

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

St. Katharine Dock Marina

- [51°30'20.7"N 0°04'21.2"W](#)
- [St. Katharine Docks Marina Website](#)

A picturesque and well equipped marina close to Tower bridge.

Limehouse Basin Marina

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

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.

South Dock Marina

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

Run by Southwark Council, a mainly residential marina in the Surrey quays, with some visitor berths. Liftout facilities and boatyard.

NOTE. All of the above Marinas require pre-booking for visitors.

Erith Yacht Club

- [51°28'54"N 0°11'58"E](#)
- [Erith Yacht Club Website](#)

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.

Thurrock Yacht Club

- [51°28'14.8"N 0°19'25.5"E](#)
- [Thurrock Yacht Club website](#)

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

Gravesend Sailing Club

- [51°26'43.5"N 0°22'50.9"E](#)
- [Gravesend Sailing Club Website](#)

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 Pontoon

[Gravesend Pontoon website](#) 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.

Holehaven

- [51°30'45.5"N 0°33'00.6"E](#)

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.