

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019 HAYLING ISLAND SC

Our 2019 National Championships will be hosted by Hayling Island SC, and will take place from Saturday 24 to Tuesday 27 August. The official Notice of Race has been published on the website, but this briefing note is designed to help you plan your trip to and participation in the event.

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE IS **NO** ACCESS TO THE CLUB FOR BOATS OR CARS UNTIL 24 AUGUST. THE CLUB HAVE ASKED US TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU CANNOT LEAVE BOATS THERE IF YOU ARRIVE DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK. THE CLUB IS HOSTING IT'S ANNUAL REGATTA WEEK MONDAY TO FRIDAY AND WILL HAVE 300 COMPETITORS TAKING PART.

AS A RESULT OF THIS, RACING FOR OUR EVENT WILL NOT COMMENCE BEFORE 2.30PM ON SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST IN ORDER TO GIVE TIME FOR ARRIVAL AND RIGGING THAT MORNING.



Located close to Portsmouth, Hayling Island is well known for hosting major sailing events.

Foreword from Class Chairman, Nick Bacon:

The 2019 National Championships will be hosted by Hayling Island SC and will take place from Saturday 24 to Tuesday 27 August. I would like in advance to thank the great work going on behind the scenes by our Committee and other volunteers in helping to organise this event and make it one of the most memorable for our sailors and families.

The Nationals is not a qualifying event and does not count towards any winter squads. It's primary purpose (apart from identifying the prestigious 420 National Champions (Open, Women and U17)) is to allow the sailors to enjoy racing against a social program to max out on the fun side of the



class and all it has to offer. It is a relaxed atmosphere where all involved, sailors, parents, grandparents and friends are able to just enjoy themselves without the pressure of squads and rankings.

Prizes will be awarded for every sailed race sailed and not just to those at the front of the fleet. I would encourage as many of you whether new to the class or die-hards to enter the event; it will be an opportunity for sailors and families to foster new conversation and possibly too, new partnerships.

The Committee works closely with the sailor representatives to ensure that on and off the water the sailor's get the very most of the 4 days and 2019 will be no exception.

Thank you, see you in HISC.

Nick

The Venue



Located on an isolated sandy peninsula known as "Sandy Point," at the entrance to Chichester Harbour, England, the **Hayling Island Sailing Club**, was founded in 1921. The first clubhouse was originally a fisherman's cottage adjacent to Salterns Quay, and known as Quay Cottage. After a short while, the club moved into the premises now occupied by the Mengham Rythe Sailing Club. With a lottery grant awarded to the Club redevelopment of a new Clubhouse was completed early in 2003,

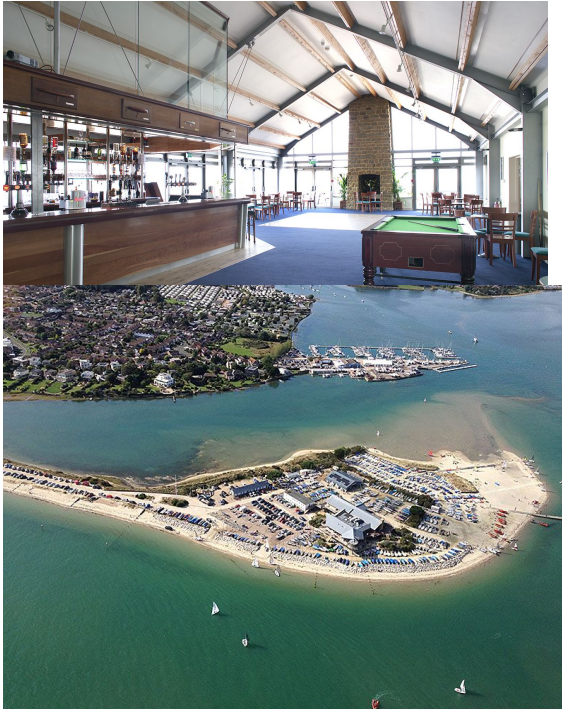
Sailing

Lots of launching space should ensure we can get the fleet afloat pretty quickly.

There are options for sailing in the Harbour or on the open sea which will allow us to cope with a range of wind conditions.

We will be publishing a 'Sailing Hayling' guide to the venue in the spring to provide you with a lot more information about tides, wind etc and Tim and Jonny's top tips for sailing at the venue.

Clubhouse Facilities



The clubhouse offers the usual changing facilities, a servery restaurant offering breakfasts and suppers, a waterside snack bar which provides an all day service (you can even go in there in wet gear!) and two bars. There are plenty of seating areas inside and out to allow you to watch the racing including a huge balcony area with great views out to the race areas.



Accommodation

The sailing club have a number of bunk style rooms which can be booked directly with them. It is basic accommodation and located in two blocks, Stocker and Dunes, both situated near the clubhouse. Demand for accommodation is high when sailing events are taking place, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Use the [On-line Booking](#) system or contact the Club to check availability via [email](#) or by telephone on (44) (0)23 9246 3768 between 09:00 and 17:00 hrs.

Please that caravans and tents are not allowed to be within the precincts of the Club and that no vehicles may be used for sleeping accommodation within the precincts of the Club. Motorhomes are not permitted to pitch on site and members/visitors are requested not to bring these vehicles to the Club. The club office says the Fishery Lane campsite closest to the club but recommends early booking as Hayling is a very popular holiday destination, not just somewhere to sail.

There are a number of campsites on the island and a range of self catering options can be found by the usual trawl through holiday cottage sites, AirBnB etc and through the club accommodation list which we will post a link to from the website. Homeaway also had a number of properties available. If you can't find accommodation 'on the island' there's plenty of options 'off island'



with Premier Inns, other self catering accommodation, campsites etc around Emsworth, Chichester, Portsmouth etc. Please do recognise that this is a very popular holiday destination and get those bookings in early!

Fellow sailors who have attended other events at HISC have used Mill Rythe static caravan park (<https://www.awayresorts.co.uk/mill-rythe>), and Fishery Creek (<http://www.fisherycreekpark.co.uk>) for motorhomes/caravans/camping. HISC tell us that Fishery Creek is just a 5 minute drive from the club and easy to cycle from.

There are further jointly owned sites called 'The Oven' and 'Fleet Farm' (<https://www.hayling-campsites.co.uk>). Their website says 'Hayling Campsites is a family run holiday destination spread across 2 sites on beautiful Hayling Island. The Oven is a larger site with pitches for up to 350 tents, a shop, busy cafe and swimming pool and Fleet Farm is smaller with 75 spaces in a more secluded woody spot'.

Things to do for Non Sailors

There are plenty of beaches to visit in the area, both on the island and around Chichester Harbour. **Hayling Island** has over 3 miles of beaches along the seafront facing the Solent and many more miles of shore around the Harbours of Langstone and Chichester. The three main beaches of the Island have won both the European Blue Flag and the Keep Britain Tidy Group – Seaside Award Flag for cleanliness and management.

The Hayling Seafront is primarily a shingle beach above the high tide mark, with long stretches of sand below this line. Views of the Solent are exceptional with the Isle of Wight plainly seen and wide stretches of open water, criss-crossed with yachts and ferries going to the Continent. At high tide the waters can get deep quickly with the shelving of the beaches, at low tides the waters are usually shallow, especially at West beach, which is excellent for swimming. The West Winner sand bank stretches for about a mile into the Hayling bay, providing shelter from the larger waves for the beaches and at West Beach, a 'lagoon' within which the waters warm nicely as the tide rises during the day.

About a third of the beach is protected by groynes which cut into the sea to prevent the removal of beach material and act as shelters from the sea breezes which blow throughout the year. These breezes prevent the beaches and the Island from getting too hot during the summer and from being too cold in the winter.

Hayling Seaside Railway runs the one mile between the popular funfair at Beachlands and Eastoke Corner with its shops, pubs and Cafes

Portsmouth offers shops, and a number of museums including the D-Day Story (rated highly on Trip Advisor) and the Royal Marines Museum. The Mary Rose is also located in Portsmouth together with HMS Victory, HMS Warrior etc

Chichester Harbour is a beautiful area to visit with some glorious beaches and some interesting and rather quaint villages around the perimeter (Bosham is lovely!). **Chichester** offers another chance to 'shop till you drop'!



Arundel Wetlands Centre (NT) provides a chance to get close to nature and has an on-site cafe/restaurant.

Stansted Park (NT) is home to orest walks, afternoon teas and some of the best events in the south! Visit the Mansion for a real sense of a bygone era.

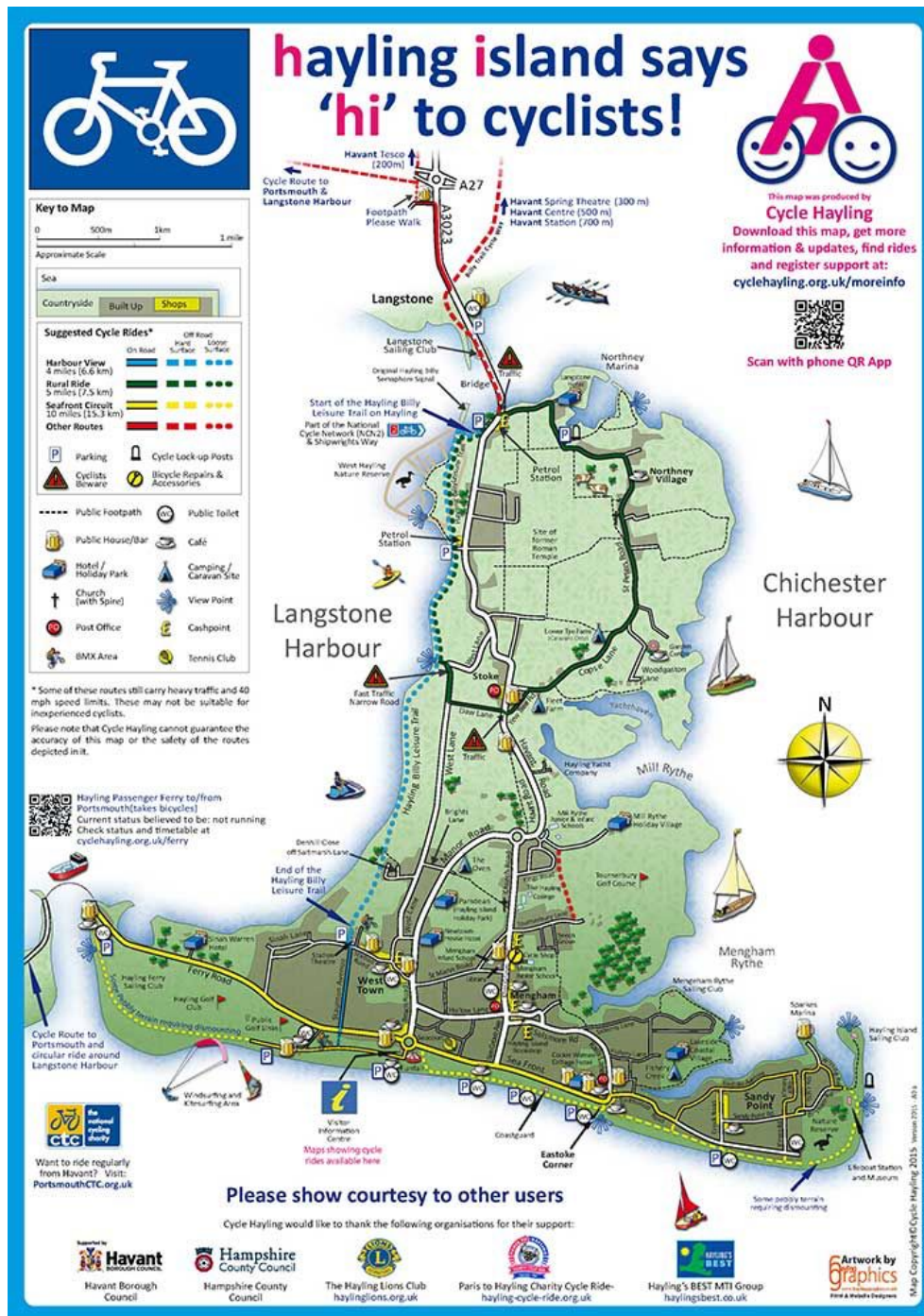
West Dean Gardens (NT) Nestled at the foot of the South Downs just 6 miles north of Chichester, West Dean Gardens is one of the greatest restored English gardens open to the public today. Enjoy 13 Victorian Glasshouses housing orchids, fuchsias, figs, vines, melons and chillies. See the Walled Kitchen Garden, 300 foot-long Edwardian Pergola, the naturalistic Spring Garden, the award-winning Sunken Garden and the orchards. The circular 2½ mile arboretum walk set in 50 acres of beautiful parkland offers spectacular panoramic views of the South Downs.

Marwell Zoo is one of the best known zoos in the south and is a must visit destination when in the area

Beaulieu - Learn about Cistercian monks of Beaulieu Abbey and minutes later get up to speed with formula one racing cars and see other motoring treasures in the National Motor Museum

Fishbourne Roman Palace is the remains of the largest domestic roman building yet found in Britain

Hayling golf course is ranked in the 'UK Top 100' golf courses by Golf Monthly. It is considered to be a quality test of golf, if the wind is blowing it will certainly concentrate the mind.



Enjoy cycling? The map overleaf gives some ideas for routes on the island.

Need any more convincing? Here's some feedback from friends who have been to lots of events at HISC:



It's a great location on the spit for a family holiday, as there is the beach, windsurfing, paddle boarding - and it's good for all ages as there is usually lighter wind round the corner in the estuary.

The clubhouse is awesome, with vantage points and balconies in many directions, chandlery, permanent staff, kitchen, snack bar, restaurant serving varies meals each night, bar open all day every day! Their disco evenings are legendary!

The island itself is good for kitesurfing enthusiasts too, and there is plenty for non sailors to be entertained with. Funfair, beach etc without having to leave the island.

The Isle of Wight isn't far away if you fancy a trip to another island!

See you there!