

The Round Hayling Challenge – 14th September 2019

Windsurf – SUP – Canoe



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For many, Hayling Island is considered the spiritual home of windsurfing. The Round Hayling Island Challenge (sponsored by the SUP Company) is a great celebration of the sport first staged in 1980, the 14 miles' circumnavigation can take anything from 60 minutes to 6 hours.

Open to Windsurfers, SUPs and a number of canoe classes (OC1, OC2, OC6) the aim is to appeal to both experienced competitors and less experienced riders. This iconic event gives entrants the opportunity to challenge themselves to the Starboard Course – the full 14-mile circumnavigation or the Red Paddle Co 9 mile course which runs along the more sheltered side of the island.

Competitors face a number of challenges in this historic race, including navigating under the road bridge that links the island to the mainland and through the remnants of the old railway bridge as well as through the narrow entrance to Langstone Harbour before the final challenge across the seafront into Chichester Harbour to complete the circumnavigation at HISC.

Hayling Island Sailing Club (HISC) is one of the UK's premier sailing clubs. Perfectly situated at the entrance of Chichester Harbour, HISC not only offers some of the best views over the harbour but also breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as overnight accommodation for both entrants and spectators.

To secure your place on the start line for The Round Hayling Island Challenge visit <http://www.hisc.co.uk/open-events-2019/windsurf-round-hayling/>

Entry opens on Friday 1st March 2019

Notes for Editors:

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Hayling Island Sailing Club (HISC) is the United Kingdom's leading dinghy sailing club, occupying a magnificent site at the entrance to Chichester Harbour on the South Coast of England. In its 97-year history, HISC has had a leading role in British sailing encouraging innovation and development, hosting Olympic, National and World class events and nurturing many generations of sailing champions. Hayling Island Sailing Club is an RYA centre of excellence and is home to some of the best sailing in the UK. For more information please visit www.hisc.co.uk

The Club is sited on a sandy peninsular with direct access to two superb sailing areas; either the sheltered water of the harbour or the open water of Hayling Bay - an ideal venue for national and international championships. At high tide it is possible to lay an Olympic course adjacent to the sailing club, allowing superb spectating from the impressive clubhouse.

HISC organises regular weekend racing throughout the year for a wide range of dinghy classes as well as regular Youth events and training and Cruiser races; there is a very active social sailing section.

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