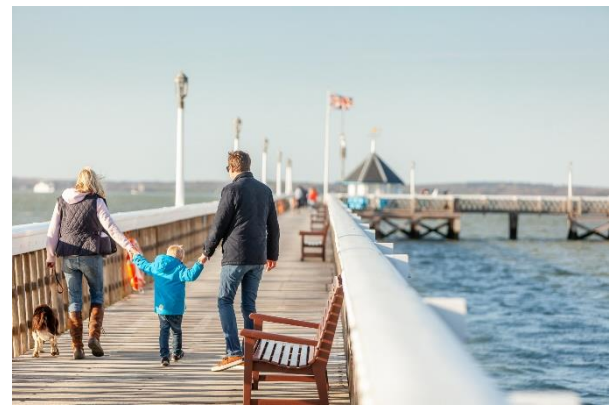


Solent Cruising Notes



Cruising from East Cowes Marina, the Solent has so many ports and anchorages to offer. Working west from Cowes, there's the beautiful Beaulieu River with plenty of marked visitor buoys going up the river, and the newly extended marina at Buckler's Hard. Then on the island side there's Newtown Creek, with a number

of moorings operated by the National Trust, and plenty of anchoring room, although it does get busy in the high season. Further west there's Yarmouth and Lymington both offering secure overnight berthing and plenty of bars and restaurants for evenings out. On the island side heading towards the Needles there's Colwell Bay (home to 'The Hut') and Totland bay which offer great daytime anchorages, and overnight possibilities in settled weather.



Heading East from Cowes there's Osborne Bay, a great anchorage in the shadow of Queen Victoria's Osborne House, and then Bembridge if your draft allows, and opposite that Portsmouth Harbour and our very own Haslar Marina, with its easy access to Gunwharf Quays and the rest of Portsmouth and Southsea.

Due north from Cowes there's the Hamble river, with our boatyard and small marina at Deacons just south of the road bridges at Bursledon. The rest of Southampton Water provides some room for sheltered sailing and powerboating, with a number of marinas in Southampton, the Itchen and across at Hythe Marina Village.

