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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

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### **SOLAR-POWERED BOAT COMES TO EMSWORTH**

*Solar Heritage*, a solar-powered catamaran will be running daily trips for the public from Emsworth this summer. The boat, which can take up to 50 passengers, is the ideal way to see Chichester Harbour Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty from the water.

Owned by Chichester Harbour Conservancy, *Solar Heritage* is now in her third year in the Harbour. She has been used extensively by school groups and for various themed trips. Last summer she was in Emsworth for five weeks. The trips were so popular that this summer she will be there from the beginning of July through to the 10 September. Trips will run most days depending on tides, sometimes up to three times a day.

On-board, the catamaran hulls provide a very stable journey. The engines are almost silent, so as the boat glides through the water there is a good chance of seeing some of the wildlife for which Chichester Harbour is so important. Birds such as Little Egrets, Cormorants and Peregrine Falcons are regularly seen. Sometimes the Harbour Seals even pop up to see what's happening!

Jane Hackney, the solar boat co-ordinator said 'It's a great trip for locals and visitors alike. Everyone comes off the boat having really enjoyed the trip.'

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Daily departures will be from the jetty at Emsworth. Departure times can be found at

[www.conservancy.co.uk](http://www.conservancy.co.uk) and displayed at the Harbour Office, South Street, Emsworth. There is no need to book in advance just wait on the jetty 15 minutes before departure. All trips last about 1 hour, tickets are £5 adults and £2.50 children.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**



*Solar Heritage at Emsworth*

- A jpg of this image is available from Ali Beckett - [allie@conservancy.co.uk](mailto:allie@conservancy.co.uk)
- If you would like a pair of complimentary tickets for a cruise, please contact Jane Hackney on 01243 513275.
- Interviews with Jane Hackney or the crew can be organised through Ali Beckett on 01243 512301 or [allie@conservancy.co.uk](mailto:allie@conservancy.co.uk)

The Chichester Harbour Conservancy is the statutory harbour authority for Chichester Harbour with a legal duty to manage the harbour and the surrounding land for the purposes of recreation and leisure, conservation and landscape protection. It has a wide range of powers to control navigation, moorings, works and dredging, as well as to maintain and improve the wildlife value and the landscape.

The Conservancy also manages the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to ensure that it is conserved and enhanced for the enjoyment of all. AONB officers and their staff work with national and local government, environment organisations, landowners and managers and their local businesses and communities to ensure that these unique landscapes and the rare and wonderful wildlife living in them are protected and enhanced.

For more information please contact the Harbour Master - Lt Col John Davis RM on 01243 512301.