

# Langstone Rowing Festival

Saturday & Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Langstone Cutters Gig Club CPGA Regatta and  
The Round Hayling Race



**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> June the Round Hayling 'Flag' Rowing Race** will take place around the Island along the Course shown in Blue. The Start and Finish will be in the New Cut on the North Side of the Hayling Island, proceeding in a clockwise direction around the Island, in order to row with the tidal flow along the sea front. It will be run as a single race with handicaps for different classes of boat; the 13 mile course takes around 2-2.5 hours to complete for Gigs and Galleys - the record time is 2 hours 6 minutes set by Weymouth Gig Club; 2 hours 9 minutes in a Langstone Cutters Solent Galley.

**Entry Fees:** There is a charge of £12 per person entering the Round Hayling in order to provide the Safety and Support Boats.

**All boats must carry a flag of at least 2'x3' and take a working VHF radio (Channel 8).**

High Water Portsmouth 13.00 (4.8m);

11.00 Coxswains Briefing.

Race Handicap latest starting times (to be confirmed):

11.15 Claydons & Whalers

11.40 St Ayles Skiffs & Skerries

11.50 Jolly Boats and other 4 oared boats

12.00 Solent Galleys

12.10 Cornish Pilot Gigs

Race finishes around 14.20. Boats recovered or moored up and crews off the water 15.00.

Presentations: 16.00. This year Langstone Adventure Rowing has extended the Awards of an Adventure Shield to crews for:

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| 1. Fastest Round the Island          | 6. Fastest St Ayles Skiff |
| 2. First Across the Line on Handicap | 7. Fastest Solent Galley  |
| 3. Fastest Ladies                    | 8. Fastest East Coast Gig |
| 4. Fastest Vets Crew (50+)           | 9. Sportsman's Trophy     |
| 5. Fastest Cornish Pilot Gig         | 10. Juniors (Under 18)    |

### ***Alternative route:***

***In the event of high winds, the Hayling sea front can become impassable at either end to rowing boats. An alternative route, shown in Red, may be used. The Handicap start times will be revised according to the length of the revised course***

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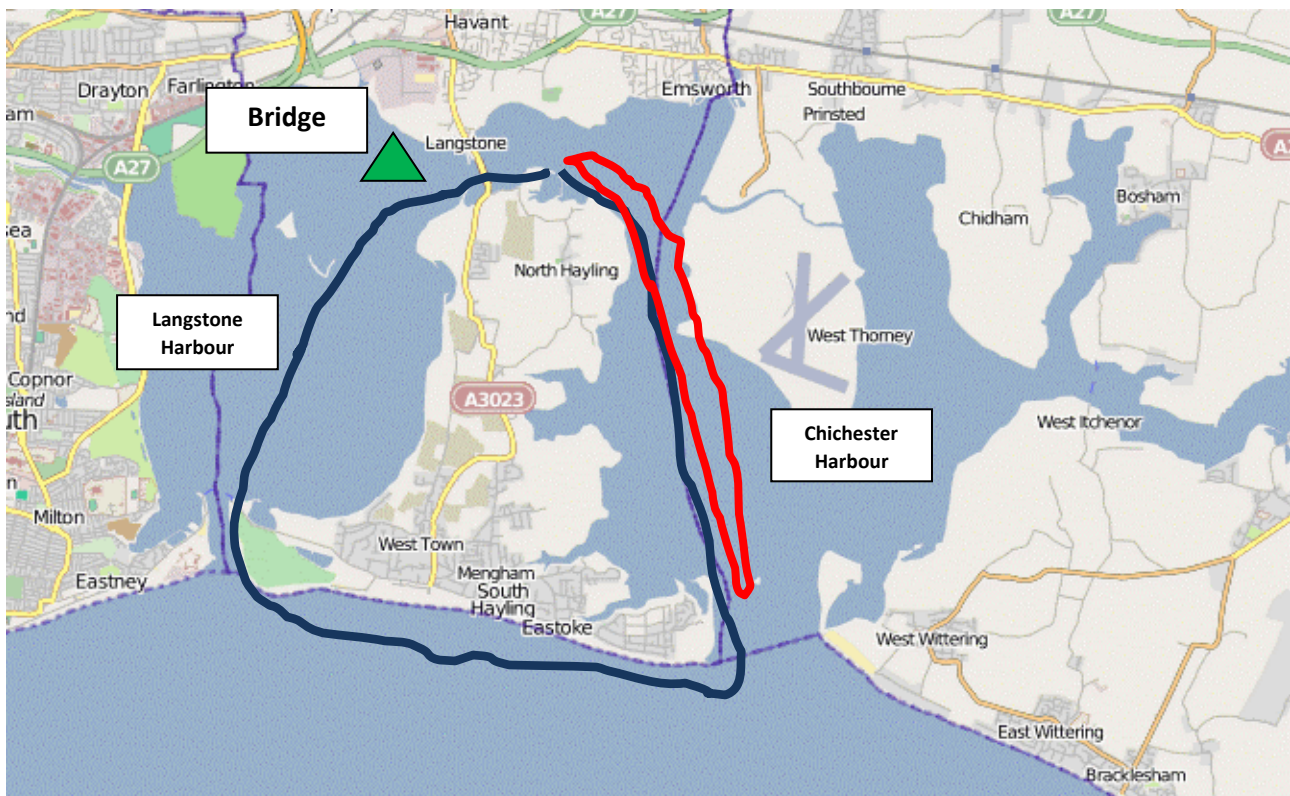


**Course Hazards:** On leaving the New Cut at the start crews may proceed clockwise around the island in pursuit of the fastest time. Hazards include:

1. Cardinal, Marker Buoys and Marker Posts indicating Channel positions and hazards – competitors are recommended to stay between the **red** and **green** markers in order to avoid risk of grounding on tidal Saltings and mudbanks.

2. Moored yachts: To the North of the harbour entrances are lines of buoys and moored boats.

Competent Coxswain  
Workshop: Channel



3. Tide races at the junction of the Harbour entrances – choppy water can result from certain wind/tide conditions. At the Exit to Chichester Harbour there will be 2 x buoys indicating the route to take – close to the red hazard Baskets, ensuring you do not head south over the Bar Sands.

4. Fishing Lines; when hugging the shore to avoid a head tide, beware of long fishing lines – advise fishermen of your approach if possible.

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5. Rock and wooden Groyne along the sea front – stay seaward of all the red ‘basket’ Groyne markers.
6. A shallow, unmarked, sand bank to the NE of the wrecked Mulberry in Langstone Harbour is a hazard – Crews can pass either side of the Mulberry without disqualification, always ensuring you regain the main channel thereafter.
7. **BRIDGE:** A narrow passage through the disused railway bridge and a narrow passage under the Hayling Bridge. **TO AVOID RISK IN THIS AREA RACING WILL CEASE AT THE GREEN TRIANGULAR BUOY MARKED ‘BRIDGE’ 100 METRES TO THE WEST OF THE BRIDGES. ANY CREW OVERTAKING BEYOND THIS POINT WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.** Racing may recommence once through the narrow gap!

**Course participants:** All Coxswains must be over 18 years. Under 18’s must wear a life jacket or buoyancy aid; no one may take part under 12 years old.

**Safety:** All the Marshals and Safety boats are volunteers, so please respect them and the advice they give regarding safety and risk management.

**On the Water:** The coordinating wet-side manager will be Mike Gilbert mobile 07767 350 512. All crews will carry a VHF radio tuned to Channel 8 for communication purposes.

**On the Shore:** The venue is Northney Marina; Hayling Island PO11 0NH; 023 92 469246. Free parking, showers and toilets are on site.



**Arrival and Departure:** Boats and crews can arrive from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the Marina. The coordinating Shore Manager Brian West (mobile 07713 987590) will base himself

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adjacent the North Slip. Unit 3 is the home base for Langstone Adventure Rowing and Langstone Cutters Gig Club and can be used for a meeting point, shelter and storage.

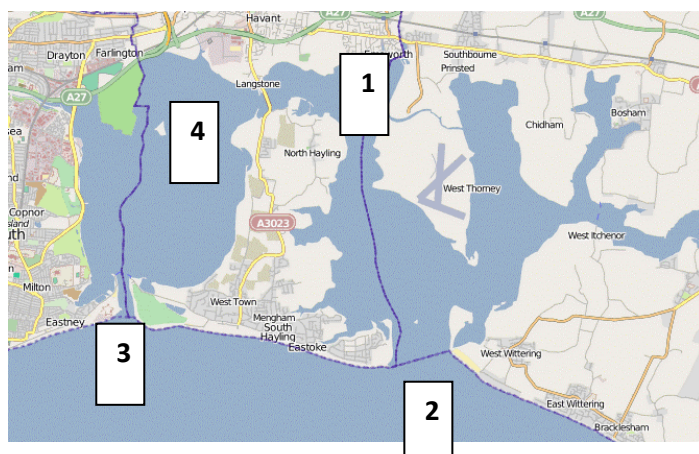
Launching sites include: a) Public Slipway within the Marina Complex using the trailer to launch/recover or b) With 'dollies' off the North Shore Slip adjacent Langstone Cutters Gig Club Operations near 'Unit 3'. Trailers can be stored in the boat standing area adjacent the public slip.

There is a secure Dry Boat Park where boats/trailers can be left overnight.

Boats that are participating in the Cornish Pilot Gig regatta on Saturday and staying on site for use on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> can be left afloat; berthed on the 'work' Pontoon in the Marina.

**Safety Plan:** In 2017 the safety support arrangements have changed and Support Boats will be positioned at:

1. The Start;
2. Off HISC;
3. Off the Winner and by
4. Bridge Buoy in Langstone Harbour.
5. RIBS will also follow the main groups of boats.



All boats must carry a working VHF radio and a radio check will be carried out at the start.

**Any boat without a working vhf radio will not be allowed to start.**

Clubs are requested to ensure that the coxswain is a competent Off-shore Cox capable of handling the crew and boat in the rough waters that can be experienced along the Hayling Sea Front.

**All Coxswains must wear a lifejacket, and all crews must have a life jacket or buoyancy aid available IN THE BOAT – The Safety Officer may require them to be worn on the Sea Front Leg if the wind exceeds F4.**

If the forecast and assessed conditions are deemed excessive; Plan B Route will be applied.