

Solent Swim – Sunday 4th July 2021

Please note that this year's event will take place in the early evening – final timings will be confirmed closer to the date

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 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 Sunday 4th July at 3.30pm. Please confirm that you are able to attend the safety briefing.

