

NORTH NORFOLK CRUISE WEEKEND. 24TH -25TH MAY 2025



HOVERCRAFT CRUISING CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Hovercraft Club of Great Britain in association with the Heacham Hovercraft Club invite you to join the Hovercrafting weekend at North Norfolk. No costs will be involved. Participants will be kindly asked to make a small donation in Aid of Hemsby Independent Lifeboat Station.

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Itinerary

Camping at: Manor Farm, Field Dalling Road, Binham, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 ODE.
Hot showers and facilities all available. Will do a big barbecue for everybody on the Saturday night, and good local village pub Binham Chequers Inn for people on the Friday night.

We will be Hovercrafting at Heacham (15 miles drive) near Hunstanton on the North Norfolk Coast, great flat Sands in a great area of the Wash. Plan will basically be to have a run out on the Saturday and then weather permitting on the Sunday possibly go from Heacham through King's Lynn Deep, channel in the centre of the Wash to Kings Lynn, then (stop at King's Lynn for Lunch), on the way back visit the Military bombing area D207, WaineFleet Range, little Island in the centre of the Wash, or: Second Option will be to go across the wash to Skegness for fish and chips lunch then return to Heacham.

A decision will be made on the day **subject to weather and people preferences**.

Low tides that weekend 11:17 AM, and height 1.3 meters, so miles of flat Sands.

Free camping and food & beers, arrivals from anytime on Friday the 23rd May 2025.

Due to regulations from West Norfolk Borough Council, all participants will have to have a watercraft permit, these can be applied before the cruise at (https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20169/leisure_in_hunstanton/336/watercraft_permits) or these will be obtainable on the day from the Resort Office Oasis Sports and Leisure Centre Central Promenade Hunstanton E36 5BD there is a cost of £31.40 for the permit but this will give you access to the beach for 12 months. (should you wish to come back and use). It is important for the water-craft permit that you have your third-party liability insurance certificate in date, and you will also need some form of certificate of training RYA level 2 or a Hovercraft Club of Great Britain Cruising license. Cruising licenses to HCCGB club members can be obtained from Marc Bradley-Upton at: (info@axceler-8.co.uk) Marc's mobile contact number: 07824 611803

The itinerary will be fairly relaxed, arrivals at Manor Farm, Field Dalling Road, Binham, Fakenham, Norfolk, NR21 ODE welcome any time on Friday the 23rd May 2025 the plan will be for all participants to go to the village pub that evening for food at Binham Chequers Inn.

Saturday 24th May 2025.

Low tide: 11:17 AM, Height 1.3 meters.

Saturday morning, we will look at departing Manor Farm at around 09:30 AM, it might be a suggestion for people needing launch permits to leave a little bit earlier to go to the Oasis present their documents and payment for the water-craft permit. (If you haven't applied prior to the event).



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We will plan 12 noon onwards to play around on the flat Sands of North Beach, Heacham, Kings Lynn, PE31 7AX Saturday afternoon.

Cars and trailers will have to be parked in the pay & display car park at North Beach, unfortunately we are STRICTLY not allowed to leave vehicles on the beach whilst undertaking our activity. We will look to depart Heacham at around 17:00 hrs on the 24th May 2025 returning to Manor Farm, Field Dalling, Binham for a barbecue and beers & log fire pit to be enjoyed by all at 19:30 hours.

Sunday 25th May 2025

Low tide 11:48 AM 1.62 Meters

Sunday the 25th May 2025 departure from Manor Farm, Binham 10 AM. Then approximately 12:30 PM hours, hovercrafts will depart from Heacham North Beach on a organised Cruz through Lynn Deepes to Kings Lynn returning via the WaineFleet Bombing Range, (DANGER AREA D207) or: Second Option could be, a trip across the wash, 15 nautical miles to Skegness for fish and chip lunch and return.

The decision will be taken on the day, **subject to weather and people's choice...**

Anybody wishing to camp on the Sunday night is more than welcome to return to Manor Farm.

Toilet and hot showers are available at the camp site.

Safety and Rules strictly to obey by all participants.

This Cruise is a serious Sea Cruise and Hovercrafts must be seaworthy and have full floatation buoyancy.

All participating hovercrafts must for each stage carry a minimum of 4 hours fuel on board. Stopping to refuel as and when necessary.

All Hovercrafts will require a 15m line with floatation buoy. Attached and coiled up with a small floatation fender which can be thrown into the water in the event of an emergency for recovery purposes.

All participants will be required to have VHF Marine Handheld Radio and life jackets, wet suits and dry suits are recommended. Flairs and ELT's are also recommended.



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Participants that wish to purchase lunch, are advised to bring payment methods with them (cash or card).

Entries open up until 22nd May 2025, but please let the organizer know via WhatsApp if you wish to attend.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the organizer Jeremy Taylor via WhatsApp (07860) 216561.

Looking forward to seeing you all

Kind Regards

Jeremy Taylor

Powered Watercraft Launching Permit Application Form

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Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk



Please Complete All Sections in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

1 Applicant (Must be the craft owner or person to whom the Datatag is registered)

Name	
Address	Telephone (inc Code)
	Mobile Telephone
Postcode	
E-Mail Address	

2 Craft (Complete One Section Only)

A) Jet-Ski's

Make
Model
Colour
Datatag <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

B) Other Personal Watercraft

Make & Model
Colour
Craft Name
Craft Number

3 Insurance & Training (Copy to be attached unless verified & stamped by club official)

Company	Training Cert	Club Stamp & Official's Signature
Certificate No.	Certificate No.	
Expiry Date	Issue Date	

Club Stamp only required where a copy certificate IS NOT attached.

4 Payment (Cheques payable to BCKLWN)



I am a member of Hunstanton Power Boat Club and enclose £8.60	
I am a member of Heacham Boat Owners Association and enclose £8.60	
I am NOT a member of either above Club and enclose £31.40	

5 Declaration

I confirm that I have read and agree to abide by the Terms & Conditions of Permit Issue and Use. **Data Protection:** I consent to the Borough Council processing my data and making it available to both clubs for member validation and it being passed to Datatag for the purposes of owner verification. Datatag will conduct a speculative search in relation to stolen craft and may pass any such information to the Police, they may also contact the owner for the purposes or updating/amending registered keeper details.

Signed Date

Terms and Conditions of Permit Issue and Use

1. Permits will be issued to the Registered Owner of the personal watercraft/Jet-ski.

The issuing of a permit does not permit use of the ramps unless insurance is held and for those wishing to launch, a minimum Certificate of Competence such as the Personal Watercraft Certificate for Jet-skis, SBDA Certificate for British Waterski members or RYA Level 2 for powered boats must be held by each driver. The permit and certificates must be produced to gain access to either ramp; failure to produce either document will result in refusal of launching rights.

2. Permits will only be issued to those Keepers who can prove the existence of Public Liability Insurance for the craft concerned with a minimum value of £1million. Where the insurance policy produced is restricted to named riders and/or age restrictions, the permit holder will not allow any other rider to use the craft unless that rider has in place an insurance policy of at least the equivalent value. Where the insurance certificate expires prior to 12 months (the duration of the permit), the initial permit will be issued to the expiry date of the insurance. Upon renewal of the insurance, a copy should be forwarded to the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk so that a secondary permit may be issued for the remainder of the period, 14 days processing time as a minimum should be allowed.
3. Where a vehicle is used to tow and/or to launch a craft, the vehicle must be insured for the purposes of launching craft and for use on the ramps and/or beach. It is the responsibility of the person launching the craft to ensure that appropriate insurance is in place.
4. Datatags are required for all Jet-skis. Datatag was originally introduced to reduce theft and illegal sale of stolen craft, it is now the accepted equivalent to a car registration number. All Jet-skis have Datatags if they have been manufactured for sale in the UK since the early 90's. Imports may not have this kit but a kit for registration is available from Datatag and selected marine outlets. A Condition of the permit will be that the Datatag number is displayed on the craft.
5. For occasional users, Day Memberships can be obtained at the ramps either from Council staff at Heacham or the Gatekeeper at Hunstanton, upon payment of the appropriate fee and production of suitable insurance and training certificates.
6. An exception to all the above requirements is to be given to the Port Authority, Emergency Services, Lifeboat Vessels, Commercial Vessels with the appropriate licensing and any other craft with the appropriate prior permission in writing from the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk. This is likely to include those craft involved in any organised event where an event licence has been obtained.
7. All permit holders must consent to their details and personal data being processed by the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk, for the list of club members being passed to either club and for all those with Datatags their information will be passed to Datatag for the purposes of a speculative search to identify potential stolen craft and where appropriate, pass the supplied information onto law enforcement agencies. To allow Datatag to maintain and update their registered owner details Datatag may contact the registered owner directly.
8. Permits and/or Certificates of Competence must be produced, on request, to any Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Officer, Club Safety Officer or other nominated official for the purposes of verification and or recording.
9. Where the conduct of any rider is deemed to constitute a risk to themselves or any other person through inappropriate behaviour, any Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Officer, Club Safety Officer or other nominated official can request immediate removal of the craft from the water. Offenders may have their launching permits revoked should the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk feel their continued use of the water is in breach of these conditions or constitutes a safety risk.

⚠ Due to essential maintenance, there may be intermittent problems with our Automated Payment Line on Tuesday 6 May between 8pm and 9pm. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Watercraft permits

How to apply for a watercraft permit to use the launching ramp in Hunstanton

Watersports are a popular pastime in West Norfolk. Hunstanton provides excellent conditions with its shallow sea and vast sand.

If you're bringing your own personal watercraft to Hunstanton, you will need to follow our guidance.

We have developed the following proposals in consultation with the relevant local clubs and bodies. They are to ensure effective management of personal watercraft and powered boats using the launching ramps:

- all users must obtain a permit before they can launch
- users must show data tag number (jet-skis), name of boat (powered boats) and valid insurance
- for powered boats and jet-skis, RYA Level 2 must be held by each driver
- SBDA certificate is required for British water-ski members

To apply for a powered watercraft permit please complete our application form. You can also apply for a permit Permits through the [Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre](#).

To complete our application form you'll need:

a copy of certificate of competence, such as personal watercraft certificate for jet skis, SBDA certificate for British water ski members or RYA level 2 for powered boats

Once completed, you will need to send the form to:

Resort Services,
Oasis Sports & Leisure Centre,
Central Promenade,
Hunstanton,
PE36 5BD

Permission to Launch

All holders of Launch Permits must produce their permit and training documentation every time they intend to launch across either the Hunstanton or Heacham launch ramps.