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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.

Books recommended by members

Book Title	Author	Member Comment	Available online
Magic of the Swatchways	Maurice Griffiths	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	Josha		https://www.amazon.co.uk

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voyage beyond imagination	Slocum	I just finished listening to Captain Slocum on Audible!	/dp/B0722YJ54Q/
Alone through the Roaring Forties	Vitoldumas	The opposite of above. What a character	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Alone-Through-Roaring-Forties-Dumas/dp/0229642012/
Anything	Maurice Griffiths	Anything by Maurice Griffiths is pretty good mind you	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Maurice-Griffiths/e/B000APC0H6
Swin, Swale & Swatchway	H. Lewis Jones	a Victorian account of sailing the Thames Estuary - a predecessor of Maurice Griffiths	https://lodestarbooks.com/product/swin-swale-swatchway-2/
Sailing Just For Fun	AC Stock		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Sailing-Just-Fun-Adventure-Budget/dp/0953818063/
On And Offshore : Cruising The Thames And The East Coast	Dick Durham	Ex-editor of Yachting Monthly who loves east coast sailing.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Offshore-Cruising-Thames-East-Coast/dp/B00AV5GAJE/
Swallows and	Arthur Rans	We didn't mean to go to sea seems particularly relevant, though	https://www.

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Amazons (series)	o m e	having grown up on the Norfolk Broads myself the Coot Club and Big Six have always been my favourite	amazon.co.uk/dp/B0891WSSSP/
Cruise of the Nona	Hil air e Be llo 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 Coribee 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-D.-Taylor/e/B00404KTUI
A Single Wave	W eb b Ch ile s		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Single-Wave-Stories-Storms-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	Ell en Ma cA rth ur	Pete Goss and Ellen McArthur and of course Francis Chichester on sailing round the world - character building stuff	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Taking-World-Ellen-MacArthur-ebook/dp/B004LLIHGS/
	Ell en Ma cA		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Full-Circle-Ellen-MacArthur-

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Full Circle	rthur	Pete Goss and Ellen McArthur and of course Francis Chichester on sailing round the world - character building stuff	ebook/dp/B0040QDMLE/
Gipsy Moth Circles The World	Francis Chichester	Pete Goss and Ellen McArthur and of course Francis Chichester on sailing round the world - character building stuff	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Gipsy-Circles-World-Francis-Chichester-ebook/dp/B009H64A6I/
This Precious Isle: One Man's Journey Around Britain	Kim Sturge	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 North Wales to the Black Sea	AJ Mackinnon	And for sheer oddness AJ Mackinnon's Jack de Crow on sailing from Gloucester to the mouth of the Danube is a good read.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Unlikely-Voyage-Jack-Crow-Odyssey-ebook/dp/B01E7Z7FLA/
The last grain race	Eric Newby	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 thousand tonnes of antipodean grain.	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Last-Grain-Race-Eric-Newby-ebook/dp/B00KFEH12G/
Coasting Bargemaster	Bob Roberts	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	Bob	Bob Roberts' first hand account of skippering during the last days	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Last-Sailormen-Publisher-Seafarer-

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sailormen	Roberts	of hauling cargo around the Thames Estuary by sail alone.	Paperback/dp/B00SLSUJJ0/
Riddle of the sands	Erskine Childers	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	Peter Benchley		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Jaws-Benchley-Peter-July-Paperback/dp/B015YMLWFA/
Eight Bells and Top Masts	Christopher Lee		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eight-Bells-Top-Masts-Diaries/dp/0747264201/
Down to the Sea in Ships	Horatio Clare	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. Rodgers	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/
	William Thoma	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	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Book-Tides-William-

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The book of tides	monson	with expert diagrams. It's not a text book, nor a travelogue. The reviews on Amazon give a flavour of what to expect.	Thomson/dp/1786480794/
The lonely sea and sky	Francis Chichester		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lonely-Sea-Sky-Francis-Chichester/dp/184953201X/
Cruising Under Sail	Eric Hiscock		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cruising-Under-Sail-Eric-Hiscock/dp/0713635649/
Yacht Cruising	Claude Worth		https://www.abeebooks.co.uk/book-search/title/yacht-cruising/author/claude-worth/
The Cruise of the Falcon	Edward Frederick Knight		https://www.amazon.co.uk/Cruise-Falcon-Edward-Frederick-Knight/dp/0469173211/
A World of My Own	Robin Knox-Johnston	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	WH		

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Seas in Idle Hour	Johnson		
Building a Little Ship	WH Johnson		
Attention All Shipping	Charlie Connelly	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/
LodeStar Books	Publishing house	New and neglected nautical writings - a good range, some listed below - printed and ebooks available	https://lodestarbbooks.com/
For the love of Sauntress	Martin O'Scanlon	Saling an engineless classic yacht	https://lodestarbbooks.com/product/for-the-love-of-sauntress/
The Marine Quarterly	Journal	The Marine Quarterly is 112 pages of intelligent sea reading, they say (£7.50 an issue)	https://www.themarinequarterly.com/
One Summer's	Libby Purves	A family voyage around Britain	https://www.amazon.co.uk/One-Summers-Grace-Libby-Purves-ebook

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Grace	rv es		/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/
At One With the Sea	Na o mi Ja m es	the first woman to sail single-handed around the world	https://www.amazon.co.uk/At-One-Sea-Alone-Around/dp/009136860X
Once is Enough	Mil es S m ee to n	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/
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The Long Way	rnard Moitessier	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	Alec Rose	The greengrocer from Portsmouth who did what Chichester did	https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lively-Lady-Sir-Alec-Rose/dp/0245595651/
Maiden Voyage	Tania Aebi	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/
One Girl, One Dream	Laura Dekker	A 16 year old sailing on her own around the world in 2012	https://www.amazon.co.uk/One-Girl-Dream-Laura-Dekker/dp/1775540995/
Maiden	Tracy Edwards	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	Richard McGlosky	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/
	Lady		https://www.amazon.co.uk

Book Title	Author	Member Comment	Available online
Learn about Sailing and Boating	bird Books	Reported to be one half of the library of our very own Steve Wilson, qualified RYA instructor!	/Learnabout-Sailing-Boating-Ladybird-1972/dp/B004CM2A64

Members external content

[Greg Penoyre Sailing Blog](#)