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Members portal

The members portal will be found at <https://members.greenwichyachtclub.co.uk>. On your first visit to the portal you will need to use the **Reset your password** link at the bottom of the form in order to set a password and login to your account.

The portal is the self-help online service for GYC members. Through the portal you can maintain your contact details and other personal information. Boat owners can keep their vessel's details updated, in particular upload their current insurance certificate.

Boat owners can also raise requests for yard movements. If you want your boat recovered from the river, launched from the yard, or even moved within the yard, we now require the the request be made through the portal. The records of yard movements are in future going to be used for the generation of yard bills.

If you have any difficulty using the portal please use the [Contact Us](#) link at the foot of all portal pages to report the problem.

Events Calendar

There is a Google based Events Calendar which you can see under the members corner menu on the left.

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 | 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 voyage beyond imagination | Joshua Slocum | I just finished listening to Captain Slocum on Audible! | https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0722YJ54Q/ |
| Alone through the Roaring Forties | Vito Dumas | 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/ |

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| 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 Amazons (series) | Arthur Ransome | 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 | Hilaire Belloc | | https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08X4V8Q2B/ |
| Voyages of a Simple Sailor, Ming Ming & The Tonic of Wildness | Roger D. Taylor | 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 | Webb Chiles | | https://www.amazon.co.uk/Single-Wave-Stories-Storms-Survival-ebook/dp/B01BNZMHRE/ |
| Close to the Wind: An Extraordinary Story of | Pete Goss | 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 |

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| Triumph Over Adversity | ss | | /B004TG6XDE/ |
| Taking on the World | Ellen MacArthur | 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/ |
| Full Circle | Ellen MacArthur | 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 | 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 Mackinon | And for sheer oddness AJ Mackinon'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 | https://www.amazon.co.uk/Last-Grain-Race-Eric-Newby-ebook/dp |

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| | wby | rigger bound for Australia to bring back several thousand tonnes of antipodean grain. | /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 sailormen | Bob Roberts | 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 | 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/ |

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| 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/ |
| The book of tides | William Thomson | 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 | 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.abebooks.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/ |

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| 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 Seas in Idle Hour | WH 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 | Martin O'Scan | | https://lodestarbbooks.com |

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| Sauntress | Ion | Saling an engineless classic yacht | /product/for-the-love-of-sauntress/ |
| The Marine Quarterly | Jonathan | The Marine Quarterly is 112 pages of intelligent sea reading, they say (£7.50 an issue) | https://www.themarinequarterly.com/ |
| One Summer's Grace | Libby Purves | A family voyage around Britain | https://www.amazon.co.uk/One-Summers-Grace-Libby-Purves-ebook/dp/B0043VDID8 |
| One Wild Song | Paul Heiney | 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 | Paul Heiney | Singlehanded transatlantic race in a cruising yacht | https://www.amazon.co.uk/Last-Man-Across-Atlantic/dp/1845960556 |
| To the Baltic with Bob | Griff Rhys-Jones | Sailing a classic yacht to St Petersburg | https://www.amazon.co.uk/Baltic-Bob-Epic-Misadventure/dp/0141012862/ |
| At One With the Sea | Namijiames | the first woman to sail single-handed around the world | https://www.amazon.co.uk/At-One-Sea-Alone-Around/dp/009136860X |
| | Miles M | | https://www.amazon.co.uk/Once-Enough- |

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| Once is Enough | ee to n | Classic account from the Smeeton sailing their yacht - including being pitchpoled twice in the Southern Ocean | Miles-Smeeton /dp /0007535104/ |
| Old Man Sailing | John Passmore | 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 | Bernard 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 |

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| | s | | /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 |
| Learn about Sailing and Boating | Ladybird Books | Reported to be one half of the library of our very own Steve Wilson, qualified RYA instructor! | https://www.amazon.co.uk/Learnabout-Sailing-Boating-Ladybird-1972/dp/B004CM2A64 |

Members external content

[Greg Penoyre Sailing Blog](#)