



**FERRIES**

Littlehampton (R Arun) summer	Littlehampton F.
West Itchenor - Bosham (Smugglers Lane)	Chichester H C
Daily May-Sep, weekends in winter	Baker Trayte
Eastney - Hayling Island 4 mins	Gosport Ferry
Portsmouth - Gosport 4 mins	D & P Faithfull
Portsmouth - Gosport late-night	Isle of Wight C
Cowes - East Cowes (R Medina) 2 mins 🚗	Hamble-Warsash
Hamble - Warsash (R Hamble)	Hythe & S'ton
Hythe - Southampton 12 mins	
Mundeford Quay - Mundeford Beach	
Daily April-Oct, weekends in winter	Mundeford Ferry
Christchurch - Wick (R Stour) Easter-Oct	United M B
Sandbanks - Shell Bay 5 mins 🚗	Bournem'th-Swan.
Weymouth - The Nothe summer	(rowing boats)

[Baker Trayte Marine](#), Portsmouth mobile 07500 194854

PRIDE OF HAYLING	1989	-	11.9 m	64 pass
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**Eastney - Hayling Island** ferry.

[Blue Funnel Cruises](#), Southampton (023) 8022 3278

JENNY BLUE	1993	16 grt	13.7 m	63 pass
OCEAN SCENE	1994	398 grt	29.0 m	350 pass m
OLIVER B	1988	21 grt	12.2 m	72 pass

✕ **Solent**: Cruises from Southampton (Town Quay) to the docks, Hamble River, Portsmouth Harbour, Buckler's Hard and Isle of Wight. Cruises on the Beaulieu river by OLIVER B (see Buckler's Hard). Charter trips.

[Bodiam Boating Station](#) (01797) 253838

**Newenden - Bodiam**: Charter trips on the River Rother in DANNIE LEE (12 passengers).

[Bournemouth Boating Services](#), Christchurch 01202 429119

HEADLAND BELLE	1934	-	11.0 m	50 pass
HEADLAND MAID	1935	-	11.0 m	50 pass
HEADLAND PAL	1934	-	11.0 m	50 pass
HEADLAND QUEEN	1934	-	11.0 m	50 pass
MERRY WIDOW	1922	-	9.1 m	30 pass

**Christchurch Harbour**: Christchurch - Wick ferry. Summer service between Tuckton Bridge and Mudeford Beach, calling at Wick Ferry and Christchurch Quay, approximately every 30 mins (late-May - mid-Sep) or according to demand (Easter - Oct); journey time about 40 mins each way. Evening cruises.

[Bournemouth-Swanage Motor Road & Ferry Co](#) (01929) 450203

BRAMBLE BUSH BAY	1993	-	78.6 m	chain C
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**Sandbanks - Shell Bay** ferry.

[Brittany Ferries](#) - see '[English Channel and Biscay](#)'

**Portsmouth** - Le Havre, Caen, Cherbourg, St-Malo, Bilbao or Santander;

**Poole** - Cherbourg.

[Brownsea Island Ferries](#) (01929) 462383

MAID OF POOLE	1999	50 grt	25.9 m	186 pass
MAID OF THE HARBOUR	2001	-	25.9 m	186 pass
MAID OF THE ISLANDS	1989	-	15.2 m	130 pass
MAID OF THE LAKELANDS	1991	22 grt	18.3 m	128 pass

☐ **Poole Harbour**: Service from Poole Quay to Brownsea Island (see National Trust); cruises from Poole Quay around the islands of Poole Harbour (late-March - early-Nov). Cruises from Poole Quay to Wareham, the Jurassic Coast, etc. Charter trips.

[Buckler's Hard](#) (01590) 616203

**Buckler's Hard**: Cruises on the Beaulieu river (30 mins, Easter - Oct) by OLIVER B of Blue Funnel Cruises.

[Chichester Harbour Conservancy](#) (01243) 513275

SOLAR HERITAGE	2000	15 grt	14.0 m	50 pass	em
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☛ **Chichester Harbour**: West Itchenor - Bosham ferry (12-passenger boat). Cruises by SOLAR HERITAGE from West Itchenor and Emsworth (1 hr 30 mins, all year).

[Chichester Harbour Water Tours](#) (01243) 672088

**Chichester Harbour**: Cruises from West Itchenor (12-passenger boat).

[Chichester Ship Canal](#) (01243) 771363

KINGFISHER	2016	-	12.1 m	22 pass	
RICHMOND	2004	-	15.2 m	38 pass	

☛ **Chichester** (Canal Basin): Cruises on the Chichester Canal (1 hr 15 mins, mid-Feb - Oct); cruises with fish and chips or a cream tea (2 hrs); charter trips.

[City Cruises, Poole](#) mobile 07483 038487

HARBOUR SCENE	1978	99 grt	19.8 m	128 pass	
ISLAND SCENE	2001	49 grt	18.3 m	127 pass	
PURBECK PRIDE	1990	45 grt	19.5 m	157 pass	
RIVER ESCAPES					
FORTUNA	1977	135 grt	27.4 m	150 pass	
SOLENT SCENE	1974	131 grt	27.4 m	150 pass	

☛ **Poole and Swanage**: Cruises from Poole Quay in Poole Harbour (1 hr 10 mins); trips between Poole and Swanage (1 hour each way); evening cruises; occasional evening trips to Wareham; charter trips. [PBA member]

[Coastline Cruises, Weymouth](#) (01305) 785000

ENCHANTRESS	1941	-	11.3 m	41 pass	
MY GIRL	1931	-	12.2 m	52 pass	

**Weymouth** (Brewers Quay): Daily service to Portland; cruises along the Jurassic Coast (April - Oct).

[Condor Ferries](#) - see '[English Channel and Biscay](#)'

**Portsmouth** - Guernsey and Jersey;  
**Poole** - Guernsey, Jersey and St-Malo.

['Coral Star', Yarmouth](#) (01983) 760212

CORAL STAR	1962	13 grt	12.8 m	62 pass	
new vessel	2024	-	15.0 m	127 pass	m

☛ **Yarmouth and Lymington**: Trips between Yarmouth and Lymington (40 mins each way); cruises to the Needles (1 hr 40 mins); charter trips (April - Sep).

[Dorset Cruises](#), Poole 01202 844199

DORSET QUEEN	1938	33 grt	17.4 m	100 pass
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☐ **Poole:** Jazz cruises; gin-tasting cruises; evening party cruises and charter trips.

D & P Faithfull, Portsmouth mobile 07710 162507

FAITHFULL SERVANT II	?	-	? m	65 pass
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**Portsmouth:** Late-night ferry to Gosport. Charter trips.

[Gosport Ferry](#) (023) 9252 4551

HARBOUR SPIRIT	2015	293 grt	32.9 m	300 pass
SPIRIT OF GOSPORT	2001	300 grt	36.2 m	300 pass
SPIRIT OF PORTSMOUTH	2005	377 grt	36.2 m	300 pass

**Portsmouth - Gosport** ferry; occasional cruises in Portsmouth Harbour or to the forts; day trips to Lymington.

[Greenslade Pleasure Boats](#), Poole 01202 669955

PURBECK GEM	1988	30 grt	16.8 m	150 pass
PURBECK PRINCESS	1999	58 grt	19.5 m	179 pass

☐ **Poole:** Cruises from the Quay around the islands of Poole Harbour (1 hour, April - Oct); trips to Wareham (3 hrs 30 mins including 1 hr ashore, late-May - September, depending on tides); charter trips. [PBA member]

[Hamble-Warsash Ferry](#) mobile 07720 438402

**Hamble - Warsash** ferry.

[Hurst Marine](#), Keyhaven (01590) 642500

SOLENT ROSE	1968	-	14.3 m	94 pass
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**Keyhaven:** Service between Keyhaven and Hurst Castle (daily April - Oct, weekends in winter); charter trips.

[Hythe and Southampton Ferry Co \(Red Funnel\)](#) (023) 8084 0722

HYPHE SCENE	1992	68 grt	21.3 m	162 pass m
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**Hythe - Southampton** ferry.

[Isle of Wight Council](#) (01983) 293041

NO.6	2017	-	37.0 m	chain C
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**Cowes - East Cowes** ferry.

John Lewis Partnership

CASTELLO	2020	-	? m	33 pass m
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**Poole:** Private service to Brownsea Castle.

[Littlehampton Ferry](#)

**Littlehampton** ferry; harbour cruises (suspended).

**Mudford Ferry**

mobile 07968 334441

FERRY DAME	1989	-	9.1 m	35 pass
JOSEPHINE	1997	-	10.7 m	72 pass m
JOSEPHINE II	2013	-	10.7 m	72 pass m

**Mudford Quay:** Ferry to Mudford Beach; harbour cruises (1 hr 15 mins); excursions in 12-passenger RIB; charter trips.

**National Trust, Brownsea Island**

01202 707744

BROWNSEA ENTERPRISE	?	-	9.7 m	37 pass
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**Poole Harbour:** Poole - Brownsea Island (20 mins, mid-March - Oct) by vessels of Brownsea Island Ferries; Sandbanks - Brownsea (10 mins, mid-March - Oct).

**Needles Pleasure Cruises**

(01983) 761587

RAMBLIN' ROSE	1988	-	15.2 m	94 pass
YARMOUTH ROSE	2013	-	15.3 m	87 pass

**Alum Bay:** Cruises to the Needles Rocks and Lighthouse (20 mins, Easter - Oct); trips from Yarmouth to Alum Bay.

**Portsmouth Historic Dockyard**

(023) 9283 9766

**Portsmouth:** Historic Dockyard - RN Submarine Museum and Explosion Museum (April - Oct, weekends in winter) by JENNY R of Solent Cruises.

**Red Funnel Ferries**

(023) 8001 9192

RED EAGLE	1996	4075 gt	93.0 m	895 pass C
RED FALCON	1994	4128 gt	93.0 m	892 pass C
RED JET 4	2003	342 gt	34.9 m	271 pass >m
RED JET 6	2016	363 gt	41.1 m	275 pass >m
RED JET 7	2018	363 gt	41.1 m	277 pass >m
RED OSPREY	1994	3953 gt	93.0 m	896 pass C

✘ **Southampton - Cowes:** Service to East Cowes (1 hour, 🚗); fast service from Town Quay to Cowes (28 mins). Also runs freight ferry RED KESTREL. Also owns Hythe and Southampton Ferry Co.

**Ross Boats, Brighton**

mobile 07836 262717

GLADIATOR	?	-	? m	85 pass m
ROSSANN	2009	-	? m	63 pass m

**Brighton** (Marina): Sea cruises (45 mins) and angling trips.

**Rye Harbour Sea Safari & Boat Trips**

RONNOCH MOR	1980	-	10.7 m	28 pass
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**Rye Harbour:** River cruises (40 mins).

**Solent Cruises** (01983) 564602

ALI CAT	2017	71 grt	19.9 m	250 pass	m
JENNY LEE	1985	12 grt	13.7 m	86 pass	
JENNY M OF MEDINA	1988	19 grt	16.8 m	116 pass	
JENNY R	1984	12 grt	13.7 m	86 pass	
SOLENT CAT	2000	74 grt	20.1 m	250 pass	m
WIGHT SCENE	1992	279 grt	29.0 m	500 pass	m

☐ **Solent:** Harbour cruises in Cowes (35 mins); cruises from Cowes to Portsmouth. Cruises from Portsmouth Dockyard and Gunwharf Quays around Portsmouth Harbour (45 mins, all year). Evening cruises. Charter trips. See also Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

**The Solent Steam Packet** 0844 357 2329

SHIELDHALL	1955	1753 grt	81.7 m	200 pass	●
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✕ **Southampton:** Public and charter cruises in the Solent by preserved steamship.

**Transmanche Ferries (DFDS)** - see '[English Channel and Biscay](#)'

**Newhaven** - Dieppe.

**Waverley Excursions** - see '[Scotland - W. Coast](#)' (0141) 243 2224

✕ **South Coast:** Paddle steamer excursions from Poole, Portsmouth, Ryde, Shoreham, Southampton, Swanage and Yarmouth (September).

**Wey & Arun Canal Trust** (01403) 752403

WIGGONHOLT	2009	-	18.3 m	50 pass	e
ZACHARIAH KEPPEL	?	-	15.2 m	27 pass	

☐ **Loxwood:** Cruises on the Wey & Arun Canal (50 mins to 3 hrs 15 mins, weekends, April - Oct); charter trips.

**Wightlink** 0333 999 7333

ST CLARE	2001	5359 gt	87.0 m	878 pass	C
ST FAITH	1990	3009 grt	77.0 m	722 pass	C
VICTORIA OF WIGHT	2018	8041 gt	89.7 m	1170 pass	C
WIGHT LIGHT	2008	2546 gt	62.4 m	359 pass	C
WIGHT RYDER I	2009	520 gt	40.9 m	260 pass	m
WIGHT RYDER II	2009	520 gt	40.9 m	260 pass	m
WIGHT SKY	2008	2546 gt	62.4 m	359 pass	C
WIGHT SUN	2008	2546 gt	62.4 m	359 pass	C

☐ **Solent:** Portsmouth Harbour - Ryde (25 mins) by catamarans. Portsmouth (Gunwharf Rd) - Fishbourne (45 mins, 🚗); Lymington - Yarmouth (40 mins, 🚗).

Operators are listed in alphabetic order. For each operator, the following information is given:

**Title** - This is the name by which the firm is usually identified and is not necessarily the full legal name or the registered owner of a vessel.

**Name of vessel** - If the vessel's name has changed since the 2022 'Trip Out' guide, the previous name is given; other former names are not listed.

**Nationality of vessel** - All vessels listed are of British registry.

**Particulars of vessel** - Year of completion, "gt" or gross tonnage, overall length in metres, and maximum passenger capacity.

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**Type of vessel** - the following codes are used:

C - car ferry,

m - catamaran or trimaran,

> - high speed craft,

● - steam engined,

e - electrically powered.

(all other vessels have diesel engines).

**Catering** - Facilities are indicated by symbols:

☕ Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, etc.

🍷 Licensed bar serving beer, spirits, etc; tea, coffee and light snacks are usually available as well.

🍴 Full meals; a bar is always available as well.

The facility indicated may not be available on all of an operator's vessels at all times. The appearance of a symbol does not imply any recommendation of quality.

**Services** - Dates are inclusive: thus, "May - Aug" means from the beginning of May to the end of August.

Unless stated otherwise, cruises and excursions run in summer only, but charter trips are available all year.

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