

Is it safe for my crew to go out?

	Wind Strength		
	< 15 mph (13 knots)	15-25 mph (13-22 knots)	>25 mph (22 knots)
Novice crews in river boats	Safety launch in attendance Only with experienced cox Stay within wave barrier	Do not go out	Do not go out
Novice crews in coastal boats	Only with experienced cox Stay within wave barrier if wind >10 mph (9 knots) otherwise Pylewell at HW +/- 2hrs or down the river to number 6 post. May be possible to go further if very light winds but be aware of tidal flow direction	Only with very experienced cox Stay within the wave barrier	Do not go out
Intermediate crews in river boats	Stay within wave barrier if wind >10 mph (9 knots) otherwise Pylewell at HW +/- 2hrs as long as wind is with tide in Short Reach e.g. incoming (flood tide) in SW if wind > 10mph (9 knots)	Only with very experienced cox Stay within the wave barrier	Do not go out
Intermediate crews in coastal boats	Stay within wave barrier if wind >10 mph (9 knots) otherwise Pylewell at HW +/- 2hrs or out of the river if wind is with tide, heading out against the dominating element (wind or tide) & returning with it i.e. in E-going flood tide, head W; in W-going ebb tide, head E	Only with experienced cox Stay within the wave barrier or Pylewell at HW +/-2hrs or river area as far out as number 6 post. Be aware of weather wind is with or against the tide as this will substantially change the 'chop' in the Solent.	Do not go out
Advanced crews in river boats	Dynamically risk assess for changing conditions and be aware of boat wash beyond the wave barrier	Dynamically risk assess for changing conditions and be aware of boat wash beyond the wave barrier	Do not go out
Advanced crews in coastal boats	Dynamically risk assess for changing conditions	Dynamically risk assess for changing conditions	Stay within the wave barrier or Pylewell at HW +/- 2hrs depending on conditions in Short Reach Dynamically risk assess for changing conditions

* Never go out in a thunderstorm. If caught out in a thunderstorm with lightning go ashore at nearest safe point (public slipway or pontoon) and wait for it to pass

* Always take a means of communication with you (mobile phone in dry bag and/or VHF radio)

* Always ensure someone knows you are out and when you are due to return

* Useful numbers: Coastguard 999 or VHF Channel 16; Non-emergency medical number 111; Lyminster Harbour Master 01590 672014 or VHF Channel 66; Lyminster Hospital 01590 663000; Solent Coastguard VHF Channel 67