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Press Release

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Yacht Club**

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**Start of Season Open Day provides hands-on instruction, hospitality
& a host of interesting activities
Saturday 8th April**

Hamble, Hampshire, UK



*The Royal Southern YC, Hamble, is all set to welcome visitors to its
Open Day on 8th April*

If you have ever thought about joining a South-coast yacht club, the Start of Season Open Day at one of Europe's top yachting venues, the Hamble-based Royal Southern Yacht Club, could be just the ticket.

On Saturday 8th April, the Club, its Flag Officers, staff and members are hosting an Open Day to celebrate the start of the sailing season and a full programme of activities has been lined up to suit all ages, running from 1100 - 1630.

Plenty on offer to whet the appetite!

A New Members' Drinks Party is being held at 1200 in the stunningly situated River Room and the Club's Pontoon Party is always a jolly affair especially as the boats are dressed overall in the picturesque surroundings of the Club's Prince Philip Yacht Haven. As ever, the weather will dictate whether there will be a BBQ, but all visitors are assured of a very warm welcome and excellent hospitality.



*Wetwheels Hamble is
managed by the RSrnYC*

Flag Officers will be on hand to give new and potential members a tour of the Club's extensive facilities and there are taster sailing sessions planned to cater for all ages with various expert members hosting demonstration sails in the Club's fleet of J/80s, as well as Foxers and Oppies.

Wetwheels Hamble will be operating, providing a stable and safe platform for disabled visitors and wheelchair users wishing to head out for a spin on the river. After you've topped the leaderboard in the Winch Grinding competition why not undertake some RIB training!



Oppie fun helps encourage younger sailors



The J/70 Europeans are being held at the RSrNYC in June



Superb facilities in a unique & stunning location

Membership joining fee waived

Anyone considering joining the Royal Southern is encouraged to attend this special day as a vast array of information will be on display with like-minded and highly knowledgeable members on hand to help with any enquiries. An additional incentive for joining the Club is that the membership joining fee is currently waived!

ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB

SATURDAY 8th APRIL

OPEN DAY

Ever thought about joining the South Coast's leading yacht club? This is your invitation to visit and see what we have to offer.



We are not just a yacht club!

- Racing ■ Cruising ■ Motorboating
- RIBs ■ Youth Sailing ■ Training
- Golf ■ Bridge ■ Shooting
- Accommodation ■ Bars
- Restaurants ■ Social Events

Full schedule of activities from 11.00 to 16.30
see programme: www.royal-southern.co.uk

Joining fee waived for membership applications on the day

OPEN 1100 - 1630

ROYAL SOUTHERN YACHT CLUB
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Whether you're into racing, cruising, motor boats, shooting, golf or bridge, or indeed a bit of everything, this is your chance to enjoy some quality time and an excellent networking opportunity at one of Europe's top yacht clubs.

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Notes to Editors:

- Sailing Today 'Yacht Club of the Year' 2015/2016.
- Yachts & Yachting 'Club of the Year' 2012/2013.
- The Club celebrated its 175th Anniversary in 2012. The Royal Southern, whose Patron is HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh K.G. K.T., is one of Europe's premier yacht racing organisers, excelling at all levels of competition and enjoying the practical experience of internationally qualified race officers amongst its members. Many of the Club's sailing members have achieved notable successes on the international stage, from world champions in dinghies and keelboats to the twice winner of the classic Rolex Fastnet Race.
- Quadruple Olympic Gold and Silver Medallist, & America's Cup winning sailor Sir Ben Ainslie, and single-handed circumnavigators, Samantha Davies, Sir Chay Blyth and Sir Robin Knox-Johnston are all Honorary Members as is disabled yachtsman and disability sports ambassador Geoff Holt MBE and Paralympic Gold medallist Helena Lucas MBE. The latest name to be added to this distinguished Honorary Membership list is that of Ian Williams, 5 x World Match Racing Champion.
- The Prince Philip Yacht Haven was commissioned by the Club's Patron, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, on 4th June 2015. This was the culmination of a project that had commenced 14 years previously.
- The Club has a proud and illustrious history in the sport and an active membership in excess of 1700 adults and 140 Academy members.
- Having joined the Royal Southern Yacht Club in 1948, it was in 1952 that HRH Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh graciously accepted the rank of Admiral, a position he held until 2002, when the Club was honoured by his acceptance of its proposal that he become the Club's fifth Patron, following in the footsteps of HM Queen Victoria, HRH The Prince Consort, HM King Edward VII and HM King George V.

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