

EAST COAST PILOT Third Edition Published April 2011
Updates from May 2011 to date

CHAPTER 3 (RIVERS ORE AND ALDE)

(May 2012) Main hazards (P18) - 2012 buoy positions -
Oxley 52° 02'.15N 001° 27'.80E; Weir 52° 02'.423N 001° 27'.655E;
Orford Haven 52° 01'.850N 001° 28'.210E

CHAPTER 4 (RIVER DEBEN)

(May 2012) Hazards (P24) - 2012 buoy positions -
Mid Knoll 51° 58'.759N 001° 23'.411E; Woodbridge Haven 51° 58'.105N 001° 23'.696E;
West Knolls 51° 58'.359N 001° 23'.468E

CHAPTER 5 (HARWICH)

(April 2012) Harwich: Chartlet - on the left-hand edge, 51°56' is incorrectly shown as 52°56'.

CHAPTER 7 (RIVER ORWELL)

(July 2011) Suffolk Yacht Harbour - P45: Text, 3rd para - the HM is now solely based in the new office building, on the 1st floor.

CHAPTER 8 (WALTON BACKWATERS)

(May 2012) Walton Channel (54): Read text in conjunction with following cautions issued in Spring 2012 -

Shingle is accumulating at the NW corner of Stone Point and is narrowing the buoyed channel where depths are significantly less than those shown on the latest charts. Tidal streams in the area are now running in excess of 4kn at times with strong back eddies in the shallows. Be very cautious of shoaling between No 9 starboard hand buoy (NW of Stone Pt) and No 16 port hand buoy (W of Stone Pt).

When transiting the section of channel between Nos 9 and 11, vessels should do so in single file, giving priority to those with the tide under them, because they will have reduced steerage ability.

Boat skippers wishing to anchor near Stone Pt are advised to do so clear of the fairway and the influence of strong currents and back eddies in the area between Nos 9 and 11 starboard hand buoys.

CHAPTER 9 (RIVER COLNE)

(May 2012) Brightlingsea (P66): text, add after 2nd para: "A new berthing pontoon has been put in between the older one and the town jetty, lit with a green light Fl.G(2+1)15s."

Sept 2011) Brightlingsea (P66): Info panel - Change 'Access' from 24hr' to 'HW±5'; key to use Colne YC facilities when club is closed may be borrowed from HM's office.

(Aug 2011) Brightlingsea (P67): text, 5th para - The Waterside Marina has silted and craft will no longer lie afloat at LW.

(Aug 2011) The Pyefleet (P69): text, 2nd para - charges may apply for visitors' use of moorings in the Pyefleet.

CHAPTER 10 (RIVER BLACKWATER)

(May 2011) West Mersea (P76): Chartlet - the no.7 buoy is now unlit, and the no.5 buoy is now lit Fl.G.5s. Also amend chartlet on P74 in same way. Text - P76, right hand column, after "... for which journeys there is now a charge", insert new text: " as there is for short term and overnight mooring."

(Nov 2011) West Mersea (P77): Info panel - additional water taxi, weekends only (and evenings by prior arrangement) 07791 859624 or VHF Ch 72 *Lady Grace*.

(Sep 2011) Tollesbury (P79): Info Panel - Facilities now include WiFi. (P80): text, 2nd para - there is also a tide gauge on the SW bank of the Leavings about 100m SE of Woodrolfe Creek, opposite the waiting buoys.

(July 2011) Bradwell (P81): Info panel - Facilities - add 'Chemical toilet emptying point'. The Community Shop also houses a P.O.

P82: First line of text - change 'orange' to 'red'. Second para - the 'Bradwell' buoy is now also red instead of orange. Chartlet - 'F' pontoon shown is now designated 'G'. There is a new 'F' pontoon beyond 'E'.

(May 2012) Lawling Creek (P84): Chartlet - new version available from ECP website or Imrays on request, including new buoyage 2012. Text: Under 'Lawling Creek', replace para 2 with the following: "Enter Lawling Creek by leaving the No.2 buoy to starboard (it is a PHB for the river only) and steer to pass the SHB Lawling Creek No.1 (Q Fl G 6s). From there keep on southward to leave a small 8kn speed limit buoy to starboard and a large blue (with some yellow paint) can-shaped racing mark (labelled 'Mundon') to port. Pass between No.3 Mundon (Q Fl G 4s) and No.2 (Q Fl R 4s), altering course to about SW towards No.4 Mayland Creek (Q Fl R 6s) off the entrance to Mayland Creek. Continue to No.6 (Fl R 4s) from where the Harlow Blackwater SC will lie ahead and the moorings offer a guide to the channel up to the Blackwater Marina." Delete para 5

CHAPTER 11 (RIVER CROUCH)

(July 2011) Chartlets on P90 and P92 – many new buoys installed summer 2011. Chartlet available from the Downloads page of www.eastcoastpilot.com.

Sep 2011) Essex Marina – Info Panel – Facilities now include WiFi.

CHAPTER 13 (RIVER THAMES)

(April 2012) Gravesend moorings (P109): new pontoon moorings attached to Town Pier available from April, new half-tide moorings alongside quay to S (not suitable for outdrive legs or fin keels). All managed by London River Moorings, same phone number as Embankment Marina, email enquiries@londonrivermoorings.com.

(Aug 2011, revised Dec 2011) Thames Barrier Notice Boards (P111): text, right-hand column, para 2 - this notice board, and the identical one at Blackwall Point (see P114), no longer have any flashing lights or audio facilities. Instead they now display only the London VTS VHF Channel and phone number, and the CEVNI sign 'Stop as required by regulations'.

CHAPTER 15 (RIVER MEDWAY)

(April 2012) Gillingham Marina (P131): Info Box - under 'Pub/Restaurant' replace text 'On site 01634 280022 Ext 219, hours vary' with 'Leisure Centre on site'. Text - LH column - delete final para (situation now reversed).

(April 2012) Chatham (P134) Info box - Pirates Cave Chandler is now also a Volvo Penta dealer.

Medway Bridge Marina (P138): Info box - Shipwrights and Engineers - delete 'Globalforce Marine Engineers' and details.

CHAPTER 16 (THE SWALE)

(Nov 2011) Info box (P142) – change phone number for Peter Fisher to 07790 321604. Make same change in 'Approaches to West Swale' Info box on P152.

CHAPTER 17 (THE NORTH KENT COAST)

(Feb 2012) Text (P158) *Delete text from* "About 1.3M N of the towers..." *to* "...very bright lights". *Insert new text:* "Steering about 265° from the S.Margate SHB, the Reculver PHB (Q.R) marking the start of the Copperas Channel is some 2.6M distant. Leave this buoy at least 50m to port, turning on to 275° for the Copperas SHB (Q.G). Once past the Copperas, turn NW, watching the depth closely, continuing for at least a half-mile before resuming a W heading across the Kentish Flats. Be aware that near LW the Copperas Channel is suitable only for shoal-draught boats."

Amend 'Rolling Road' diagram on P157 in view of above.

P158 - Reculver to Herne Bay – alter text accordingly in view of above.

P158 - Photo of 'Hook Spit' buoy – the same buoy is now marked 'Copperas' in its new position.

(April 2012) Herne Bay (P159): Text - 2nd column, 1st para - delete '....on which stands....demolished in 2012'. Building now demolished. Also refer to main photo above.

(May 2012) Reculver to the Medway (P161) - Text - four special marks, all Fl.Y(4)10s, installed off Herne Bay at positions 51°25'.53N 001°06'.32E, 51°25'.00N 001°06.40E, 51°24'.86N 001°05'.77E, and 51°25'.41N 001°05.69E. Do not pass between these buoys.

CHAPTER 18 (RAMSGATE)

(March 2012) Approaches: Text - From E - delete `...and prominent cooling towers at Richborough on low lying land to the S' (Towers were demolished 11/3/2012)

CHAPTER 19 (CROSSING THE THAMES ESTUARY)

(May 2011) Foulgers Gat - chartlet (P169), and Rolling Road 'North Foreland to Crouch' on P170 - the Long Sand Inner and Outer buoys have been temporarily removed during construction of the London Array Windfarm. The Gat is still open, but skippers must observe the 500m exclusion zone around any development operation. This ECP amendment will be removed when the buoys are reinstated.

(Mar 2012) Chartlet - (P169): SW Shipwash buoy changed, now a Special Pillar, yellow 'X' topmark, Fl.Y.2.5s.

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