

SOLENT AREA MARK CODES 2025

Zone 1 Western Approaches				
ID	Name	Colour	Lat N	Long W
1A	Peveril Ledge	R	50 36.41	01 56.10
1B	Poole Bar No 1	G	50 39.29	01 55.14
1C	Stoneways Marine	Y	50 40.31	01 54.02
1D	The Rig Shop	Y	50 41.08	01 54.26
1E	Ledge Buoy	Y	50 41.50	01 41.60
1F	Needles Fairway	RW	50 38.24	01 38.98
1G	South West Shingles	R	50 39.29	01 37.52
1H	Bridge	YBY	50 39.63	01 36.88
1J	Shingles Elbow	R	50 40.37	01 36.05
1K	North Head	G	50 42.69	01 35.52
1L	Needles Lighthouse	RW	50 39.73	01 35.50
1M	Warden	G	50 41.48	01 33.55
1N	North East Shingles	BYB	50 41.96	01 33.41
11	East Hook	R	50 40.58	01 55.23
12	MB (EYE Marine/Christchurch SC)	Y	50 42.60	01 40.80
13	Parkstone YC	Y	50 39.46	01 55.20

Zone 2 West Solent				
2A	Embley School	Y	50 42.77	01 32.43
2B	Dunford Construction	Y	50 43.38	01 31.54
2C	Colten	Y	50 43.83	01 30.86
2D	Lymington Yacht Haven	Y	50 44.17	01 30.10
2E	Circle Marine Insurance	Y	50 44.49	01 29.32
2F	Berthon	Y	50 44.20	01 29.22
2G	Bridgeworks WAN Acceleration	Y	50 44.79	01 28.47
2H	Draycott Chartered Surveyors	Y	50 44.30	01 28.16
2J	Zwerver	Y	50 45.11	01 27.34
2K	Greenings Fintech	Y	50 44.83	01 26.09
2L	Royal Lymington YC	Y	50 43.14	01 31.95
2R	Powder Byrne	Y	50 45.43	01 25.89
2T	Lymington Bank	R	50 43.10	01 30.85
2U	Tuakana Construction	Y	50 43.67	01 29.50
2X	Solent Bank	R	50 44.23	01 27.37
20	Sconce	BY	50 42.53	01 31.43
21	Black Rock	G	50 42.57	01 30.59
22	Charles Stanley	Y	50 42.86	01 29.40
24	Now Students	Y	50 42.86	01 28.42
25	Jeremy Rogers Contessa	Y	50 43.15	01 27.49
26	Hamstead Ledge	G	50 43.87	01 26.18
27	Adam Harding-Domeney	Y	50 42.97	01 28.16
28	Harwoods	Y	50.42.73	01.28.69

Zone 3 Mid Solent (W)				
3A	West Lepe	R	50 45.24	01 24.09
3B	Newtown East	Y	50 44.36	01 23.80
3C	Craftinsure	Y	50 45.64	01 23.12
3D	Salt Mead	G	50 44.51	01 23.04
3E	The Boss	Y	50 46.13	01 22.19
3F	Monex Marine	Y	50 44.72	01 21.95
3G	Cowes Week 2026	Y	50 46.58	01 21.46
3H	East Lepe	R	50 45.93	01 21.07
3K	Lepe Spit	YB	50 46.78	01 20.64
3L	Gurnard Ledge	G	50 45.51	01 20.59
3N	MDL Marinas *	Y	50 47.07	01 19.88
3P	Cowes Yacht Haven	Y	50 45.68	01 19.98
3Q	Polly's Challenge	Y	50 45.97	01 19.45
3R	North East Gurnard #	R	50 47.06	01 19.42
3S	TeamO *	Y	50 47.81	01 19.25
3T	CHS	Y	50 46.10	01 18.87
3U	Gurnard	BY	50 46.22	01 18.84
3V	West Bramble #	YBY	50 47.20	01 18.65
3W	Williams Shipping *	Y	50 47.20	01 18.55
3X	Island Sailing Club	Y	50 46.10	01 18.43

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Zone 3 Mid Solent (W) Continued				
ID	Name	Colour	Lat N	Long W
3Y	West Knoll	Y	50 47.43	01 17.84
3Z	Trinity House Buoy	Y	50 46.31	01 17.75
30	RORC *	Y	50 47.12	01 17.72
31	South Bramble	G	50 46.98	01 17.72
33	Prince Consort	BY	50 46.41	01 17.56
34	Cowes Corinthian	Y	50 46.15	01 17.20
39	Snowden	Y	50 46.20	01 17.75

Zone 4 Mid Solent (E)				
4A	Reach #	G	50 49.05	01 17.65
4B	Coronation	Y	50 49.55	01 17.62
4C	Fumesy *	Y	50 49.21	01 17.46
4D	Calshot #	BY	50 48.44	01 17.03
4E	Jane *	Y	50 47.67	01 17.00
4F	Royal Thames	Y	50 47.20	01 17.00
4G	Chieftain Training *	Y	50 49.45	01 16.91
4H	East Knoll	G	50 47.96	01 16.83
4J	hamblewinterseries.com *	Y	50 48.63	01 16.56
4K	Royal London	Y	50 46.15	01 16.65
4L	William *	Y	50 49.03	01 16.49
4M	Hill Head	R	50 48.07	01 16.00
4N	Ben F Wood	Y	50 47.27	01 15.90
4P	West Ryde Middle	YBY	50 46.48	01 15.79
4Q	John Fisher *	Y	50 48.46	01 15.72
4R	Darling Buoy *	Y	50 49.18	01 15.71
4S	Royal Southern *	Y	50 48.86	01 15.43
4T	Norris #	R	50 45.97	01 15.51
4U	Goodall Roofing	Y	50 46.43	01 15.09
4V	Hamble Yacht Services	Y	50 48.13	01 14.64
4W	Ancasta	Y	50 47.33	01 14.59
4X	Colette	Y	50 45.53	01 14.39
4Y	North Ryde Middle	R	50 46.61	01 14.31
4Z	South Ryde Middle	G	50 46.13	01 14.16
40	Haven Knox Johnston Specialist	Y	50 47.66	01 13.65
41	East Bramble	BYB	50 47.23	01 13.64
42	Peel Bank	R	50 45.49	01 13.35
43	Little Ship Club	Y	50 46.16	01 13.09
44	Royal Yacht Squadron	Y	50 47.31	01 12.10
45	South East Ryde Middle	YB	50 45.93	01 12.10
46	North East Ryde Middle	R	50 46.21	01 11.88
47	Contessa 32 Class	Y	50 47.70	01 15.25
48	Paul Heys *	Y	50 48.21	01 16.68
49	250th Anniversary	Y	50 46.40	01 13.58

Zone 5 East Solent				
5A	Quarr	Y	50 45.03	01 11.89
5B	Mother Bank	R	50 45.49	01 11.21
5C	Browndown	G	50 46.57	01 10.95
5D	Kemps Quay	Y	50 45.18	01 09.65
5E	Warsash Sailing Club	Y	50 46.26	01 08.76
5F	North Sturbridge	BY	50 45.33	01 08.23
5G	Baker Trayte Marine	Y	50 46.42	01 07.90
5H	Portsmouth SC	Y	50 46.82	01 07.35
5J	KB Dry Stack	Y	50 46.61	01 07.29
5K	Yola	Y	50 47.08	01 06.78
5M	Gleeds	Y	50 46.11	01 06.52
5N	Mary Rose	Y	50 45.80	01 06.20
5P	Naomi House & Jacksplace	Y	50 46.36	01 06.08
5Q	Outer Spit ©	YB	50 45.44	01 05.46
50	Fairhall West @ *	Y	50 46.81	01 10.40
51	SBSC Central @ *	Y	50 46.60	01 09.85

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@ Sundays: SBSC only except Cowes Week

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Zone 6 Eastern Approaches

ID	Name	Colour	Lat N	Long W
6A	No Man's Land Fort	B	50 44.40	01 05.70
6B	Horse Sand Fort	B	50 45.01	01 04.34
6C	Warner	R	50 43.87	01 03.99
6D	Horse Elbow	G	50 44.26	01 03.88
6E	West Princessa	YBY	50 40.16	01 03.65
6F	Bembridge Ledge Buoy	BYB	50 41.15	01 02.81
6G	St Helens Buoy	R	50 43.36	01 02.41
6H	Dean Elbow	G	50 43.69	01 01.88
6J	Nab East	R	50 42.86	01 00.80
6K	Horse Tail	G	50 43.23	01 00.23
6L	Winner	YB	50 45.10	01 00.10
6M	Nab End	R	50 42.63	00 59.49
6N	Dean Tail	G	50 42.99	00 59.17
6P	New Grounds	BYB	50 41.84	00 58.49
6R	Nab Tower	B	50 40.08	00 57.15
6S	Outer Nab No 2	BYB	50 38.43	00 57.70

Zone 7 Southampton Water

7A	Gymp	R	50 53.07	01 24.16
7B	Hythe Knock	R	50 52.83	01 23.81
7C	No 1 Swinging	G	50 53.00	01 23.44
7D	Weston Shelf	G	50 52.71	01 23.26
7F	Jib *	Y	50 52.96	01 23.06
7H	Moorhead	G	50 52.55	01 22.90
7J	Deans Elbow	R	50 52.20	01 22.85
7K	NW Netley	G	50 52.31	01 22.73
7L	Hovercraft 4	Y	50 52.66	01 22.42
7N	SWSA/HSC *	Y	50 51.76	01 22.28
7P	Hovercraft 3	Y	50 52.43	01 22.01
7Q	Netley	G	50 52.03	01 21.81
7R	Lains Lake	R	50 51.59	01 21.65
7S	Deans Lake	R	50 51.40	01 21.59
7T	Hovercraft 2	Y	50 52.21	01 21.58
7U	Hound	G	50 51.68	01 21.52
7V	Hovercraft 1	Y	50 51.99	01 21.16
7W	After Barn	G	50 51.53	01 20.82
7Y	Cadland	R	50 51.02	01 20.54
7Z	Greenland	G	50 51.11	01 20.38
70	Cathead *	Y	50 50.61	01 19.24
71	Mark *	Y	50 49.56	01 18.94
72	Hamble Point	YB	50 50.15	01 18.66
73	Bald Head	G	50 49.80	01 18.07
74	Sposa *	Y	50 49.66	01 17.59
75	Magazine *	Y	50 52.83	01 23.98
76	Test	R	50 52.59	01 23.45
77	Fawley Deep	G	50 50.42	01 19.19
78	Hook #	G	50 49.52	01 18.30

Only used for passing and keeping boats out of channel, not for ordinary rounding.

Use of other main channel marks should be minimised

Most yellow race marks are seasonal March-November

* These marks may be in place all year round

Mark codes are mainly in order by longitude from west to east, except Zone 2 is split into Mainland, Middle, and Island Side.

Marks added to the list since 2010 may be at the end of their Zones. "Missing" codes are spares.

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Zone 8 Local Marks and Positions

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Zone 9 Laid Inflatable Marks

9A	Windward Laid Mark
9B	Windward Spreader Mark
9C	Leeward Laid Mark
9D	Leeward Spreader Mark
9E	Leeward Gate Above Start Line
9F	Leeward Gate Below Start Line
9G	Wing Mark
9H	Outer Distance Mark
9J	Finish Mark
9K	Far Windward Mark
9L	Far Windward Spreader
9M	Near Windward Mark
9N	Near Windward Spreader
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