



Solent Rib
Charter®



Bareboat Rib Charter

Solent Rib Charter is the UK's leading Rib charter company with over 25 of our own boats on the fleet. Based in Lymington, we also deliver anywhere in the UK. The business was established in 1998 and is still in its original private ownership.





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Boats & Equipment

- Ribcraft 7.8m and 8.8m Offshore
- Offshore design construction and build quality
- Safe and comfortable 'jockey' seating for 8 or 10 behind the console
- Coastguard coding for 12 people and a full safety equipment inventory
- Suzuki 250HP four stroke low noise fuel efficient engines
- Full range of electronics - ICOM VHF, DSC, and Garmin colour GPS chart plotter
- Extra long range (in excess of 200nm) with 270 litre fuel tank
- Braked four wheel trailer with spare wheel and secure trailer lock
- Large dry storage lockers with Lewmar hatches
- LED Navigation lights
- Fusion marine stereo radio with iPod interface (8.8m only)

Lifejackets

Self-inflating lifejackets which are serviced annually are supplied free of charge. Please specify if you require life jackets for children; life jackets are stocked for children 2 years of age and upwards.

Oilskins

Oilskins are available to borrow free of charge should they be required. We do not carry oilskins for children or infants; they should bring their own waterproofs.

Clothing

Bring clothing layers including a windproof jacket. Clean high grip deck shoes or trainers and a change of shoes and socks to leave in the car are sensible. Hats, sunglasses, sun cream and plenty of water are essential even on cold days.

Tenders

When boats are chartered outside of the Solent and marina berths are not available, we are happy to lend tenders and small outboards free of charge as required.

Water skiing and ringos

You have probably never seen water skiing on the Solent – for good reason! Sea conditions suitable for skiing or towing are exceptional events. Obtaining insurance is possible if you and your spotter have current SBD2 licenses (ski boat driver level 2).

Branding

There is no advertising of any description on our boats and most particularly nothing saying 'for hire' or 'charter me' or similar. The boat presents as if your own.

Pricing

Buying 'cards'

Our 'cards' discount the price of a day depending on the quantity of days bought and paid for in advance, and last three years from the date of purchase.

Discounts

We have held our prices for nearly ten years and thus there is no room for discounts. The only exception is a discount of up to 15% available for seven consecutive days of charter outside of Cowes Week.

Charter period

The charter period is a 'day' rather than 24 hours. You are welcome to use the boat for as much or as little time as you wish during your booking; there is no prescribed 'start time'. There is no discount for shorter periods of hire.

Night time use

If two days are booked consecutively then the boat may be left overnight in a marina of your choice although it is not insured for use after sunset.

Handover

Just let us know when you plan to arrive and we will be in the marina to meet you. We will show you over the boat, sign the handover form and brief you on key safety information.

Delivery charges

We charge delivery at cost. Please contact us for a quote for the destination of your choice. The option to tow a boat yourself exists if you have a vehicle with a 3.5t tow rating and have previously owned a boat over 7 metres that was launched by trailer.

Bareboat Price List (per day)

Bareboat (+ Vat)	Duration	Day	Special Events	3 Day	7 Day	10 Day	7 Consec
Ribcraft 7.8m	Full day	£370	£470	£350	£335	£315	£1,995
Ribcraft 8.8m	Full day	£390	£490	£370	£355	£335	£2,095

Discount over card rate: 15%



Fuel

How much fuel?

Fuel is charged as burnt. Fuel consumption doubles every 1,000 rpm so consumption depends on driving style. The fuel tank is huge (270 litres). Bareboat clients spend on average £85 per day on fuel with a range of £50 – £140.

Refuelling

Unless the boat is on a consecutive day charter, the boat must be refuelled by ourselves. We fuel boats to a marked level so the fuel charge (debited automatically from your card) is 100% accurate.

Please note that pricing is subject to change – the latest prices are published on our website.

Qualifications & Insurance

Qualifications

In the UK, you need a powerboat level 2 certificate or an ICC to meet insurance requirements. The certificate is best obtained from Aquasafe Powerboat School in Lymington – 01590 678809.

Aquasafe

We have worked closely with Aquasafe for many years. Aquasafe use the same high quality Ribcraft Offshore Ribs for their courses that we charter, making the transition to bareboat charter especially easy.

New to boats?

Once qualified, you may want to gain more mileage and local knowledge. Having one of our skippers on board for the day (with you driving) costs only another £40 or so, and is a great confidence builder.

Insurance

The boats are fully insured although the charterer is liable for damage to the level of the excess. The insurers set the excess at a level to discourage carelessness and in fairness to them, their policy appears to be very effective!

Age of charterers

There is a minimum age requirement set by the insurers which is 25. Younger people may drive providing it is under the supervision of the charterer and conditions are appropriate.

Age of passengers

Our youngest passenger so far was two weeks old. We drove our oldest passenger to lunch to celebrate her 100th birthday. Lifejackets are available to suit all ages.

Cruising Range

The boats are Coastguard coded to a range of 20 miles from a safe haven. It is perfectly acceptable to use the boat to cruise along the coast from one port to another for example along the Jurassic coast.

Health and Safety

You will be responsible for the safety of your passengers and need to drive in a way that does not expose your passengers to risk. Ribs are not suitable for those with an illness or injury for whom shock loads may present a problem.

This includes those who have neck, back, hip, knee or foot injuries or who are pregnant. Ribs are not suitable for those who have consumed alcohol or taken intoxicating drugs.

The kill cord must be worn at all times.

Cancellation

We want you to enjoy your day out; if the weather forecast for your day is too windy or non-stop rain then you can postpone your day. Boats cancelled within 3 days of the charter date for reasons other than poor weather are chargeable in full.

About Us

We go out of our way to be as helpful, reasonable and fair as possible. Our business depends on people having a great time, rating us highly and returning for more. We never lose sight of that.

Things rarely go wrong but if they do, you will see what makes us the market leader. We are able to replace a broken down boat on the Solent within 45 minutes and we will drive through the night to replace a boat further afield.

Our experience, resources, boats, infrastructure and kit together with the great people that we employ make us the country's favourite operator.

Please try us to see for yourself!

