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NEWSLETTER

Malta Cruising Club news and forthcoming events



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Club News

Welcome to this Newsletter where we keep you up to date of what was happening in the last few months and what will happen in the next few months!

Summer Cruises to Greece

A significant number of Club members' sailing boats crossed over to Greece this summer. Most of the boats made a direct 2–3-day direct crossing to the Ionian Sea and also sailed back using the direct route. Other boats sailed to one or two Calabria ports and then to Siracusa before returning back to Malta.

As far as we are aware, all boats had a fantastic stay in Greece, and we now have a large number of members with extensive experience in sailing to this popular sailing ground and we hope that this knowledge will continue to be passed on from one member to another for the benefit of all.

Any member or group of members who would like to share his experiences and give a talk on the subject to other members of the Club, can contact the Club Committee and we will organise a suitable Club event on the subject.

Marina Berthing Fees in Sicily

On a negative note, members have reported significant increases in berthing fees in most Sicilian marinas especially during August. There were reports that members were charged Euro 110 per night for a 37-foot sailing boat in Siracusa and others were charged Euro 80 per night in Scoglitti for similar boats in the same month. Marina di Ragusa and Marzamemi seems to have kept the same pricing policy as last year or slightly higher.

We strongly suggest you ask for the berthing prices when you make your bookings to these ports and if possible, negotiate the price with the marina at the time of the booking.

Forthcoming Talk: “*Inspecting your Boat*”

On Thursday 28 September 2023 we intend to organise a very interesting talk on how to inspect your own boat.

The objective of the talk is to give members some useful information to enable them to look for signs of emerging issues in a pro-active manner so that they can take corrective action appropriately thus preventing problems at sea and possibly expensive repairs.

“*Inspecting your Boat*” will be a talk given by Alan Cassar who is the Principal Surveyor of the company CSR Ltd. He has a master’s degree in marine surveying and is an officially appointed Malta Flag Government Surveyor. Alan has over 20 years of experience in the maritime industry. As a Malta Flag Government Appointed surveyor Alan has carried out a broad range of surveys ranging from the certification of fishing vessels, water sports crafts and small pleasure boats to certification of yachts/superyachts and audits on large cargo vessels.

The talk will be held at the conference room of Yachting Malta at Sa Maison in Floriana on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7:30 pm. The talk is open to all Club members free of charge. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available during the event. More details at the end of this newsletter.

We take this opportunity to thank Alan Cassar for offering to give us this presentation and also to Yachting Malta for offering their facilities to be used by the Club for this event.

Extraordinary General Meeting

Just before the talk by Alan Cassar on **Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7:00 pm**, we will hold a short Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to amend the Club Statute. A copy of the amended Statute will be sent attached to this Newsletter.

Please note that we have made various changes to the text of the Statute and its clauses. Most of the changes relate to shifting of text from one clause to another, changes in wording to reflect more modern legal terminology and typos and therefore with a few exceptions there are no material changes in the substance of the Statute itself.

However, the main reason for this EGM is for the members to approve, as soon as possible, major changes to the Disciplinary Clause of the statute.

To summarise, the material changes to the statute are the following:

1. Significant changes in the Disciplinary Clause (Clause 10). This clause is now subdivided into a number of sub-clauses and is quite comprehensive.
2. We made changes to the Statute to reflect the resignation of one of the Club Committee Members earlier this year and the co-option of two other members to the Committee instead (Clause 4).
3. We defined who can apply for the election to the Club Committee (Clause 8)

A formal notice of the EGM together with an Agenda of the meeting will be sent to all members by email at least 14 days before the date of the planned meeting.

Hog Roast Night 2023

On the 13th October 2023, we intend to hold the traditional annual Hog Roast Night. This year we will hold this event at Costa del Sole at Mellieha Bay. More details are also available at the end of this newsletter. Please make sure you book early because this is a popular Club event, and we might be limited on the number of bookings we can take. Members can book friends or other members of their family for this event but we a limiting booking by a member to only 4 other persons.

We look forward to receiving your bookings.

Thank you!

Austin Calleja
Hon Secretary



Inspecting your Boat - Alan Cassar

Thursday 28th September 2023 at 19:30 hrs

at the Yachting Malta Conference Room

Sa Maison House, Sa Maison Str., Floriana



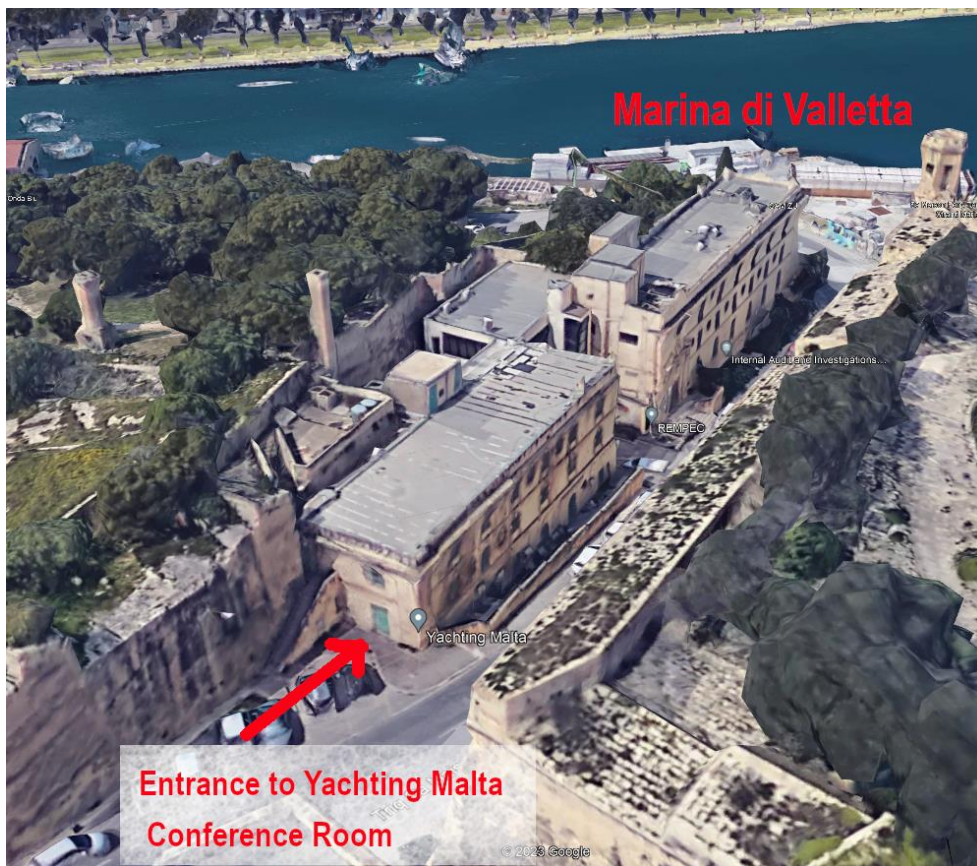
Alan Cassar, a surveyor with over 20 years' experience in the maritime industry, will give a presentation on how to inspect your boat, to identify the items which will require your attention.

After the presentation members will have the opportunity to ask question to Alan on the subject. The talk is open to all Club members and is free of charge.

Drinks, tea/coffee and biscuits will be served during this event.

The talk will be preceded by a Club EGM at 19:00 hrs. Please try to be punctual for the EGM so that we start the talk on time. The location of Sa Maison House is up the hill to Floriana/Valletta from the road adjacent to the Marina di Valletta in Sa Maison. The entrance to the building is as indicated in the maps below. Once you enter the building you need to go down one floor to the Conference Room.

You can book a seat for this technical talk by emailing us on maltacruisingclub@gmail.com indicating to us the number of persons attending.





Hog Roast Night

Friday 13 October 2023 at 19:30 hrs
Costa del Sole – Mellieha Bay



Back by popular demand every year – a Hog Roast Night, this year at Costa del Sole in Mellieha Bay (next to Vecchia Napoli in Mellieha Bay). There are plenty of parking spaces near the restaurant. Please see maps below indicating the exact location of the restaurant in Mellieha Bay.

Menu to include:

(i) Starter Platter + (ii) two pasta dishes + (iii) Slow roasted suckling pig & veg + (iv) dessert. The meal also includes free flowing water and soft drinks and bottle of wine (between 3 persons) or 2 glasses of beer.
(Full details of Menu to be sent to members in a separate email a few weeks before the event)

Price: Euro 40 per person

Booking is now open to members by sending an email to maltacruisingclub@gmail.com indicating the **number of persons attending**.

