

# Tower Bridge to Medway



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## Video

Navigating the tidal Thames - barrier to estuary

A personal view of passage making from the Club to the Medway by Past Commodore Lionel Willis.

## Moorings and Marinas

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### St. Katharine Dock Marina

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A picturesque and well equipped (and expensive) marina close to Tower bridge. Visitor berths are available but should be booked in advance. For a short stop, an option is to tie off to a yellow waiting buoy outside the marina entrance.

- [St. Katharine Docks Marina Website](#)
- [51°30'20.7"N 0°04'21.2"W](#)
- Approx sail from GYC: 2.5 hours

### Limehouse Basin Marina

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Sited in the old Limehouse Dock and connected to the Inland Waterways network, a mainly residential marina with some visitor berths. Also the home of the Cruising Association. Pre-booking of visitor moorings is required.

- [Limehouse Basin website](#)
- [51°30'33.4"N 0°02'16.3"W](#)

### South Dock Marina

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Run by Southwark Council, a mainly residential marina in the Surrey quays, with some visitor berths, liftout facilities and boatyard. Pre-booking of visitor moorings is required.

- [South Dock marina website](#)
- [51°29'45.3"N 0°01'55.3"W](#)

### Erith Yacht Club

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Cruisers can stop at Erith Yacht Club by picking up a vacant mooring buoy by agreement. Be aware that the currents can be very strong due to a back eddy - if wind is against tide it can be useful to put a small drogue off the back of the boat.

- [Erith Yacht Club Website](#)
- [51°28'54"N 0°11'58"E](#)
- Approx sail from GYC: 1.5 hours

### Thurrock Yacht Club

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Thurrock maintain a visitor's buoy at the upstream end of their moorings. Contact the Club is you wish to use it.

- [Thurrock Yacht Club website](#)
- [51°28'14.8"N 0°19'25.5"E](#)
- Approx sail from GYC: 3.5 hours

## Gravesend Sailing Club

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Situated at the entrance to Gravesend Dock Marina, the Clubhouse can only be accessed at high water. There are no visitor's buoys, but a vacant mooring may be available by arrangement. The PLA maintain some yellow visitor's buoys off the Rowing Club, call London VTS for permission.

- [Gravesend Sailing Club Website](#)
- [51°26'43.5"N 0°22'50.9"E](#)
- Approx sail from GYC: 4 hours

## Gravesend Pontoon

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It is possible to book a berth inside the pontoon at Royal Pier. Access to the town is limited by the opening hours of the Restaurant. There are also deep water and drying swing moorings available, which also need to be booked in advance.

- [Gravesend Pontoon website](#)
- [51°26'45.7"N 0°22'15.0"E](#)

## Holehaven Anchorage

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Holehaven provides a well protected anchorage roughly two thirds of a sail with the tide between GYC and the Medway. The channel is quite shallow, but most GYC yachts should be able to get in outside an hour either side of low water. Enter with the westernmost yellow buoy close to your starboard side and aim between the end of the coastwatch pier and the line of moorings. Use Tilbury tide times which should be accurate to within ten minutes. There is a good pub within rowing distance of the anchorage (you passed it on the way in), the Lobster Smack.

- [51°30'45.5"N 0°33'00.6"E](#)
- Approx sail from GYC: 6 hours