

# The Solent



Population of 1.3 million, two major ports and Portsmouth Naval Base. 480 km of coastline



Internationally important for recreational boating c. 24,000 moorings. Strong cultural and historical heritage



Most of the coastline is covered by a Marine Protected Area designation. Solent Maritime SAC covers 11,325ha. Home to 90,000 waders and wildfowl



The marine and maritime sector accounts for 20.5% of Solent's GVA, providing 41,000 jobs and supporting more than 3,000 businesses



Solent Forum has two staff and an independent Chair

## The Solent Forum

[www.solentforum.org](http://www.solentforum.org)



Involved in multiple project partnerships, chairs partnerships, hosts workshop and events. Provides project legacy support



Staff sit on national coastal working groups



Coordinates the management of activities taking place in the Solent's designated sites. [www.sems.org](http://www.sems.org)



c. 50 members from a wide range of coastal organisations



Biannual members conference, 50+ attendees



Two newsletters and 12 e-newsletters produced each year goes to 300 Solent stakeholders

