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Looking for something?

As you will likely be aware, the club experienced a catastrophic failure of the members portal website. We are in the process of building a new members portal, but will provide some temporary solutions for things that were there. Watch this space... and we will announce on the TNA.

There is however a new Events Calender which you can see under the members corner menu on the left.

We are still working on updating our Web / IT infrastructure and since we are volunteers it might take a bit of time. If you have a question or suggestion please email: it@greenwichyachtclub.co.uk

Merchandise

You can order a GYC burgee from Ensign Flags.

You can buy | GYC branded clothing here. here, but ignore the link to buy burgees on that page (will be updated shortly to Ensign Flags)

Books recommended by members

Book Title	Au th or	Member Comment	Available online
Magic of the Swatchways	Ma uri ce Gri ffit hs	A classic account of east coast sailing and a good read	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Magic- Swatchways-M- GRIFFITHS/dp /0713656913/
Sailing alone around the world: A voyage beyond imagination	Jos hu a SI oc u m	I just finished listening to Captain Slocum on Audible!	https://www. amazon.co.uk /dp /B0722YJ54Q/
Alone through the Roaring Forties	Vit o Du m as	The opposite of above. What a character	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Alone-Through- Roaring-Forties- Dumas/dp /0229642012/
Anything	Ma uri ce Gri ffit hs	Anything by Maurice Griffiths is pretty good mind you	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Maurice- Griffiths/e /B000APC0H6
	H. Le wi s Jo		https://lodestarb ooks.com



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Swin, Swale & Swatchway	ne s	a Victorian account of sailing the Thames Estuary - a predecessor of Maurice Griffiths	/product/swin- swale- swatchway-2/
Sailing Just For Fun	A C St oc k		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Sailing-Just- Fun-Adventure- Budget/dp /0953818063/
On And Offshore : Cruising The Thames And The East Coast	Di ck Du rh a m	Ex-editor of Yachting Monthly who loves east coast sailing.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Offshore- Cruising- Thames-East- Coast/dp /B00AV5GAJE/
Swallows and Amazons (series)	Ar th ur Ra ns o m	We didn't mean to go to sea seems particularly relevant, though having grown up on the Norfolk Broads myself the Coot Club and Big Six have always been my favourite	https://www. amazon.co.uk /dp /B0891WSSSP
Cruise of the Nona	Hil air e Be Ilo c		https://www. amazon.co.uk /dp /B08X4V8Q2B/
Voyages of a Simple Sailor, Ming Ming & The Tonic of Wildness	Ro ge r D. Ta ylo r	Roger Taylor's books on sailing his junk-rigged Corribee and Achilles 24 long distances, including to the Azores and up to Svalbard (Ming Ming) are a good read too and shows what can be done with small yachts	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Roger-DTaylor /e/B00404KTUI
	W eb b Ch		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Single-Wave- Stories-Storms-



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A Single Wave	ile s		Survival-ebook /dp /B01BNZMHRE/
Close to the Wind: An Extraordinary Story of Triumph Over Adversity	Pe te Go ss	Pete Goss and Ellen McArthur and of course Francis Chichester on sailing round the world - character building stuff	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Close-Wind- Extraordinary- Triumph- Adversity-ebook /dp /B004TG6XDE/
Taking on the World	EII en Ma cA rth ur		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Taking-World- Ellen-MacArthur- ebook/dp /B004LLIHGS/
Full Circle		Pete Goss and Ellen McArthur and of course Francis Chichester on sailing round the world - character building stuff	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Full-Circle- Ellen-MacArthur- ebook/dp /B0040QDMLE/
Gipsy Moth Circles The World	Fr an cis Ch ich es ter		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Gipsy-Circles- World-Francis- Chichester- ebook/dp /B009H64A6I/
This Precious Isle: One Man's Journey Around Britain	Ki m St ur ge ss	A rather more achievable circumnavigation.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /This-Precious- Isle-Journey- Britain/dp /1848766823/
The Unlikely Voyage of Jack De Crow: A Mirror Odyssey from	AJ Ma		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Unlikely- Voyage-Jack- Crow-Odyssey-



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North Wales to the Black Sea	cki no n	And for sheer oddness AJ Mackinon's Jack de Crow on sailing from Gloucester to the mouth of the Danube is a good read.	ebook/dp /B01E7Z7FLA/
The last grain race	Eri c Ne wb	Eric Newby, who went on to become a famous travel writer, signed up for 18 months with the largest sailing fleet still in existence in 1938. This is his account of his first voyage in the final great sailing "grain race", leaving from Belfast on a four masted square rigger bound for Australia to bring back several thoudans tonnes of antipodean grain.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Last-Grain- Race-Eric- Newby-ebook /dp /B00KFEH12G/
Coasting Bargemaster	Bo b Ro be rts	Bob Roberts' engaging first hand account of life skippering sailing cargo barges on the Thames Estuary pre and during the second world war, including on one that tried to kill him and his crew.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Coasting- Bargemaster- Sleightholme/dp /0953818012
Last of the sailormen	Bo b Ro be rts	Bob Roberts' first hand account of skippering during the last days of hauling cargo around the Thames Estuary by sail alone.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Last-Sailormen- Publisher- Seafarer- Paperback/dp /B00SLSUJJ0/
Riddle of the sands	ne	Reputedly the first ever spy novel, and written as a warning about the massing of German naval power before the start of the first world war. A great read, and although fictional his great personal experience of sailing shoal draft craft around the eastern North sea coast shines through.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Riddle-Sands- Erskine- Childers-ebook /dp /B01KY1YZ2S/
Jaws	Pe ter Be nc hl		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Jaws-Benchley- Peter-July- Paperback/dp /B015YMLWFA/
Eight Bells	Ch ris to ph er		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Eight-Bells-Top- Masts-Diaries /dp



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and Top Masts	Le e		/0747264201/
Down to the Sea in Ships	Ho rat io Cl ar e	About modern life on a container ship out of Felixstowe. Worth it if only for the incredible precision navigation.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Down-Sea- Ships-Ageless- Oceans/dp /0099526298/
The Command of the Ocean: A Naval History Of Britain, 1649- 1815	N. A. M. Ro dg er	Fascinating account of british naval history. On the reading list for potential RN officers. How I discovered the origin of the term "Gunboat diplomacy".	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Command- Ocean-History- Britain-1649- 1815/dp /0141026901/
The book of tides	m	Non fiction, written by a graphic artist who has travelled the coasts of the uk with his young family in a camper van to surf. It's written in a refreshingly direct style, and is full of intriguing observations, facts and trivia about everything to do with tides, all explained with expert diagrams. It's not a text book, nor a travelogue. The reviews on Amazon give a flavour of what to expect.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Book-Tides- William- Thomson/dp /1786480794/
The lonely sea and sky	Fr an cis Ch ich es ter		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Lonely-Sea- Sky-Francis- Chichester/dp /184953201X/
Cruising Under Sail	Eri c Hi sc oc k		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Cruising-Under- Sail-Eric-Hiscock /dp /0713635649/
Yacht Cruising	CI au de W ort		https://www. abebooks.co.uk /book-search /title/yacht- cruising/author



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The Cruise of the Falcon	E F Kn ig ht		https://www. amazon.co.uk /Cruise-Falcon- Edward- Frederick-Knight /dp /0469173211/
A World of My Own	Ro bi n Kn ox - Jo hn st on	The story of the first ever non-stop solo circumnavigation of the world.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /World-My-Own- Non-stop- Voyage/dp /1472974409/
Sailing all the Seas in Idle Hour	W H Jo hn so n		
Building a Little Ship	W H Jo hn so n		
Attention All Shipping	Ch arl ie Co nn ell y	Charlie Connelly wittily explores the places behind the voice, those mysterious regions whose names seem often to bear no relation to conventional geography.	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Attention-All- Shipping- Journey- Forecast/dp /0349116032/
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LodeStar Books	ho us e	New and neglected nautical writings - a good range, some listed below - printed and ebooks available	https://lodestarb ooks.com/
For the love of Sauntress	Ma rti n O' Sc an lo n	Saling an engineless classic yacht	https://lodestarb ooks.com /product/for-the- love-of- sauntress/
The Marine Quarterly	Jo ur na I	The Marine Quarterly is 112 pages of intelligent sea reading, they say (£7.50 an issue)	https://www. themarinequart erly.com/
One Summer's Grace	Lib by Pu rv es	A family voyage around Britain	https://www. amazon.co.uk /One-Summers- Grace-Libby- Purves-ebook /dp/B0043VDID8
One Wild Song	Pa ul He in ey	Sailing to Patagonia after losing his son	https://www. amazon.co.uk /One-Wild-Song- Voyage-Lost- ebook/dp /B00U0YXV6G
Last Man Across the Atlantic	Pa ul He in ey	Singlehanded transatlantic race in a cruising yacht	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Last-Man- Across-Atlantic /dp/1845960556
To the Baltic with Bob	Gri ff Rh ys- Jo ne s	Sailing a classic yacht to St Petersburg	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Baltic-Bob-Epic- Misadventure /dp /0141012862/
	Na o		https://www. amazon.co.uk



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At One With the Sea	mi Ja m es	the first woman to sail single-handed around the world	/At-One-Sea- Alone-Around /dp /009136860X
Once is Enough	Mil es S m ee to	Classic account from the Smeetons sailing their yacht - including being pitchpoled twice in the Southern Ocean	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Once-Enough- Miles-Smeeton /dp /0007535104/
Old Man Sailing	Jo hn Pa ss m or e	Retired man sails off on his own to escape Covid lockdown	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Old-Man- Sailing-dreams- lifetime/dp /B08TQ9KV48/
The Long Way	Be rn ar d Mo ite ssi er	The man who would have won the race that Knox-Johnston did, if he hadn't decided to do another lap	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Long-Way- Bernard- Moitessier/dp /1493042785/
My Lively Lady	Al ec Ro se	The greengrocer from Portsmouth who did what Chichester did	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Lively-Lady-Sir- Alec-Rose/dp /0245595651/
Maiden Voyage	Ta ni a Ae bi	The youngest woman to sail solo around the world when she did it in 1985 aged 18	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Maiden- Voyage-Tania- Aebi/dp /1476747725/
	La ur a De		https://www. amazon.co.uk /One-Girl- Dream-Laura-



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One Girl, One Dream	kk er	A 16 year old sailing on her own around the world in 2012	Dekker/dp /1775540995/
Maiden	Tr ac ey Ed wa rd s	The all-female crew on the 1989/90 Whitbread round the world race	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Maiden-Tracy- Edwards-ebook /dp /B01AHOFWQK/
Salty Dog - Nautical origins of everyday expressions	Ri ch ar d Mc Gl os ky	If you are chock-a-block, battening down the hatches in weather cold enough to freeze the balls off a brass monkey then I would not touch this one with a barge pole!	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Salty-Dog-Talk- Nautical- Expressions/dp /0713687495
Learn about Sailing and Boating	La dy bir d Bo ok s	Reported to be one half of the library of our very own Steve Wilson, qualified RYA instructer!	https://www. amazon.co.uk /Learnabout- Sailing-Boating- Ladybird-1972 /dp /B004CM2A64

Members external content

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