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Solent & Isle of Wight

Yacht Charter Guide

CRAFTING SIGNATURE CHARTER YACHT EXPERIENCES

Solent & Isle of Wight Yacht Charter
Region: Europe
Gateways: SOU - BOH - LHR
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SOLENT & ISLE OF WIGHT

Overview

Solent & Isle of Wight yacht charter is a tide-aware English Channel gate operation - Cowes Yacht Haven embarkation, Cowes, Lymington & Hamble nights, and door-to-deck from SOU / BOH / LHR. We hold berths and APA in writing because peak weeks sell out the obvious slips; the week is swim mornings and held tables, not a cruise-ship itinerary.

Solent & Isle of Wight yacht charter - Cowes Yacht Haven berths, Cowes, Lymington & Hamble, SOU / BOH / LHR transfers and APA with Blue Ocean Club.

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WHEN TO GO

Season & rhythm

- How a Solent & Isle of Wight week actually runs.: Cowes Yacht Haven embark, Cowes cadence, held tables - short legs, weather honesty.
- Embark ready: APA open, transfer timed to the passerelle, weather window checked.
- Coastal cadence: Swim mornings, held lunch, short reposition, quiet overnight.
- Tables locked: Concierge restaurants confirmed weeks out against berth nights.
- When to take the quay.: In Solent & Isle of Wight, quay nights buy access; hook nights buy privacy.
- Quay nights: Cowes Yacht Haven walk-ashore energy when held.
- At anchor: Protected day-hooks when the harbour densifies.
- Usual play: One or two quay nights; the rest swinging.

ON THE WATER

Cruising grounds

Cowes & race week
Yacht Haven embark and Island nights.

Western Solent
Lymington and New Forest gate.

Portsmouth approaches
Naval harbour and east Solent.

Hamble river
Dense marina culture and Channel staging.

QUAY NIGHTS

Marinas & berthing

Cowes Yacht Haven
Cowes Yacht Haven - primary Cowes yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SOU - Transfer Door-to-deck per marina guide - Peak lead: 6-14 weeks peak

Lymington Yacht Haven
Lymington Yacht Haven - primary Lymington yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway BOH - Transfer 35-55 min from BOH - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Haslar / Portsmouth yacht berths
Haslar / Portsmouth yacht berths - primary Portsmouth yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SOU - Transfer 30-50 min from SOU - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Hamble Point / Port Hamble
Hamble Point / Port Hamble - primary Hamble yacht berthing. - Max LOA ~45 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SOU - Transfer 35-55 min from SOU - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

Solent & Isle of Wight Hub Berths
Pillar-retained secondary berthing capacity for Solent & Isle of Wight ecosystem maps. - Max LOA ~50 m - Draft ~4 m - Gateway SOU - Transfer 40-70 min from SOU - Peak lead: 4-12 weeks for peak season slips

DAY WATER

Anchorages

Cowes day anchorage
Protected day-stop captains favour near Cowes Yacht Haven.

Solent & Isle of Wight overnight roadstead
Deeper holding when primary quays are full in Europe.

Lymington lee cove
Weather-aware swim cove on the Solent & Isle of Wight circuit.

Portsmouth quiet hook
Lower-density day-hook for privacy mornings.

Solent & Isle of Wight weather alternative
Captain-selected fallback when the primary plan densifies.

SHORE TABLES

Restaurants

Cowes Harbour Table
Cowes
Walk-ashore dining near Cowes Yacht Haven - book peak weeks ahead.

Lymington Shore Kitchen
Lymington
Local plates after a day on the water around Solent & Isle of Wight.

Solent & Isle of Wight Quay Classic
Cowes
Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights.

Portsmouth Waterfront
Portsmouth
Harbour-view restaurant our captains favour for quay nights.

Hamble Concierge Table
Hamble
Held table for yacht parties - advance booking in season.

DAY ASHORE

Beach clubs

Cowes Shore Club
Cowes
Signature shore stop near Cowes Yacht Haven - tender access and advance booking in peak weeks.

Lymington Day Shore
Lymington
Secondary shore lunch when the primary club is dense.

Solent & Isle of Wight Sunset Deck
Cowes
End-of-day shore energy before returning aboard.

DOOR TO DECK

SOU / BOH / LHR to Cowes Yacht Haven.

We choreograph gateway arrivals into embarkation - chauffeur timed to the passerelle.

SOU / BOH / LHR
Primary Solent & Isle of Wight gateway corridor for crewed programmes. SOU corridor BOH corridor LHR corridor

Chauffeur to quay
SUV briefed on Cowes Yacht Haven gates and luggage. Marina meeting point Night-before hotel if late arrival

Door-to-deck options confirmed against your embarkation slot.

NUMBERS - SOLENT & ISLE OF WIGHT

VAT & APA - Solent & Isle of Wight short version.

On a Solent & Isle of Wight charter the base fee is only the starting line.

VAT / tax
UK VAT and commercial charter rules apply.

APA
APA 30-40% with Cowes week scarcity and Channel weather buffers.

What we send PAs
A line-item estimate before deposit, then a live APA report from the captain.

WITHIN THIS COAST

Local guides

Cowes

Cowes is a core Solent & Isle of Wight charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Cowes Yacht Haven - Day-anchor: Cowes day anchorage - Table: Cowes Harbour Table

Lymington

Lymington is a core Solent & Isle of Wight charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Lymington Yacht Haven - Day-anchor: Solent & Isle of Wight overnight roadstead - Table: Lymington Shore Kitchen

Portsmouth

Portsmouth is a core Solent & Isle of Wight charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Haslar / Portsmouth yacht berths - Day-anchor: Lymington lee cove - Table: Solent & Isle of Wight Quay Classic

Hamble

Hamble is a core Solent & Isle of Wight charter stop - marina nights, day-anchors and shore tables we hold in advance. Berth context: Hamble Point / Port Hamble - Day-anchor: Portsmouth quiet hook - Table: Portsmouth Waterfront

EXPLORE FURTHER

Child destinations

- Cowes - Crewed yacht charter in Cowes - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Solent & Isle of Wight.
- Lymington - Crewed yacht charter in Lymington - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Solent & Isle of Wight.
- Portsmouth - Crewed yacht charter in Portsmouth - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Solent & Isle of Wight.
- Hamble - Crewed yacht charter in Hamble - berths, day-anchors and shore days our captains favour inside Solent & Isle of Wight.

BEFORE YOU FLY

FAQ

Cowes or Hamble embark?

Cowes Yacht Haven for Island-centric weeks; Hamble/Lymington for mainland service density.

Cowes Week impact?

Berths and rates rewrite - hold months ahead or pivot to western Solent.

Tides?

Solent is tide-first - captains plan gates, not brochure miles.

APA?

Budget 30-40% including harbour dues and held tables.

Airports?

SOU/BOH for Solent; LHR with longer chauffeur for international arrivals.

Day charter?

Strong Solent day-boat culture - ask for a one-day Cowes or Beaulieu brief.

OPERATIONAL

Mooring notes

Cowes Yacht Haven

High in peak season - broker relationships matter for larger LOA. 6-14 weeks peak; 2-4 weeks shoulder. Event or festival weeks near Solent & Isle of Wight can eliminate availability. We hold Cowes Yacht Haven alternatives and anchorage fallbacks before you sign.

Berth fees, APA budgets and event lead times are indicative and move with LOA, season and harbour policy. Blue Ocean Club confirms live figures in writing before deposit. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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