



Welcome to the ARC+ 2025 Handbook

Your adventure starts here!

ARC+ grew out of the original ARC rally, as sailors expressed increasing interest in Cape Verde as a cruising destination. The route of Gran Canaria to Cape Verde to Grenada is now well established, and won't disappoint. The World Cruising Club team and our hosts in each port will ensure that you receive a warm welcome and well-deserved recognition for your achievement.

Since the first ARC+ rally in 2013, the event has grown in popularity to become a 'must do' in its own right, attracting a wide range of boats, sailors and nationalities. We know that within the fleet you will find friends with whom you'll 'cross tacks' and meet in anchorages all round the world.

The pre-departure weeks in Las Palmas are vital, not only to ensure that your boat and crew is ready for the voyage, but also to cement friendships, share ideas and calm any nerves. There is a full programme from 29 October to start day on 9 November, so please join us and make the most of your ARC+. In fact, we strongly recommend you aim to arrive in the Canary Islands in September or October to avoid seasonal storms in the Mediterranean and northern Europe.

This Rally Handbook is designed to support your preparations in the months before the rally, and to answer some of your questions about what happens in port and during the crossings. There is a wealth of information in these pages, drawn from the World Cruising Club team, from marine industry experts and from previous rally participants. A pdf copy of the handbook is available for download from the Members Area of the website. Please read, share, and discuss with your crew.

Every month before the rally all registered crew members will receive a Rally Update email, with useful information, important dates and links to actions. When you arrive in port, the rally team (known as yellow shirts) will have a detailed programme of activities for you to enjoy.

Thank you choosing to sail in ARC+ 2025 – we look forward to meeting you in Las Palmas and helping to launch your adventure!

Paul Tetlow
Managing Director
World Cruising Club





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ARC+ 2025 Schedule

Date	Action
22-23 March	Ocean Cruising Seminar, Guildford UK (see worldcruising.com/training)
3 May	Bluewater Day - USA (see worldcruising.com/training)
17 May	Bluewater Day - UK (see worldcruising.com/training)
25 May	ARC Portugal Starts - cruise south in company from the UK to Lagos, Portugal (see worldcruising.com/arcportugal)
14 June	Bluewater Day - Sweden (see worldcruising.com/training)
30 June	All boat information should be complete and documents including copies of the Skippers' Passport, Boat Registration and Insurance should be uploaded to the Members Area
1 -31 July	Book your berth with Las Palmas Marina - informing them of your approximate arrival date
From August	Register with SailClear.com to speed up the arrival process in Saint Lucia
31 August	Last date to confirm your berth reservation with Las Palmas Marina by confirming your arrival information
1 September	Closing date for ordering ARC branded clothing (see shop.worldcruising.com)
1 October	Last date for paying standard crew fees - 25% surcharge on crew places booked after this date
1 October	All crew should be 'declared' with personal data submitted online
29 October	Rally Office opens in Las Palmas and shore-side activities start
2 November	Last date for boat arrivals in Las Palmas
9 November	ARC+ Start Day
14-16 November	Approximate arrival dates in Mindelo, São Vicente (Marina Mindelo)
21 November	Fleet depart São Vicente for Grenada
3-8 December	Approximate arrival dates in Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Marina, Grenada
10 December	ARC+ finish line closes
11 December	ARC+ prize giving ceremony in Grenada
10 January 2026	World ARC starts (see worldcruising.com/worldarc)
May 2026	ARC Europe starts (see worldcruising.com/arc_europe)

Dates may be subject to change - updates will be sent in Rally Updates and by email.

About World Cruising Club

The World Cruising Club has been organising rallies since 1986. Since then, more than 5,000 boats from scores of countries have taken part in our events, looked after by our dedicated teams in every port en route. Our rally organisation ensures that participants are prepared for the voyage and supports them on their adventure.



Paul and Suzana Tetlow

Meet the Team

The World Cruising Club team are here to help make your participation in the rally as enjoyable as possible. All of our staff are keen sailors with a wide range of experience in cruising and racing offshore.

Before the rally you can email or telephone us in the office during working hours - we're happy to answer any questions about preparations and what to expect of the rally.

During the rally, all of the staff will wear yellow World Cruising Club polo shirts. Our 'yellow shirts' will be on hand to help every day, from taking your lines to ensuring the social activities go with a swing.

Leading the team...

Paul Tetlow: Managing Director

Paul joined World Cruising Club in 2008 as an Event Manager, following an eight-year stint in the British Army. He learnt to sail as a child and was fortunate to gain sea miles and yachting qualification whilst serving in the military. Now, he has overall responsibility for the planning and logistics of our events, and relations with our sponsors and corporate members.

Suzana Tetlow: Operations Director

Suzana has worked with World Cruising Club for more than a decade and has a lifetime of experience in the event and travel industry. She is fluent in Portuguese, English, German, Spanish and Italian and through her role has travelled to almost every location where World Cruising Club operates, including on the World ARC route.

At our HQ in Cowes...

Rachel Hibberd: Head of Communications

Rachel runs our communications for participants, supporters and the yachting media, and helps with advice and training for participants. Rachel has cruised and raced all over the world.

Martine Waitt: Event Administrator

Martine has administered the entries for World Cruising Club events for over a decade and, using her wealth of knowledge is one of the first points of contact to assist skippers and owners with any questions they have about their entry or the places they are planning to visit.

Emma Dymock: Event Administrator

Emma has completed two ARCs and another five Atlantic crossings. Emma supports our participants with their entries and pre-rally preparations and ensures that handbooks and branded clothing all get to you.

Michelle Moorman: Communications Specialist

Michelle delivers all the communication to support enquires and entries in our rallies, shares stories with the media and maintains probably the world's largest image collection of sailing yachts and sailors, crossing start and finish line and crossing oceans!



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How to Use this Handbook

The Rally Handbook is the starting point for preparing for and participating in the rally. It is intended to be useful both before and during the rally, so ensure you bring the handbook onboard with you.

The handbook is available in print and as a PDF, downloadable from the members area on worldcruising.com.

The handbook is not intended to supplement normal cruising reference books and does not replace those that should be onboard for the crossing including pilots, almanacs and list of radio signals.

01. Introduction

Includes details on the rally schedule, getting to Las Palmas, marina discounts as well as how to follow us on social media.

02. Preparations

This section covers the preparations for both boat and crew. It is packed with advice, tips and information on everything from essential safety equipment to guidance on selecting crew.

03. Local Information

This contains detailed information on each destination, from clearing Customs to finding a restaurant or sailmaker. Also includes information on the rally activities in port, including Rally Office opening times, Skippers' Briefing, excursions and social activities.

04. Rally at Sea

Covers rally communications whilst at sea, key passage planning notes, essential weather forecast information and considers the best way to receive weather information. In addition, there is information on the friendly and fun competition element of the rally.



Rally Office in Las Palmas

Rally Support

World Cruising Club staff will be on hand in each port to welcome you, support with docking and clearance; to help with local knowledge and contacts; and generally ensure you have a great time. Our rally team includes experienced sailors who understand how to help you make the most of your adventure. The same team will be available in each port, so you will be able to get to know them.

Rally Office

There will be a Rally Office in each port. This will be the rally 'headquarters' for the duration of the stay in port. Come to the Rally Office if you have any questions, or ask any 'yellow shirts'. Details of the location and opening hours of the Rally Offices in each port are covered in the 'Local Information' section.

Safety Inspections

All boats must pass the safety inspection prior to departure to be able to take part in the rally. Full details of the equipment required are covered in the 'Preparations' section.

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Skippers' Briefing

Before the departure we will hold a Skippers' Briefing, which is compulsory for all skippers to attend. Further details are included in the 'Local Information' section.'

Rally Control at Sea

Support from the World Cruising Club continues whilst at sea, the Rally at Sea section in this handbook outlines how the team can be contacted.

Get Involved!

There are many ways that you and your crew can get involved with the rally online – sending daily logs and photographs to worldcruising.com; adding links to your own yacht website, blog as well as your social media accounts.

Daily Logs and Photo Gallery

During the rally you can send daily logs and images from the boat directly to the World Cruising Club website via email, enabling friends, family and supporters to share in your adventures. Full details on how to send your logs and photos will be provided before the rally starts.

Social media

Please like and follow our social media channels. Tag us in your posts to share your preparations and journey to the start with us!

Facebook

ARC Atlantic Rally for Cruisers

World ARC

WorldCruisingUSA

World Cruising Club

Instagram

@arc_rally

@world_arc_rally

@worldcruisingusa

Share Your Story

Do you have a story to share with other boaters?

For example: Interesting boat or crew, working onboard or retiring, start of a new life aboard or taking a sabbatical, or even raising money for charity. Tell us your story and we'll share it with the local and national media. Log in to the Members Area and select 'Share your story'

worldcruising.com/membersarea

For Friends and Family Following the boats online

Each boat on a World Cruising Club Rally is fitted with a 'Yellow Brick' satellite tracker which sends regular position reports. The Fleet Viewer tracks the whole fleet and provides an overview of boat locations; daily distance sailed; and distance to the next port.

The fleet viewer goes live a couple of days before the start of the rally. It can be found on the rally webpage or via the 'YB Races app' for mobile devices.



The YB Fleet Viewer

Getting to Las Palmas

The voyage to Las Palmas can be a leisurely cruise taking the whole summer, or a fast delivery trip. The passage south can form the 500NM qualifying passage required of each boat, and it is certainly a good opportunity to test the boat, the crew and your preparedness.

Arrive in Early October!

Plan to arrive in the Canary Islands by early October, to make the best of the good weather.

Autumn storms trap late-departing ARC+ boats in Spanish and Portuguese marinas every year, forcing them to withdraw from the rally.

It is important to arrive in good time so that your boat and crew can be properly prepared for the Atlantic crossing.

Meeting Other ARC+ Boats

Fly your ARC+ flag in the ports you visit on your journey to Las Palmas, and you will soon meet other ARC+ boats and crews.

ARC Discount Marina Information

All the marinas listed below offer discounts to World Cruising Club Rally participants.

Discounts are available once you have paid the rally Entry Fee and your boat is on the entry list, just tell the marina on arrival that you are an World Cruising Club Rally participant and fly your Rally Flag!

UK

Mayflower Marina, Plymouth, Devon

+44 (0)1752 556 633

mayflower@mayflowermarina.co.uk

mayflowermarina.co.uk

Location: 50°21'8N 04°10'0W

Discount

50% discount on 1st night

OR 10% off for up to 1 month (Excluding July and August)

France

Marina du Château, Brest

+33 2 98 02 20 02

chateau@marinasbrest.fr

marinasbrest.fr

Location: 48°22'5N 04°29'3W

Discount

Pay for 3 nights and get the 4th night free

Mainland Spain

Puerto Deportivo de Gijón, Gijón

+34 985 34 45 43

info@puertodeportivogijon.es

puertodeportivogijon.com

Location: 43°32'N 05°40'W

Discount

High season: (from 16 May to 15 September):

30% discount on mooring fees. Maximum: 4 nights (Excluding 1-20 August)

Marina Viveiro, Viveiro (Lugo) Galicia

+34 690 604 452

marinaviveiro@marinaviveiro.com

marinaviveiro.com

Location 43°40' N 07°35' W

Discount

25% discount on stays over 5 nights

Marina Coruña, A Coruña

Tel: +34 881 92 04 82

Email: marinacoruna@marinacoruna.es

marinacoruna.es

Location: 43°22'N 8° 23'W

Discount

25% discount on stays over 5 nights

Automatic 25% discount if coming from Marina Viveiro

Monte Real Club de Yates, Bayona

+34 986 385 000

secretaria@mrcyb.com

mrcyb.es

Location: 42°7'N 8°50'W

Discount

25% discount for an unlimited period

Alcaidesa Marina, Cadiz

+34 956 021 660

marina@alcaidesa.com

alcaidesamarina.com

Location: 36°09'N 5°22'W

Discount

10% discount on berthing tariffs up to 7 days, and

10% discount on boatyard tariffs



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Portugal

Marina da Póvoa, Póvoa do Varzim
+351 252 688 121
geral@marinadapovoa.com
marinadapovoa.com

Location: 41°22'33N 8°46'12W

Discount

30% discount up to six months

Marina de Albufeira, Albufeira
+351 289 510 180
info@marinaalbufeira.com
marinaalbufeira.com

37° 04'842N 08° 15'371W

Discount

15% discount on all summer marina and shipyard services

Free use of the boatyard cradles up to 15 days

Porto de Recreio, Oeiras
+351 214 401 510
porto.recreio@oeirasviva.pt
oeirasviva.pt

Location: 38°40'60N 9°19'W

Discount

20% discount on daily rates

Marina de Lagos, Lagos
+351 282 770 210
marina@marlagos.pt
marinadelagos.pt

Location: 37°05'93N 8°39'95W

Discount

Before 10 November: 10% (5% if card) discount on 1-29 nights, and

15% (10% if card) discount on 30 + nights.

Free access to marina club pool

Mediterranean

Portorosa Marina, Sicily
+39 0941 874280
portorosamy@virgilio.it
portorosamy.com

Location: 38° 7.27' N, 15° 6.68' E

Discount

50% discount in June and September

Atlantic Islands

Maderia - Quinta do Lorde
+351 291 969 607
marina@quintadolorde.pt
quintadolorde.pt

Location: 32° 44.50'N 16°42'W

Discount

15% discount during low season

20% discount in the mid season / 25% discount in high season

Lanzarote - Marina Rubicon
+34 928 519 012
info@marinarubicon.com
marinarubicon.com

Location: 28°51'5N 13°49'W

Discount

15% discount for stays up 15 days

10% discount 15 days or more

Gran Canaria - Pasito Blanco
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Discount

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