



East Coast Rivers Cruising Companion

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Chapter 3 ORFORD RIVER

pp. 28, 29, 30: The Entrance

Positions of the Orford Haven and two seasonal buoys (**liable to be moved**) in April 2018:

Orford Haven SWM 52° 02'.00N 01° 28'.20E

Oxley (port-hand) 52° 02'.08N 01° 27'.71E

Weir

(starboard-hand) 52° 02'.27N 01° 27'.61E

When coming from the south, keep offshore via the Haven buoy and do not be tempted to head directly to Oxley across the South Shoal. As ever, the best advice is to **follow the buoyage as you find it when you approach**.

For latest positions of these buoys check with Orford Quaymaster Philip Attwood, who can be contacted on 07528092635 or VHF Ch 08/16; or see www.debenestuarypilot.co.uk.

Chapter 4 RIVER ALDE

p. 41 Snape Bridge Port Guide

Stores: The shop with post office in the village has closed. There is a convenience store at Church Garage on the B1094 Farnham Road, about one and a half miles away. Tel: 01728 688327.

Chapter 5 THE RIVER DEBEN

pp. 43, 44, 45, 46: Entrance

April 2018 positions of the Woodbridge Haven and three seasonal buoys (liable to be moved):

Woodbridge Haven SWM 51° 57'.99N 01° 23'.63E

West Knoll 51° 58'.30N 01° 23'.16E

Knoll Spit 51° 58'.52N 01° 23'.23E

Mid Knoll 51° 58'.65N 01° 23'.34E

Be aware that the tide runs across the buoyed channel in the vicinity of the Knoll buoys on both the flood and the ebb.

The alternative route used in 2017 by fishing boats has now closed up.

John White's website: www.debenestuarypilot.co.uk has a very useful downloadable guidance map showing the above information in more detail. This site should always be consulted for the latest situation as the **position of these buoys is very liable to change at short notice**. You can also contact John White on 07803 476621 or call *Odd Times* on VHF Ch 08.

Chapter 11 THE RIVER BLACKWATER

p. 103 Waypoints

New position for

Bench Head Buoy: 51° 44.57'N 01° 01.19'E

Chapter 14 River Thames

p. 160 St Katharine Docks

The St Katharine Docks Marina is now managed by Camper & Nicholson's Marinas.

Refurbishment has taken place. There are 170 berths and the shower/toilet/laundry facilities are no longer exactly where shown on our plan.

Chapter 15 THE MEDWAY

p. 165 Queenborough Port Guide

ATL Pontoon VHF delete Ch 80, correct to Ch 8

Chapter 16 THE SWALE

p. 184 Whitstable Harbour

Oyster trestles have been established by the Whitstable Oyster Fishery on parts of the drying flats opposite Whitstable YC. These could cause obstruction or danger to navigation. A good lookout should be kept in the vicinity when the trestles are covered around HW.

Chapter 17 CROSS ESTUARY ROUTES

p. 192 Overland Passage and Copperas Channel

A recent Trinity House survey has shown four reduced depths in and around the Copperas Channel. Extra care should be taken when navigating near the Reculver and Copperas buoys.