



Cruising

We asked four keen local sailors to share some favourite haunts where they like to anchor up

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Tony Pauffley racing his boat

the Coast



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Tony Pauffley on board his boat

TONY PAUFFLEY, YACHT & COMMERCIAL CRAFT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AT COLEMAN MARINE INSURANCE

Tony has been involved in the marine industry, both regionally and nationally, for many decades. He has worked in Poole for over 30 years, formerly in boat sales and boat repairs (Cobbs Quay and Salterns Marina), and for the last eight years as the Yacht & Commercial Craft Development Manager at Coleman Marine Insurance based at Poole Quay. In his spare-time he is a keen dinghy sailor and enjoys recreational trips under sail with his wife Ruth.

"I usually crew an Osprey dinghy. During the summer months I race up to twice a week in Poole Harbour, and each year I compete in the National Championships. I love to be out on the water.

My best trip from the harbour is to sail out to around the back of the Poole Harbour islands at South Deep. It's so lovely and quiet there. You can anchor up and totally forget where you are, it's as if the rest of the world doesn't even exist. We regularly see seals which pop up to say hello, they're such inquisitive creatures. Anchoring up around South Deep is our favourite place to go and watch the Poole fireworks. Because it's totally deserted it's like having your own personal fireworks display. My wife, Ruth and I take along some nibbles and a bottle of wine - though now I've spilled the beans on our special place, we may have to pass the nibbles around!"

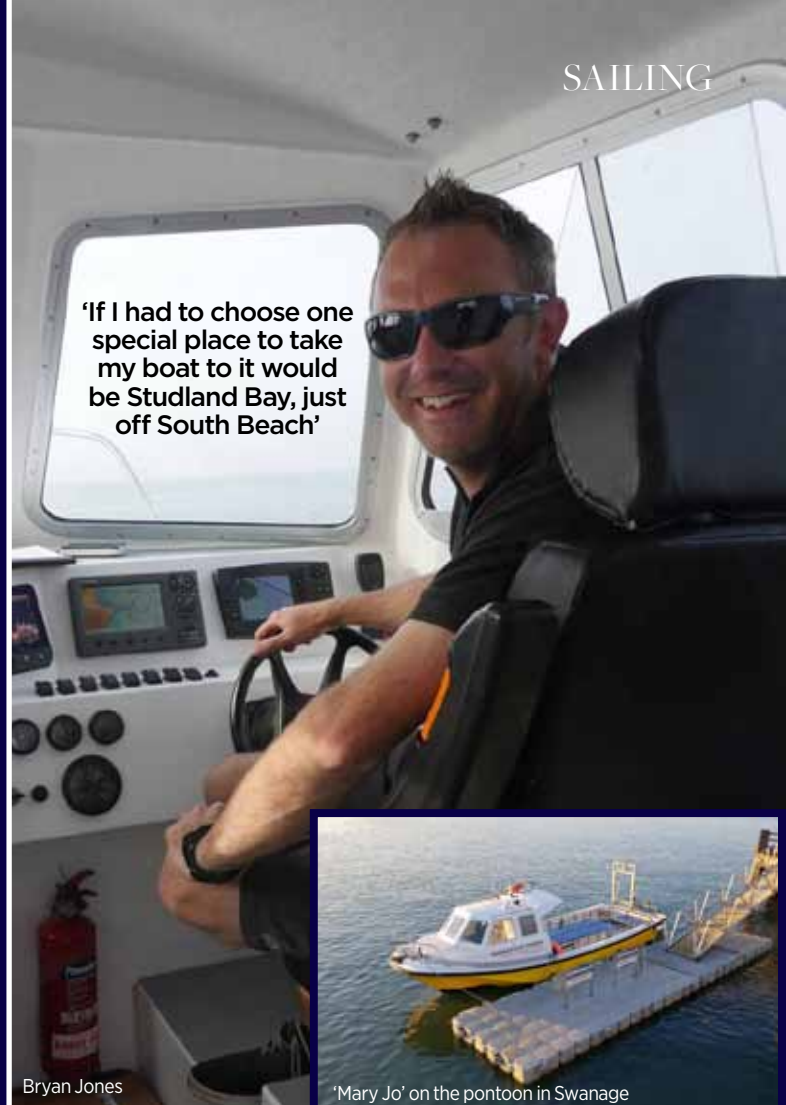
Bryan Jones, Co-director and boat skipper at Swanage Boat Charters

Swanage Boat Charters was founded by Martin Jones in 2002. His son Bryan joined the family business in 2007, having relocated to Dorset from Milton Keynes. The Swanage-based charter company specialises in scuba diving trips to wrecks, reefs, and scenic and drift dive sites. They also run trips for geologists, photographers, rock climbers and sightseers along the Jurassic Coast. Bryan loves exploring this area of coastline on their charter boats 'Mary Jo' (32ft) and 'Viper' (38ft) as well as taking out his own boat on his days off.

"My favourite charter is scuba diving on the famous shipwreck, Kyarra - a former luxury liner which was converted into a troop transport ship during the First World War. In May 1918 she was torpedoed by the Germans and sank just under two miles out in the bay, so it's an easy wreck to get to. There are some great rock climbing areas just past Anvil Point and as far as Dancing Ledge, so we occasionally take rock climbers out to scout for potential climbing locations, giving them the opportunity to take photos from the boat.

If I had to choose one special place to take my boat to it would be Studland Bay, just off South Beach. There are lots of mooring places here and it's an absolutely beautiful location, particularly in summer. My girlfriend and I love to have a barbecue on the boat, dangle our feet in the water and watch the sun go down. It's also a very sociable spot too, we often meet up with friends and raft our boats up close to one another and have a fun evening together. It's a truly magical place." *nwind.*

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'Mary Jo' on the pontoon in Swanage



Spencer Brown

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SPENCER BROWN, SALES DIRECTOR AT SUNSEEKER POOLE

Spencer has worked for Sunseeker Poole Ltd, based next to the Sunseeker shipyard, for 19 years. As Sales Director he services all the UK clients across the company's three UK sales offices and supports a number of sub dealerships in Europe. Initially Spencer, who grew up in Poole, joined the Royal Navy as a Seaman officer which gave him the opportunity to travel the world extensively.

"Wherever I went in the world I would see amazing Sunseeker boats, it was a constant reminder of home. So after I left the Royal Navy it seemed like a natural progression to work for Sunseeker in Poole.

My partner Jenny and I own a 20ft boat and we use Poole Harbour as our boating base to take trips out to a wide range of destinations. One of our favourites is The Hut - a beach restaurant at Colwell Bay on the Isle of Wight - it's the closest thing, anywhere in the UK, to a Mediterranean beach club! I often take clients there to give them a taste of what the boating lifestyle is all about - good times, good food, good drink and great company. The location and experience mirrors what clients do in the Mediterranean but on a much smaller scale and closer to home. The food there is fantastic, particularly the lobster.

Studland Bay is another popular haunt and we regularly moor up for a visit to The Pig on the Beach. The Jurassic Coast is very beautiful, particularly around Lulworth and Durdle Door and we often visit The Ship Inn in Lulworth village as they do a splendid Sunday Roast!"

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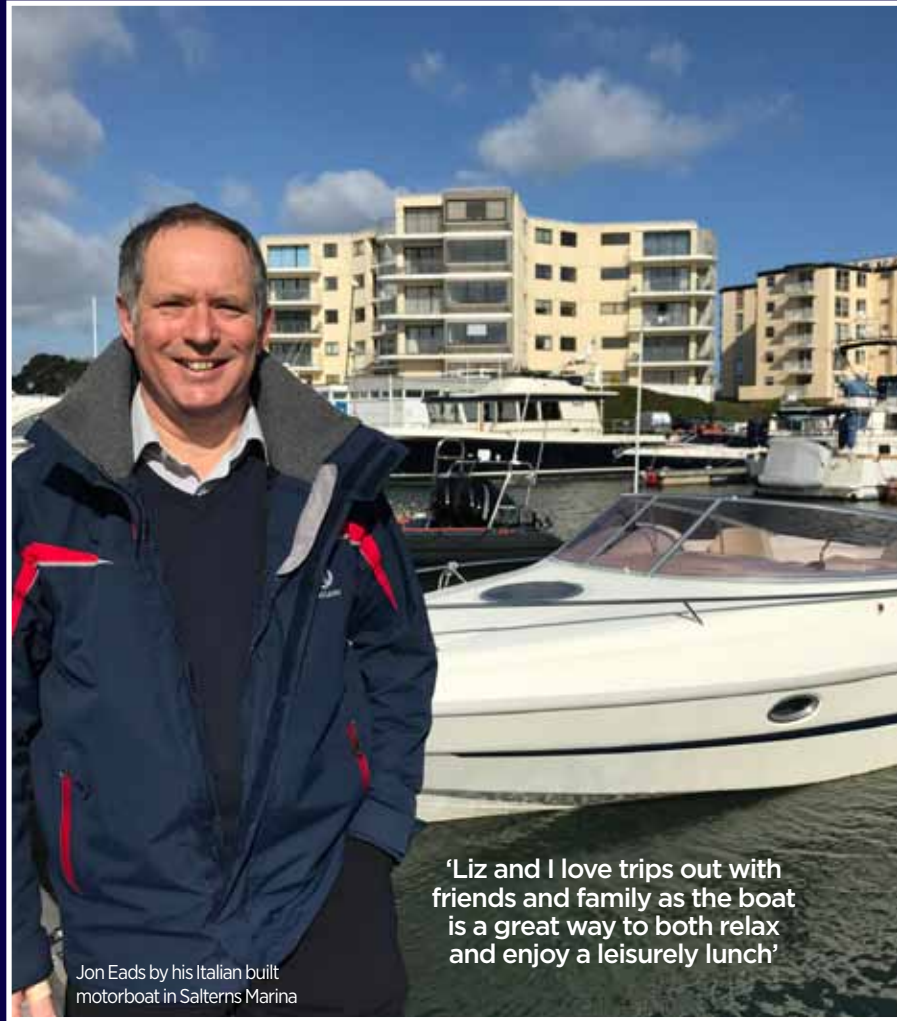
JON EADS, DIRECTOR AT SALTERNS MARINA

Starting out in 1978 as an apprentice yacht builder and designer at Southern Ocean Shipyards in Poole (now Sunseeker), Jon Eads has enjoyed an extensive career in the leisure marine sector. After sailing around the Mediterranean and Caribbean for three years, he moved into marina management running Shamrock Quay and Ocean Village Marina in Southampton where he later became MD of the Marina Division of MDL. Jon and his family keep their much cherished Italian built motorboat at Salterns Marina.

“My wife, Liz and I love trips out with friends and family as the boat is a great way to both relax and enjoy a leisurely lunch. We occasionally take it over to the Isle of Wight but Dorset destinations are our favourites. In particular the trip up the River Frome to Wareham, once you enter the river it’s so beautiful and peaceful – and yet it’s just 40 minutes from Salterns Marina. Tides permitting, we usually moor up at The Priory Hotel and treat ourselves to a lovely lunch, the views looking down the gardens to the river are spectacular.

Another favourite is to anchor behind Green Island on the southern side of Poole Harbour. We visited it in February during that lovely warm weather and had the anchorage to ourselves. On a lovely day it beats the Caribbean and is a lot closer to home! We also enjoy a cruise down the Jurassic Coast, we usually drop anchor at Lulworth Cove as there are some good little restaurants ashore including a Hall & Woodhouse pub - The Lulworth Cove Inn. Every time we go there the service is fantastic with great food at a sensible price.”

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Jon Eads by his Italian built motorboat in Salterns Marina

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Jon’s dog enjoying a view of the Jurassic Coast from the boat



ENSURE YOUR BOAT IS SAFE AND SHIP SHAPE

Tony Pauffley of Coleman Marine Insurance offers some practical advice to ensure that your boat is safe and ready for the season ahead.

“Delaying essential work on your boat can often end up being more expensive, and problems arising could seriously spoil your day or season. Draw up a list of items that you can attend to and another list of ones that the boatyard or contractor will need to fix. Be aware that at busy times this could take longer than usual so book in your boat as soon as you can.

Here are the key areas you should consider: full engine service plus machinery up to and including the propeller; skin fitting and seacock servicing; checking hull anodes; full inspection of mast, spars, sails and rigging; antifouling; check and service all on board safety gear and re-stock first aid kit; check navigation and electronics; exterior and interior valet including servicing the heads and freshwater system.

Always refer to your boat owner’s manual for manufacturer’s advice and guidance and seek the advice of professionals when in doubt.”

For more advice visit colemanmarine.co.uk or call Tony on 01202 647460.