

Tiller Tales 2012

Gulf Stream Sailing Club October/November

GSC HEADLINES

NEW GSC BRIDGE, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND GSC BOARD— Nominated and Elected .

Inauguration is Jan 26, 2013 at our annual Change of Command Dinner Dance .

**Membership Renewals are now due, form is enclosed
Social Activities Survey enclosed, return to Jim Webb**

Notes From the Editor - Franz J. Walkow

Your Editor Franz have been soooo busy that this issue of TillerTales has slipped a bit. But that is because the Gulf Stream Sailing Club has been soooo busy and that is good thing. Your Editor, instead of slaving away typing :) , has been racing on ANYI, captained by the super competitive Wolfgang Pozsicsanyi. Your busy Commodore Adeel has been racing his boat JENDAI, planning next years calendar of events with the new and previous Bridge AND raising new beautiful baby daughter Leila.

The Annual Halloween Party , held jointly this year with the Lauderdale Isles Yacht and Tennis Club, was a smashing success. See picture album on the GSC website.

The Ocean Racing Summer Series was hotly contested by a small cadre of racers and topped off with a good turnout for the Ocean Racing Commodore's Cup. The after race party at the Southport Raw Bar on Cordova was also a great evening with lots of members, lots of yummy food and a bunch of snacks taken home by the captains and crews who turned out for a perfect day ! The newly subdued Columbus Day Regatta was contested by several GSC boats, see article.

The Lake Programs, led by Luis Oliveira, have been extra busy with learn to sail classes, Sunfish Racing Fall Series and 420 Racing plus several social events and a special meeting to plan management changes and next years calendar. The Midweek Sailing and Grilling at the Lake has been replaced , with the end of daylight savings time, by the weekly Happy Hour Tuesdays at Rendezvous.

Editor - Franz Walkow

2012 Officers

Commodore.....Adeel Arshed
Vice Commodore...Luis Oliveira
Rear Commodore... Chris Bare
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Membership....Betty Lou Webb
Cruising Fleet...Chris Bare
Gregg Henry
Ocean RaceLuis Oliveira
LakeLuis Oliveira
Social ...Jim Webb

HEADS UP

**Tues. January 8th 2013 !
Next Monthly Mtg @
Lauderdale Isles Yacht &
Tennis Club**

**Saturday, January 26th
Annual Change of
Command Dinner Dance
@ Tropical Acres.**

Ocean Racing - Columbus Day Regatta Report - Luis Oliveira

Columbus Day Race

The 2012 Miami Columbus Day Regatta took place on October 6 and 7 with 72 boats participating a far cry from the 600 plus boats of years ago, but a fun weekend race anyway with plenty competition.

The race courses for the different classes were on average around 8 to 10 nm long, the Saturday start and Sunday finish were a bit North of Coconut Grove and the Saturday finish and Sunday start about a couple of miles south of Matheson Hammock County Park.

The breeze was light for both days particularly for most of Sunday, most because the last quarter of the race the wind picked up to the point that I had to put a reef on my main sail, then again it doesn't take much for a J80 to require a reef.

There were five boats representing the club as follows:

Commotion – Ross Hunton ARC1 Spin 1 place

Wind Pirate – Dan Whelan ARC1 Spin 3

Blitzen – Don Feiner Multihull 4

Survivor – Scott Lindars ARC2 Spin 6

Bear Instinct – Luis Oliveira PHRF2 6

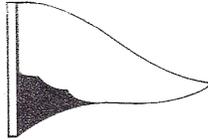
Congratulations to Ross for the win in ARC1, hopefully next year we'll have more club boats participating and more boats overall.

Reminder

If you want to race, here's how to get crew or get on a boat. Go to the online GSC Crew Pool:

WANT TO CREW -> <http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/iwillcrew>

NEED crew -> <http://www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org/iwantcrew>



Founded 1957

Gulfstream Sailing Club

It's time to renew your GSC membership for 2013.
Continue to 'Come Sail with us'

Name(s) _____

My information in the 2012 directory is correct and is okay to use for 2013 _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home phone _____

Email _____ Other phone _____

Boat Make _____ Boat Name _____

Type of Rig _____ Hull Color _____ Rating (if known) _____ Sail # _____

LOA _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Other _____

\$100.00 dues renewal is payable by:

Cash or check # _____ Give to Betty Lou Webb at meetings and please include this form.

Check # _____ payable to *Gulfstream Sailing Club* and mail to: Gulfstream Sailing Club Attn: Membership, PO Box 1124, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33302

PLEASE LIST THE COMMITTEES ON WHICH YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH (EX. MEMBERSHIP, ENTERTAINMENT, PHONE CALLS, RACING, LAKE)? _____

RENEW BY JANUARY 15 TO BE INCLUDED IN THE 2013 DIRECTORY
Late Fee of \$20.00 will be required after 1/31/2013

Suggested Social Activities	Would Attend		
	Yes	No	Maybe
Valentines Day Sail - February			
Valentines Day Raft up - February			
St Patricks Day Party - March 16			
Sunday raftups			
Cinco de Mayo Lake Party - May			
July 4th Lake Party			
Beach Party - August 3			
Sail/Drive to Chili Cookoff			
Pool Party - July 27			
Dinner Cruise (tbd)			
Cruise to Bimini			
Boatathon (tbd)			
Halloween Party October			
Christmas Party			

Suggested Social Events I/we would support:	Comments



Life is full of surprises, and that is the truth. We cruised Maine for five weeks where we sailed through hundreds of islands, howled at the moon, watched the sun rises, listened to the cries of the loon, barks of the seal, krie-krie of the osprey, and for me, most notable, cowered under the gaze of a bald eagle (at least I did). Now we are back in Massachusetts.

Our first stop after Booth Bay Harbor Maine was Gloucester, just in time for the yearly schooner races. Now the sounds of un-muffled lobster boats, harbor cruisers, chunk-chunk of diesels are music to which I have become accustomed but that evening I had a totally new experience. There we were, snuggled-in in our tight inner harbor anchorage surrounded by a myriad of sea lovers: schooners, trawlers, sailors, fishers, cruisers, rowers, all collected in anticipation of the upcoming schooner races. Then came sunset.

We, on our yawl Bonnie, are accustomed to retiring the flag at sunset. Often there will be a canon blast signaling flag protocol if we are in harbor with a yacht club, but this evening, another nearby anchored boat, an Amal carrying a British flag produced a remarkable concert. The captain walked to the foredeck and piped the sun down with bagpiping so lovely that people on surrounding anchored boats came on deck to give an ovation which the bagpiper obligingly followed with an encore.

It has been an adventurous few weeks and days. Backing up a bit. My people were joined by the third daughter, Natalya and her friend, John. They spent a couple of weeks with us which was great for me because Linda likes to impress her kids and prepared daily gourmet feeds. John and Natalya did the hunting and gathering whereby I was introduced to some amazing feasts: mussels steamed in white wine, mussel spaghetti sauce, lobsters steamed with left overs reincarnated as salad, plus coddled eggs with left over scallops over sticky rice. No, I do not eat those exotic people foods, but my people are generous and always saved untainted morsels of the pure sea food for my treats and snacks. I think the crab was the best. They made something called crab toasties setting aside a bit of the sweetest hand picked crab for me. Life is good for this ship's cat. Again I digress.

The young people left on a Wednesday. We had visited many islands, coves and even a fjord. John and Natalya are hikers! They hiked or just walked ashore almost every day making sure to climb the highest hill or mountain at every anchorage. My favorite vantage for their comings and goings was atop the bimini where I could watch the eiders swimming and fishing, keep an eye out for the guillemot, spot seals, and hope their return would be accompanied by yet another edible delight from the sea.

- Update From The Ship's Cat- E-mail Sept 2, 2012 (continued)

After their departure we began our journey back to southern New England. This was accomplished in two days with unusual north wind as opposed to the usual southerly breezes. My captain, Al, took advantage of the northerlies to sail from Booth Bay to Cape Ann in 15+ knot winds. We arrived at midnight after an 18 hour sail into Rockport Harbor at the tip of Cape Ann under a full moon. I had spent that entire day tucked into a hole in the aft cabin because I quickly discovered that any attempt to move about the cabin ended in a splayed claw slide to the other side of the cabin...not fun. But O that moon! As soon as the anchor was down and sails bundled, I ventured onto deck for a look around. The moon beam trail, as always, came right to our boat!

The next day we sailed to Gloucester planning to stay through the schooner races. But as fate would have it, after one day, on the 1st day of September, we awoke to a report of another northerly. So, off we went. They set sails as we motored out of the harbor at 0700. I listened to mumblings of "if the winds hold we can make the Cape Cod Canal in time to transit. We have to get there by 1630 at the latest....if not, we'll anchor outside the canal or go to Plymouth." I am by now used to plans that shift with the wind.

The wind however was our friend, especially mine. It was a beautiful beam reach the whole day so I was able to move around the cabin and enjoy the ride. We flew. We cut right through the chop so there was very little bucking and yawing. We not only made the canal by 1530, an hour earlier than needed, averaging 6.5 knots, but we transited the canal and were happily anchored off the town of Onset in Buzzard's Bay by 1630. I got my evening meal of turkey chunks and joined my people in the cockpit where they enjoyed their highballs and waited for sunset.



My People

As I understand it, we will spend the next few weeks cruising Buzzards Bay, the Elizabeth Islands, and Narraganset Bay before hauling the boat in RI in early October. Then, a return to life on dry land. I am just about ready for hanging out with the neighbor's cats, daily visits from Captain Morgan, the golden retriever up the street, and a little lizard hunting in South Florida.

So fair winds and happy sailing, Respectfully, Dunkin, Ship's Cat for the blue yawl, Bonnie

John and Barbara Gehrig - Cruising Log of Full Deck in the Chesapeake

Sailing the Chesapeake

We were so fortunate to spend 3 months cruising the Chesapeake Bay this summer. We had a chance to catch up with many of our friends and family.

Barbara's father, John B, joined us aboard Full Deck for 8 days, visiting Fairlee Creek, stopping at Dave H's mooring on the Sassafras River, continuing on to Havre de Grace where we saw Gary and Barbara P and Dave B, motor sailing to Annapolis, heading south to Solomons, going to the Eastern Shore to Vienna (20 nm up the Nanticoke River), and docking at Billy and Karen P's pier in White Haven (on the Wicomico River near Salisbury).

We cruised with 14 year-old Sarah P to Smith and Tangier Islands.

We did a "roadtrip" to the Outer Banks in North Carolina for Steve W's birthday celebration.

We spent one week on mooring ball 27 in Annapolis Harbor, enjoying a daysail with Steve, Christine, and Mark H.

We sailed to Kent Narrows and visited Tom and Dee for a few days.

We sailed from Bodkin Creek to Rock Creek (where our Maryland home was located), spending a few days docked at Stan and Barbara C's pier.

From the Bodkin, we sailed to the Magothy River, and then back to our home base on the Bodkin. Our son Jeff and his girlfriend Kelly joined us from Florida for a few days, cruising to Annapolis and Still Pond.

Then we spent 5 days cruising with our Florida friends, Scott and Heather, going to Annapolis, St Michaels, Turner Creek (on the Sassafras River), Still Pond, and back to Bodkin Creek.

Thank you...thank you...thank you to Glenn and Juanita for letting us use their boat slip and home as our home base.



Then came time to head toward warmer weather!

Our goal was to head south after the annual Annapolis Sailboat Show in October. Steve Hurt, our good friend who has crewed with us for more than 14 years, agreed to help us sail the boat from the Baltimore area to Ft Lauderdale.

The entire trip was supposed to be 950 nautical miles (nm), and we estimated it would take us 7 to 8 days. The plan was to sail 130 nm down the Chesapeake Bay, past the Bay Bridge Tunnel, out into the Atlantic Ocean, round Cape Hatteras and not stop until we reached Ft Lauderdale. However, as you'll read, it turned out that we had a few changes in our plans due to weather, and the entire trip was 1,000 nautical miles and 9 days, 6 hours.

On Friday, Oct 12th, we departed from Bodkin Creek at 6pm. What a great sail down the Chesapeake Bay! It was a breezy, downwind leg the entire way, or in sailing jargon, “fair winds and following seas”. John, Barbara, and Steve were certainly enjoying the start of the journey. One of the challenges in this voyage is always the sail around Cape Hatteras. If you look at a chart, you will see that Cape Hatteras sticks way out and the winds and waves are usually rather unsettled. Well, the weather report for Sunday was less than favorable, calling for strong winds on our nose and high waves. So we had a crew meeting (all 3 of us!) and decided that we would take the Intracoastal Waterway from Norfolk, VA to Beaufort Inlet, NC. That would add a few days to our journey, but it seemed like the prudent decision. So on Saturday at 4 pm (after sailing for 22 hours straight), we pulled into Tidewater Yacht Marina in Portsmouth, VA. We walked to downtown Portsmouth for dinner. One of our favorite parts of visiting the Norfolk area was seeing all of the Navy warships.

Oct 16th, Update as of Tuesday at 4:30 pm:

We are headed out the Beaufort NC Inlet after several days of traveling in the Intracoastal. We started in Norfolk on Sunday and stopped in Counjock on Sunday night for their world famous prime rib. On Monday we traveled for 12 hours to Belhaven, NC seeing eagles, blue heron, and a swimming deer along the way. Today we had a beautiful sail to Morehead City. We plan to travel nonstop from Beaufort Inlet to Ft Lauderdale, expecting to arrive on Sunday Oct 21, or maybe Monday.

Take care,
John and Barbara



Full Deck and PFD at dock

Canal Boat in France - Expect Easy Navigation and Some Adventures Franz J. Walkow

Many people have asked Janis and I about our travels on the canals of France. Over the past 20 years , we have “bare boated” canal boats in France five times. Once, we spent six weeks on a friends “peniche” (17 meters, old iron ore ship converted to liveaboard) in Alsace Lorraine, where Franz spoke more German than French to the locals.

The past two years, we have combined a canal boat trip with a week in Paris. We found that renting an apartment was a far better deal than staying at a hotel. Having grown up in NYC, we were used to taking the subway to get around and that is the best way to see Paris. This year , we also rented a car and drove to southern Germany to visit my relatives (I stood in the spot where I was born !!!) and northern Germany to visit sailing buddies Roger and Andi Brandt for amazing Kiel Week. That is a story for another time.

The first thing to do is pick an area e.g. Bordeaux, Burgundy, Loire, Southern France, get online and book with a boating charter company. Crown Blue, Le Boat or LocaBoat are the big ones with bases on many canals. We have used Crown Blue and Le Boat but LocaBoat seems to have more new modern boats and we are leaning toward using them next time. We used to favor the old iron boats but the new fiberglass boats are roomier and have big windows. If you want a bargain price,



you can opt for older model boats (just ask), they will be functional but pretty beat up. We did that last year to get a bigger roomier six people boat for us four, but I would not do it again since I want one of the newer boats with big picture windows next time.

The second thing is pick a time of year. For us Floridians, it is best to go between May and September, but in July and August (when most of France is on vacation) you will have a lot of traffic on the canal and in restaurants. The middle of France is still pretty cold in May, 50 degrees F. at night, but not crowded. Last year we went with Mike Limuti and Marilyn Mammano in the beginning of May and it was cold. This year we went with long time friends Pete and Maggy Fegers in the end of May, early June and it was still cold. Europe had a very rainy spring and we were not spared. So June is best and September would be my second pick. One other detail is: one way trip or round trip. I would opt for one way, you see more. Sometimes, you hit a place that warrants a second visit, but there are lots of great little places in France.

The key is just do it and deal with the other details..like how to get there, provision the boat (you know, like chartering in the BVIs) , learn to work the locks (great exercise) , deal with the lock keepers and the rare language barrier. Navigation (for sailboaters) is so easy, you can't get lost, every lock is clearly marked and the charter company will provide maps and guide books. They have replaced the rather simple ones, the first ones we got years ago were placemats from the local restaurants, now they have lists of restaurants in each town.

That is my segway to one of the great pleasures of canaling through France; every town and village has one or more GREAT restaurants. The French know how to eat well. Some villages, you have to find THE restaurant and book dinner, they are usually full up with locals. We have never had a bad meal. Even the night our friends were hesitant to eat rabbit , we had a great meal with a very friendly host and hostess, owner/chef.

Don't be afraid to wander from the canal with day trips, rent a car or hire a taxi to reach a town or wine area (necessary in Bordeaux and Burgundy) . We found the Loire Valley picturesque and easy taxi rides to wine centers like Sancerre and a beautiful town of gardens called Apremont-sur- Allier.

Expect "adjustments" (Janis and I call them adventures). The boat you chose is broken or was left in the wrong town. A lock is broken or the water is too low, so pick a different direction or even a different canal. Don't fixate on it. As they say "Adjust" and enjoy your vacation. . We expected, this year, to travel together with another boat chartered by Linda Johnson and Al Diron of GSC. We booked the same week, the same company and same location. However a flooded Loire River separated us at the start. We met up for a couple of hours , a week later and parted again.

My recommendation for a first trip, is the Canal du Midi in southern France. Why ? Because the canal is oriented toward vacationers, not toward commercial traffic (large barges carrying grain or rocks). Because you have to help the lock keepers hand crank the lock doors, this way it gets personal, unlike the electricified canals where you hit buttons. The locks are oval shaped from Roman times and the towns have great views and restaurants. We went, on our first canal adventure 20 yrs ago, from Narbonne to Carcassonne , a magnificent old walled city and back in a week. Rent bicycles for the boat and be prepared to go up hill in low gear and look down on the canal and "your" boat. Have Raclette, a particular cheese grilled at the table. And the wine is the cheap bulk wine , Vin de Pays D'Oc, from Languedoc (they are trying to make it better and more expensive, but not succeeding, IMHO) but very drinkable. On the next couple of pages I have

downloaded some info on canal boating in Languedoc and the Canal du Midi.

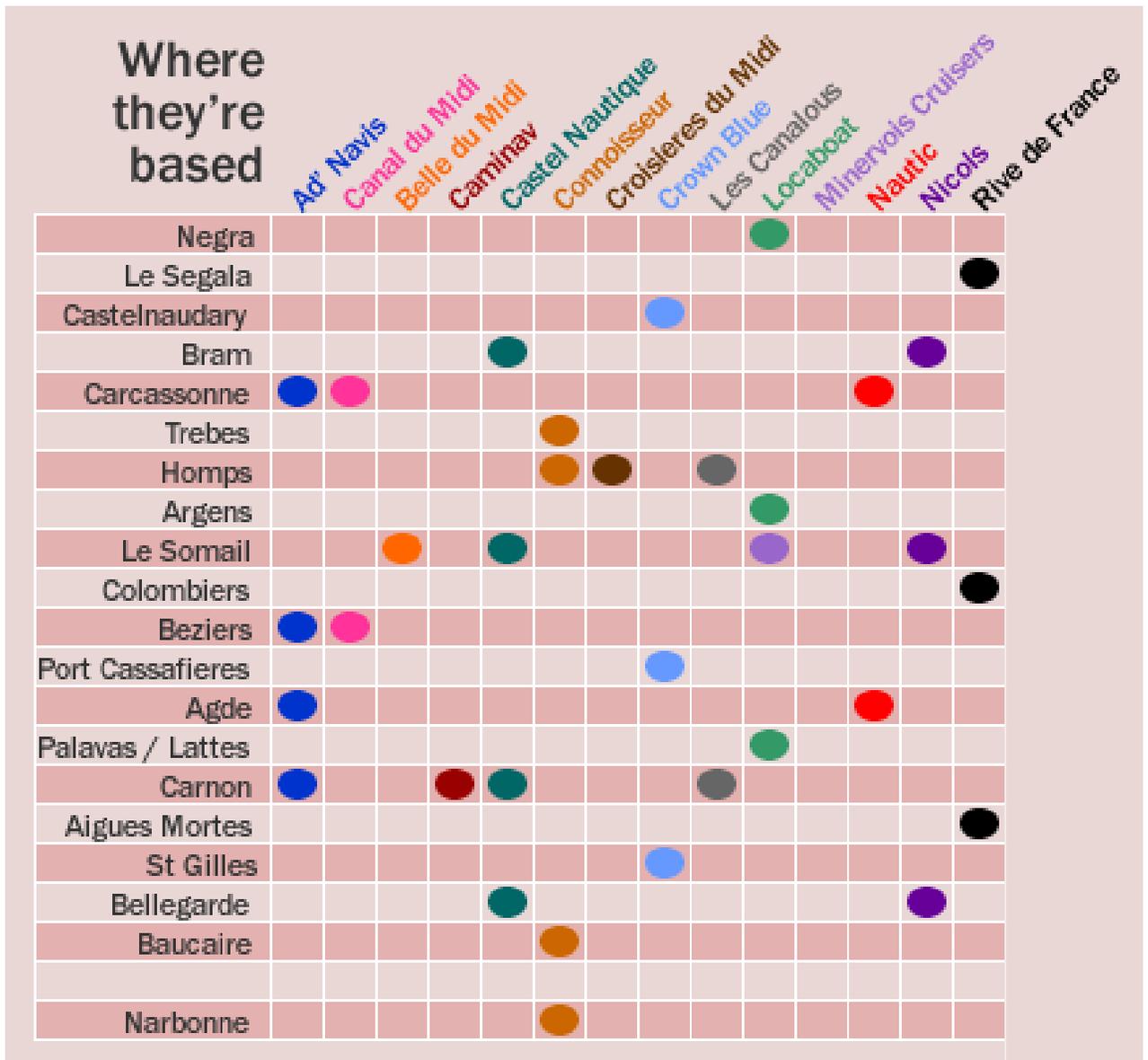
Last but not least, some friends have decided to try the "hotel" kind of canal boat, with captain and cook and have enjoyed it also. There are small ones 8 to 12 passengers and big ones that are really small canal cruise ships. The views are similar but the intimacy of bareboating is not there. You are not shopping in each town for fresh early morning bread , cheese and mystery meat. Anyhow, feel free to ask questions and go enjoy. Forget about the dollar/euro exchange rate and go do it.
Franz Walkow - Editor



The Canal Lateral a la Loire - Pictures by Franz Walkow May, 2012



Canal Boats in France - Canal du Midi, Southern France



Canal Boats in France - Canal Du Midi, (Google Canal Boats in Languedoc)

Ad' Navis

Weekly and daily canal boat rentals

Address: La Maison du Canal, 8, Rue des Péniches,

Béziers

Tel/fax;00 33 (0)4 67 62 18 18

Barges in France

Weekly canal boat rentals

Address:

Tel: 0033 (0)6 15 80 74 91

Belle du Midi Cruises

Weekly canal boat rentals +

Canal boat hire for half or one day €130-220

Address: Chemin de patiaesses, Le Somail

Tel: 00 33 (0)4 68 93 53 94 and mobile is;

Mob: 00 33 (0)6 31 24 38 63

Canmiav

Weekly and daily canal boat hire

Address: Base Fluviale, CD 62, Carnon

Tel: 0033 (0)4 67 68 01 90

Castel Nautique

Weekly and daily canal boat rentals

Address: BP 25, Port de Bram, Bram

Tel: 0033 (0)4 68 76 73 34

Connoisseur

Canal boat hire for 3 nights or more

Address: Le Grand Bassin, BP 1201, Castelnaudary

Tel: 0033 (0)4 68 94 09 75

Croisieres du Midi

Canal boat hire for half or one day

Prices: 1 DAY'S rental: €206

Address: 35 Quai des Tonneliers, BP2, Homps

Tel: 0033 (0)4 68 91 33 87

Crown Blue

Canal boat hire for 3 nights or more

Address: Port-Cassafières, Portiraignes. OR: Le Grand Bassin BP 1201, Castelnaudary.

Tel: Port Cassafieres: 04 67 90 91 70

Castelnaudary: 0033 (0)4 68 94 52 94

Les Canalous

Canal boat rental from 1 day to many weeks

Address: B.P. 63, Digoin (Head office: not in Languedoc)

Tel: 0033 (0)3 85 53 76 74

Locaboat

Canal boat hire for weekends to many weeks at a time

Address: **Argens**: Port Occitanie F, Argens-

Minervois **Negra**: Ecluse de Négra F, Montesquieu-Lauragais

Lattes: Port Ariane - F, Lattes

Tel: 0033 (0)4 67 20 24 12

Minervoies Cruisers

Canal boat hire from 4 days to many weeks

Address: 38 Chemin des Patiasses, Le Somail,
Ginestas

Tel: 0033 (0)4 68 46 28 52

Nautic

For weekends to multiple weeks

Address: Port Fluviale, Agde

Tel: 0033 (0)4 67 94 78 93

Nicols

Languedoc canal boat hire: weekends to multiple weeks

Address: Port Fluviale, Agde

Tel: 0033 (0)4 67 94 78 93

Rive de France

Canal boat hire for weekends to many weeks at a time

Address: Port de plaisance, Colombiers

Tel: 0033 (0)4 67 37 14 60

Canal boat hire and rentals in Languedoc

It was the British who pioneered canal boating on Languedoc's canals many decades ago, as the French have never taken to canal boating with quite the same gusto. As a result, there are many canal boat rental companies (most of which are British-based) operating on the Canal du Mid, Canal de la Robine and Canal Rhone-Sete. So you'll find there's plenty of choice of canal boat rental and competition, keeping standards high and canal boat hire prices low.

Expect to pay from about €700 in the low season for a 4-person canal boat, to over €4,000 for larger canal boats in Languedoc's high season. We've listed all the canal boat hire companies on the Canal du Midi and other Langedoc canals. [Google Canal Boats in Langeudoc, most hire companies have links to their website where you can get full price lists and descriptions of all their boats.](#)

Most also will rent out bicycles



Town of Sancerre,wine center, crisp flinty Sauvignon Blanc