



## Royal Yacht Squadron

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## Regatta Guest Information Pack

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# Introduction to Cowes

Situated on the west bank estuary of the River Medina is the seaport town of Cowes, which ever since the founding of the Royal Yacht Squadron in 1815 has largely been considered the home of international yacht racing.

Along with the many maritime services available in Cowes, there is a wide range of places to eat; from café culture to restaurants and pubs which play host to the vibrant nightlife in high season, offering live music and open mic nights. Throughout the largely pedestrianised town centre, there is an abundance of shops offering clothing, nautical paraphernalia, food, jewellery and household accessories.

We have prepared this pack to give you an overview of what you will find when you arrive in Cowes, and to make planning your trip as simple as possible. Please also visit Cowes Online [www.cowes.co.uk](http://www.cowes.co.uk) for more extensive information on Cowes.

## Useful Information

### **Royal Yacht Squadron Flag Officers:**

**Commodore:** T J R Sheldon Esq  
**Vice Commodore:** Colin Campbell Esq  
**Rear Commodore Yachting:** J P L Perry Esq  
**Rear Commodore Finance:** Christopher Russell Esq

**Secretary:** Patricia Lewington MVO  
**Events Manager:** Emma Preece  
**Treasurer:** Jane Howe  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Keith Farr  
**Sailing Master:** Chris Mason  
**Sailing Manager:** John Thorn  
**Office Assistants:** Jane Barbour & Jerone Smith

Contact the RYS office on: 01983 292191 or [mail@rys.org.uk](mailto:mail@rys.org.uk)

## Useful Contacts

Emergency Services (Ambulance, Police, Fire and Coastguard): 999  
Non-Life-Threatening, Urgent Medical Assistance: 111  
Non-Urgent Police Assistance: 101

# Getting About

## Ferry Services

There are two ferry companies which service the Island:

### **Red Funnel**

[www.redfunnel.co.uk](http://www.redfunnel.co.uk)

08704 448898

Passenger ferry (Red Jet) which operates:  
Southampton - West Cowes

Car ferry which operates:  
Southampton - East Cowes

### **Wightlink**

[www.wightlink.co.uk](http://www.wightlink.co.uk)

08705 827744

Passenger ferry (Fastcat) which operates:  
Portsmouth - Ryde.

Car ferries which operate:  
Portsmouth - Fishbourne, and  
Lymington - Yarmouth

## Taxis and Car Hire Services

### **Jones Taxis**

01983 282822

### **1<sup>st</sup> Class Cars**

07719 212

01983 295566

### **TJ Taxi Services**

01983 520274

07768 426645

[www.tjtaxiservices.co.uk](http://www.tjtaxiservices.co.uk)

### **Cowes Taxis**

01983 294444

### **Rounsevell Cars**

01983 280800

### **A1 Cars**

01983 240000

### **Top Gear Vehicle Rentals**

[www.top-gearhire.com](http://www.top-gearhire.com)

01983 299056

## Water Taxi

**Cowes Harbour Taxis** (VHF #77 c/c "Harbour Taxi") 07855 767918

**Sally Water Taxis** (VHF #06 c/c "Sally") 07831 331717

**Island Harbour Ferry** (VHF #8) 07825 016943

**Folly Launch** (VHF #72 c/c "Folly Launch") 07884 400046

## Rib Hire

### **Marine & Property Care & Rib Charter**

07979 495537

[www.cowesribs.com](http://www.cowesribs.com)

### **Griffin Marine Services**

01983 826026

07876 623124

[www.griffmarineservices.co.uk](http://www.griffmarineservices.co.uk)

### **Lymington Rib Charter**

07887 635000

[admin@solentribcharter.co.uk](mailto:admin@solentribcharter.co.uk)

### **8.75m Scorpion RIB for Charter**

07769 972007

[will@headingtons.com](mailto:will@headingtons.com)

### **Akwamarine Ltd**

07836 378978

[www.akwamarine.com](http://www.akwamarine.com)

# Cowes Yacht Clubs

**Royal Ocean Racing Club Cowes**  
The Parade, Castle Hill, Cowes PO31 7QU  
01983 293581  
[www.rorc.org](http://www.rorc.org)

**Royal London Yacht Club**  
The Parade, Cowes PO31 7QS  
01983 299727  
[secretary@rlyc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rlyc.org.uk)  
[www.rlyc.org.uk](http://www.rlyc.org.uk)

**Island Sailing Club**  
70 High Street  
Cowes  
Isle of Wight  
PO31 7RE  
01983 249430  
[www.islandsc.org.uk](http://www.islandsc.org.uk)  
[www.roundtheisland.org.uk](http://www.roundtheisland.org.uk)  
[admin@islandsc.org.uk](mailto:admin@islandsc.org.uk)

**Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club**  
39 Birmingham Rd  
Cowes  
Isle of Wight  
PO31 7BH  
01983 296333  
[www.ccy.org.uk](http://www.ccy.org.uk)

# Marinas and Moorings

**Cowes Harbour  
Commission**  
01983 293952

**East Cowes Marina**  
01983 299975

**Shepards Wharf Marina**  
01983 297821  
VHF CH69 call sign MH1

**Island Harbour Marina**  
01983 822999

**Cowes Yacht Haven**  
01983 299975

**Newport Harbour**  
01983 525994

**Folly Reach**  
07884 400046

# Accommodation

Quay Management Services.  
01983 651169 / 07496 363369

[www.quaymanagement.co.uk](http://www.quaymanagement.co.uk) / [katie@quaymanagement.co.uk](mailto:katie@quaymanagement.co.uk)

## Agencies

### **A Base Ashore**

Jamieson and Rachel Ide  
Windrush  
Baring Road  
Cowes  
PO31 8DS  
01983 281891  
07809 299874

[www.abaseashore.com](http://www.abaseashore.com)  
[help@abaseashore.com](mailto:help@abaseashore.com)

### **Shoreberths**

James Gair  
01983 284249  
07887 564286

[www.shoreberths.com](http://www.shoreberths.com)  
[james@shoreberths.com](mailto:james@shoreberths.com)

### **Cowes Holiday Homes**

Graham Machin  
07751 328717

[www.cowesholidayhomes.co.uk](http://www.cowesholidayhomes.co.uk)  
[cowesholidayhomes@outlook.com](mailto:cowesholidayhomes@outlook.com)

### **Regatta Lets**

2 Willow Drive  
Northwood  
PO31 8AR  
01983 291909  
07747 811203

[www.regattalets.com](http://www.regattalets.com)  
[andrea@regattalets.com](mailto:andrea@regattalets.com)

### **JAC Accommodation**

Egypt Esplanade  
Cowes  
PO31 8BS  
01983 280632

[jac@wight365.net](mailto:jac@wight365.net)

### **Blue Chip Holidays Ltd**

Suzanne Priddle  
07580 206411

[www.bluechipholidays.co.uk](http://www.bluechipholidays.co.uk)  
[bookingsteam@bluechipholidays.co.uk](mailto:bookingsteam@bluechipholidays.co.uk)

## Hotels

### **The Woodvale Hotel**

1 Princes Esplanade, Gurnard, PO31 8LE  
01983 292037

[www.hotelcowes.co.uk](http://www.hotelcowes.co.uk)

### **New Holmwood Hotel**

65 Queen's Road, Cowes, PO31 8BW  
01983 292508

[www.newholmwoodhotel.co.uk](http://www.newholmwoodhotel.co.uk)

### **North House**

30 Sun Hill, Cowes PO31 7HY  
01983 209453

[www.northhousecowes.co.uk](http://www.northhousecowes.co.uk)

### **Villa Rothsay Hotel**

Baring Road, Cowes, PO31 8DF  
01983 295178

[www.villa-rothsay.co.uk](http://www.villa-rothsay.co.uk)

# Bed & Breakfasts

## **Endeavour House**

47 Mill Hill Road  
Cowes  
PO31 7EG  
01983 297406

[www.endeavourhousecowes.co.uk](http://www.endeavourhousecowes.co.uk)

## **Caledon Guest House**

59 Mill Hill Road  
Cowes  
PO31 7EG  
01983 293599

[www.the-caledon.co.uk](http://www.the-caledon.co.uk)

## **Noss Mayo**

66a Baring Road  
Cowes  
PO31 8DW  
01983 200266

## **Mimosa Lodge**

59 Baring Road  
Cowes  
PO31 8DW  
01983 241490

[www.mimosa-lodge.co.uk](http://www.mimosa-lodge.co.uk)

## **Anchorage Guesthouse**

Mill Hill Road  
Cowes  
01983 247975

[www.anchoragecowes.co.uk](http://www.anchoragecowes.co.uk)

## **Holly Tree House**

218 Park Road  
Cowes  
PO31 7BG  
01983 246227

## **Westbourne House**

43 Birmingham Road  
Cowes  
PO31 7BH  
01983 290009 / 07871 845032

[www.westbournehousecowes.co.uk](http://www.westbournehousecowes.co.uk)

## PUBLIC HOUSE ACCOMMODATION

### **The Anchor Inn**

1-3 High Street, Cowes PO31 7SA  
01983 292823

[www.theanchorcowes.co.uk](http://www.theanchorcowes.co.uk)

### **The Union Inn**

Watchhouse Lane, Cowes PO31 7QH  
01983 293163

[www.unioninncowes.co.uk](http://www.unioninncowes.co.uk)

### **The Fountain Hotel**

High Street, Cowes PO31 7RR  
01983 292397

[www.oldenglishinns.co.uk/our-locations/the-fountain-inn-cowes](http://www.oldenglishinns.co.uk/our-locations/the-fountain-inn-cowes)

### **Duke of York**

Mill Hill Road, Cowes PO31 7BT  
01983 295171

[www.dukeofyorkcowes.co.uk](http://www.dukeofyorkcowes.co.uk)



## Holiday Village Chalets

### **Gurnard Pines Holiday Village**

Cockleton Lane

Gurnard

01983 292395

[www.gurnardpinesholidayvillage.co.uk](http://www.gurnardpinesholidayvillage.co.uk)

### **Thorness Bay Holiday Park**

Thorness Lane

Nr Cowes

Isle of Wight

PO31 8NJ

08433 092576

[www.park-resorts.com/holiday-parks/isle-of-wight/thorness-bay](http://www.park-resorts.com/holiday-parks/isle-of-wight/thorness-bay)

## **Houses**

### **Myles Harrison**

Flat 1

Regency House

High Street

Cowes

07769 642220

[mharris8@its.jnj.com](mailto:mharris8@its.jnj.com)

### **Gray's Inn**

Union Road

Cowes

PO31 7TW

01983 200770

07939 028889

[www.bedbreakfastcowes.co.uk](http://www.bedbreakfastcowes.co.uk)

### **Cath Giraudon**

Lisburne

61 Queen's Road

Cowes

07770 914250

### **Jane Windsor**

2 Claremont Place

Sun Hill

Cowes

07775 523156

[janewindsor@btinternet.com](mailto:janewindsor@btinternet.com)

### **Carlton Cottage**

Queen's Road

Cowes

07771 905794

[www.carltoncottagecowes.co.uk](http://www.carltoncottagecowes.co.uk)

### **Alison Wheeler**

Crew House

[Aliw29sjhg@hotmail.com](mailto:Aliw29sjhg@hotmail.com)

Available for Cowes Week

[www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/19909220](http://www.airbnb.co.uk/rooms/19909220)

Three bedroom house in Cowes

### **The J House**

Tel: 0330 311 6411

[www.bluechipholidays.co.uk/isle-of-wight/cowes/5-the-j-house](http://www.bluechipholidays.co.uk/isle-of-wight/cowes/5-the-j-house)

## Dining



## Restaurants

### **Murrays**

01983 296233

### **The Red Duster**

01983 290311

[www.theredduster.com](http://www.theredduster.com)

### **Tonino's**

01983 298464

[www.toninoscowes.co.uk](http://www.toninoscowes.co.uk)

### **Mojac's**

01983 281118

[www.mojacs.co.uk](http://www.mojacs.co.uk)

### **The Coast Bar**

07831 331717 / 01983 298574

[www.thecoastbar.co.uk](http://www.thecoastbar.co.uk)

### **Bahar Tandoori**

01983 200378

### **Amabi**

01983 716164

[www.amabi.co.uk](http://www.amabi.co.uk)

### **Number 3**

01983 291714

[www.number3cowes.com](http://www.number3cowes.com)

## Bars and Public Houses

\*See Public House Accommodation

### **Moocow**

01983 200750

### **Reclaimed**

01983 280083

### **Pier View**

01983 294929

### **Vectis Tavern**

01983 238439

### **The Yachtsman**

01983 299618

# Marine Services

## Chandlers

### **Fynn Marine**

Cowes Yacht Haven, Vectis Yard, Marina Walk, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 297500

07786 474211

[www.fynnmarine.co.uk](http://www.fynnmarine.co.uk)

### **Marine Bazaar**

225 Arctic Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 298869

### **Pascall Atkey**

29-30 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 292381

### **Spencer Rigging**

Empire Building, St Mary's Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 292022

[www.spencerrigging.co.uk](http://www.spencerrigging.co.uk)

### **Jolliffes Chandlery**

2-4 Birmingham Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 290100

## Diving Companies

### **MMC Ltd**

Medina River, Cowes, Isle of Wight

07966 579965

[info@mmc-worldwide.com](mailto:info@mmc-worldwide.com)

### **Island Divers**

Unit 2 Medina Village, Bridge road, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 240255

[www.iowdivers.co.uk](http://www.iowdivers.co.uk)

## Fuel

### **Cowes Harbour Fuels**

Harbour Office, Town Quay, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 293952 (Harbour Office) or 01983 200716

### **Lallows Boatyard**

3 Medina Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight

01983 292112

[www.lallowsboatyard.co.uk](http://www.lallowsboatyard.co.uk)

## **Breakdown Assistance**

### **Sea Start**

Unit 13, Hamble Point Marina, Hamble, Hampshire  
0800 885500 & 02380 458000  
[www.seastart.co.uk](http://www.seastart.co.uk)

## **Boat Builders and Repairs**

### **Composite Craft Ltd**

Medina Yard, Pelham Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
07971 817444  
[www.compositecraft.co.uk](http://www.compositecraft.co.uk)

### **South Boats**

Venture Quays, Castle Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 280030  
[www.southboatsiow.com](http://www.southboatsiow.com)

### **Will Squibb Boatbuilders & Marine Surveyors**

Attrills Yard, The Duver, St Helens, Isle of Wight  
01983 874629  
[www.willsquibb.net](http://www.willsquibb.net)

### **A&M Fabrications**

Unit 42, Medina Village, Medina Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 297999

### **Kingston Marine Boatyard**

Kingston Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 293952

[www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/boatyard\\_and\\_marine\\_services](http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk/boatyard_and_marine_services)

## **Safety Equipment**

### **TeamO**

07503 461259  
[www.teamomarine.com](http://www.teamomarine.com)

### **SeaSafe Systems**

Mariners House, Mariners Way, Somerton Business Park, Newport Road, Cowes  
01983 282388  
[www.seasafe.co.uk](http://www.seasafe.co.uk)

## **Groceries**

### **The Butchers**

23 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 293129

### **Healthy Indulgence**

110 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 210042

### **Phillips Seafood & Smoke House**

111 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 245247

### **The Food Hamper & Deli Cowes**

116 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 295680

### **Sainsbury's**

129-130 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 273400

### **Marks and Spencer**

Terminus Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 329296

### **Waitrose**

Well Road, East Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 295680

# Health and Beauty

## Barbers

### **Beresford's Barber Shop**

2 Shooters Hill, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 293863

[www.beresfordsbarbershop.co.uk](http://www.beresfordsbarbershop.co.uk)

### **Cowes Esquire**

50 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 240204

[www.cowesbarber.co.uk](http://www.cowesbarber.co.uk)

### **Hair Port Unisex Hairdressers**

113A High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 291331

## Hairdressers

### **K&H Hairdressers**

3 The Arcade, Cowes, PO31 7AR  
01983 299000

### **Jeans**

1A High Street Cowes, PO31 7SA  
01983 293102

### **Charlotte's Academy**

9 Birmingham Road, Cowes, PO31 7BH  
01983 200960

## Spa Facilities

### **BeCalmed Spa Therapy Centre**

8 Birmingham Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 296655

[www.site.becalmedincowes.co.uk](http://www.site.becalmedincowes.co.uk)

## Other Services

### **Osbornes**

119 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 280974

### **Cowes Post Office**

Co-Op Mill Hill Road  
01983 299120

### **VecWash Launderette**

1 Mill Hill Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight  
01983 294698

## Useful Websites

### **Cowes Online**

[www.cowes.co.uk](http://www.cowes.co.uk)

### **Cowes Harbour Commission**

[www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk](http://www.cowesharbourcommission.co.uk)

### **Cowes Yacht Haven**

[www.cowesyachthaven.com](http://www.cowesyachthaven.com)

### **Isle of Wight Tourist Information**

[www.visitisleofwight.co.uk](http://www.visitisleofwight.co.uk)

### **Isle of Wight Council Visitor Services**

[www.iwight.com/visitors](http://www.iwight.com/visitors)

### **Royal Yacht Squadron**

[www.rys.org.uk](http://www.rys.org.uk)

### **BBC Weather**

[www.bbc.co.uk/weather](http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather)

### **Osborne House**

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/osborne](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/osborne)

