

Solent Rib Charter is the UK's leading Rib charter company and the expert provider of Rib days.





We enjoy making wonderful days out on the Solent for both private and corporate parties.

Pleasure

Our guests always enjoy the thrill and the pleasure of Ribs as well as appreciating just how much of our beautiful coastline and how many historic ports and landmarks may be enjoyed in a day.

Fantastic fun

Ribs are fantastic fun, used by lifeboat organisations the world over for their ability to safely traverse serious seas. Ribs are uniquely exciting and enjoyable. It is almost impossible to have more fun!

The Solent

The Solent is Europe's busiest waterway, providing endless entertainment for every taste from the tranquillity of National Trust owned Newton Creek to the thriving world centre of yachting in Cowes on the Isle of Wight.

The sights

On any given day, you might see racing, warships, liners, oil tankers or tall ships on the water. You will also enjoy landmarks like the Needles, historic forts all around the Solent, beautiful ports like Yarmouth on the Isle of Wight as well as major sights such as the naval dockyards in Portsmouth.

Flexibility

The day is completely flexible; location, start time, finish time, itinerary, ports to visit and sights to see are almost infinitely variable and entirely your choice, although we would be delighted to provide guidance if requested.

Location

Although it is possible to start in Southampton, Portsmouth or Poole, Lymington is the favoured meeting point. Lymington is an unspoilt Georgian town in the heart of the New Forest National Park.

Arrival

Most groups aim to arrive sometime between 09.00 and 11.00. The day is yours, the boats are yours and the time of arrival is entirely at your discretion.

Lunch

Typically we will have suggested somewhere for lunch in advance of the day so that you have a confirmed booking. There are a wide range of waterside venues to suit all budgets and we will happily help recommend the right venue for you.

Après water

There are a range of excellent waterside bars for a celebratory Pimms prior to leaving us. The most popular time to finish the day and still leave everybody with enough energy for the journey home is around 5.30pm.



Ports to visit

- Yarmouth Harbour
- Cowes and River Medina
- Wootton Creek
- Beaulieu River
- Hamble River
- Southampton
- Portsmouth
- Hythe Marina Village
- Chichester Harbour

Sights

- Needles light house and cliffs
- Alum Bay coloured sand cliffs
- Scratchells spectacular cliffs
- Hurst Castle Tudor and Victorian
- Yarmouth Castle
- Newtown National Trust reserve
- Royal Navy fleet
- Spinnaker Tower
- Georgian naval dockyards
- Gunwharf Quays
- The 'Palmerston folly' forts
- Isle of Wight





Weather

Whilst blue skies are ideal, a low pressure system will almost always give a more interesting sea state and make the day even more exciting.

Oilskins

High quality breathable oilskins are available to hire for a very modest fee but must be booked in advance. Lifejackets are issued free of charge and must be worn.

Age and Adrenaline

There are no age limits and we have lifejackets to suit all ages. Talk to us about how we configure days to suit both the adrenaline junkies and those hoping for something more sedate.

The Ribs

Our Ribs are fast, fun, safe and immaculately presented. The Ribs are Coastguard coded and surveyed. Our skippers are fully qualified and commercially endorsed. We carry full public liability insurance.

Health

Participants will need to be in robust health. This event is unsuitable for those with knee, hip, back, neck or weight problems. Please contact us to discuss how to include members of your party who may be pregnant.

