



Solent boating community invited to 'save the date' to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee



The Solent's sailing community is invited to take part in the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Cowes on Saturday 6th August 2022. Photo credit Barry James Wilson.

The Solent's boating community is invited to take part in a once-in-a-lifetime celebration of HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee at Cowes on Saturday 6th August.

Yacht and sailing clubs in the Solent region can join in the event by 'saving the date' and registering their interest in attending by emailing mail@rys.org.uk as soon as possible.

The day will begin with the option of breakfast, followed by a review of all participating vessels by VIPs from across the region, with racing off Bramble Bank. All boats, from RIBs to sailing and motor vessels, can register to be part of the official programme.

A Silver Spitfire Air Display and prize-giving will be followed by an afternoon of live music and entertainment at a free concert at the Cowes Yacht Haven with a 'soon to be announced' headline act.

A committee of sailing organisations, class associations and clubs from across the Solent region is organising the sailing and entertainment planned on the Solent and at Cowes Yacht Haven, following this year's Cowes Week. All yacht and sailing clubs in the Solent region are being asked to send up to 20 representative vessels to participate in the event.

Hampshire yachtsman Geoff Holt MBE, founder of the Wetwheels charity and a member of the organising committee said: "Members of the Royal family have been a common sight at yachting events in the Solent for many years and have supported many local yacht clubs and charities.

"The event is a great opportunity to bring the Solent's sailing and yachting community together to celebrate our Queen's 70 years on the throne and the Royal Family's ongoing support for yachting and boating."

The event will also help raise money to provide opportunities for disabled people to get afloat by supporting Wetwheels as the nominated charity. Wetwheels boats from around the UK will return to the Solent, enabling VIPs from across the region to view the spectacle from the water.

Donations can be made here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/platinumjubilee>

Chair of the organising committee, Jonathan Nainby-Luxmoore added:

"The day will bring the boating community together like never before, with potential for 600 vessels or more to attend from clubs around the Solent region. It's the biggest event the Solent has seen in a long time."

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Notes to editors:

Wetwheels is a Hampshire-based charitable foundation, with locations also in Cornwall, Kent, Yorkshire and Jersey. It was established in 2011 and provides disabled people to access the sea in a safe, stimulating and rewarding way on board specially-built, fully-accessible powerboats. This helps build confidence and improves physical and mental wellbeing.

Website: <https://wetwheelsfoundation.org/>