



East Coast Rivers Cruising Companion

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Chapter 3 ORFORD RIVER

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Based on a survey carried out by Trinity House in February 2023, the seasonal entrance buoys have been laid in the following positions (**liable to change**):

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

Oxley (port-hand) 52° 02'.02N 01° 27'.10E

Weir (stbd-hand) 52° 02'.24N 01° 27'.60E

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

Chapter 5 THE RIVER DEBEN

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SINCE LAST YEAR THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR CHANGE

Instead of entering along the Felixstowe shore inside The Knolls shoals, the newly-buoyed entrance route is now further north and runs between The Knolls. A course from near the Mid Knoll starboard-hand buoy, heading towards Martello Tower U, takes you past West Knoll port-hand buoy to enter the river between Knoll Spit port-hand buoy and Deben starboard-hand buoy.

The entrance has now returned nearer to how it was before the leading marks (or metes) on the shore were finally removed in 2000. By that time the entrance had moved so much further south that the single Bar buoy and leading marks were no longer helpful, therefore in the following years new buoyage was incorporated.

The buoy positions following a survey by Trinity House in February 2023 are as follows:

Woodbridge Haven

SWM 51° 58'.24N 01° 23'.85E

Mid Knoll (stbd-hand) 51° 58'.67N 01° 23'.83E

West Knoll (port-hand) 51° 58'.83N 01° 23'.64E

Knoll Spit (port-hand) 51° 59'.00N 01° 23'.50E

Deben (stbd-hand) 51°59'.05N 01° 23'.53E

The position of these buoys is very liable to change at short notice.

For the latest information it is strongly advisable to contact Harbourmaster John White on 07803 476621 (mobile) or 01394 270106, or call Odd Times on VHF Ch 08.

Assistant Harbourmaster John Barber, who runs the ferry and water taxi, may also be able to help on 07709 411511.



This aerial photo, taken at LW in early July 2023 by John Ranson, shows the newly-buoyed entrance route between The Knolls.

The Mid Knoll starboard-hand buoy can be seen in the lower right corner, among the breaking waves. The West Knoll port-hand buoy is in the shallowest part of the channel. Further in are the Knoll Spit port-hand and Deben starboard-hand buoys, with Martello Tower U on the shore beyond them.

p. 48 Ramsholt

Third para Delete 'The harbourmaster George Collins.....384318).'

Replace with 'In 2023 George Collins, long time harbourmaster at Ramsholt, retired due to ill health. Richard Clarke is the current harbourmaster and he can be contacted on 01394 411049 or email richardclarke430@btinternet.com