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Client	:	Folgate Partnership
Event	:	Sailing on the Solent
Attendees	:	20
Location	:	The Solent

Corporate sailing regattas are an innovative way to reward and motivate key members of staff. The event combines teamwork with the thrills and spills of racing a modern yacht.

Prior sailing experience was not required by the group, as the event was designed for all levels. Each yacht was accompanied by a skipper on board to familiarise teams with their boat.



The group of 20 were divided into 2 teams of ten and given a yacht each, which they had to race against the other yachts.

In the morning, training session teams were instructed in all aspects of sailing a racing yacht. The crew were there for the guest's safety and encouraged every member of the team to participate, so they were ready to roll up their sleeves if they wanted to or they were free to relax and watch the world go by. In the space of a few hours the teams were crewing their yachts in a real racing situation.

At lunchtime, the yachts were moored off the Isle of Wight and the teams ate at a spectacularly located restaurant on the tip of the island overlooking the Solent, perfect for the teams to relax and enjoy the sunshine and views.

After lunch, a series of three races were run around a challenging short course, with lots of turning marks to ensure competitive racing with places changing constantly.

After the afternoon racing had finished, RIBs (Rigid Inflatable Boat) were used to take guests for a 'white knuckle ride' across the Solent at high speeds, a perfect end to a fantastic day.

Once back on dry land, the teams met in the bar for drinks and awards were presented to the winning team before dinner was served.