

Solent Swim – Saturday 29 August 2020

SAFETY BOATS / RIBS REGISTRATION FORM

The Solent Swim is organised by West Wight Sports & Community Centre as a fund raising event for the West Wight Sports & Community Centre Trust (registered charity number 273334).

WWSCC is more than just a swimming pool - it is a community hub, providing a range of facilities and services focusing on health, fitness, personal growth and development and supporting both physical and mental health and well-being.

As a charity, we rely on ad hoc grants and fundraising events such as the Solent Swim to support our work and ensure the Centre can continue to operate.

We face a huge financial challenge each year in order to be able to maintain our services to the community, and need to raise around £150,000 a year to fill the gap in funding. The Solent Swim is the main fundraising event for the Centre and since our first event in 2010, over 400 people have swum the Solent and raised over £200,000 for the charity.

Many thanks for volunteering in the capacity of a safety boat for the 10th Solent Swim - the event could not run without all the fantastic support we receive.

The role of safety boats is firstly to transport swimmers from Yarmouth Harbour over to Hurst Castle, and then to accompany the swim from Hurst across the Solent to Colwell Bay, under the direction of the Freshwater Independent Lifeboat, whose Coxswain, is in overall charge on the water.

Each safety boat should have a skipper and 1 crew member. The remaining capacity is for swimmers for the trip over to Hurst. If you are on board a RIB or open power boat, please wear a lifejacket - swimmers are expected to provide their own lifejackets if they wish to wear one.

A Safety Briefing for all participants will be held at the West Wight Sports & Community Centre on Friday 28 August at 7.30pm. Please confirm that you are able to attend the safety briefing. Further instructions will be issued at Yarmouth Harbour on Saturday 28 August prior to departure from the Harbour Office pontoon (timing to be confirmed).

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Please complete the details below (crew details can follow if necessary):

Boat Name: Owner’s name: Contact details: Tel:..... Mobile: E-mail: <hr/> Vessel type/description (please include model, length, draft, engine size, hull colour): Capacity (inc skipper & any crew): VHF Radio: YES / NO Callsign: Any other relevant equipment:
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I will be able to attend the safety briefing at 1930 on 28 August at WWSCC

Next of kin information: Owner/skipper name: Name of next of kin: Next of Kin telephone number(s) applicable at the time of the Solent Swim: Home: Work:.....
Crew member if applicable - name: Name of next of kin: Next of Kin telephone number(s) applicable at the time of the Solent Swim: Home: Work:.....