

Public Slip, Goring by Sea

General information:

Long: -0.41377

Lat: 50.805799

Country: Unknown

Region: South East inc the Solent

Slipway information:

Phone Number: Worthing council 01903 238977

Ramp Description: Public with a steep gradient, A steep wooden ramp that ends just below high water on open beach of hard sand. No vehicles allowed on the ramp so boats have to be manhandled. A large PWC can be pushed up with two strong people, some users suggest more would be needed. Difficulty of launching at high water depends on sea state. It is only practical to use the slipway about three hours either side of high tide as rocks become exposed as the tide goes out. Jetskis are welcome.

Directions: Ramp is by the car park at the end of Sea Field Avenue and Marine Crescent.

Ramp Type: Wooden ramp onto hard sand.

Upper Area: Shingle

Lower Area: Sand

Suitability: Small trailer can be pushed

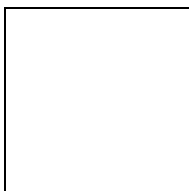
Ramp Length: All of tidal range

Facilities: Parking at the top of the slip. Café nearby and toilets on the seafront. It does get VERY VERY busy with JetSkis in the summer, and the car park is only £1 a day.

Charges: None

Cruising Area: English Channel East

Navigational Hazards: Keep to the buoyed channel and observe the speed limit close to shore. Patrol boats and beach wardens are on duty to ensure safe operations.



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In addition to the above it may be of use to have an awareness of the following information specific to the operation of hovercraft at this venue:

Public Slip Considerations:

- A height restriction bar, standing approximately 5 feet in height, blocks access of large hovercraft from entering this public slip (small hovercraft may need to be tilted nose up to squeeze the duct through underneath).
- Nil or very limited cushion if attempting to operate on slip due to large air gaps between planks on wooden slip. Use of small trailer is the preferred method of conveying craft to the bottom of the slip.
- This is the only public slip in the vicinity of Worthing.
- This slip can, at times, become part buried under shingle

Venue Considerations:

- Hovercraft use here is inappropriate when the beach is busy.
- Noise, the promenade is fronted by residential dwellings.

Operational Considerations:

- Recommended not to operate other than at **low** tide. Remember that only small hovercraft can access this slip and therefore by design will likely have limited

freeboard and could easily become swamped by the unpredictable conditions of the English Channel if attempting to operate in deep water.

- Normally no significant surf at low tide.
- At **low** tide and providing craft operation is within a sensible distance from the waters edge the sea is very shallow. Thus if something were to go wrong with the craft the operator 'should' be able to effect recovery by walking the craft to land, *disclaimer, be absolutely certain that the depth of water is shallow before alighting from your craft!*
- Low tide exposes flat, hard & wet sand with smaller area's of rocky/pebbly clusters seen in the two pictures below:





- Hazard: The skirt can be unexpectedly be ‘grabbed’ by the wet sand, bringing the craft to an abrupt halt.
- Hazard: Although most of the rocky/pebbly areas can be avoided, it is likely that some area’s will have to be crossed, preferably at the narrowest point. Integrated craft may be compromised by requiring full hover height whilst not wishing to operate over the rocks at speed.
- Rocks that look small from distance may be larger than expected. Pick your route carefully!

Authors Conclusion:

Only worth a visit if:

- You are local to the area.
- The beach is empty.
- The tide is out.
- You’re confident you can squeeze your craft under the height restriction!

Disclaimer:

- This article is only relevant to the immediate vicinity of the aforementioned public slip.
- You operate at your own risk and make your own judgements.
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