



Solent Cruising Companion

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Chapter 1 WESTERN SOLENT

p. 20: Yarmouth - Berthing

The South Quay Pontoon can only be used with prior permission from the Harbour Office VHF Ch 68.

p. 24: Lymington – Pilotage

The Tar Barrel Starboard Beacon has moved 10mtrs east to 050°44'.813N 001°31'.091W.

The Royal Lymington Yacht Club Starting Platform is now lit (Fl Y 5s) 050°44'.418N 1°30'.423W.

Chapter 2 CENTRAL SOLENT

p. 40: Cowes - Approaches

Breakwater lights: 5 GPS synchronised yellow flashing lights are evenly spaced along the Breakwater crest (Fl Y 2.5s) with 4 NM range.

Chapter 3 EASTERN SOLENT

p. 89: Bembridge - Pilotage

The Tide Gauge top mark 'X' (Fl Y 2s) north-west of St Helens Fort no longer has the channel depths marked.

An electronic live feed Tide Gauge showing the bar heights is available on the website <http://www.bembridgeharbour.co.uk/>

pp. 94, 95, 96: Portsmouth Harbour – Navigation

In March 2017 the outer main deep water approach channel was widened and realigned.

p. 96: The Small Craft Channel from the No 4 Bar Buoy to the Ballast Beacon is approximately 50mtrs wide; craft using the channel, whether inbound or outbound, should leave both the No 4 Bar Buoy QR 50°47'.010N 1°6'.336W and the BC Outer Red Beacon (Oc R 15s) 50°47'.323N 1°6'.684N to port, with the BC Outer Beacon kept about 25mtrs distant except when using the Inner Swashway to approach or leave the small craft channel, then leave the beacon to port appropriately.

p. 115: Chichester Harbour - Pilotage

The Mid Winner buoy (Fl [3] G 10s) has been moved from 50°47'.38N 0°55'.69W to 50°47'.40N 0°55'.72W.

p. 117: Sparkes Marina – Berthing Fees

Vessels up to 12.5m: £3.50 per metre per night.

Chapter 5 RACING IN THE SOLENT

p. 157: Tidal Stremms

Underneath each chart should read “after HW Dover” not “before HW Dover”).