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Approximately three miles from Garrison Point on the port hand side, the creek runs for 1.6 miles north /south from the Stangate Spit buoy and offers a good anchorage in soft mud. Favoured spots are near the entrance ([51°25'06.7"N 0°41'22.5"E](#)) close to the port hand buoy, and about a mile in where there's a flat bottom with around 3m at LWS. Shelter from north or south winds can be found at the bottom, around Slaughterhouse Point to starboard and opposite the remains of the Chetney Hill Lazaretto. [\[1\]](#)

Sharfleet Creek

Just over 0.5m into Stangate Creek on the starboard hand lies the entrance to Sharfleet Creek, turn in after leaving the green wreck buoy to starboard. The creek curves round to starboard before curving round to port and finally escaping out onto the shallows of the Ham Oaze. There is a secure anchorage just inside the creek close to the Eastern bank, or further in around the curve. Use of echo sounder recommended as there is a shallow spot at the top of the curve with only around 1.2m at LWS.

Harty Ferry

In the River Swale, actually a drowned valley separating the Isle of Sheppey from the mainland, Can be approached at high water from Queenborough, or from the East, via the Columbine Spit at all states. There is good anchorage on the North bank, to the West of Harty Ferry, with a hard giving access to the Ferry House Inn, or on the South shore near the moorings. Access to Faversham at high water. Can be uncomfortable in strong Easterly winds.

South Deep

A small anchorage close to the Southern shore, near the entrance to Conyer Creek. Best approached from the East, after keeping the Fowley Spit cardinal buoy to starboard, South Deep clings to the shoreline for about 0.5m, with the best anchorage just inside of Fowley Island. Really only suitable for shoal draft vessels.