

CHARTLET FOR THE DEBEN ENTRANCE 2018

Imray's chartlet for the Deben entrance follows on the next page of this PDF. It was drawn from a Trinity House survey carried out in March 2018.

Bearing lines shown on the chartlet give bearings from one buoy to the next on entry, and do not necessarily mark the route with the best water.

Skippers are advised as ever to watch out for tidal set across the entrance (NE to SW on the flood tide) and to take extra care to stay on track as the entrance channel is very narrow.

Skippers needing any further advice on the spot can call ECP's local Honorary Port Pilot, and Deben Harbourmaster, John White, either on VHF Ch 08 callsign 'Odd Times', or by phone on 07803 476621

His advice at the start of the season is as follows:

"The channel is a little narrower and the Knolls have flattened off somewhat so they don't show at high water. The swatchway used by local fishing boats in 2017 has closed from the outer end. The water is still shallow around the Knoll Spit, although the sharp ridge that was there last season has flattened and spread. Vessels drawing 1.9m or less should have no depth problems going in up to three hours prior to high water, or coming out two hours after high water - later than that and you're on your own! The ebb will be stronger, especially on Springs owing to the narrowing of the channel, particularly opposite the rock berm on the W bank."

As ever, this entrance remains subject to change during periods of strong onshore winds, and the advice given here and indeed the chartlet may have to be updated during the course of the summer.

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Update 25th April: a recent photo of the entrance is now included on the third page of this PDF, following the chartlet.



Depths in Metres

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Caution

This chart is not to be used for navigation. It is based on a survey made by Trinity House on 21st March 2018. Users are reminded that depths are subject to constant change and consequently this chart should be used with extreme caution as the situation is likely to be different from the one depicted on the date of the survey.

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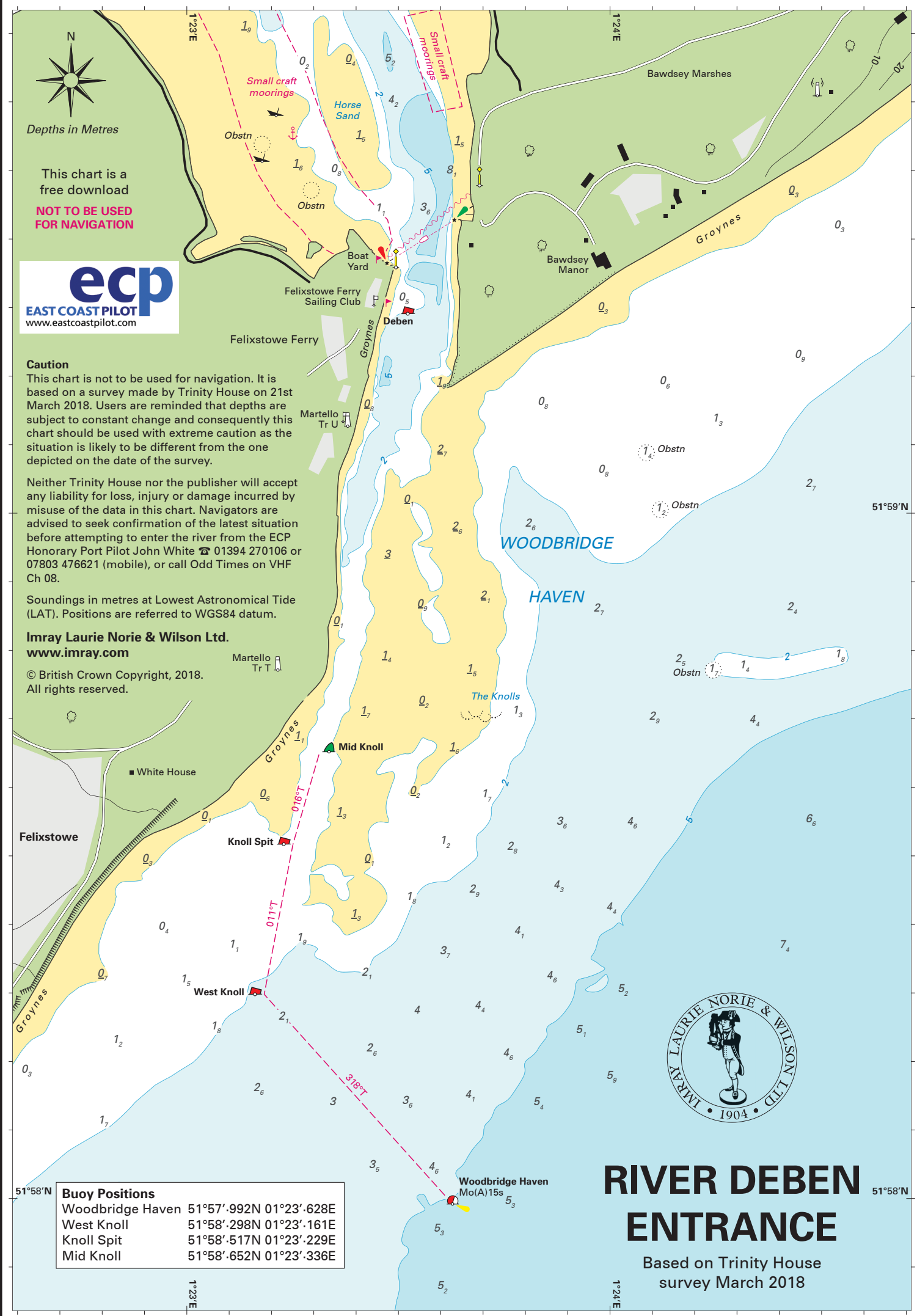
Soundings in metres at Lowest Astronomical Tide (LAT). Positions are referred to WGS84 datum.

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Buoy Positions

Woodbridge Haven 51°57'.992N 01°23'.628E

West Knoll 51°58'.298N 01°23'.161E

Knoll Spit 51°58'.517N 01°23'.229E

Mid Knoll 51°58'.652N 01°23'.336E



RIVER DEBEN ENTRANCE

Based on Trinity House
survey March 2018

Deben entrance at LW, 18th April 2018. Photo by kind permission of an ECP reader.

