



**East Coast Rivers Cruising Companion**

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**Chapter 3 ORFORD RIVER**

**pp. 28, 29, 30: The Entrance**

April 2019 Positions of the Orford Haven and two seasonal buoys (liable to be moved)

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

**Oxley (port-hand)** 52° 02'.09N 01° 27'.70E

**Weir (s'board-hand)** 52° 02'.32N 01° 27'.60E

**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. Also be aware that on the flood the port-hand Oxley buoy can be swept south of the position given above.**

For the latest position of these buoys check with the Orford Quaymaster Philip Attwood, who can be contacted on 07528 092635 or call *Chantry* on VHF Ch 08.

During the winter of 2018/19 the unmaintained orange beacon on the mainland/Oxley Marshes shore just inside the river lost its topmark, just the post remains.

**p. 34 Orford Port Guide**

**Fuel:** Friends Garage closed down early in 2019. It is possible that some sort of retail outlet with a fuel pump may re-open in the future but currently there is no fuel available in Orford.

**Chapter 4 RIVER ALDE**

**p.41 Snape Bridge**

In the summer of 2018, the Dutch barge *Onderneming* arrived at Snape and is now permanently berthed alongside being used as a houseboat/holiday let. She is not far off 100ft in length so space along the quay is somewhat restricted as can be seen in the photograph below.



**Chapter 5 THE RIVER DEBEN**

**pp. 43, 44, 45, 46: Entrance**

April 2019 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'.31N 01° 23'.20E

**Knoll Spit** 51° 58'.48N 01° 23'.23E

**Mid Knoll** 51° 58'.60N 01° 23'.29E

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

John White's website:

[www.debenestuarypilot.co.uk](http://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.

VHF 37 (M or M1)

Visitors welcome on the pontoon. Booking is advisable.

*Thanks to Nick Day, Vice Commodore for this info*

## **Chapter 8 THE RIVER STOUR**

### **p. 82 Mistley, The Quay**

The local campaign to remove the construction-type fencing along the quay edge is ongoing. The village green status was upheld by the Court of Appeal who refused permission for Trent Wharfage to appeal to the Supreme Court. However, Trent Wharfage are still attempting to reverse the decision. It is hoped that eventually proceedings will be started to get the fence down.

## **Chapter 11 THE RIVER BLACKWATER**

### **p. 116 Maldon Port Guide**

**Fuel:** The Promenade Garage has closed down.

The nearest fuel would be from Tesco at Fullbridge, a bit more of a walk, beyond the boatyards along Downs Road to the bridge, turn right and cross the river to Tesco.

**Sailmaker:** Taylors on The Hythe have closed down.

*Thanks to Sam Riva of Shipways Yard Maldon for this info.*

## **Chapter 14 RIVER THAMES**

### **p.155 The Thames Barrier**

**3<sup>rd</sup> para** London VTS/Thames Barrier Navigation Control Telephone Number is now: 0203 2607711

### **p.156, Bugsby's Reach**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> para, line 10**

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### **p.156 Grays to Greenwich Port Guide –**

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