

The image is a high-angle, aerial photograph of a waterfront area in Southampton, UK. In the foreground, a marina is filled with various boats, including several white motor yachts and smaller sailboats, docked at wooden piers. The water is a calm, greenish-brown color. In the middle ground, a large, modern, multi-story building with a glass facade and a flat roof is prominent. The building has several balconies and a modern architectural style. Behind it, the city of Southampton is visible, with a mix of older brick buildings and newer structures. In the background, the sea is visible under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A large red circle in the top left corner contains the text 'Southampton Solent University'. The title 'Southampton Solent University Maritime housing guide' is written in white across the middle of the image. In the bottom right corner, there is a red banner with white text that reads 'THE SOLENT I SEE, SEES ME.' and the website 'SOLENT.AC.UK' is printed below it.

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# Southampton Solent University Maritime housing guide

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This guide is intended for long term maritime students, including cadets and those enrolled on multi phase or degree programmes. It is not suitable for maritime learners attending short courses, who should seek short stay accommodation such as hotels, serviced apartments or guesthouses instead. Please contact [accommodation@solent.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@solent.ac.uk) for more information.

This guide is for educational purposes and does not constitute legal advice.



# Welcome

Southampton is one of the UK's leading maritime cities and home to Southampton Solent University's world-renowned Warsash Maritime School. Whether you are beginning a cadetship, studying on a maritime degree programme, or joining a short professional course, finding the right accommodation is essential for settling in and preparing for your training.

This guide outlines the accommodation options available, things to consider, and practical steps to secure safe, suitable housing. Maritime courses often have unique attendance patterns, so this guide will help you choose accommodation that suits your needs.

## What do I need if I'm renting from May 2026?

### To live in a shared house

- One month rent and deposit.
- Identification to satisfy the Right to rent requirements.
- A UK guarantor or guarantor scheme or a written landlord agreement that guarantor is not required.
- To have researched and found safe accommodation before arrival.

### To live in university residences

- Make an advance rent payment and set up a payment plan for the remainder (if applicable).
- A form of identification (e.g. passport, driving license).
- To have applied and received an offer of accommodation prior to arriving.

### To live in private halls of residence

- Paid a deposit and rent advance or set up a payment plan.
- Proof of student status such as university offer letter etc., each provider has different requirements.

## University residences

University residences are available to many maritime learners. Priority is typically given to cadets joining Phase 1, with remaining rooms offered to cadets in Phases 3 and 5. Merchant Navy students studying for Officer of the Watch (HNC/D) may also be able to apply, depending on availability.

Residences operate on contracts with start and end dates and are designed for individual student occupancy only. Partners, dependents and families cannot live in university accommodation.

### Key points at a glance – University residences

- ✓ All self-catered built specifically for students.
- ✓ Best for cadets on longer-term programmes or those following the standard academic year.
- ✓ Fixed-term contracts - full rent liability for the full contract.
- ✓ Most bills included (excluding tv license and laundry).
- ✓ No guarantor currently required for applications.
- ✓ Single-occupancy accommodation only.
- ✓ Supportive community with Residence Support on site.

## **Private halls (Purpose-built student accommodation)**

Private halls—also known as Purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA)—are privately owned and operated externally to the university. They offer a range of options, from budget rooms to premium studios, excluding tv license and laundry.

Each provider sets its own contract lengths, costs and facilities are typically included. Some offer all-inclusive bills. Students can browse accredited PBSA providers via Solent's approved housing platform at

[www.sassh.co.uk/accommodaiton](http://www.sassh.co.uk/accommodaiton).

### **Private halls at a glance**

- ✓ Wide range of room types, including budget and premium options.
- ✓ Designed for student living with modern facilities.
- ✓ Most bills included (some exclude tv license and laundry).
- ✓ Opportunities to live with students from multiple universities.
- ✓ Fixed-term contracts with clear dates.
- ✓ Some providers offer guarantor alternatives.

### **Shared housing**

Shared private rented housing is a popular choice for maritime students seeking more independence and space. Properties typically have private bedrooms, and shared communal areas such as a kitchen, living room and bathroom(s).

Most shared houses use joint tenancies, meaning all tenants sign one contract and share responsibility for rent and any damage. Under the Renters' Rights Act 2025, tenants on assured private tenancies may give two months' notice at any time. If one tenant leaves, remaining tenants may need to sign a new contract.

Some landlords offer individual (sole) tenancies, where students are only responsible for their own rent and room, while still sharing communal areas. This may be a safer option for students with irregular timetables or those who do not yet know their housemates.

### **Shared housing at a glance**

- Typically the most affordable option compared to halls and studios.
- More space and independence, with shared kitchens, living areas and bathrooms.
- Two tenancy types: Joint (shared responsibility) or individual (you only pay for your own room).
- Flexible for maritime timetables, especially with individual contracts.
- Good for groups or cadets wanting quieter living.
- Available through SASSH with accredited landlords.
- Viewings available in person or online – ideal during sea phase.
- No pressure to sign early; new SASSH listings appear year-round.
- Tenancy can be ended by serving the landlord with two months' notice.

### **SASSH: Southampton Accredited Student Accommodation**

SASSH is the official private accommodation accreditation scheme for Southampton Solent University, University of Southampton and Southampton City Council. It lists private rented properties that meet required safety, quality and management standards, and new properties are added throughout the year.

### **Why use SASSH?**

SASSH makes finding safe, student friendly housing simple, benefits include:

### **Safety checks done for you**

All key certificates (gas, electric, EPC, alarms) are already checked, so you don't need to request them.

## University inspections

The university carries out regular inspections of new and existing properties to keep standards high.

## Support if things go wrong

If you have issues, the university can work directly with the landlord to help sort things out.

## Trusted landlords

SASSH landlords meet university standards – helping you avoid scams and unsafe properties.

SASSH is free for students to use and provides access to a wide range of accredited houses, flats, lodgings and shared homes across Southampton. All landlords must meet SASSH standards, and new properties are checked by the SASSH team, who aim to inspect all new listings and carry out follow up inspections approximately every three years. New properties are posted regularly, allowing students to search at any point during the year. Students can also access tools to help them find housemates, message landlords and request support with tenancy concerns.

To access full property listings, students need to register on the SASSH website by creating an account at [www.sassh.co.uk/students](http://www.sassh.co.uk/students). Registration must be completed using a university email address, as Studentpad – the platform SASSH runs on, automatically verifies university email accounts.

If you don't yet have a university email address, please email [private.housing@solent.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@solent.ac.uk) and we will activate your account. Once registered, students receive property alerts, can shortlist homes, contact landlords directly, and use the message board.

Students can arrange in person or video viewings with landlords through the platform. Anyone who would like a contract checked before signing can email [private.housing@solent.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@solent.ac.uk) for support.

For international students or those who prefer to view the information in another language, the SASSH website can be displayed in many different languages using Google Translate. This can be done by pasting the SASSH website link into <https://translate.google.com>, which supports translation into more than 100 languages.

## Right to rent checks

In England, landlords must check that every adult moving into a property has the legal right to live in the UK. This is done before the tenancy begins, either by inspecting identification documents, such as a passport or by using the Home Office online service with a share code.

## Scam awareness

Students can be targeted by online rental scams, especially when searching from abroad. Protect yourself by:

- Never transferring money before viewing (in person or virtually).
- Being cautious of deals that seem too good to be true.
- Using trusted platforms such as SASSH, which checks landlords and properties.
- Avoiding landlords who refuse to provide written contracts or verification.

If you're unsure, you can ask [private.housing@solent.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@solent.ac.uk) to check the legitimacy of listings or contracts.

## Car parking

Car parking, as with all cities in the UK, is in very short supply, and Southampton is no exception. As East Park Terrace is located right in the heart of the city centre, students are strongly encouraged to use public transport, walk, or cycle wherever possible. If parking is essential, Solent University residences may offer a limited number of parking spaces to residents, and full details of Solent managed accommodation can be found on our website:

[www.solent.ac.uk/accommodation/moving-in](http://www.solent.ac.uk/accommodation/moving-in)



Every Student [everystudent.co.uk](https://www.everystudent.co.uk) also provide parking options for its residents. In addition, there are multiple public car parks available throughout Southampton for those who need them.

### Shops

Southampton city centre has a wide range of supermarkets close by, including Tesco Express, Lidl and The Co operative Food, making it easy for students to pick up everyday essentials. For general shopping, Westquay and the surrounding high street offer a mix of well known brands and independent stores. For homeware, students can use IKEA at Westquay Retail Park or George at ASDA, and there are also plenty of other shops in the city that sell homeware items at a range of prices.

### Campus eateries

Solent University has several convenient places to eat on campus, including Costa, Shop Solent, The Dock, and East Park Deli, offering a wide range of hot drinks, meals, snacks, and value options. Solent runs a cashless catering system, and many outlets support the Everyday app for pre ordering food, earning loyalty points, and accessing discounts. Using the app is optional, and students can still pay in person if they prefer. You can find more information here:

[students.solent.ac.uk/university-life/campus/places-to-eat-and-shop](https://students.solent.ac.uk/university-life/campus/places-to-eat-and-shop)



### International Café

Solent University's International Café is a relaxed and welcoming space for international students to meet others, settle into university life, and share experiences. Running every other Tuesday, it offers an informal environment where students can make friends, talk about life in the UK, explore different cultures, and get support during their studies. Each session focuses on a different theme, such as adapting to a new academic year, coping with homesickness, or finding a sense of belonging. It's a great place to take a break, meet people, and feel part of the Solent community.

You can find more information and the latest schedule on the Solent University website: International Café: <https://students.solent.ac.uk/student-hub/international-student-support/international-cafe>

# Support

Maritime students at East Park Terrace have access to a wide range of support throughout their studies. The **Student Hub** is your first point of contact for general advice, guidance, timetables, letters, and any questions about university life.

The **Maritime team** are also on hand to support you with course related queries, specialist guidance, and anything linked to your training or progression.

In addition, the **International Team** provides dedicated support for international students, helping with practical matters, cultural adjustment, and visa related questions. Together, these teams ensure that Maritime students feel supported, informed, and part of the wider Solent community.

Private Student Accommodation Directory  
– Ordered by proximity to East Park Terrace

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– By proximity to East Park Terrace  
(All landlords/accommodation providers listed are registered on SASSH. All can accept Maritime students; those noted have specific provision for Warsash students.)

1. Unilife – Southampton  
(High Street, Castle Way, Bargate House)

Distance: approx. 0.6–0.7 miles

Description: Premium studios across three central sites with ensuite bathrooms, private kitchenettes, high-speed WiFi, gyms, common rooms, study spaces, and secure entry.

Website: <https://unilife.co.uk>



2. Canvas – Capital House (Warsash-friendly)

Distance: approx. 0.8–0.9 miles

Description: City-centre accommodation with upgraded social + study spaces. Flexible Semester 1 and 2 lets across Shared Townhouses, Cluster Ensuites and Studios.

Email: [capitalhouse@canvas-student.com](mailto:capitalhouse@canvas-student.com)

Tel: 023 80 01 6980

3. Lucia Foster Welch – Every Student  
(Warsash-friendly)

Distance: approx. 0.8 miles

Description: Purpose-built accommodation near Ocean Village. Affordable non-ensuite rooms, shared kitchens, secure entry, on-site laundry.

Booking: <https://info.everystudent.co.uk/maritime-bookings-landing-page>



4. Dal Singh – Private Landlord  
(Warsash-friendly)

Distance: SO14 (close to campus)

Description: Local private landlord offering quality housing for Maritime students.

Email: [rent4u@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rent4u@hotmail.co.uk)

Tel: 07794 251243

5. SuperUni Housing – Mulberry Court,  
Bevois Valley

Distance: approx. 1 mile

Description: Fully furnished 3–7 bed flats and single rooms. Bills-inclusive options available.

Contact: Paige Millier

Email: [admin@superunihousing.co.uk](mailto:admin@superunihousing.co.uk)

Tel: 01962 842864

Website: [www.superuni.co.uk](http://www.superuni.co.uk)



6. Julie Ward – Private Landlady  
(Bevois Valley)

Distance: approx. 1 mile

Description: Single and double rooms with Wi-Fi and bills included. Flexible tenancies and modern facilities.

Email: [julie\\_ward\\_61@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:julie_ward_61@hotmail.co.uk)

Tel: 07788 825279

7. Jill McCrisken – Private Landlady  
(West End)

Distance: approx. 4–5 miles

Description: One room in a 3-bed home for a tidy, non-smoker. Direct bus route to Solent University.

Tel: 07531 302379

For details of more properties and landlords, please visit: [www.sassh.co.uk](http://www.sassh.co.uk)

## Useful contacts at Solent University

### Student Hub

Email: [student.hub@solent.ac.uk](mailto:student.hub@solent.ac.uk)

Tel: 023 8201 5200

Location: The Spark, TS114

Opening hours:

Monday–Thursday 9am–4.30pm

Friday 9am–4pm

### Private housing advice

Email: [private.housing@solent.ac.uk](mailto:private.housing@solent.ac.uk)

Tel: 023 8201 6357

### University residences (Accommodation Team)

Email: [accommodation@solent.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@solent.ac.uk)

Tel: 023 8201 5040

### Wellbeing and mental health support

Email: [therapy.mh@solent.ac.uk](mailto:therapy.mh@solent.ac.uk)

### General wellbeing support (Student Advisers)

Access: Daily confidential drop-ins through the Student Hub

### Maritime team (Warsash Maritime School)

General enquiries: 023 8201 3000

Officer cadet enquiries:

Email: [admissions@solent.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@solent.ac.uk)

Short course enquiries:

Email: [wms.shortcoursesales@solent.ac.uk](mailto:wms.shortcoursesales@solent.ac.uk)

Tel: 023 8001 3074

### International team

Email: [internationalsupport@solent.ac.uk](mailto:internationalsupport@solent.ac.uk)

### Solent Students' Union

Tel: 023 8201 3389

Website: [www.solentsu.co.uk](http://www.solentsu.co.uk)

## Glossary of Terms

### HMO (House in multiple occupation)

A property rented by three or more people who are not from the same household but share facilities.

### Joint tenancy

A single tenancy agreement shared by all tenants, meaning joint legal responsibility.

### Individual tenancy

A tenancy where each tenant is responsible only for their own rent and room.

### Guarantor

A UK-based person or service who agrees to cover rent if the tenant cannot.

### Right to rent

A legal requirement for landlords in England to check tenants' immigration status.

### PBSA (Purpose-built student accommodation)

Student-only private accommodation with modern facilities.

### SASSH

Southampton Accredited Student Housing – the official accreditation scheme for student rentals.

### Fixed-term contract

A tenancy with a set start and end date, where rent is owed for the entire term.

### Sea phase

The period in maritime training where cadets go to sea as part of their course.

### EPC (Energy performance certificate)

A rating that shows the energy efficiency of a property.





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## Get in touch?

If you have any questions about accommodation options, we're here to help.

Get in touch with our friendly team via email: [accommodation@solent.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@solent.ac.uk)

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