



Cowes Week

Our enormous enthusiasm and experience has made us a formidable force in delivering the highest quality water based Corporate Events in the UK. Ranging from the indulgent to the highly competitive, all our events are delivered with great style, on time and to budget. Just ask any of our customers - our events are great fun!





Cowes Week

Cowes Week is arguably the world's premier amateur yachting regatta, and has attracted international attention for nearly 200 years. The regatta, like many "Summer Season" events (Ascot, Henley, etc), retains something of the glamour of the early days. Uniquely with Cowes Week though, you can charter a boat and actually take part!

As an official charter supplier, Solent Events is perfectly placed to offer the ultimate Cowes Week experience – whether you're chartering a yacht and racing, spectating from a luxury sailing or power boat, or getting in amongst the action in one of our high-speed Ribs.

We have joined forces with the Royal Ocean Racing Club to provide VIP hospitality in their well-positioned clubhouse; their terrace and garden overlook the castle and harbour. Relax after racing and enjoy the best view in Cowes whilst our attentive hosts and hostesses ensure you are well looked after.

Cowes Week is famous for its festival atmosphere with many parties, live music, alfresco bars, black tie balls and fireworks! As Cowes experts, we know exactly what's happening where and when. Tap into our expertise for the best possible experience.

Call us on **01590 674900**.



Cowes Week Racing

- Max 10 people per yacht
- Racing consists of one race per day typically lasting between 2.5 – 4.5 hours, depending on the tide and weather conditions, with courses set by race officers from the prestigious Royal Yacht Squadron.
- We supply a range of first class race prepared yachts with at least two professional crew who will host you on the day; a yachtmaster-qualified skipper and a first mate – both experienced racers. No experience is required – many of our guests have never sailed before. We are equally adept at hosting the highly experienced enthusiast.
- You will join us at 09.00 at our VIP hospitality area for tea and coffee, and optional breakfast before joining your yacht in Cowes Yacht Haven. After a safety briefing we'll slip lines and be on the way to the start line... The basics will be explained and all guests will be encouraged to take part – it is remarkable how quickly everybody picks up the 'form'.
- You'll jostle for position on the start line before the cannon fires and then you're racing! Teamwork and vigilance will ensure you get the best finishing position. There will be plenty for everyone to do on the yacht, and plenty to see around you – Cowes Week offers some of the most exciting racing in the world, with hundreds of yachts battling it out.
- After racing it's time to put your feet up at the VIP bar and enjoy the best 'Apres Water' the UK sailing season has to offer. Then explore the legendary Cowes Week nightlife - live music, bars, pubs, restaurants, drinks tents and nightclubs.

Spectating

There isn't a better way to take in the excitement of Cowes Week than by chartering one of our high-speed Ribs. A great way to get a huge amount into one day; a Rib will pick you up from a convenient mainland location and within minutes you'll be in the centre of the action.

Our expert Rib skippers will be able to put you in the prime viewing position to see the best of the day's racing. The Rib will also allow you to go ashore whenever it suits to soak up the festival atmosphere or perhaps even escape the crowds at a fantastic beach front restaurant further up the coast.

If luxury is on your agenda, then let us take care of you on a stunning motoryacht, high speed powerboat or luxurious sailing yacht. From one of these fantastic viewing platforms, you'll have the best seat in the house to enjoy the racing in great comfort.

Sip a G&T and watch as the racing yachts frantically compete. Your skipper will find the best locations to view the racing and watch the impressive procession of finishing yachts sailing downwind, spinnakers flying. But it's your boat for the day, so it's up to you what we do – maybe lunch at one of the yacht clubs or take a dip in Osbourne Bay?

Getting There

Fast ferries to Cowes leave from Southampton every 30 minutes. For real style, arrive in one of our high speed Ribs. Book a Rib from Lymington, Beaulieu, Southampton, Hamble, Portsmouth or Gosport; we'll whisk you straight to the pontoon outside our VIP hospitality area.

What's Typically Included?

| | Race | Ribs | Luxury Sailing | Luxury Powerboat |
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| Pre-event planning and event management | • | • | • | • |
| VIP hospitality at the Royal Ocean Racing Club | • | • | • | • |
| Immaculate coastguard coded vessel with skipper | • | • | • | • |
| Race entry to an official class of Cowes Week | • | | | |
| Professional skipper | • | • | • | • |
| First mate | • | | • | • |
| Automatically inflating lifejackets (compulsory) | • | • | • | |
| Wet weather gear | • | • | • | |
| Mooring fees | • | | • | • |
| Alcohol packages (wine, champagne, beer, Pimms) | | | • | • |
| Breakfast (race/luxury options) | • | | • | • |
| Delicious lunch on-board (range of packages) | • | | • | • |
| Tea, coffee & soft drinks | • | | • | • |
| Energising snacks and chocolate | • | | • | • |
| Afternoon tea (race/luxury options) | • | | • | • |
| Flower arrangements and newspapers | | | • | • |

Health & Safety

Participants will need a reasonable level of physical health rather than fitness. Sailing yachts and Ribs are unsuitable for those with knee, hip, back, neck or mobility problems, and those who are pregnant.

Branding

Your boat can be branded in a variety of ways whether flags, sign writing or sails, please call us on **01590 674900** for more information. Many crews wear matching team clothing, we partner with leading marine brands: Musto, Henri Lloyd, Gill and Dubarry.

Photographer

We work with industry leading, award-winning marine photographers who are able to capture your Cowes Week experience.

Event Extras

- Accommodation – hotel / crew house
- Post event dinner or BBQ
- Coach and rail travel
- Branding on the boats
- Branded clothing
- Photography
- Extra mooring fees (for multiple destinations)