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Careers at sea Open day

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Welcome to Southampton Solent University's careers at sea open day. We're so thrilled to welcome you onto our state-of-the-art campus and hope your visit gives you a real feel of what life is like as a cadet here.

During your visit you will find out more about the training programmes necessary to qualify as a ship's navigation, engineer or electro-technical officer in the Merchant Navy and the superyacht industry.

Start your day in the Spark building, where you will find our academic teams, support services and Shipping Company hubs. Afterwards, why not explore the rest of our East Park Terrace Campus, which includes the SMART Centre, engineering workshops, safety demonstrations and our maritime simulation suite. You'll also have an opportunity to attend one of our 'Life as an Officer' presentations and talk to our cadets about life at Solent University.

For a full programme of events, please see page 8.

We hope you have a fantastic day!

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The Pod



The Pod is designed to reflect the region's nautical heritage, our strong maritime links and our forward-looking ethos. It was built by a ship-builders, CIG Architecture, in the Netherlands using the same techniques for creating curved panels for ships. The Pod is designed by Scott Brownrigg and was engineered by Scott White and Hookins. This company also worked on the sculpture in the Stratford Olympic Park (ArcelorMittal Orbit).



World-class simulation centre

Offering unrivalled training opportunities for the entire maritime industry. State-of-the-art 360 bridge simulators. Crane operations. Vessel traffic service. Traditional pilotage training.

Discover the future of maritime training by taking a tour of the simulation suite today.

Find out more

For more details visit:
www.solent.ac.uk/sim-centre

Our world-class sim centre offers access to the very latest facilities:

- 7 full-mission navigational bridges
- 2 full-mission Dynamic Positioning (DP) Class A simulators and 4 desktop DP stations
- 4 multi-purpose desktop simulation classrooms
- 2 ECDIS suites
- On-and off-shore crane and tug simulators
- Liquid cargo simulators
- Full-mission engine and hybrid ships simulators
- HV simulators
- GMDSS radio communications and VTS suites
- Software for the creation of virtual simulated maritime and onshore environments
- 4 debriefing classrooms.





SMART centre

During your visit, you're invited to tour our brand-new marine engineering and cadet education facilities, known as the SMART Centre.

New marine engineering and cadet education facilities

Housed in the University's Christopher Cockerell building, home to the South Coast Institute of Technology (IoT), the 2,000m² state-of-the-art hub features cutting-edge laboratories and workshops.

These include an interactive laboratory with 3D printers; a marine laboratory for composite construction processes; our existing towing and stability tanks for testing the hydrodynamic

lift and drag of sailing and motor craft; and laboratories for construction, fabrication, electronics and materials testing.

Maritime cadets will also benefit from a welding workshop (featuring gas, electric arc, MIG and TIG welding); traditional engineering stations including powerplants, lathes and mills; and a generous social and study space.





General Presentations	Duration	Location	Times
Welcome to Southampton Solent University: Our Vice Chancellor, Professor James Knowles, welcomes you to Southampton Solent.	30 mins	Jane Austen Lecture Theatre, The Spark (level 0)	9:30am
Life as an officer: Talks from our senior lecturers on the life and works of a ship's deck officers. Current cadets and newly qualified officers will also be sharing their experiences as part of the talks.	1 hour	LT1, Andrews (above Costa)	Deck 11am and 1pm
Life as an officer: Talks from our senior lecturers on the life and works of a ship's engineer and electro-technical officers. Current cadets and newly qualified officers will also be sharing their experiences as part of the talks.	1 hour	LT2, Andrews (above Costa)	Engineering/ETO 12pm and 2pm
Sport at Solent: Join the team who will be covering everything Sport at Solent, from sport excellence and BUCS to school games, active campus and student sporting opportunities.	20 mins	SB4002, Sports Complex (level 4)	12:30pm

Drop-in areas	Location	Times
Meet the shipping and recruitment companies: Talk to the professionals about your potential career in maritime.	TS212 and TS215, The Spark (level 2)	9am – 3pm
Cadetship and Maritime courses information hub: Visit the team who can help answer any questions you may have about studying for a cadetship.	The Spark Atrium	9am – 3pm
Support Services Information Hub, including: Student Support, Accommodation and financial support advice.	The Spark Atrium	9am – 3pm
Safety and survival demo: Find out more about the essential safety courses that all cadets must complete - which include fire fighting, survival craft operation, sea survival and first aid.	Costa Coffee, Andrews building	9am – 3pm
Maritime Societies and Volunteer Services: Dotted throughout the Andrews building and maritime simulation suite, our societies and volunteer services will be available to chat to throughout the day.	Andrews concourse and Maritime Simulation Suite, both in the Andrews building.	9am – 3pm
Solent Library: Pop in to meet the team and find out more.	Solent Library	9:30am – 3pm
Solent Sport: Hear from the team about sports, clubs and more.	Solent Sports Complex	9am – 3pm



Tours	Location	Times
Campus tour: Head to the Andrews Building to join a tour. You can also visit the information hub in the Spark Atrium for answers to any campus-related questions pre and post tour. Duration approx. 45mins.	The Dock, Andrews Building	9:30am – 3pm
Accessible campus tours: All our campus tours are fully accessible, however these tours are at a slower pace, more descriptive and can be adapted to suit any additional needs.	The Dock, Andrews Building	9:30am – 3pm
Student residences tour: These tours last around 15 minutes and are run by our Residence Life Assistants. Students can tour the residence with one other guest only. See page 14 for more information.	See page 14	9:30am – 3:30pm
Marine Engineering Workshop tour: Explore our brand-new Marine Engineering Workshop with the team. Duration approx. 15mins.	CCG08, Marine Engineering Workshop	9:30am – 3pm
Simulation Centre tours: Take a guided tour of our simulation centre with the team.	Simulation Centre, Andrews building	9:30am – 3pm
City tours: Join Go Southampton for a walking tour of our beautiful city and see for yourself why we love Southampton. Please note that this is a walking tour. Duration approx. 30 mins.	Leaving from: Southampton City Hub, Spark Atrium	2:30pm – 3pm





- University reception
- Car park identification
- Accessible parking
- Motorcycle parking
- Cycle storage
- Dog spending pen
- Building entrance
- Accessible building entrance
- Accessible route

Map key

The Spark, level 1 (entrance level)

- 1 Registration and welcome
- 2 Information hub
- 3 Southampton city hub
- 4 Spin to win – Competition stand
- 5 Support Services hub
- 6 Cadetship and maritime course information hubs
- 7 Solent Students' Union
- 8 Quiet Space

The Spark, level 2

- 9 Shipping Companies hub, TS212 and TS215

Outside the Spark

- 10 Shuttle bus departure point (outside the library)
- 11 Library information hub
- 12 Solent Sport information hub
- 13 Ice cream van (complimentary) - outside the sports complex

Andrews and SMART Centre

- 14 Maritime Simulation Suite
- 15 Life as an Officer presentations
- 16 Safety and Survival demo
- 17 Engineering workshop tours
- 18 Refreshments (complimentary)
- 19 Pic 'n' mix (complimentary)
- 20 Campus tour departure point

Building names

The Spark	(TS)
Solent Sports Complex	(SB)
Sir John Everett Millais	(JM)
Solent Library	(ML)
Michael Andrews	(A)
Reginald Mitchell	(RM)
Sir Christopher Cockerell	(CC)
Herbert Collins	(HC)

Promotions and discounts
 Find a flyer in your goody bag for special open day catering promotions and discounts

Catering outlets

East Park Deli
 JM building
 Open 9am–3pm

Offering freshly brewed Starbucks coffee, a variety of cold drinks along with sandwiches, snacks and cakes, jacket potatoes and soup.

Costa Coffee
 Andrews building
 Open 8.15am–3pm

Freshly brewed Costa coffee as well as a range of food items including breakfast rolls, lunchtime meal deals, snacks and cakes.

The Dock
 Andrews building
 Open 11am–2pm

Offering an array of food options all under one roof. Check your goody bag for the latest offers available. The restaurant operates a click-and-collect service via the Everyday app.

C-Store
 Andrews building
 9am–3pm

Our on campus convenience store, offering groceries, confectionery, sandwiches, snacks, drinks and coffee



Visit our residences

Accommodation tours

We have two residences open today from 9.30am – 3.30pm. Head down to our Deanery residence if you wish to take a tour. Afterwards, you can also visit the Chantry residence. The Deanery residence offers ensuite accommodation, and the Chantry residence offers non-en-suite, so we recommend visiting both to compare. The map on pages 16-17 details the walking route and the locations of our residences, all of which are a 10–20 minute walk from the campus.

Prefer to take the coach?

Hop on our free shuttle bus from East Park Terrace down to our Deanery residence. Meet our ambassadors outside the library and they will direct you to the coach which departs every 30 minutes until 3pm.

Find out more

Visit our friendly accommodation team in the Spark Atrium who can answer any questions you may have.





Free shuttle bus

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City map

Buildings

1 East Park Terrace

Walking route to residences
10 – 20 minute walk

Student residences

2 Kimber and David Moxon*

3 Chantry

4 Deanery

* Please note that these buildings are not open at today's event.



City tours

Join Go Southampton for a walking tour of our beautiful city and see for yourself why we love Southampton.

Head to the Southampton city hub in the Spark atrium to join the tour, which will depart at 2.30pm.

Please note that this tour is a walking tour and will last roughly 30 minutes.



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Got any questions?

Not sure if you're eligible? Do you want to know more about the programme or how to apply?

We're here to help. Just drop us a line at:
admissions@solent.ac.uk



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