

## Events Calendar May onwards



### University of Plymouth Engineering Projects Showcase 20<sup>th</sup> May onwards

I'm pleased to invite all PMG members to see some of the Individual Projects (Dissertations) that our students have completed this year. Over the coming weeks, our students will be uploading details of their projects to our **Projects Showcase Website** which will be available for you to view from **20<sup>th</sup> May onwards**. For each participating student, you will be able to see a project summary, poster and/or a short video about what they have done. This is not just restricted to our own Mechanical, Marine and Composites programmes – you can also look at work from students across the entire School of Engineering, Computing and Mathematics. You can access the Project Showcase Website at <http://web.socem.plymouth.ac.uk/secam>. In addition, you are very welcome to join us in an informal Zoom chat on **20<sup>th</sup> May from 14.15 to 15.45**, using this link: <https://plymouth.zoom.us/j/92446549761>

In this session, you can chat with students and staff about the projects, and those of you with possible graduate employment opportunities might find this an especially useful way to get to know some of the students. Please note, the above link shows the meeting running 09.00-16.00. This is because students are being interviewed on their work throughout the day, **please only attend from 14.15 onwards**.

If you do intend to join us in the Zoom session, please reply to this mail. Also please feel free to extend the invite to any other industrial contacts, either within your own company or beyond.

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### Plymouth and South Devon Freezone (Freeport) Stakeholder consultation - save the date 25th June

Thank you for your interest in the proposed Plymouth and South Devon Freezone. As you know, Plymouth and South Devon are one of eight freeport areas or “freezones” in England proposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the March 2021 budget.

The proposed “freezone” for our region follows a successful initial bid to Government by Plymouth City Council, with support from Devon County Council and South Hams District Council.

The Plymouth and South Devon Freezone will harness the power of our marine, engineering, defence, space and logistics sectors to deliver clean growth and provide the high quality jobs we need for the future.

The initiative is intended to support the levelling up of our regional economy and stimulate new investment through tax and business benefits. There is a strong focus on attracting overseas investment as part of a wider Global Britain strategy.

The next step is the preparation of a full business case for the Freezone which must be submitted to the Government this Autumn for final approval.

The three lead local authority partners are keen to co-design the business case with stakeholders such as yourself. We very much want to hear your ideas and priorities so that the business truly reflects the needs and opportunities of our region.

We aim to therefore hold an open stakeholder event and a series of workshops over the summer and would be delighted if you are able to participate.

**Please save the date 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and RSVP** to this invitation and we will send full details in due course. In the meantime [here](#) is our Plymouth and South Devon Freezone snapshot with all the latest information about the freezone. The business snap shot is suitable to share with any business stakeholders and the civic snapshot for the general public. You can also find our latest updates on our website: <https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/plymouthandsouthdevonfreezone>

Anthony Payne, Shadow Chair of Plymouth and South Devon Freezone Board

**The first eight Freeport locations in England.**

**The Future**  
A policy on a scale we've never done before. A policy to bring investment, trade and most importantly, jobs, right across the country.

**The Benefits**  
Internationally, a Freeport is a place to carry out business inside a country's land border but where different customs rules apply. The UK's bespoke, flexible Freeports model goes further, combining customs zones with tax reliefs, planning freedoms and support for regeneration and innovation.

**The List**

- Thames (including London Gateway Port and the Port of Tilbury)
- Liverpool City Region
- Solent
- East Midlands
- Freeport East (Felixstowe and Harwich)
- Plymouth & South Devon**
- Humber
- Teesside

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*John G. G. G.*  
CHANCELLOR

## SailGP's Great Britain Sail Grand Prix, Plymouth on 17 and 18 July 2021



# PLYMOUTH



We're delighted to share with you that tickets for SailGP's Great Britain Sail Grand Prix are now available to book.

Taking place in Plymouth on 17 and 18 July 2021, the third event of SailGP Season 2 follows the

action-packed season opener in Bermuda in April, with a triumphant win for Ben Ainslie's Great Britain SailGP Team, and then the first-ever Italy Sail Grand Prix in June.

The event see some of the sport's best athletes go head-to-head and promises high speed, high tech and high drama.

Fans in Plymouth will be able to witness some of the most incredible sail racing scenes both on and off the water and get up close to the impressive line-up of world-class athletes and top sailing nations representing Australia, Denmark, France, Great Britain, Japan, Spain, New Zealand and the United States.

Plymouth Hoe provides a spectacular viewpoint for fans to

immerse themselves in the adrenalin-filled action as the foiling F50 catamarans, capable of speeds of nearly 60 mph, race right in front of their eyes within the natural amphitheatre of Plymouth Sound.

A limited number of tickets for the Great Britain Sail Grand Prix in Plymouth are now available online and additional tickets will be released at a later date, in line with the Government Covid updates. There are a number of different ticket types including free tickets to the Spectator Area on Plymouth Hoe with live race commentary, the official merchandise store and entertainment.

Additionally, people will be able to watch the racing from around the waterfront without a ticket.

Plymouth Hoe is a great place to watch, with Madeira Road and Hoe Road closed during the event allowing extra space for everyone to view safely. You'll also be able to see the action from Jennycliff and Mount Batten.

More information and links to get tickets can be found here: [visitplymouth.co.uk/sailgp](https://visitplymouth.co.uk/sailgp)

