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MDL Marinas continues support of the J Cup Regatta for 2026

MDL Marinas is delighted to announce that it is once again sponsoring the UK's J Cup Regatta, reaffirming its long-standing partnership with Key Yachting and its ongoing support for the J/Boats community.

Taking place from 18–19 July 2026 at the Royal Southern Yacht Club in Hamble, the J Cup will welcome J/Boats owners and crews from across the UK for a weekend of close one-design racing, competitive IRC fleets and a vibrant social programme ashore.

Recognised as one of the UK's leading one-design keelboat events, the J Cup has become a highlight of the sailing calendar, combining high-quality racing with a welcoming atmosphere that attracts both experienced amateur and professional sailors.

The 2026 regatta will also incorporate the J/111 UK National Championship, with the class enjoying an additional day of adrenalin-fuelled racing from Friday 17 July to Sunday 19 July.

As part of its continued support, MDL Marinas will once again provide every competitor with the iconic J Cup cap, a long-standing tradition that has become a favourite keepsake among sailors.

To make travelling to the regatta even easier, MDL Marinas is offering J Cup competitors a 10% discount on visitor berthing at Hamble Point Marina, Port Hamble Marina and Mercury Yacht Harbour throughout the event. Competitors travelling with family and friends can also enjoy nearby accommodation at Mercury Holiday Park, located just minutes from the regatta.

"We're delighted to welcome the J Cup back to the River Hamble and to continue supporting such a fantastic event," says Dominic Brown, Marina Manager at Hamble Point Marina. "It's always a pleasure to see the J/Boats community come together, and we're proud to play our part in helping competitors, crews and supporters enjoy their time both on and off the water."



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Bill Stringer, Key Yachting's Commercial Director, adds: "MDL Marinas has been a fantastic supporter of the J Cup for many years, and we're delighted to have them alongside us again in 2026. Their commitment to the event adds real value to the experience for owners and crews. As the home of Key Yachting, Hamble Point Marina is at the heart of the J/Boats community, making MDL an ideal partner for this special event."

MDL Marinas has supported the J Cup for many years, helping one of the UK's best-known keelboat regattas continue to thrive while boosting the River Hamble's reputation as one of the UK's top sailing destinations. With Hamble Point Marina, Port Hamble Marina and Mercury Yacht Harbour welcoming visiting competitors throughout the regatta, MDL Marinas is proud to play an active role in one of the UK's most vibrant sailing communities.

For more information about MDL Marinas, its 18 UK marina destinations and holiday parks, visit www.mdlmarinas.co.uk.

To find out more about the J Cup Regatta, visit www.j-cup.co.uk.

For more information about Key Yachting, visit www.keyyachting.com.

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