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## Favourite Anchorages in the Solent

### Osborne Bay

Osborne Bay is below the majestic Osborne House, where Queen Victoria used to holiday. A sheltered and popular anchorage for lunch and a swim

### St Helens Fort and the buoys near Seaview

These are pleasant to visit, but can get busy when the depth is sufficient for yachts to enter and leave Bembridge Harbour

### Lee on Solent/Stokes Bay

Closer to home, dropping anchor here for lunch is fun, and there are often dinghies sailing around to provide entertainment. Look out for the green post, and anchor nearby, keeping away from the new yellow buoys that mark where Lee on Solent pier is to be built.

### Keyhaven/Hurst Castle

On the other side from Yarmouth, anchoring here close to the Hurst Lighthouse, you can see the tide rush by. This makes a great breakfast stop on entering the Solent from the West, or after a night in Yarmouth. This is not a safe swimming stop due to the powerful current.

### Newtown Creek

This has to be our favourite stop – either for overnight, or to or from Yarmouth. You can anchor here or pick up a buoy. The 'red buoy' marking the entrance has been changed to a small cardinal buoy, but the pilot books haven't caught up with this fact.

[http://www.shalfleet.net/newtown/newtown\\_creek.htm](http://www.shalfleet.net/newtown/newtown_creek.htm)