



TASTER WEEKEND INFORMATION PACK

2027

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SIR ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON

Sir Robin became the first sailor to race solo and non-stop around the world in 1968-69. Aged just 30, and a perceived underdog in The Sunday Times Golden Globe Race, his determination, skill and bravery has since inspired generations of novice sailors. Through the Clipper Race he has encouraged over 6000 people to step outside their comfort zone and overcome the hurdles in their way. A passionate advocate for sailing safety, valued media contributor, patron of many sailing clubs and associations, explorer and active sailor, Sir Robin continues to be active and involved in all aspects of Clipper Ventures business.

WE BUILD LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCES

Clipper Events offers a myriad of exceptional opportunities to grow and flourish both personally and professionally - we provide access to record-breaking offshore racing yachts and proven, highly experienced professional skippers and staff to deliver unique team development opportunities, experiential learning events or simply a weekend of great fun and personal growth.

We offer the opportunity to open up a whole world of yacht sailing experiences - whether you are a curious novice and wish to dip your toes into a new interest, or develop your skills and expertise to compete in an iconic yacht race against household names in an exhilarating experience on board. The Clipper Race yachts are specifically designed for safe but dynamic offshore racing and sailing whether you are an experienced yachtsman or have limited experience on the water.

Clipper Events is operated by Clipper Ventures PLC which was founded in 1995 by legendary yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and William Ward OBE.

A BIT MORE ABOUT US... CLIPPER EVENTS



United by the desire for adventure, ambition, limitless boundaries and sailing excellence, Clipper Ventures and as such Clipper Events, enable extraordinary personal experiences by making them accessible and achievable.

Everything we do revolves around our customers; We listen intently to your requirements, anticipate your needs, and aspire to exceed expectations. Our dedication to being **customer-focused** drives us to deliver exceptional life changing experiences, build lasting memories and provide endless opportunities for personal growth.

We believe in the power of exploration, adventure and pushing boundaries, but collaboration is at the heart of everything we do. By leveraging the collective expertise and talents of our team, we aim to break down silo's, share knowledge freely and support each other to achieve our shared goals - by working in collaboration, we empower each other, amplify our impact and create meaningful results.

Our focus is not only to support the growth of individuals and teams by reinforcing honesty, transparency and accountability throughout our sailing experiences, we aim to empower those around us through skill development , knowledge exchange and shared learning.

We are also committed to creating a sustainable future by protecting our environment, enabling our communities and fostering diversity and inclusion. We believe that positive change can happen across social, economic and environmental dimensions through the power of collaboration.



OPEN UP A WHOLE NEW WORLD OF EXCITEMENT...

THE DETAILS

WEEKEND OVERVIEW

Join us for an unforgettable weekend aboard an iconic Clipper 68 racing yacht for a fun and informative sailing experience on the Solent.

Designed for the **Clipper Round the World Yacht Race**, these powerful 68-foot vessels have conquered the toughest seas on the planet - and now it's your turn to take the helm. Over two incredible days, you'll get a taste of life as crew on board an ocean racing yacht. You'll hoist sails, trim sheets, take the helm, and work as part of a close-knit crew; guided by a professional skipper, first mate and second mate. You'll learn the essentials of teamwork, navigation, and seamanship, while feeling the thrill of a true performance yacht under full sail. By the end of the weekend, you won't just have sailed - you'll have become part of the crew!

Whether you've never stepped on a yacht before, have some prior sailing experience or you're already dreaming of joining a future edition of the Clipper Race, this weekend is your perfect introduction to big boat sailing. We'll teach you everything you need to know in a safe, supportive environment that's all about learning, laughter, and discovery.

AVAILABLE DATES

- 23–25 April 2027
- 07–09 May 2027
- 16–18 July 2027
- 20–22 August 2027
- 10-12 September 2027

ON BOARD

- Your allocated bunk will have a privacy screen and private stowage for your personal items..
- Please be mindful of the amount you bring with you.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Onboard berthing & Insurance
- Professional Skipper, First & Second Mate
- Use of Musto BR2 offshore jacket & salopettes
- All coded on board safety equipment, including lifejacket
- Shore-based meal, food & soft drinks whilst on board

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you use social media please feel free to post, tag, share and comment!

@ClipperEvents
#ClipperEvents

WHO?

- Open to all over 18s
- Previous sailing experience is not required
- This is open to individuals or groups seeking an unforgettable experience
- Perfect for someone seeking to test out a new pursuit before embarking on qualifications

WATCH THE RACE

Official website:
<https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/>
Race tracker:
<https://www.clipperroundtheworld.com/>
YouTube channel:
@ClipperRoundTheWorld

WHAT TO EXPECT

ITINERARY

> ROUTE

START

PLANNED ROUTE

PLANNED STOP OVER

FINISH

Gosport - Clipper Training Centre

Solent

Cowes Marina, Isle of Wight

Gosport - Clipper Training Centre



Please note: Sailing routes and timings may change due to weather, tides or operational requirements.

DATES/TIMES:

DAY 1: Friday
ARRIVAL

DAY 2: Saturday

DAY 3: Sunday
DEPARTURE

DAY 1 - Arrive 9:30

DAY 3 - Depart 14:00

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- **09:30** Arrive at Clipper Training HQ in Gosport (Premier Marina)
- Introduction to Skipper and fellow crew (as well as other participants) before heading to the boat
- Boat familiarisation and safety briefing before departing for your first sail.
- **16:30** Return to Gosport Premier Marina to freshen up (Showers etc available)
- **18:30** Enjoy a meal with the crew
- Overnight on board in Gosport's Premier Marina

- Breakfast on board with fellow crew
- Briefing for the day providing an overview of sail plan
- Depart for full day sail on the Solent- Lunch On Board
- PM - Arrive in Cowes, Isle of Wight where you can enjoy an evening at your own leisure (Dinner at own expense)
- Overnight on board in Cowes

- Breakfast on Board with fellow crew
- Enjoy a leisurely sail back to Gosport arriving around lunchtime
- Cleandown and pack up of boat
- Depart by **14:00**

Participants may be asked to assist with simple meal preparation and clearing away as part of the crew experience.

WHAT TO WEAR?

PROVIDED FOR YOU ON BOARD

The below kit will be available for you to use on board for the duration of your Leg(s). However, if you wish to bring your own foul weather gear, you are welcome to do so



MUSTO BR2 OFFSHORE
JACKET & SALOPETTES



SPINLOCK VITO DECKVEST
& SAFETY TETHER

WHAT TO BRING

PREP
WHAT SHOULD I BRING?



REFILLABLE
WATER BOTTLE

We are committed to reducing our impact on the environment. Support us in this by bringing your own refillable water bottle which you can top up on board throughout the day.



ANY PERSONAL
MEDICATION

Don't forget any personal medication you are taking, as well as seasickness tablets if you are prone to getting motion sickness.



ESSENTIAL
ITEMS

Please remember to bring a sleeping bag and towel. Bedding and towels are not provided on board, and both are essential for your stay.



SMALL SOFT
BAG

If you have personal possessions or a change of clothes, make sure you put them in a small soft bag like a rucksack that zips up, so it can be safely stored below deck.

- 01 FOOTWEAR**
 - Light soled or non-marking trainers or shoes (No open toes shoes)
- 02 TROUSERS/ SHORTS**
 - Hard wearing trousers or leggings that dry easily. Shorts for warmer weather are great, but consider fast drying materials if possible.
- 03 JUMPER**
 - A pullover or fleece (think lots of lightweight layers) nothing too heavy or absorbant.
- 04 T-SHIRT**
 - Synthetic or thermal type t-shirt or base layer.
- 05 ACCESSORIES**
 - Consider a cap, sunglasses and suncream if its sunny and gloves and a woolly hat if its cold. Best to remove jewelery ahead of the weekend



How to get to
Clipper Training Centre
Charles House, Mumby Road,
Gosport, PO12 1AH

FAQS

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

VENUE ADDRESS

Clipper Training HQ
Premier Marina Gosport
Mumby Road
Gosport
Hampshire
PO12 1AH

MEETING POINT

Please report to the Training
Centre reception on arrival.
Clipper Events staff will direct
you to your yacht and introduce
you to your skipper and fellow
crew members.

PARKING

Parking is available on-site at Premier
Marina Gosport.

- Parking charge: £5 per day
- Please ensure your parking is
validated at reception on arrival or
departure to reduce the standard
price

EVENT CONTACT

For any questions before or
during the weekend, please
contact:

Clipper Events
Tel: +44 (0)2393 382 848

TRAVELLING BY TRAIN

The nearest rail station is
Portsmouth Harbour railway
station, which has direct services
to London Waterloo and other
major destinations. A regular
passenger ferry runs between
Portsmouth Harbour and
Gosport approximately every 15
minutes. From the Gosport ferry
terminal, the marina is a short
walk away.

TAXI INFORMATION

Local taxi services and ride-
hailing apps operate throughout
Portsmouth and Gosport. If
travelling from Portsmouth
Harbour Station, a taxi to the
marina is typically a short journey.
The Gosport Ferry is often the
quickest route between
Portsmouth and Gosport during
busy periods.



YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

FAQS

IS IT SAFE?

Clipper Ventures plc places the highest importance on safety, working with industry bodies to ensure safe practices and uphold strict safety measures.

The professional skipper and first mate on board will lead your team through a safety briefing before leaving the dockside to ensure your guests are fully aware and familiar with the direction being given to them.

I'VE NEVER SAILED BEFORE IS THAT OK?

Absolutely. 40% of our Race Crew have never set foot on a boat before they sign up for the Around the World Yacht Race. Our professional team are experienced in training people of all abilities, and the yachts are designed for beginners but perform like they are for professionals.

WHAT IF THE WEATHER IS REALLY BAD?

It is extremely unlikely that a static event or sailing day would be postponed due to weather conditions. The yachts are built to sail around the world and easily handle windy conditions under the professional guidance of our skippers. Some of our best sailing days have been in strong winds where teamwork has been imperative to sail the boat. For static events, we suggest booking a shore-side venue in the case of inclement weather.

WILL I GET SEASICK?

If you are susceptible to motion sickness, prevention is better than the cure, so make sure you take tablets before you get on board and keep well hydrated. Unfortunately, we cannot supply tablets but they are available in most supermarkets and chemists.

DO I HAVE TO BE REALLY FIT?

Sailing is great for all levels of fitness, however a level of mobility is required to safely move around the yacht. If you are at all concerned about this, please get in touch. If you or any of your guests have a medical condition that may impact them whilst sailing, please let us know. It won't necessarily prevent you from taking part, we just want to ensure that it is safe for you to do so.

DO WE GET ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SAILING?

The more you put into your sailing day the more you get out and we encourage everyone to have ago. However, if you are happier to sit back and relax, there is always plenty of action to watch both on and off the boat.