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## Illustrated Lectures by Ocean Cruising Club Members at the Southampton Boat Show

**Dartmouth, UK** – The Ocean Cruising Club will once again have a significant presence at the PSP Southampton Boat Show on the 16<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> of September.

OCC Members Rev. Bob Shepton and Liza Copeland are giving illustrated lectures on 21 September at the Southampton Boat Show in the British Marine Members Lounge in the Mayflower Complex between 1100 and 1300. Bob's subject is "'A Sailing Life' – a circumnavigation, Atlantic crossings, Antarctic and Arctic Adventures, a double transit of the North West Passage, and some disasters". Liza Copeland resides in Vancouver, Canada and after more than 180,000 miles of cruising will be discussing her adventures in British Columbia and the UK.

The lectures are being conducted under the auspices of the OCC and sponsored by Topsail Insurance. Coffee will be served. Book signings will also take place for anybody interested.

For additional information, contact Chris & Fiona Jones threeships@fmail.co.uk.

Please stop by the **MailASail Stand G037** where OCC members will be on hand to welcome visitors and members and discuss prospective membership for those qualified to join and associate membership for interested cruisers.

## **About the Ocean Cruising Club**



The Ocean Cruising Club exists to encourage long-distance sailing in small boats. A Full Member of the OCC must have completed a qualifying voyage of a non-stop port-to-port ocean passage, where the distance between the two ports is not less than 1,000 nautical miles as measured by the shortest practical Great Circle route, as skipper or member of the crew in a vessel of not more than 70ft (21.36 m) LOA; associate members are committed to the achievement of that goal. This standard distinguishes the OCC from all other sailing clubs. It's not about what you are or who you know, but simply what you have done that matters. Our membership as a whole has more experience offshore than any other sailing organisation — in the number of circumnavigators, in the range of extraordinary voyages members have completed, and in the number of solo sailors, and female sailors among our ranks. 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 a central office in the UK, though it has no physical clubhouse, the OCC is, in a way, the "home port" for all of us who have sailed long distances across big oceans. With 48 nationalities and Port Officers in as many countries, we have a more diverse membership and a more international reach than any other sailing organisation. Our Port Officers, Regional Rear Commodores, and Roving Rear Commodores represent the frontline interaction with our existing members and the recruitment of new members.

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