Dear Sir,

Thanks for the opportunity of giving feedback before any decisions are made about the above. Clearly the Solent ecosystems are important and need protecting, however, it needs to be done with the people of the island in mind. Please can you consider the following points:

- Making sailing and racing more difficult and EVEN more costly would be bad news for the Isle of Wight economy.
- I caution against introducing measures that might restrict the traditional rights of sailors to moor, anchor, cruise or race boats in the Eastern Solent
- Such restrictions would endanger the viability of the Bembridge Sailing Club and would lead to a loss of facilities for the training of large numbers of young people.
- Island jobs may well be lost.
- I have three young children approaching sailing age and am keen they have the facilities I was lucky enough to have as a child – at an affordable price.
- I would object to the creation of the proposed Marine Conservation Zone 22 - Bembridge unless there is permanent protection for existing mooring and anchoring rights throughout the area; additionally that the historical use of Colonels Hard remains unchanged in the event of Reference Area 15 - Tyne Ledges - being established.

Thanks again for listening.

All best
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