

EAST COAST PILOT Second Edition Published January 2008
Updates from January 2008 until March 2011, when updates ceased.

CHAPTER 1 (LOWESTOFT)

(July 2008) **Lowestoft** - new marina (pages 8-10): Lowestoft Haven Marina (Hamilton) is a new facility run by ABP in the old Hamilton Dock, the furthest N of the old fish docks, shown in the aerial photo on page 8. It has been dredged to a minimum depth of 3 metres and there are 46 berths on three pontoons, ranging from 15 metres length down to 10 metres length. Eventually there will be 76 berths.

There are first-class showers and toilets, and the main shopping centre is a five-minute walk away.

(April 2009) **Lowestoft** - (page 9) - second paragraph, the bridge is called the *Harbour Road Bridge*, not *Haven Road Bridge*.

(July 2008) **Lowestoft Haven Marina** (page 10) - Info box: Insert company names under 'Workshop' as follows. Engineer - JPC Ltd; Rigger - Lowestoft Marine Services; Electronics - KM Electronics.

CHAPTER 3 (Rivers Ore and Alde)

(Aug 2008) **ORFORD** (page 19) - Info box - the HM now listens on Ch 16 as well as Ch 08.

(Sept 2008) Delete 'Quay Warden' details. Amend 'Harbourmaster' to 'HM and Quay Warden', amend phone number to 01394 459950 mobile 07528 092635, availability 0830-1700. Email: quay@jollyorford.co.uk

Also note that rafting on visitor moorings is not permitted, nor is anchoring allowed between Chantry Point and Reydon Point.

(Sept 2010) **Slaughden Quay** (Aldeburgh) (page 20) - Info box - HM details - no VHF used. Phone number 01728 453047. Also amend HM number against 'Visitor Moorings'.

CHAPTER 4 (RIVER DEBEN)

(Aug 2008) **Ramsholt** (page 24) - amend HM (George Collins) phone number to 07930 304061.

(May 2009 and Feb 2011) **Waldringfield** (page 25) - Info box - add 'HM phone 01728 685669 Mob 07944 586874'. The text below the Info Box re moorings still applies but a call in advance to the Sec of the Fairways Committee might enable use of a vacant mooring for boats under 11m. Phone 07801 367876 (number changed Feb 2011).

CHAPTER 5 (HARWICH)

(April 2009) **Entry** (Page 31) - during Summer 2009 please note significant restrictions on the route in and out of Harwich - see the relevant Notice to Mariners, or our website.

CHAPTER 6 (RIVER STOUR)

(Oct 2008) **Mistley** - Mistley Quay (page 36): No access until further notice.

CHAPTER 7 (RIVER ORWELL)

(April 2009) **Pin Mill** (page 42): (Info Box) Harbourmaster - delete all data; add: King's Boatyard 01473 780258 for moorings. Right-hand text column: delete reference to Tony Ward, replace with "Contact Kings Boatyard 01473 780258 for moorings information".

(February 2008) **Ostrich Creek** (page 44): Two new buoys have been added at the mouth of Ostrich Creek. The new marks, both small, are a lit NCB (left to port on entry) paired with a SHB. Pass between them and then keep N of the posts on the point - deep water is in mid channel.

CHAPTER 8 (WALTON BACKWATERS)

(March 2011) **Walton buoyage** - chartlet page 49, text on pages 51-52 - no.11 SHB replaced by unlit no.13.SHB. No.11 (Fl.G.10s) has been moved 320deg x 335m to 51deg 53.037'N 001deg 15.596'E.

(July 2009) **Approaches** (page 48) - note that there is an 8-knot speed limit in the approaches, and within Hamford Water. The limit is reduced to 6 knots in creeks and channels leading off Hamford Water, and to 4 knots in congested areas.

CHAPTER 9 (RIVER COLNE)

(Nov 2009) **Brightlingsea** (page 61) - final para - the scrap metal business has gone, but coasters are now calling regularly, carrying timber away for recycling.

(Aug 2008) **Brightlingsea** (page 62) - visitor moorings: The new Waterside Marina at Brightlingsea has opened with spaces for visiting yachts up to 12m (40 ft) overall. There is 4m over the cill at HWS and 2.8m at HWN. Depth inside is just over 2m with a soft mud bottom. Visitors must book berths in advance by calling HM on 01206 302200. Fees are £2/metre, compared to a sliding scale on the Cindery Creek pontoons, where a 30-footer would cost £10 a night.

(January 2010) **Brightlingsea** (page 62) - Info box - Water taxi mobile phone number is now 07535 508537.

(Feb 2011) **Brightlingsea** (page 62) - Info box - Fuel: By prior arrangement from fuel barge at Morgan Marine (0800-1600). VHF Ch 68, Tel 01206 302200

CHAPTER 10 (RIVER BLACKWATER)

(Dec 2009) Bradwell – page 74: Info Box – Provisions – add ‘Shop in Bradwell village’.

(April 2008) **West Mersea** - page 71: Info box - WiFi now available across the moorings area, via Page Computers (Tel: 01206 385564), office on Coast Rd next to the Coast Inn.

(Oct 2008) West Mersea Marine - amend phone number to 01206 382244.

(Sept 2008) **Tollesbury** - page 72: Tollesbury Marina has installed 19 channel buoys through the South Channel, the Leavings and Woodrolfe Channels to the marina entrance. Key buoys have been lit, starting with the ECB near Gt Cob Island, which is lit Fl(3)10s 2M range. That ECB is paired with No 2 PHB lit Fl.R. 5s. From that 'gate', all buoys are lit up to the Leavings as Fl.R.5s to port and Fl.G.5s to starboard. Through Leavings follow moorings to entrance to Woodrolfe Creek where there's a pair (PHB and SHB) that are both lit (Fl.R.5s and Fl.G.5s). Next two pairs of buoys, going up Woodrolfe Creek, are unlit, but then all buoys are lit to the marina entrance. In addition, the tide gauge (SHM) at entrance is lit Fl.G.5s. Beware that the PHBs as well as the SHBs are conical, making daylight identification up-sun even more difficult.

(July 2008) **Thirslet Spit** buoy – page 75 – picture: the buoy has been replaced by one of a different appearance, and is also shown on our website.

(Oct 2008) **Heybridge Basin** - page 80: Info box - Lock Master now Martin Maudsley.

CHAPTER 11 (RIVER CROUCH)

(April 2008) **Shore Ends to Burnham** – page 83: new Isolated Danger mark at wreck (awash) at 51° 37'.075N 000° 52'.615E.

(April 2008) **Burnham Yacht Harbour** - page 85: Info box - add chandlery details - Marinestore Tel: 01621 874494; (Oct 2008) WiFi now available

(Oct 2008) **North Fambridge Yacht Station** (info box) - page 88: Provisions - none in village, some basics at Fambridge Yacht Haven cafe nearby. Post Office - now closed. Taxi: change number to 01245 328818.

(May 2008) **Fambridge Yacht Haven (Stow Creek)** – page 88: delete ‘West Wick YC’.

(Oct 2008) Stow Post, marking the entrance to Stow Creek and the Yacht Haven, now carries a sign for the marina and a 4kn speed limit. The creek has been buoyed with green to starboard and white (faded red) to port. Leave Stow Post to port about 80ft (not 80m as in text).

(May 2008) Add new café/bar to info box, ‘The Haven’, sited at the Yacht Haven.

(Oct 2008) WiFi now available. Provisions - none in village, some basics at Fambridge Yacht Haven cafe. Post Office - now closed. Taxi: change number to 01245 328818.

CHAPTER 12 (RIVER ROACH)

(April 2009) **Approaches** - page 90 - second para - regarding the Branklet Spit buoy, for clarification, amend text to read “...but remember to *leave* it to starboard...”

(Nov 2009) **Approaches** - page 90 - our own chartlet of the approaches across the Maplins may now be downloaded from our website, or a paper copy is available from Imrays on request.

(July 2008) **Branklet to Paglesham** – page 91: *George and Dragon* pub has closed.

(Aug 2009) **Havengore** - page 93 - Info box - Use only Ch72, not Ch16.

CHAPTER 13 (RIVER THAMES)

(July 2008) **Info box** - page 94 - the website for the Port of London Authority has been renamed www.pla.co.uk.

(Nov 2009) **Sea Reach to Tower Bridge** - pages 94-95 - note that some (but not all) of the large permanent PLA mooring buoys now display a fixed blue light

(Nov 2009) - page 94 - chartlet – amend Sea Reach No.3 buoy light now (Occ(4+6)).

(July 2009) **Thames Guide** - page 94 - right-hand text column, first para - the PLA has produced a replacement guide, now called 'The River Thames Recreational Users Guide - Teddington to Sea Reach'.

(Feb 2010) **Sea Reach** - page 94 - chartlet: Sea Reach No.3 buoy now lit Occ.10s.

(June 2009) **Queenborough to Gravesend** - page 95 - text and rolling-road diagram: Fourth para of text, delete "which can safely be left some distance to starboard" (the buoy has been moved southwards). Rolling road diagram, add PHB 'Tanker' FI(3)R.10s opposite 'Mid Blyth' and to right of route line.

(Aug 2009) **Queenborough to Gravesend** - page 95 - rolling-road diagram: add PHB 'Cliffe Fleet' QR between 'Mid Blyth' and 'W. Blyth' and to left of route line.

(Aug 2009) **Gravesend** - page 96 - Info box - contact for the Embankment Marina by phone only at present, not VHF. Chandler in town (Starbucks) has closed down.

(Sept 2010) **Erith YC** - (page 97) - club based in new building instead of club ship shown in photo. All moorings now have bridle at foot of 2.1m riser.

(Sept 2010) **Gallions Point Marina** (page 98) - info box - diesel now available.

(Sept 2010) **Greenwich YC** (page 99) - info box - HM phone no 084 4736 5846 ext.31

(Sept 2010) **Limehouse Marina** (page 102) - info box - Gas - no longer available as shown, but may be delivered by prior arrangement with marina office.

(Feb 2010) **Greenwich to Tower Bridge** - page 102 - new facility 'Hermitage Community Moorings' on N bank just downstream of fuel-barge. Limited visitor moorings, WC, Showers, Pump-out, water, electricity. Short or long stays. Bookings 020 7481 2122

www.hcmoorings.org.

(May 2009) **St. Katharine's** (pages 102-103) - text on p102, Info Box on p103 - the fuel barge 'Burgan' is now called 'Heiko'. Phone number remains the same. Not open on Saturdays **or** Sundays now.

CHAPTER 14 (CANVEY ISLAND)

Smallgains Creek, Island YC (pages 106 and 107) - IYC info box - the club has a website, www.islandyachtclub.org.uk, which includes a useful plan of the area. (Website name changed Sept 2010)

CHAPTER 15 (RIVER MEDWAY)

(Nov 2009) **Medway Chartlet** (page 109) - chartlet - amend Sea Reach No.3 buoy light now (Occ(4+6))

(Aug 2008) **Hoo** (page 114) - Orinoco Channel towards Hoo Marina - we notice that the first two PH withies may not now show at HWS. In the marina itself, heavy silting has occurred and some berths now dry completely. When requesting a berth, specify if you need to stay afloat.

(Sept 2010) **Upnor** (page 116) - text - Upnor SC website now www.upnorsailingclub.co.uk

(Aug 2008) **Chatham**, public transport - page 117 - on a recent visit we found that scheduled Arriva bus services still finish at about 2000, but there was a shuttle bus for the cinema running every 20 mins until just after 2300 to and from the town centre.

(April 2008) **Chatham, Sun Pier**: Page 117 l/hand column – it seems that Sun Pier has suddenly been closed UFN. If you want to land there, call the Council number given.

(July 2008) **Medway Bridge Marina** - page 119 - info box: Engineers - delete Inchgreen Marine Services and details. Insert new as follows: MBM Marine Services (for Volvo-Penta) Tel: 01634 840812; KMS Medway (for Perkins, Nanni, Sabre, Mermaid, Lister) Tel: 01634 845380. Insert: Shipwrights - Globalforce Marine Services Tel: 01634 849556.

CHAPTER 16 (THE SWALE)

(Nov 2009) **East Swale**: Page 122 (chartlet), Page 123 (rolling road diagram), Page 124 (text) - Faversham Spit NCB now lit Q. NB all Swale buoys now lit.

(Sept 2008) **Buoyage** As we warned in the text, buoys in the E. Swale were used to trial new LED lighting systems, but these have now completed. All extra buoys used in the trial have

been removed. There are, however, permanent changes to certain light-buoys mentioned in *East Coast Pilot* -

Approaches to East Swale: Page 122 (Chartlet), Page 123 (Rolling Road map) and page 124 - amend chartlet, rolling road diagram and text as follows:

Columbine Spit Fl(3)G.10s

Ham Gat Q.G

Sand End Fl.G.5s

Receptive Fl.G.10s (chartlet only)

(March 2008) **Faversham** (page 126) - info box - the chandlery has changed hands and is now Faversham Chandlery, phone number 01795 531777, website www.favershamchandlery.co.uk.

(March 2008) **Hollowshore Cruising Club:** Page 125 (chartlet) - move club from position shown, to boatyard at head of Oare Creek. Page 127 (Hollowshore text) - 3rd para - Hollowshore Cruising Club has indeed moved, to Youngboats' premises at the head of Oare Creek. Insert relevant text on page 128.

(June 2009) **East Swale:** Page 123 (rolling road diagram), Page 130 (text) and Page 131 (chartlet) - Lilies SCB now lit VQ(6)+LFI.

(Jan 2009) **East Swale:** Page 123 (rolling road diagram), Page 130 (text) and Page 131 (chartlet) - North Ferry SHB now lit Fl.G.2s, South Ferry PHB now lit Fl.R.2s.

(Dec 2010) **Swale Marina:** Page 130 (Info box) - Ship Inn re-opened, phone now 01795 520881, website www.shipinconyer.co.uk.

(April 2010) **Milton Creek:** Page 130 - construction of low-level bridge begun; some daily closures; spans in place by Dec 2010.

(Aug 2008) **West Swale:** Page 131 (chartlet) - the leading light just SE of Kingsferry Bridge shown as F.WRG has been changed to Iso(6s)WRG.

(Apr 2010) **Queenborough:** Page 132 - ATL tokens no longer included in mooring fee.

(Sept 2010) **Queenborough:** Page 133 - Info box - Queenborough YC - delete phone no.

CHAPTER 17 (The North Kent Coast)

(Nov 2009) **North Foreland to Reculver** (foot of LH column page 136) - text - our specific advice for passage between the Hook Spit and East Last still stands although Trinity House have found that the channel is narrowing. Both buoys now show very bright LED lights.

(Sept 2010) **Whitstable** (page 137): Chartlet - delete leading light Dir.Fl.WRG.3s7m. Text in second column, 3rd para, delete ref to sectored leading light.

(March and May 2008) **Whitstable** (page 137): Chartlet - light on East Quay - delete all details, all lights at this position discontinued. Text in same column: delete sentence 'Traffic signals on the East Quay show FW if harbour is open, FR when closed'.

CHAPTER 18 (RAMSGATE)

(Nov 2009, amended Sept 2010) **Ramsgate Marina** - page 143: Most of the West Marina has been dredged to 2.5m, but a small area remains to be done. If you plan to leave near LW, check the depth in your berth on arrival.

(July 2008) **Ramsgate Marina** (page 143): There is a new additional marina office, where dues may be paid and key-codes collected, at the head of the western foot-ramp from the West Marina.

CHAPTER 19 (CROSSING THE THAMES ESTUARY)

(Feb 2011) **Intermediate Routes** (page 148) - Following the collapse of the Sunk Bn early in Feb 2010, we can no longer advise crossing the Sunk Sand near its charted position. We suggest instead that it is feasible to cross the Sunk Sand, at a suitable state of the tide, from 51deg 41'.22N 001deg 24'.97E on a course of 271deg.

Rolling Road 'North Foreland to Crouch' (page 148) - amend in view of comment above.

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