

Visitor Information

We recommend that visitors traveling to the PSP Southampton Boat Show use public transport. The Show is located at Mayflower Park/ Town Quay, Southampton SO15 1HJ.

You may find www.multimap.com useful for planning your trip.

Please be aware that this year there are no Park and Ride facilities to the Show. We apologise for this inconvenience, but hope the following information will help to assist in making alternative arrangements. A free overview Entry Map of the Show, features and facilities will be available for you to pick up at the entrance and throughout the Showground.

Bus

Southampton Main Bus Station is 5 minute walk from the main Show entrance. The closest bus stops to the Showground are in the Bargate/High Street/Town Quay area. There is a free 'City Link' bus that runs between Southampton Central train station and Town Quay (near Bugle Street) every 15 minutes. Further information from www.southampton.gov.uk or www.traveline.org.uk

Rail

Southampton Central is the closest mainline station. Please use platform 4 exit to get to the Boat Show. It's a 10 minute walk to the Showground or you can take the free City Link bus to the Town Quay. For further information on rail services call National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950, or see www.nationalrail.co.uk, or www.southwesttrains.co.uk

Parking

There are 10,000 parking spaces throughout the city centre both in public and privately owned car parks. For Council owned car parks, download their useful leaflet Parking Southampton from www.southampton.gov.uk/transport/parking

Charges from £6.50 per day.

Private car parks close to the Showground include:

| Location | Spaces | Walk | Pay on foot |
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| WestQuay Podium and Multi storey | 4000 | 5 min | POF (EXIT) |
| MDL, Ocean Village | 776 | 10 min | POF (EXIT) |
| Eastgate Street | 605 | 10 min | POF (EXIT) |

Car parking also exists at Hythe, where you can buy your ticket and ferry passage to the Show – see below.

Coaches

There is limited on-street parking at Blechynden Terrace. Drop off and pick up points are available in Harbour Parade and by prior arrangement at the National Express Coach Station.

Ferry

For visitors from the Isle of Wight or Hythe, both Red Funnel Ferries and Hythe Ferry operate from Town Quay, Southampton which is a 5 minute walk from the Showground. Visitors using either ferry company, will also be able to buy their Show entry tickets at the same time. For more information contact www.redfunnelferries.co.uk and www.hytheferry.co.uk

Air

We suggest you visit www.southamptonairport.com for details of all services to and from Southampton International Airport. Take a train from the airport to Southampton Central, and the Show is a 10 minute walk – follow signs.

Or take the Unilink or First Bus service from the airport to Southampton. The Southampton Boat Show is located 5 minutes walk from Town Quay or the West Quay shopping centre.

Disabled Visitors

Visitors displaying a valid disabled persons blue badge can park free of charge in all City Council surface car parks and on-street parking bays. There are parking spaces for people with disabilities around the city centre and close to the main Showground entrance in Western Esplanade.

Southampton has a Shopmobility service which operates from West Quay, which can provide electric and manual operated wheelchairs and scooters. There is a charge for this service. For further information: Tel: 023 8063 1263 or email city.shopmobility@southamptonvs.gov.uk or alternatively hire wheelchairs at the Show from the Information Kiosk at the main entrance. Due to limited numbers, availability is not guaranteed and is based on a first come, first served basis. Return chairs hired at the Show to the Information Kiosk at Gate A.

Attendants cannot be provided but one companion is admitted free of charge per wheelchair user, visually impaired visitor or other person whose disability necessitates a carer. Please enquire about free admission at the Show entrance.

Avoiding the Bridges - for pram and wheelchair users

Our Bridge Avoidance wristbands will help you avoid the temporary bridges that expand over the 2 main roads and divide the Showground in to areas. Please request the Bridge Avoidance Wristband from security staff at each relevant Gate i.e. Gate C to access Gate J, and Gate H to access Gate E and vice versa for return journey – see Entry Map for guidance.

The Police request that visitors must use the pelican crossing when crossing West Quay Road between Gate C and Gate J.

Care of Children

Don't forget to obtain a Kids wristband from security. This helps us reunite children quickly with their parents if they become lost. We follow a strict lost children's policy. Please encourage young children to only speak to a Security Stewards or Show Information Hosts - they will be happy to help. Please ensure older children roaming the Show on their own or with friends, know where to meet parents and how to contact them at a set time at the end of the day.

Hotels

For details of hotel accommodation, contact Travelocity Business on Tel: 0870 870 9146, Fax: 0161 968 9311 or email boatshows@travelocity-business.co.uk or visit www.travelocity-business.co.uk/event

Catering

There is a variety of dining options from freshly made sandwiches, salads, seafood dishes and afternoon tea in the Seafood Terrace (Mayflower Complex), and other catering areas throughout the Show.

Or, enjoy a three-course lunch in the Main Show Restaurant with Cunard. To book a table, call Wise Catering on: 07770 667803. There is limited availability, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Meeting Point

The designated Meeting Point is under the entrance canopy of the Holiday Inn Hotel.

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| Friday 12 Sept | 10am – 7pm | Press & Public Day |
| Saturday 13 – Saturday 20 Sept | 10am – 7pm | Public Day |
| Thursday 18 Sept | 10am – 7pm | Public & Ladies Day |
| Sunday 21 Sept | 10am – 6pm | Public Day |

Showground Facilities

Bank, cash and foreign exchange services, push chair/pram park, baby changing facilities and First Aid are all available within the Showground. There are no left luggage facilities. Information hosts on rollerblades are around to assist you in making the most of your day at the Showground.

A free Entry Map showing the location of the main features at the Show will be available at Show entrance and throughout the Showground.

Access to the Hydropool Marina

Access to the Marina is controlled for safety reasons. Babes in arms, pushchairs and prams are not permitted on the Marina, please use the Baby Care/Pram Park facilities. Visitors in wheelchairs, or with guide dogs, may experience delays in getting onto the Marina when it is crowded. Security at the Marina entrance will advise.

Important Information

For reasons of comfort, welfare and safety, it is advised not to bring animals to the Show especially at busy weekends, except for registered guide or assistance dogs.

Please note that this is a temporary, outdoor event covering open parkland, tarmac, cobbled and paved surfaces and is subject to varying weather and ground conditions. Although some temporary track way is laid, much of the event is on open and uneven ground and care must be taken. We therefore advise that you check the weather forecast for the day of your visit, consider the nature of the event and the effects of any inclement weather on the surface conditions, and wear suitable clothing and footwear. In extreme weather conditions, access may be restricted in the interest of safety.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Visitors will be subject to security searches.

During the Show, for additional information visit the Organiser's Office near the Holiday Inn Hotel or call 023 8022 2900.

Terms & Conditions

Tickets are sold subject to the terms and conditions of issue. You should note that in the event of cancellation or curtailment of the whole or part of the event, no refunds are available. A full copy of the terms and conditions are available at www.southamptonboatshow.com or by writing to Operations, National Boat Shows, Marine House, Thorpe Lea Road, Egham Surrey TW20 8BF

For an alternative format of this information, please call 01784 473377, or email operations@britishmarine.co.uk

Coming by car

Follow the AA road signs to direct you to the Showground. These are located on the motorways M3, M27, M271 and main arterial roads to Southampton.



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**For all ticket enquiries please call the
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