

## OUT TO LUNCH – Mill Rythe

*This is our regular run when needing a marine engineer –which happens all too often!*

Careful chartwork is important to explore this creek which leads up **Mill Rythe** to the drying pontoons of **Hayling Yacht Co** and nearby **ABC Marine**. From Mill Rythe red can buoy in the Emsworth Channel we followed a wandering line of moorings between red and green markers until the mini-marina was in sight where a tricky turn



around the last dogleg took us to an empty berth. There are some large boats here, indicating



the soft mud into which deep keels sink easily when the tide runs away. In real terms the access is HW plus/minus 90 minutes but there isn't much spare room so it would be prudent to ring before you arrive or risk being disappointed.



Having sorted out a berth it's a short step along Mill Rythe Lane to the main road where you'll find Hayling's oldest pub, The Maypole. New owners have improved both ambience and menu

and I do enjoy my visits: decent grub and friendly service are on offer and regulars outnumber visiting 'grockles', always a good sign.



Before returning to your boat do investigate the facilities of ABC Marine nearby; they build aluminium trawlers and also specialise in outboard motors on a small site which includes a chandlery.

*Verdict: worth navigating your way to this overlooked hostelry!*

Tides on the day: HW Chichester 1120 ht 5.0m

Useful info: sheltered pontoons restricted by tide with limited spaces

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