

2.8.3 RECREATION AND LEISURE ACTION PLAN

Objective	Recommendations	Timescale	Partners	Cross References
<p>R1</p> <p>To provide adequate and appropriate access onto the water</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Address all slipways and identify their purpose and the facilities required. Identify areas where parking is available for vehicles and trailers. Any inappropriate slipways should be improved or closed for public use ➤ Additional access to the water should be provided south of Cowes and East Cowes to provide access to the estuary south of the urban and commercial areas of Cowes Harbour <p>Action: Identify areas where there is a demand for, and where it is possible for, further access to the water.</p>	Ongoing/ Medium	CHC, Wight Leisure - IWC, NHA, MMA, NFSA, RYA, SC	HC1, NC4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provision of dinghy storage in close proximity to slipways should be sought <p>Action: Identify areas where this is required and areas where it is possible</p>	Medium	CHC, EN, Wight Leisure – IWC, MMA, NFSA, NHA, RYA	HC1, NC4
			Long	CHC, Wight Leisure - IWC, MMA, NFSA, NHA, RYA, SC
<p>R2</p> <p>To improve the quality and provision of footpaths and cyclepaths</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Options for extending the rights of way network on the eastern bank should be examined <p>Action: Ongoing debate. The impact that any further increase in rights of way would have on the nature conservation requires close examination</p>	Medium	Cyclewright, EA, EN, Farmers and Landowners, Rights of Way Dept.-IWC , Tourism Dept. - IWC, NFSA, RA	A1, A2, NC4
<p>R3</p> <p>To improve facilities for yachtsmen visiting Cowes and Newport Harbours and the Harbour Authorities moorings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opportunities for improving the facilities should be examined and developed <p>Action: Further up-to-date research is required, however improvements are being addressed through re-developments at Cowes and Newport Harbours</p>	Short/Medium	CHC, Directorate of Environment Services - IWC, MMA, Whitbread	

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<p>R4</p> <p>To promote the responsible use of the estuary as a recreational resource while minimising the conflict with and between other users and interests</p>	<p>∅ Establish a Recreation Forum/Task Force to bring together all the recreational interests of the Medina, to establish dialogue and understanding and seek voluntary solutions to conflicts</p> <p>Action: Action by EO</p> <p>∅ Develop codes of conduct for recreational activities based on the local situation. Include information about navigation, safety advice, areas of conservation interest, etc.</p> <p>Action: Disseminate information through recreation Forum, Leaflet and any other estuary publicity, e.g. Newsletter / Interpretation Boards</p> <p>∅ Continue co-ordinated management (between CHC and clubs/organisations) of recreational and commercial craft within Cowes Harbour</p> <p>Action: Ongoing by CHC</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Short/Medium</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Representatives from local groups and clubs, CHC, EO, Directorate of Development - IWC, NFSA, NHA, MMA, RA, RYA, SC, Training Centres</p> <p>Representatives from local groups and clubs, CHC, EO, Directorate of Development - IWC, NFSA, NHA, MMA, RA, RYA, SC, Training Centres</p> <p>CHC, Clubs, MMA, NFSA, RYA, SC, Training Centres</p>	<p>PA2</p> <p>A3, C6, NC4, PA2</p> <p>C6, PA2</p>
<p>R5</p> <p>To improve the water quality of the estuary</p>	<p>∅ Support the relocation of wastewater treatment if necessary</p> <p>∅ Create awareness about areas and times when dispersion of discharged effluents is poor</p> <p>Action: Liaise with the EA and SW</p>	<p>Short</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Clubs, EO, Training Centres</p> <p>Clubs, EA, SW, Training centres</p>	<p>W1, W2</p>

Key to Timescales:
Short: within 2 years Medium: within 5 years Long: within 10 years