



FERRIES

West Itchenor - Bosham (Smugglers Lane)	
Daily May-Sep, weekends in winter	Chichester H C
Eastney - Hayling Island 4 mins	Baker Trayte
Portsmouth - Gosport 4 mins	Gosport Ferry
Cowes - East Cowes (R Medina) 2 mins 🚗	Isle of Wight C
Hamble - Warsash (R Hamble)	Hamble-Warsash
Hythe - Southampton 12 mins	Hythe & S'ton
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 🚗	Bournemouth-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.

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

Portsmouth - Guernsey;

Poole - Guernsey and St-Malo.

[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**: 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.

[Carlin Boat Charters](#), Weymouth 01305 251927

COASTAL VIBES	2009	125 grt	27.4 m	250 pass	m
(previously CLYDE CLIPPER)					

Weymouth: Coastal cruises.

[Chichester Harbour Conservancy](#) 01243 512301

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 10 mins, mid-Feb - Oct); cruises with fish and chips or a cream tea (2 hrs); charter trips.

[Coastal Cruises Poole](#) mobile 07483 038487

ISLAND SCENE	2001	49 grt	18.3 m	127 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; charter trips. [PBA member]

[Coastline Cruises](#), Weymouth mobile 07749 732428

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).

[DFDS](#) - see '[English Channel](#)'

Portsmouth - Jersey;

Poole - Jersey.

[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.

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 Lyminster.

Greenslade Pleasure Boats, Poole 01202 669955

PURBECK GEM	1988	30 grt	16.8 m	150 pass
PURBECK PRIDE	1990	45 grt	19.5 m	157 pass
PURBECK PRINCESS	1999	58 grt	19.5 m	179 pass

☐ **Poole:** Service from the Quay to Brownsea Island (mid-March - early-Nov); cruises 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); 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 (suspended).

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.

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 30 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: Service for National Trust staff. See Greenslade Pleasure Boats for public service from Poole.

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.

Quay2Quay, Yarmouth

01983 760212

CORAL STAR	1962	13 grt	12.8 m	62 pass
KRAKEN	2024	-	15.0 m	110 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).

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 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
new vessel	2025	? gt	? m	150 pass >em

✕ **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

mobile 07929 244996

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:** Day trips from Cowes to Portsmouth (all year); 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

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 - West Coast' 0141 243 2224

- ✕ **South Coast:** Paddle steamer excursions from Eastbourne, Gosport*, Poole, Portsmouth*, Ryde*, Shoreham, Southampton, Swanage, Weymouth and Yarmouth (September). *By tender.

Wey & Arun Canal Trust

01483 505566

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.

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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