

Free/inexpensive PC Aids for Passage Planning

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Sources of software (all can be trialled from the websites)

1. Tidal Predictions and Passage Planning

Height: Belfield Tide Plotter (£5.99): <http://www.chartsandtides.co.uk/TidePlotter>

Free but laborious: <http://easytide.ukho.gov.uk/EasyTide/EasyTide/index.aspx>

Streams and Passage Planning: Neptune Passage Planning (£65: includes 1 chart folio):

<http://www.neptune-navigation.com/plotter.htm>

(For demonstration of Neptune planning passage from Languard to Brightlingsea, run HarwichtoColne.htm in your browser after unzipping the self-extracting HarwichtoColne.exe. OK the Flash warning!)

2. Waypoint Management

Gartrip (Euro 30): <http://www.gartrip.de/>

3. Downloads of waypoints and routes for the above from my website:

<http://www.ted.evans.uwclub.net/>

These are files for downloading and importing into specific programmes. Double click on them to download. If your browser shows gobblydegook, don't despair!, simply save the page to the file name given, and import the saved file into your application. (see <http://www.ted.evans.uwclub.net/>)

Waypoints and Routes for Gartrip (E F Evans):-

WCC Anchoring Cruise 2005

East Coast

Woodbridge to Scillies, Brittany, Normandy

Woodbridge to Belgium, Holland

Woodbridge to Belgium, France

Netherlands 2007,9

Flushing to Hoorn via Antwerp

Zieriksee to W Terschelling via Antwerp, IJsselmeer, Harlingen, Texel, Vlieland

German Bight and Baltic

Woodbridge to St Kathes

(Used for 2003: South Coast; 2004: Holland; 2005: German Bight and Baltic; 2007,9: Netherlands; 2008: S Coast, Brittany, Normandy; 2010: Belgium, France)

Waypoints/Routes for Neptune (E F Evans):-

Thames, N Sea routes:

Netherlands routes:

Belgium routes:

S Coast and France routes:

German Bight, Baltic routes:

E and S Coast routes

3. Meteorology

4-day animated Synoptic Charts: http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/surface_pressure.html

East Anglia 5-day land Forecast: http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/uk/ee/ipswich_forecast_weather.html

Shipping Forecast: http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/marine/shipping_forecast.html#All~Thames

Inshore Waters Forecast:

http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/marine/inshore_forecast.html#GibraltarPointtoNorthForeland

MarineCall:

2-5 day Inshore Forecasts with charts (£3.25 for 24 hours):

http://shop.marinecall.co.uk/my_account/register.html

<http://shop.marinecall.co.uk/web/forecasts.html>

Frank Singleton's excellent weather website: <http://www.franksingleton.clara.net>

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