



Cruise Planning Sheet

UPNOR TO BRIGHTLINGSEA, BRADWELL, WEST MERSEA, TOLLESBURY & HEYBRIDGE BASIN

CRUISE LEADER: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

LEAD BOAT NAME / CALL SIGN: _____

Departure HW Sheerness:	Arrival HW Destination:
VHF CH 16 + CH 6 for Cruise: Medway VTS(74) Bradwell Marina (37/80), Tollesbury Marina & Heybridge Lock (80), Brightlingsea (68), West MerseaYC launch (37)	Destination Approach WPT: LAT: LONG:

<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/specialist-forecasts/coast-and-sea>

<https://www.xcweather.co.uk/>

NOTES: *The passage to Brightlingsea, West Mersea, Bradwell or Tollesbury is essentially the same. The passage should be timed to reach the **SwinSpitway** near LW with the north going (falling) tide from the Medway then take the rising tide to the destination. Slower craft might wish to anchor overnight at Stangate Creek or pick up a buoy at Queenborough (where charges may apply).*

- Take the falling tide from the Medway to the **Blacktail Spit Buoy**.
- Shape a course along the edge of the **Maplin Sands** to the end of the **Crouch**.
- Shape a course towards the **SwinSpitway Buoy**. *Check your draft will allow you to traverse the shallow spitway as there is 1.5 meters currently charted here at chart datum.*
- Head straight to **Wallet Buoy** 1NM. From **Wallet Buoy** shape a course approx NW through the deeper water (avoiding shallows to N and S) towards the **Colne Bar Buoy**.
- For **Brightlingsea** www.brightlingseaharbour.org/ follow the buoyed channel in a NNW direction.
- For **West Mersea** or **Tollesbury** www.tollesburymarina.com/ shape a course from the **Clone Bar Buoy** to the **Nass Beacon**, then take the buoyed channel for West Mersea. The entrance to **Woodrolfe Creek** leading to **Tollesbury** is via a buoyed channel about 0.5NM SW of the **Nass Beacon**.
- *Sheerness to Brightlingsea 28 NM, West Mersea/Tollesbury/Bradwell approx. 33 NM. Heybridge 41 NM.*
- **Bradwell Creek** is accessed by a channel marked with withies and buoys. When entering the creek, just west of the redundant training wall for Bradwell Power Station, leave the **North Cardinal Beacon** to starboard. **Info:** www.bradwellmarina.com/navigational-info.htm
- **Heybridge Basin** can only be entered from -1 to HW. Check with the lock keeper Paul Hindley 07712 079764
waterways.org.uk/waterways/sites/essex-waterways/visit/heybridge-basin
- For the return, take the last of the ebb tide to the **SwinSpitway** and the rising tide back to the Medway.

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