

CANVEY CRUISING PLAN 29/30/31 MAY 2010

This is the first time that our we have visited the Canvey club as an organised event, and as such there are several unknowns, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY.

As indicated this is the first time we have tried this cruise, according to calculations we should have a window of between five to five and a half hours of cruising time from Canvey to Allington on the bank holiday Monday, however as many of you will know there are some variables which can affect the tide and especially the lock times at Allington, these can be, wind, atmospheric pressure and tide heights.

The tide on the Saturday is a spring tide at 5-6 mtrs and the high tide on Monday is 5-5 mtrs, so the tide (should) be high enough to achieve our trip successfully, so here goes.

Sat 29 May HT Allington 1507 lock out from 1237hrs larger boats at 1307hrs
Travel to the Queenborough barge, if you intend to go ashore for a meal, please make your own arrangements.

Sun 30 May HT Sheerness 1456 leave Queenborough 1156 or as soon as water allows and take a steady plod over, follow course and cruising notes (attached)

We will spend the night at Canvey club, food is laid on at the cafe style bar and there is a bar for the few drinkers we have.

On arrival or nearing Canvey please radio on channel eight or by phone to Martin Dobbs 07787 142115, this will however be done collectively by myself on arrival.

Mon HT Sheerness 1532, there is only 12 minutes difference between Sheerness and Canvey, so for this plan we will be working on Sheerness time (now please read carefully)

Mon HT Sheerness 1532 leave Canvey -2hrs =1332hrs

Mon HT Allington 1622hrs lock operates -3 to + 2hrs arrive 1822 latest, this gives a window of 5 hours and ten minutes, it is 20 nm from Canvey to Rochester and a total of 30 nm in total, given a speed over ground of six knots this will take 5 hrs 30 mins, so a speed of eight knots from Canvey to Garrison point is essential, you must decide at Rochester if you can make the journey to Allington in 1-5 hours, you can of course keep up the speed to folly point, thereafter 6 kts.

The charts required for this journey should you feel the need will be Imray 2100-2 Thames sea reach, and Imray 2100-3 River Medway.

Communication channel will be vhf ch8 but please use ch 16 dual watch.

Please also be aware that we will be crossing two shipping channels.

The return journey will be a reverse of our outward journey, however for those that have the time and do not need to return to Allington that day you can cut out the Ray Gut and go straight across at high tide. Last but by no means least I have booked the barge at Queenborough for our sole use, via the harbour master.

If you have any questions re this cruising plan please contact me at home or on jnorcott@btinternet.com or my mobile on 07860 230570.

This cruising plan is intended as a guide only, each skipper has the responsibility to verify and check that the details are correct, further each skipper is responsible for his/her own boat, its safety to go to sea and its crew, further that the vessel is insured.

Have a safe and happy cruise.

