

**Cruising Division**  
**Sail the World Presentation**  
Thursday 12 October



Thirty five guests were enthralled by Erick Reickert's presentation dealing with his experience in selecting a boat to sail the world after his retirement from a successful business career in 1996. He went on to circumnavigate the globe in his Oyster 55 *Escapade* that commenced in 1997 and concluded at Antalya Turkey in the Mediterranean 4.5 years later in April 2002. He then shipped the boat back to the west coast of North America to cruise British Columbia and Alaska before returning to the east coast of the US via the Panama Canal. He sailed over 73,000 nautical miles, visited 39 countries and 73 islands, entered 918 ports, hauled the boat 12 times and encountered 16 languages, just to mention a few statistics.

An electrical engineer by profession and senior planning executive with Ford and Chrysler, his background shows his attention to detail in boat selection, identification and evaluation of risks, reviewing boat manufacturers and models, on board equipment, selection of spares and choice of crew. His excellent book titled *Sail the World – Everything You Need to Know to Circumnavigate the Globe* has been written based on this background and experience and is a must read for anyone contemplating ocean passages.

**Next Cruising Division gatherings:**

Presentation 22 November 'Are animals the new Oceanographers?'

Event 11 December 'An Evening on the James Craig.'