years of entry level sailing through the Westerly Owners Association – What Next"	Bob Walker – Commodore Westerly Owners Association
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch and networking	
13:45 – 14:45	Talks Round 2 – Choose 1 to attend (A repeat of Round 1)	
14:45 – 15:15	Break, networking and refreshments	
15:15 – 16:00	Workshops Round B – Choose 1 to attend (A repeat of Round A)	
16:00–16:30	Summary, prize draw and close.	Alice Davies Chair RYA East