

Stag and Hen Days



With Europe's largest fleet of Ribs, Solent Rib Charter is the market leading provider of Rib events. In the UK, we run more Rib events than all of our competitors combined.

Through years of experience, we are accomplished at providing unashamedly high quality Stag and Hen days. If the idea of waiting in a queue behind several unrelated groups to 'do' quad bikes fills you with horror, then read on...

Overview

With so much to do and see in the Solent, Rib Stag and Hen parties work spectacularly well. Blue skies are great, but hope for bad weather and a real sea running for extra adrenaline.

Ribs are fantastic fun. They will traverse mountainous seas in complete safety as well as turning sharply at steep angles with face stretching 'G' forces. This really is Alton Towers on speed!

Pace is our watchword. We keep the day moving

along with a fast moving schedule. The Solent is blessed with so many ports to visit and with so much on water activity as well as all the traditional sights such as the Needles (which kicks up infamous seas), that everybody will be truly exhausted by the end of the day.

Best of all though, we guarantee the day will be judged an unqualified success and you will not have been 'processed' on the usual formulaic stag and hen activity.

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Arrival

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 handy for evenings in both Bournemouth and Southampton.

Lymington Yacht Haven marina has plenty of free parking and an excellent Bistro with a balcony overlooking the Solent.

Use our corporate rates at the Bistro to enjoy croissants, bacon rolls, coffee, and freshly squeezed orange juice whilst awaiting your friends - a great way to ensure that a friend's inevitable late arrival does not spoil the day.

Most groups aim to arrive some time between 09.00 and 11.00. The day is yours, the boats are yours, the time of arrival is entirely at your discretion – there is nothing 'production line' about the day.

Briefing

Once the whole party has assembled, the skippers will spread out some charts and talk through the options geared to the prevailing winds and tides.

There are endless places to visit and things to see:

Ports

- Yarmouth harbour
- Cowes and River Medina

- Wootton Creek
- Beaulieu River
- Hamble River
- Southampton
- Portsmouth
- Hyde Ocean Village
- Chichester Harbour

Sights

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

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Lunch

Typically we will have suggested somewhere for lunch in advance of the day so that you have a confirmed booking. Recommended lunch spots include:

- George Hotel, Yarmouth – overlooking the Solent – excellent food
- Folly Inn, Cowes – accessed by a private pontoon – pub grub with a view
- Tiffins, Cowes – just off the marina – great baguettes and puddings, low cost

Weather

Although you may have blue skies and sunshine in mind, the weather to hope for is a low pressure system. An unsettled sea state and wind will make the conditions much more exciting and provide a real edge to the day. High quality breathable oilskins are available to hire for a very modest fee (must be booked in advance).

The Ribs

We own the Ribs we operate. They are fast, fun, safe and immaculately presented. The Ribs are Coastguard coded and surveyed and properly insured. The skippers are fully qualified, commercially endorsed, and we carry significant public liability insurance.

The boats are powered by V6 3.8 litre Suzuki outboard engines. The performance is breathtaking.

Much more interesting than the impressive straight line speed or acceleration is the ability of the Ribs to traverse mountainous seas in complete safety.

Activities

Most groups find the Ribs such an extreme and exciting activity in their own right, especially with so many places to call into and things to see, that additional activities are not really necessary.

If you have a competitive group who will only be happy in pitched battle, then adding the fiendish Rib Treasure Hunt works well providing there are two or more boats. Alternatively we are able to run kayaking and bicycle treasure hunts for those who thrive on physical exercise.

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 evening ahead is around 5.30pm.

Health

Participants will need a reasonable level of physical health rather than fitness. 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.