

OCEAN CRUISING CLUB®

Home Port for the Ocean Cruising Community

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The Ocean Cruising Club Your Connection to Greater Adventures



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***Over 2500 members in 41 countries worldwide
Sharing a common bond and a passion for adventure
With the oceans of the world as our clubhouse
Promoting long-distance cruising in all its forms***

***Sail 1000 nautical miles non-stop point to point
in a boat of not more than 70 feet and join the club!***

Or join as an associate member and cast off your lines

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A Club Unlike Any Other

The Ocean Cruising Club exists to encourage long-distance sailing in small boats

Members understand what it means to be at sea, to be completely reliant on our own skills, to be subject to the whims of Mother Nature, to be humbled and empowered at the same time. This is what sets us apart from other organisations, even as it draws us together as a group.

We bring the spirit of seafaring to our association by always being willing to assist any fellow sailor we meet, either afloat or ashore.

With Shared Values and Culture

Every full member has made a 1000 nautical mile offshore passage in a vessel of not more than 70 feet; associate members are committed to the achievement of that goal.

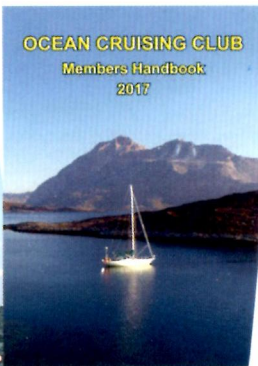
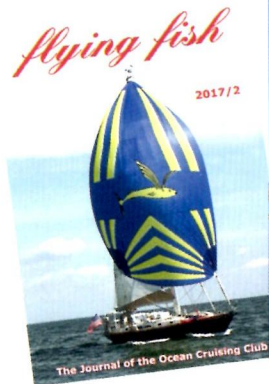
This standard distinguishes us from all other sailing clubs. While this defines who can join the OCC, we are more than a collection of people who have made long offshore passages. In sharing their feelings about the OCC, our members try to describe something elusive and intangible. Though it has no physical clubhouse, it is the "home port" for all of us who have sailed long distances across big oceans.

Sharing Experience with Others

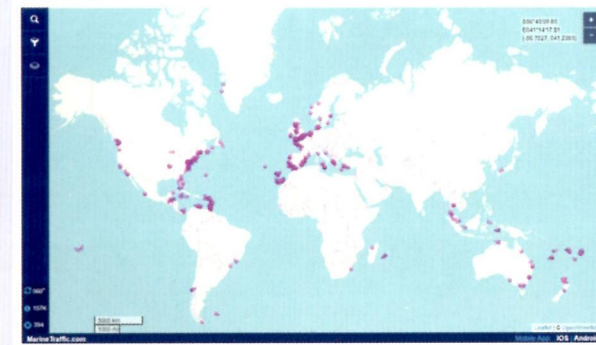
Our membership as a whole has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation and our members are passionate about sharing it with like-minded people.

By drawing on the experiences of all of our members and sharing the lessons they have learned, we have built a body of knowledge that will help future generations of offshore sailors.

Our journal *'Flying Fish'* is published twice a year, together with a quarterly *Newsletter* and an electronic *e-Bulletin*. The cruising information pages of the Website and Forum contain a wealth of information and material covering first-hand experiences of cruisers over most of the navigable waters of the globe, including the archive of *'Flying Fish'* back issues.



The OCC Fleet



OCC Port Officers



Welcoming Friends the World Over

Port Officers, Regional Rear Commodores, and Roving Rear Commodores provide assistance and organise events

The OCC maintains a vibrant network of more than 200 Port Officers worldwide as well as Regional Rear Commodores and Roving Rear Commodores to cover various geographic areas. They are the key to a wide range of social activities and communications in their local areas.

Regional Rear Commodores organise local events in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Europe, Ireland, the UK and the USA. Roving Rear Commodores stage events as they cruise. With these events and a significant number of members on passage, the blue and yellow burgee with its flying fish motif is flown proudly throughout the cruising waters of the world.

Tangible Benefits of Membership

- The **Port Officer network** of more than 200 representatives around the world who make us feel welcome and provide expert assistance in their home ports
- The **OCC Fleet Map** helps us locate members as we cruise
- **Gatherings and rallies** bring members together in person the world over
- **Valuable discounts** on berths, insurance and merchandise offered by many companies
- **Free berths and moorings** offered by members and affiliates
- The journal ***Flying Fish*** – in both print and digital formats – includes practical articles and inspiring stories of adventure
- The ***Newsletter, e-Bulletin, Facebook pages*** and **Twitter** feed keep members up-to-date on social events, rallies, and news
- The ***Members' Handbook*** and online **searchable database** provide access to fellow members
- The **OCC Website** is the home port that keeps members in touch with what's happening around the world, with news, photo galleries, video gallery and more
- The **OCC Forum** encourages members to post questions, discuss topics of interest, share expertise, and sell nautical merchandise to other members
- Connections with others who have preceded us help to make our own voyages successful, especially when it comes to the unique **Mentoring Programme**
- The **Youth Sponsorship Programme** enables young people to experience bluewater sailing by providing financial support and a berth with an experienced skipper
- The **Flying Fish Burgee** helps us find and connect with OCC members in the harbours of the world



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Don't Delay, Join Today

The Ocean Cruising Club has two types of membership:

Full Membership - A Full Member of the OCC must have completed a non-stop ocean passage between two ports, where the distance between the ports is not less than 1000 nautical miles measured by the shortest practical Great Circle route, as skipper or active member of the crew in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.3 m) LOA. The membership application can be completed online at <http://oceancruisingclub.org/Join-Online>.

Associate Membership - An Associate Member must have made a clear commitment to achieve the qualifying passage in a realistic and reasonable time-scale. The time allowed is at the discretion of the General Committee but is normally not more than three years.

Further details of Membership Categories, Qualifications required and current Subscription Rates can be found online at: <http://oceancruisingclub.org/Membership>.