



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.

p. 32: Beaulieu River

Correction to Beaulieu River entrance waypoint: **50° 46'.90N 01° 21'.72W**

p. 33 Entrance to Beaulieu River chartlet

Waypoint 50° 46'.86N 01° 22'.01W should be corrected to: **50° 46'.90N 01° 21'.72W**

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.

p. 52 Newport Harbour

Berthing fees are £2.50 per metre not £12.50 per metre

p. 76 The River Hamble – Useful information

Chandleries: YouBoat Marine at Swanwick Marina: Tel: 01489 358955. Force 4 Port Hamble Tel: 02380 454858; Force 4 Deacons Tel: 02380 402182.

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 (F1 [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.

p. 118 Hayling Yacht Company

There are no designated visitor berths but if you phone ahead, they will usually be able to find space: Tel: 023 9246 3592. There is a small chandlery onsite but the nearest shop for provisioning is now at Mengham.

**p. 119 Hayling Island – Useful information
Chandleries**

Ship 'n' Shore (at Sparkes Marina) and Mengham Marine have now closed.

**p. 122 Thorney Channel – Useful
information**

Chandleries: Harbour Chandlers and SeaTeach have now closed. Ocean Chandlery is located at Thornham Marina: Tel: 01243 375774. . Force 4 Chichester Tel: 01243 773788.

**p. 130 Chichester and the surrounding area
– Useful information**

Chandleries: Lansdale Marine, Harbour Chandlers and SeaTeach have now closed. Ocean Chandlery is located at Thornham Marina: Tel: 01243 375774. Force 4 Chichester Tel: 01243 773788 – there is also a collection point at Premier Marinas Chichester.

Chapter 5 RACING IN THE SOLENT

p. 157: Tidal Strems

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