



COWES HARBOUR COMMISSION

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS No. 30(T) of 2026

Wavefest Personal Watercraft Rideout 2026

Notice is hereby given jointly by the ABP Southampton Harbour Master, Cowes Harbour Master and Kings Harbour Master Portsmouth that Wavefest 2026 will be taking place on **Saturday 3 October 2026**.

Approximately **60** personal watercrafts (PWC) will be cruising at roughly **35 knots** around the Isle of Wight.

The riders will start at Calshot at **0915hrs** and plan to finish in Mercury Marina in Hamble by **1700hrs**.

There will be RHIB Safety craft and safety riders in support throughout the duration of the rideout.

The route and timings may be subject to alteration due to prevailing weather, sea state or operational requirements.

All participants will be listening to CH 11, 12 and 16 throughout the duration of the event.

This local notice to mariners will self-cancel at 2359 on 4 October 2026.

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Owners, Agents, Charterers, Marinas, Yacht Clubs and Recreational Sailing Organisations should ensure that the contents of this Notice are made known to the masters or persons in charge of their vessels or craft.