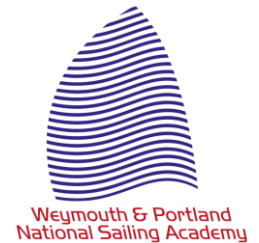


Accessibility Guide for WPNSA



About WPNSA

The Academy has been developed with access for all in mind. It was previously the training base for the British Sailing Team Paralympic squad the same facilities are open to all disabled sailors.

The site and building are fully accessible to wheelchair users with a lift at either end of the building. There are accessible toilets and changing facilities. There is a personal hoist available. Please ask at Reception or call in advance for it to be placed in a particular changing room or toilet. All signage around the building is tactile and subtitled in Braille and there is a portable induction loop for use within the building. Finally, extra wide pontoon fingers were installed to ease wheelchair access and hydraulic hoists are situated on the pontoons.

"I love training in Weymouth Bay and Portland Harbour as they offer a wide range of sailing conditions. The Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy is ^[1]_[SEP]an unbeatable venue for disabled sailors with new, purpose-built, facilities. For example, there are disabled access hoists on the pontoons, providing the safest access to tidal waters for people with disabilities anywhere in the UK. I don't know of any other sailing venue where the needs of sailors of all abilities are so well catered for."

Helena Lucas MBE, Paralympic Gold Medallist

Getting to WPNSA

By Car

The car park nearest to the building has six blue badge holder spaces and there is flat access from the car park to the building. The postcode for satnav is DT5 1SA.

By Bus

The local buses are run by First Bus. The 501 route stops outside of WPNSA; however, this is currently a limited summer service. The nearest bus stop for when the 501 route is not running is at Victoria Square which is 0.6 miles away and is the number 1 route. There are not any hills on the journey from Victoria Square to the Academy.

First Bus accessibility information: <https://www.firstgroup.com/bus-accessibility>

First Bus Customer Services: 0345 646 0707

By Train

The nearest railway station is in the centre of Weymouth, which is a 20-minute road journey to the Academy. Both the number 1 and 501 buses stop outside of Weymouth Railway Station.

South Western Railway assisted travel information:

<https://www.southwesternrailway.com/travelling-with-us/assisted-travel>

South Western Railway assisted travel helpline: 0800 528 2100 (freephone)

By Coach

National Express offers accessible direct coach travel from London to Weymouth. Other routes will involve indirect travel. For details on routes, timings and cost, please see their [website](#) or call their Assisted Travel Team.

National Express accessibility information: <https://www.nationalexpress.com/en/help/accessibility>
National Express Assisted Travel Team: 03717 818181

By Taxi

The following taxi firms are able to provide accessible vehicles:

Weyline Taxis, Weymouth	01305 777777	http://www.weyline.com/
Steve's Cabs Weymouth	07791 534415	

Accessible Local Accommodation

Visit Dorset Accommodation Information

<https://www.visit-dorset.com/accommodation/accessible>

RYA Portland House

The Royal Yachting Association have Portland House which is a 10-minute walk to WPNSA (on flat ground). It has dedicated accessible rooms.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/contact-us/rya-portland-house/Pages/hub.aspx>

Waterside Holiday Group

The Waterside Holiday Group have accessible caravans. There are three at Chesil Vista which is a five-minute drive from WPNSA and five at Waterside Holiday Park & Spa.

For more information please see: <https://www.watersideholidaygroup.co.uk/accessibility/>

Cafeteria

Our cafeteria is open daily to the general public. It is on the first floor of the building, but there are two lifts for access. The cafeteria staff are happy to assist with any orders and we have a large print menu available. Please ask the staff for a copy.

Assistance Dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome everywhere onsite; however, we do ask that they are kept on a lead at all times. Water bowls are provided for dogs. We do ask that any mess is cleared up; if you need assistance with this please ask a member of staff. WPNSA is adjacent to Hamm Beach which has no restriction on dogs being on the lead, however, the ground is uneven. For other places to walk your dog locally, please ask at Reception or any member of staff would be happy to find out for you.

Accessible Sailing


One of the Academy's onsite partners is Chesil Sailability. It offers opportunities for all to have access to sailing. For more information, please see the [Chesil Sailability](#) page on our website.

For information on access to sailing in other areas of the UK, please see the Royal Yachting Association's Sailability programme webpage: <https://www.rya.org.uk/programmes/rya-sailability/Pages/hub.aspx>

Euan's Guide

WPNSA is registered on Euan's Guide: <https://www.euansguide.com/venues/weymouth-and-portland-national-sailing-academy-portland-10804>

Photos

	<p>View of the front of the building from the car park (where there are six blue badge parking spaces). The access is through the automatic doors at the front.</p>
	<p>View of the back of the building and the dinghy park from the water</p>
	<p>Toilet in one of our accessible changing rooms</p>
	<p>Shower in one of our accessible changing rooms</p>



We have a personal hoist. Please ask Reception for it and they will move it to where required.



Accessibility Toilet



Accessibility Toilet Door Lock