

# Sea Pie Supper 2026 Information

The Sea Pie Supper will be held at St. Mary' Stadium, on **Friday 6th February 2026**.

Tickets are on sale, only through our office and to members only: members **£72**, guests **£85**.

The traditional purpose of the event is to introduce the new Captain to our members and to the wider local maritime community, and **the** outgoing Captain, Nick Jeffery MNM, will install his successor, Captain Bill Hargreaves as the new Club Captain.

The Principal Guest and Speaker will be Rear Admiral Iain Lower CB, Deputy Master Trinity House.

## Pre-ordering drinks

Wine can be ordered in advance using the form issued in advance to all tables. Please submit orders to [events@saintsevents.co.uk](mailto:events@saintsevents.co.uk) by 5pm on Tuesday 27th January. **Please note there is a minimum payment of £50 this year.** Once received they will send you a link to our online payment portal for you to pay for your pre-ordered drinks via credit/debit card.

You are advised to order your table drinks in advance. There is a greater choice than on the night and your drinks will be ready on your table.

Any drinks that you have pre-ordered will be on your table, labelled. There will be table service during the evening which will be **pay by card only**.

Jugs of tap water will be available FOC. Bottled still or sparkling water will be available at cost, payment by card only.

## On Arrival

Car parking - access is from Marine Parade into the South car park (nearest the shop).

There is a push-button/barrier system which may be manned and which will allow entry. Do not move forward until the green light shows. The barriers will be permanently raised at 2100 for free exit so you should not need to use this ticket. If for some reason you or your guests need to leave before 2100 there are 'help' buttons at the barriers to summon security to raise the barrier.

There is ample drop-off space in front of the stadium, between the fixed barriers and the road.

**Please note that there will be no overnight parking available at St. Mary's.**

At the end of the evening there will be a designated pick-up/taxi area.

Doors open at 1800 and the entrance to the function is through the main reception doors opposite the statue of Ted Bates.

**There is stringent security at St. Mary's and you are asked to comply with any security procedures at the entrance. These may include a body inspection with a hand-held wand and the inspection of bags.**

Tickets may also be inspected so please ensure that your guests have them to hand. We have asked that you provide us with the names of your guests beforehand. First and last names, as you would wish them to appear on the place cards, no pre or post nominals. This is important to us, see **Prize Draw**, below.

## Reception

On arrival, please enter the reception area where the stadium reserve the right to make a security check, after which there will be ticketed cloak-room facilities available.

Please then make your way to the Mike Channon Suite on the first floor by the stairs.

Once inside, you will be offered a complimentary drink. Prosecco, red or white wine, bottled beer or orange juice. Please then move further into the suite to allow others behind you to enter the room and collect their drinks.

There are two pay bars in the Mike Channon Suite where the main function will be held. These will be open from 1800 and payment is by card only.

Toilets are situated at either end of the suite.

At 1900 the bars will stop serving and diners should go to their tables to receive the Captains and Principal Guests at 1920.

There will be Table/seating plans displayed at the stadium entrance and in the entrance to the Mike Channon Suite and on the screens in the suite. Tables are mostly rounds of 10. Place cards, showing names and ticket numbers, will be placed on each table, in no particular order unless previously requested. You are at liberty to re-position the cards, or even to replace them with your own, but please be mindful of other members or groups that may be sharing your table and do not change tables. See also **Prize Draw** below.

## Who's Who

The Principal Guest and Speaker will be Rear Admiral Iain Lower CB. The distinguished guests invited will include Nigel Atkinson Esq the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire and a Stowaway Member, Mrs Sue Elton the High Sheriff of Hampshire and Cllr James Baillie the Lord Mayor of Southampton.

Four other Stowaway members of the Club have been invited: Lady Mary Fagan LG, Admiral Lord West of Spithead, Vice Admiral Sir Alan Massey and Captain Sir Ian McNaught. Other Distinguished Guests invited include; the Portsmouth Naval Base Commander, Cdre Marcel Rosenberg; the Head of RFA, Cdre Sam Shattock; Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, Lt. Cdr Les Chapman; Commanding Officer 17<sup>th</sup> Port & Maritime Regiment, Marchwood, Lt. Col Tom Goodall MBE; Chief Executive of the Nautical Institute, Captain John Lloyd; ABP Port Director Alastair Welch; MCA UK Customer Maritime Services, Mr Lars Lippuner. The key officers of the Club are Captain Nick Jeffery MNM, Club Captain who will hand over the badge of office to the current Staff Captain, Captain Bill Hargreaves. The Grace will be lead by the Mission to Seafarer's Port Chaplain, Kate Powell.

## Prize Draw

There will be a Prize Draw held on the evening, with a special prize generously donated by **The Southampton Shipowners Association** and all proceeds will be divided equally between the three local Seafarers' charities: the **Mission to Seafarers**, **The Apostleship of the Sea** and the **Sailors' Society**.

Last year this draw raised a record **£5,001.14** and your on-going support is encouraged

There will be an envelope on each table, into which each participant should put their numbered place card and their donation in UK notes (no coins please). You will find a **QR code** on the envelopes and on the table logos, to allow payment using a Smart phone. Envelopes will be collected after the main course is served and the draw will be held before the singing of the shanties. Members can greatly assist by informing us beforehand of the names of their guests or by ensuring that the names of individuals are written on their place cards on the night.

### **The after-dinner programme**

Captain Jeffery MNM will propose the **Loyal Toast** followed by The Boatsteerer proposing a **Toast to 'Absent Cachalots'**.

After a comfort break, Captain Jeffery MNM will install his successor, Captain Bill Hargreaves as Club Captain for 2026.

Following a short speech, Captain Hargreaves will propose a **Toast to the 'Guests'**. He will then introduce the Guest Speaker.

At the end of his speech, the Guest Speaker will propose a Toast to **'The Cachalots'**.

It would be much appreciated if members would remind their guests not to talk or move around the room during the speeches. The Cachalot members on each table are deemed to be responsible for the behaviour of their guests.

There will be two breaks announced during the proceedings but we regret it will not be possible to inspect the pitch.

After the second break the Prize Draw will be conducted, followed by the traditional sea shanties, which will again be led by Shantymen, **'The 'Ansome Cabin Buoys Duo'**.

### **The End**

Last orders from the bar will be at 23.15 and the Boatsteerer will call 'Who Goes Home' at 23.45, or when he has had enough of us.

**Please note that, in compliance with the strict licensing laws that apply to such venues, full or part bottles cannot be removed from the suite, or the stadium, at the end of the evening.**

### **Some Housekeeping**

The stadium is a non-smoking area but there is a designated smoking space outside and to the left of the reception area as you go out. We cannot supply umbrellas, galoshes or heavy weather gear.

The Duty Manager can supply the WiFi code on the day if really required.

In the event of an emergency at the stadium, on hearing the alarm sound please vacate the building as quickly and as safely as possible. The assembly point is situated outside the Mega Store in the South Car Park.

We look forward to greeting you on the night and hope, and expect, that this will be another successful and enjoyable Sea Pie Supper.