

Poker Runs, both on the Solent and on the Thames. They have brought this team-building and fun into the 21st Century with the introduction of iPad technology for displaying charts on which challenges appear during the day's pursuits, all triggered by GPS location.

2010 saw JM Yachting supply RIB's for 'Kite 4 Heroes', a kite-surfing race of 70 nautical miles from Alderney to Poole, between teams from the Army, Royal Air Force and Royal Navy in aid of 'Help for Heroes'.

Performing a very different role in last year's Tall Ships Race, six of JM's RIB's were fitted with large nose cones and, working with the local pilots, used to nudge A Class ships into their berths in Hartlepool!

From Fund-Raising Events, Record Breaking Attempts, Tall Ships Races and even James Bond films, JM Yachting's staff and RIB's have had starring roles. You may have seen JM playing a major part supporting Dan Snow bringing stranded travellers back from Calais or Sir Richard Branson's crossing of the English Channel in 'Aquadra', an amphibious car, and in 2011 they will be again supporting his second attempt to kite surf across the Channel.

There are so many ways you can enjoy what JM Yachting has to offer, from tailor made events and occasions, or just chartering one of their professionally maintained vessels with highly qualified skippers. Think outside the box and let JM Yachting design that something special day that you and your team will never forget!

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UK's leading Marine Events & Charter Company

JM Yachting Group has been based at Universal Marina since 2007. The group, JM Yachting Ltd and UK RIB Charter has become one of the UK's leading marine events and charter companies with a fleet of RIBs and sailing boats that design tailor made events for you.

Unusually, JM Yachting own their own RIB's, a matched fleet of eight 8 metre boats which are regularly used for popular corporate and team-building events such as Treasure Hunts and



Stacks of space in a great location

Hamble Yacht Services was founded 30 years ago at Port Hamble. Today it is one of the busiest full service boat yards in the UK's sailing Mecca, with a reputation that attracts both local and international customers.

10 years ago HYS expanded their operation by providing a mirrored service at Universal Marina's unique and tranquil site on the River Hamble. Catering for all yachting and motorboat needs whether mechanical, electrical, rigging, carpentry or GRP services, and managing all boat movements within Universal's boat yard. They accommodate up to 120 boats from dinghies to 75 ft yachts (max 60 tons). HYS is a one-stop shop for all your marine requirements and all it takes is one phone call, to one person!

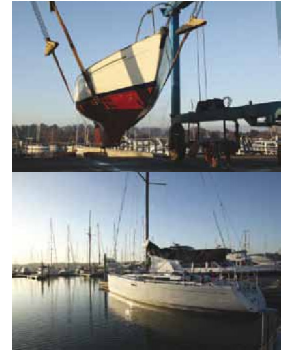
HYS's modernisation at Universal Marina includes the introduction of the Kanipster boat cradle system, which has not only improved safety, but also the efficiency of storage plus the forklift and dry stacking facilities which opened in April 2009. The facility to stack and store up to 10m

sports boats and Ribs ashore has proved so popular they are expanding it by nearly 50% this winter, ready for the new season in April.

Malcolm Hearnden HYS's General manager discusses its benefits "the dry stack system has proved so popular because the owners don't just have peace of mind from increase in security, but also gain from reduced cost of maintenance and improved fuel consumption which in today's climate is always a bonus". Ancasta's marketing manager Leighton King added "We recognise improved resale values on dry stacked boats which make over and above those that are kept afloat and we are keen to see this facility expand". [Ancasta bought HYS 5 years ago]

Mick Johnstone, the HYS Universal yard manager, is offering a year's contract for dry stacking at good rates that include unlimited lifts, with one hour's notice, 7 days a week from April to October. He talks of the other storage services, "We also mirror the dry sailing package available at Port Hamble for serious race boats from SB3s to 45 foot custom yachts" When asked what makes the place different? He comments, "Whilst the environment is relaxed the delivery is professional and you don't get stuck in traffic trying to get here. If you are interested in what we offer, make it your priority to call us, as the places will soon go!"

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Duty of Care to Yourself!

KTY Yachts and the Academy of Power & Sail (APS) combine to offer a comprehensive range of marine training courses for private individuals and groups, as well as commercial sailors. These include RYA Sea Survival, Day Skipper, Yachtmaster & Ocean Theory, Radar, SRC Radio, RYA/MCA First Aid & Medical Care, and Practical Sail & Powerboat.

The Principals, Yvonne and Keith Taylor and Steve Norcross are highly trained RYA Instructors with a wealth of experience in sailing, racing and cruising besides their medical qualifications.

Yvonne explains, 'Our courses cover training and safety equipment for bluewater, Atlantic and coastal sailing. We offer inshore and offshore sailing from sail to powerboat and RIB's, including own boat training.'

The courses at KTY Yachts and APS are for everybody, whatever their level of competence. Yvonne advises, 'Take responsibility for yourself! Sensible people take lessons to learn how to navigate, learn about safety at sea and what to do if something should go wrong. We provide the essential survival courses. If something goes wrong with the most important thing on the boat - the people - it's important to know first aid, at whatever level!'

KTY Yachts are also suppliers of ocean safety equipment and carry out safety equipment checks on boats.

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To Russia with Love

The name Discovery Sailing Project (DSP) comes from Scott of the Antarctic's Royal Research Ship 'Discovery'. For many years she was moored on the Thames and manned by Sea Scouts. DSP was founded in 1971 and celebrates its 40th anniversary in October this year. It is a Scout based charity, which actively promotes 'Offshore Sail Training Adventures for All', not just Scouts. Based at Universal Marina, Clive Fisher organises the Project, which has over 60 volunteers.

Opportunities to go to sea, on voyages of varying lengths, are available to all young people aged between 12 and 25 years, whatever your background. Looking to volunteer to work in water based activity? DSP will help you to develop qualities in leadership, teamwork and seamanship, as well as providing physical recreation. The voyages are fun, character building and for many it can be a life-changing experience!

A recent addition to DSP's fleet is a Robertson 34 cruising yacht gifted by the Alexander Fairey Memorial Fund in memory of Alex, who was tragically killed in an accident. The yacht is being used to train promising youngsters to become skippers of the future.

In 2010 the DSP began a new initiative to provide adventure holidays afloat for anyone with auditory or visual impairments. Clive Fisher, Project Organiser for DSP, says, 'We have an audio compass to aid steering, but many trainees can hold a course better than 5 degrees just with the feel of the wind on their face, the angle of the boat and a sense of its speed!'

Corporate voyages raise much-needed funds and from mid-May this year DSP's 'Thermopylae Clipper', a 65ft former round-the-world racing yacht, is being chartered by the Great Baltic Adventure in a re-run of the draymen's routes of 200 years ago. They will be taking Russian Imperial Stout from breweries in the UK to the

Court of St Catherine in of St. Petersburg, where a competition will decide the best British stout delivered!

Clive Fisher comments, 'Universal Marina has always made us feel welcome and with its 'family approach' has provided the Project with massive support and encouragement since moving our base there ten years ago. The management and Marina staff all take great interest in our activities, helping us to maintain our core activity of Sail Training and helping young people to develop transferable skills which will assist them throughout life'.

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