

CAMSAIL PROGRAMME

2026 – 2027

Winter Programme for Sailors

Living in or near Cambridge

CAMSAIL is a club which meets monthly from October to March to enjoy a wide range of illustrated talks, given by invited speakers and club members, and provides an opportunity to socialise in a nautical atmosphere (albeit in central Cambridge!).

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday evening of each month at 19.30 for 19.45. We meet in the Cambridge and County Bowling Club, Brooklands Avenue, CB2 8FG. The club is situated towards the west end of Brooklands Avenue on the north side, and parking is available there. There is a bar open before each meeting.

There is an annual subscription (to cover the cost of the venue and speakers' expenses), but those new to us are welcome to attend one meeting without charge or any commitment to join.

since the last season, and to get to know other members.

December 9th: Members' Evening

Lucy Bruzzone: will share her experience as Port Lockroy Base Leader on the tiny Goudier Island. The island is home to the first permanent British scientific research base in Antarctica, a thousand penguins, a post office and a small team of four for the season. She will introduce some of the many yachts and ships which visited, and highlight how travelling to Antarctica got her back into sailing.

November 11th: Penguins, Yachts and a Post Office in Antarctica

Cathy Shelbourne: Maritime historian Cathy Shelbourne and writer Erskine Childers share a common ancestor. In this talk, Cathy explores the Childers family tree and their connections with Cambridgeshire - and traces Erskine's career from sailor to spy to author of one of the most famous sailing stories of all time, 'The Riddle of the Sands', set in the shifting sands of the German Frisian Islands before the outbreak of the First World War.

October 7th: The Riddle of the Sands

Our club, now in its seventeenth season, has a membership of around 50. Some of the members have or have had their own yachts, others enjoy sailing by chartering or as crew, others have sailed in the past or are simply interested in all things nautical!

We organise trips during the spring & autumn, and try to help skippers looking for crew and vice versa.

Our club welcomes a connection with the Cruising Association (www.theqa.org.uk) through their Suffolk Section. The Camsail programme is published in the C.A.

Committee (2026/27)

President: Peter Jones
Chairman: Jim Hibbert
Secretary: Lucy Bruzzone
Treasurer: Malcolm Dee
Member: Lotti Kuhn
Member: Jenny Martin



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– and the new challenges it brought.

March 10th: Attitude's Summer in Scotland

Cathy Brown: and her husband Richard cruised and raced sailing yachts from the East Coast for more than 40 years before converting to a motorboat – 'Attitude' - to enable them to stay afloat in advancing years. Cathy's talk recounts their first big adventure under power – from the River Orwell they ventured up the East Coast, through the Caledonian Canal, out into the Western Isles and back again

Ella Hibbert: will talk about her planned single-handed Arctic circumnavigation in her steel hulled yacht 'Yeva'. She started her adventure in 2025, and in that autumn was about half way through, with the yacht over-wintering in Alaska, having completed the NW Passage. Her aim is to finish the journey in 2026 via the NE Passage, drawing attention to the disappearing polar ice caps. She will talk about the journey, and the mental and physical challenges she faced, including ice floes, shallow water and fire.

An Arctic Circumnavigation

February 3rd: Sailing for our Climate:

learned when comfort disappears and decisions truly count.

Carl Lamb: Battling Southern Ocean storms, sleepless watches and raw teamwork, Carl raced the 2024 Sydney to Hobart, where resilience mattered more than speed. A story of leadership under pressure, trust at sea, and lessons learned when comfort disappears and decisions truly count.

Teamwork & Training on the Edge

January 6th: Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race 2024: