

DINGHY CRUISING ASSOCIATION

The Dinghy Cruising Association was formed in 1955 to encourage all forms of small boat sailing other than racing. The membership comprises people from all walks of life, sharing the same love of messing about in boats. Some members have extensive passage sailing experience, in boats that they have developed over some years. Most, however, are just potterers who enjoy a sail out to the island, or round to that secluded bay for a swim.

A most important function of the DCA is to stimulate development of dinghies for cruising and to distribute the information and experience thus gained to others through a quarterly Magazine to all members. No matter what sort of dinghy you have, you may be sure that someone in the DCA has, or has had a similar boat. They will be only too pleased to offer advice on improving its rig or hull for comfort or seaworthiness. An updated membership and boat list is circulated annually so that members may contact others for exchange of information. Many members write articles based on their experiences, which are published in the Magazine for this express purpose. The DCA also publishes a launching site guide for members and runs a postal library for UK members.

The DCA believes that a dinghy can mean more than just racing, and that the right boat can be sailed without stress. Many members enjoy the regular rallies and day cruises which are held in the UK on a regional basis throughout the summer, which. The rallies are held in some secluded creek, on inland lake or sheltered beach. Often a pub is within walking distance where one can yarn about boats.

At the end of the winter, meetings are held in the regions to plan the rallies for the following season. Lectures and slide shows on the previous seasons activities are given. Details and dates of all rallies and meetings are published in the Magazine.

New members are always welcome. The first annual subscription is £19.00 per family (£21.00 overseas), which includes all DCA. services and the magazine. Write to the Secretary for new members: Tony Nield 40 Grange Ave, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Ches. SK8 5JP.

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DINGHY CRUISING ASSOCIATION - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP Please use BLOCK LETTERS

Surname	Forenames
Address	Tel.No Mobile No. Email Address
Post Code	
<i>The following optional information will help us to plan future activities and stimulate contact between members.</i>	
Type of boat owned or sailed	Sailing Areas
Sailing Club	Class Association.
Where did you hear of the DCA?	Date of Birth
Experience None / Inland / Estuary / Coastal / Open sea	Any RYA courses completed?

I wish to become a member of the *Dinghy Cruising Association* and enclose a cheque/postal order for **£19.00 (£21.00 overseas)**

I agree to abide by the rules of the association.

Signed

Date

Please return to Tony Nield 40 Grange Ave, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, Ches. SK8 5JP