



OCEAN CRUISING CLUB®



The Worldwide Community for Adventure Cruising Since 1954



Satisfy your spirit of adventure with the Ocean Cruising Club

More than 3,500 members in 85 countries worldwide

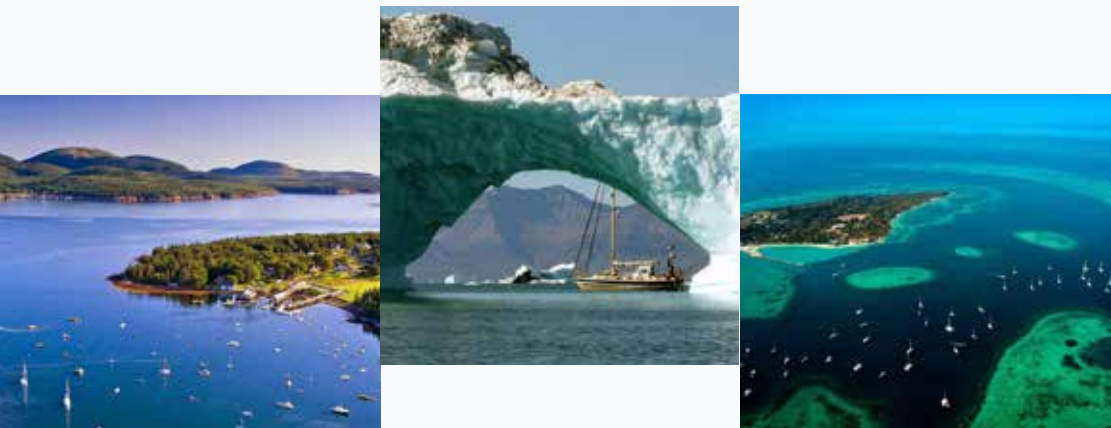
Sharing a common bond and a passion for adventure

With the oceans of the world as our clubhouse

Promoting long-distance cruising in all its forms

***Sail 1,000 nautical miles non-stop point to point in a boat
of 70 feet or less and join the club!***

Or join as an Associate Member and cast off your lines.



The global bluewater sailing club

The OCC 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 fellowship by always being willing to assist any sailor we meet, either afloat or ashore.



Figure 8 Voyage
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With shared values and culture

Every Full Member has made a 1,000 nautical mile offshore passage in a vessel of 70 feet or less; 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, it is more than a collection of people who have made a long, offshore passage. 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 has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation, and they are passionate about sharing it with like-minded people. By drawing on the experiences of our members and sharing the lessons they have learned, we have built a body of knowledge that helps each new generation of offshore sailors.

The journal *Flying Fish* is published twice a year, complemented by a quarterly Newsletter and an electronic monthly eBulletin. 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 the journal *Flying Fish* since 1991.



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Welcoming friends wherever we sail

The OCC maintains a vibrant network of 284 Port Officers worldwide to provide assistance and organise social and on-water events in key geographic areas.

Regional Rear Commodores organise local gatherings in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, Europe, Ireland, the UK and the USA. Roving Rear Commodores stage events and report from remote areas as they cruise.



With a significant number of members on passage, the blue and yellow burgee with its flying fish motif is carried proudly and connects members throughout the cruising waters of the world.



Many tangible benefits of membership

- **Port Officer network** of 284 representatives around the world make us feel welcome and provide expert assistance in their home ports
- **OCC App** showing news, members, Port Officers and the location of members' vessels via AIS
- **Gatherings and cruises in company** bring members together in person in remote corners of the earth
- **Valuable discounts** on berths, insurance and merchandise offered by our partners
- **Free moorings and slips** 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, eBulletin, Facebook groups, WhatsApp Groups, Twitter feed and Instagram page** keep members up to date on social events, cruises in company, and news
- **The Members' Handbook** and online **searchable database** provide access to fellow members



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- **The OCC Website** is the home port that keeps members in touch with what's happening around the world, with news, photo and video galleries and more
- **The OCC Forum** lets members post questions, discuss topics of interest, share expertise and sell nautical merchandise to other members
- **The OCC Challenge Grant** helps facilitate meritorious voyages of adventure or environmental concern
- **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 a berth with an experienced skipper and financial support
- **The Flying Fish Burgee** helps us find and connect with OCC members in the harbours of the world

Don't delay, join online today!

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 1,000 nautical miles measured by the shortest practical Great Circle route, as skipper or member of the crew in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.3m) LOA.

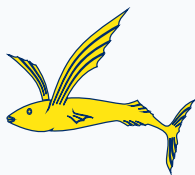
Associate Membership – An Associate Member must have made a clear commitment to achieve the qualifying passage in a realistic and reasonable timescale.



Further details of membership categories, qualifications required, and the latest subscription rates can be found at:

oceancruisingclub.org/Membership

The membership application can be completed online.



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