

From Sydney to Suez with Jill and David Henry By Sarah Goddard-Jones

David and Jill Henry enthralled more than 80 Cruising Division Members and guests on Wednesday 23 November with the first part of their decade-long circumnavigation adventure.



They started by helping us get a picture of who they are, describing their start to sailing and how they met, and then talked about how they prepared for their big trip. Before getting into the details however, they showed us a fantastic animated representation of the whole trip around the world, which showed clearly the places they loved and had lingered over. We all noted there was a particular affiliation for northern Italy!



Guests were thrilled by photos of fantastical places, wonderful animals and strange sea craft of all types. David spoke about encounters with pirates on the approach to Aden - fortunately seen off by a British warship! Jill recalled the wonderful people they met and the beauty and surprising warmth of some of the Middle Eastern nationalities.



We were all taken on that trip, becoming immersed in the people, places and adventure of the seaway to Suez.