



Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2013, the year of the first ever Christmas Caribbean Rally! Over the last few weeks, the Sailing Rallies team has been busy improving the offers for all the CCR participants. Here is the latest.....



We are pleased to announce partnerships with Stormforce Coaching (based in the Solent) and the Plymouth Sailing School. We have negotiated yet more discounts for CCR participants! Both schools are offering 10% on any practical courses, and 15% on any shore based ones to our participants. Both schools are very flexible and as well as offering the standard RYA courses they also offer own boat tuition or weekend 'brush up your skills' courses. If you have the qualifications but feel a bit rusty and would rather chat it through with someone from the Sailing Rallies team, please give us a call – we can offer you unbiased advice and guidance on the best way forward.



The Sailing Rallies team will be attending the London Boat Show on the 14th - 16th January, and Boot Düsseldorf 23rd – 24th January. If you are there please let us know, it would be great to meet you! Our profiles can be seen on the new ['about us'](#) page on the website, so if you see us around do stop and say hello.



We are in talks with several speakers for our preparation weekends in April and May, and we can now confirm that [Advance Yacht Systems](#) will be attending. We have first-hand experience of their fantastic knowledge and quality service and they will be on hand to advise on everything from installation and operation to repairs – and of course what is worth having for an Atlantic crossing and what is not! We have more guests lined up (but we can't talk about that yet!) so watch this space for regular updates...



Preparing a yacht for an Atlantic crossing is no easy task! Our friends at [Marinestore](#), online marine chandlers, have offered CCR participants a 10% discount on ANY purchase starting from when you sign up, until the end of the rally in January 2014. We know how long the jobs list can get and we wanted to find a way to help keep the costs low. What's even better is that not only do Marinestore ship worldwide, but there is also a store in Marina Rubicon, so you will still be able to use this discount when you are in Lanzarote for any of those last minute spares!

Lastly . . .

Time is ticking by, so make sure you get those entries in by 28th February to receive your 10% discount. Interest is increasing daily as word gets around about the rally so make sure you sign up early to secure your place on the first CCR! As ever, if you have any questions please get in contact.

Don't forget to follow us on facebook and twitter for updates as they happen, we wish you fair winds for 2013!

The Sailing Rallies Team