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**Book your FREE opportunity to try out rowing,
kayaking and sailing in Gosport**

With a few spaces remaining to pre-book for rowing and sailing, Gosport Marine Festival is shaping up to offer yet another day of excellent on the water activities for all the family.

Taking place on Saturday 11 May (10-5pm), all the fun is based around the Gosport waterfront at Millennium Timespace, Trinity Green, and Dean and Reddyhoff's Haslar Marina. There is plenty on offer for all the family, but people are advised to pre-book the remaining slots for rowing, sailing and kayaking via <https://gosportmarinescene.com/events/gosport-marine-festival>.

The festival will be officially opened at 10am by Surgeon Rear Admiral Lionel John Jarvis CBE KStJ DL MB BS FRCR MRCS LRCP MIET and Peter Melson, Chairman of Gosport Marine Scene. The Admiral will take the salute at the HMS Affray memorial on the Millennium Walkway as the Sea Cadets march past, then move on to Millennium Timespace for the opening ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

All the pre-bookable activities are free, and safety equipment is provided. Participants are encouraged to turn up on the day wearing clothing that they don't mind getting wet, and bring a towel.

"It's going to be a brilliant day," says Mitch Youngman, chairman of the festival organising committee. "We're delighted that all the activities at the Cockle Pond, for our younger enthusiasts, are already taken, and we're operating a waiting list. But for the teens in your life, and all the parents who fancy trying their hand at something new, we've got a few remaining opportunities – but make sure that you book today."

Also on offer are trips on the wheelchair accessible Scott Bader catamaran. Plus there will be plenty of activities for those who prefer to stay on land, with 150 volunteers including the Sea Cadets, local sailing clubs and activity providers all helping to make the marine festival as fantastic as previous years.

For more information, visit <https://gosportmarinescene.com/events/gosport-marine-festival>.

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