



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 21(T) of 2026

Extended Yacht Rafting in Cowes Harbour: Friday 10 July to Sunday 9 August 2026

Notice is hereby given that over the period from **Friday 10 July to Sunday 9 August 2026**, Cowes Harbour may experience exceptionally high levels of sailing yacht visitors due to various major events.

To accommodate these visiting yachts, extended rafting of yachts is necessary at Cowes Yacht Haven, Shepards Marina, East Cowes Marina and Folly Visitors pontoon. See figures 1, 2, and 3 below.

Figure 1 – Cowes Yacht Haven and Shepards Marina

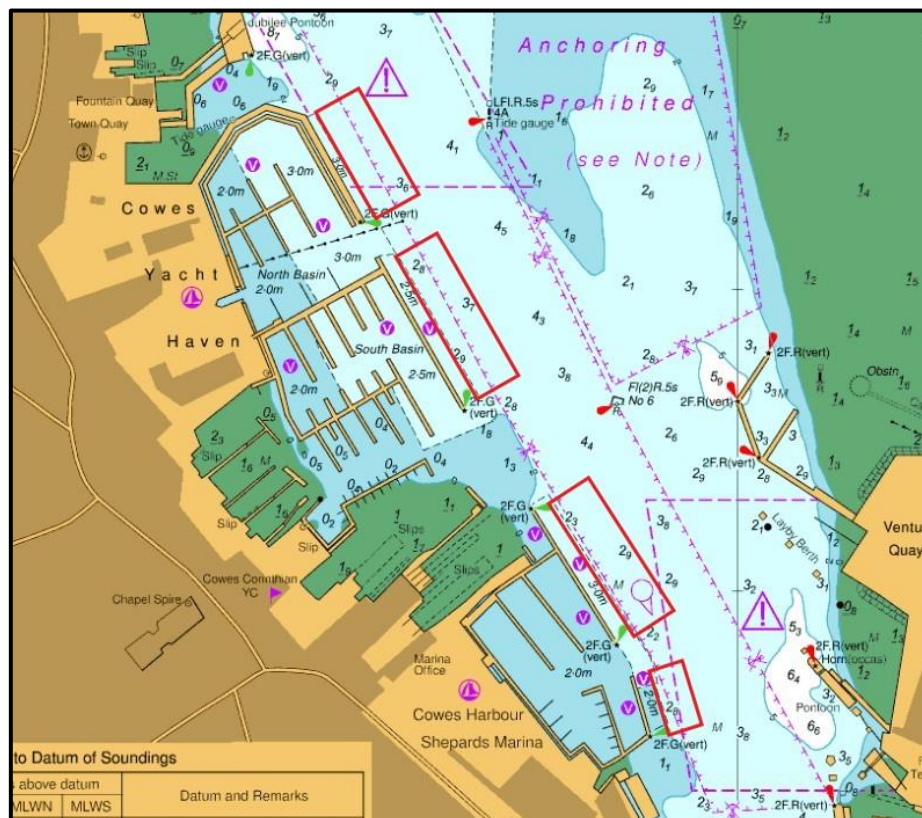


Figure 2 – East Cowes Marina

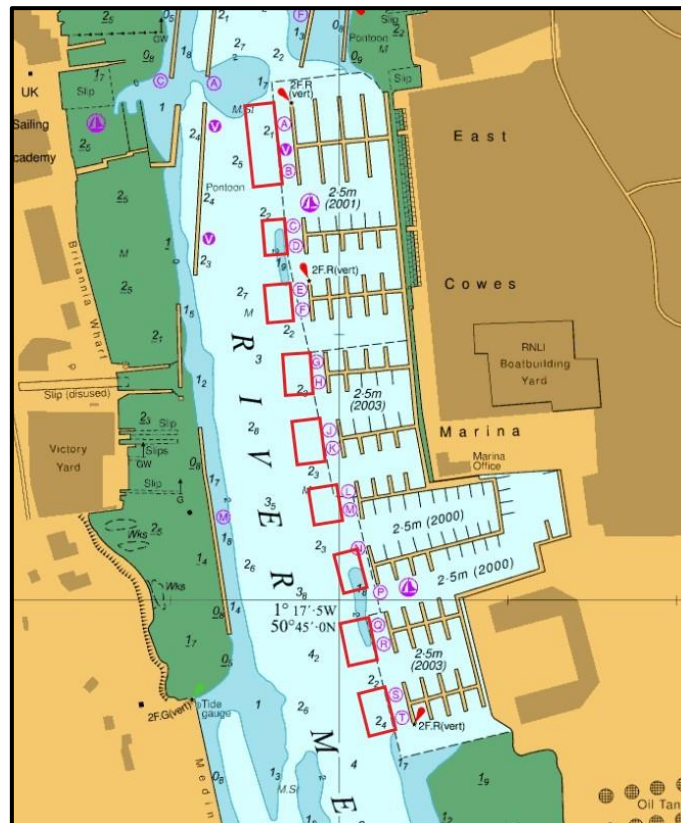


Figure 3 – Folly Visitor pontoons



The rafts may extend up to approximately 20 metres from marina pontoons and Cowes Yacht Haven wall. This is close to the main Inner Fairway channel that is dredged to a minimum depth of 3.0 metres below chart datum.

All vessels are advised to navigate with particular caution when passing these extended rafts and are reminded not to exceed the speed limit of 6 knots through the water and not to cause wash, as described in the [Cowes Harbour General Directions](#).

Events include but not limited to:

- Round the Island Race – 11 July
- Cowes Week – 1 August to 7 August

This local notice to mariners will self-cancel at 2359 on 10 August 2026.

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