

East Coast Pilot News...1st December 2011

Dear Subscriber,

Welcome to the many new ECP readers and new subscribers who have 'signed up' since our last newsletter in September.

Since then, we have added book updates and further News Items to our website at www.eastcoastpilot.com.

Book Updates

There are just a couple of minor detail changes to the 3rd Edition – our Honorary Port Pilot at Queenborough, Peter Fisher, has a new contact number, and we have added contact details for Stacey Belbin's water taxi service at West Mersea. You can get to the details from the Nov 2011 section on the '[Summary by Date](#)' page on our website.

News Items

News items relevant to our area that have been added to the site cover the cabling work for the London Array again - the first of four cable runs from the Swale to the windfarm site is just about complete - and a brief note about the ongoing removal of the 'baffle wall' off Bradwell. In addition, we cover two forthcoming buoyage changes, off Reculver and in Lawling Creek, that will both trigger book updates when they are implemented early next year.

The Reculver change is significant and will undoubtedly catch people out next year - not everybody takes notice of chart changes and Notices to Mariners! Remember there is a very useful NtM section on our sister website, [East Coast Sailing](#), where Roger Gaspar regularly re-publishes and analyses the notices - just follow 'Navigation' on the page toolbar

Please also remember that we do add News Items and Updates to the ECP site as and when they come up, so it's worth keeping an eye on the site in between these newsletters.

Site Changes

There are no changes to the site structure but I have had some good feedback following the addition of the Monthly PDF listing of each month's book updates - it seems they are a big help to readers keeping their books up to date. Click on the small PDF symbol beside each month's data on the '[Summary by Date](#)' page. From the same page you can also download a complete set of all available updates for the 3rd Edition if required, useful if you have just bought the book.

Out and About

My sailing is over for another season - for me, like many others, winter is the time I try to catch up with house maintenance as well as fettling the boat. Colin has unfortunately has to miss all this year on the water, while Garth is still afloat on the Orwell, lucky chap. Somewhat alarmingly, my boat is going to be featured in 'Yachting Monthly' shortly, albeit with some nice photos of our beloved local cruising area here on the Swale.

Talking of photos, if you have any that we could use across the top of the home page on the website, do please send them to me via the webmaster address. You will see from the format that it's best if the main interest is away from the right-hand side. Don't worry about cropping to the required shape, I will look after that. Bright well-lit scenes work best.

All of us at 'East Coast Pilot' wish you and yours a happy and peaceful Christmas, and if you haven't yet upgraded to the 3rd Edition, I hope that Santa brings you a copy!

Best regards,
Dick Holness
Co-author (South) 'East Coast Pilot'
and East Coast Pilot webmaster.

PS: The [East Coast Sailing website](#) continues to have content added, including five issues now of the online magazine, plus December's will appear shortly too. Do look around the rest of the site as well - the Blog, News and Navigation sections are regularly updated.