

MEDWAY AND SWALE BOATING ASSOCIATION

The Medway and Swale Boating Association together with Medway Council, Peel Ports Medway and the Medway Swale Estuary Partnership have produced these VISITOR CHARTS to assist with the pleasure and promotion of waterborne leisure activities on the River Medway and Swale.

For further information about the MSBA please visit www.msba.co.uk

For Visitor Information about the Medway area contact Medway Visitor Information Centre on 01634 338141 or visit www.visitmedway.org

Notes on Navigation

The main navigable channels, coloured dark blue, are clearly marked by buoys, and are easy to follow. The middle reaches of the River Medway and Swale are bounded by extensive mudflats and saltings, coloured light blue, which are covered at High Water and provide many secondary channels. These channels should only be attempted with local knowledge, and the stranger should be aware of straying too far from the main navigable channel, coloured dark blue, to prevent grounding on a falling tide.

Bridges

The centre span of the Kingsferry Bridge lifts to allow passage of vessels. Vessels fitted with VHF may communicate with the Bridge on Channel 10. The River Medway above Rochester Bridge shoals appreciably and at low tide only provides an average of 0.9 - 1.2m of water in its upper reaches. Rochester Bridge air draft 5.9m (19'6") MHWS.

Communication Channels

VHF 37 and 80 for Marinas • VHF 16 for emergencies (Coastguard)
• VHF 74 Medway VTS • Peel Ports Medway requires you to continually monitor Channels 16 and 74.

Speed Limits

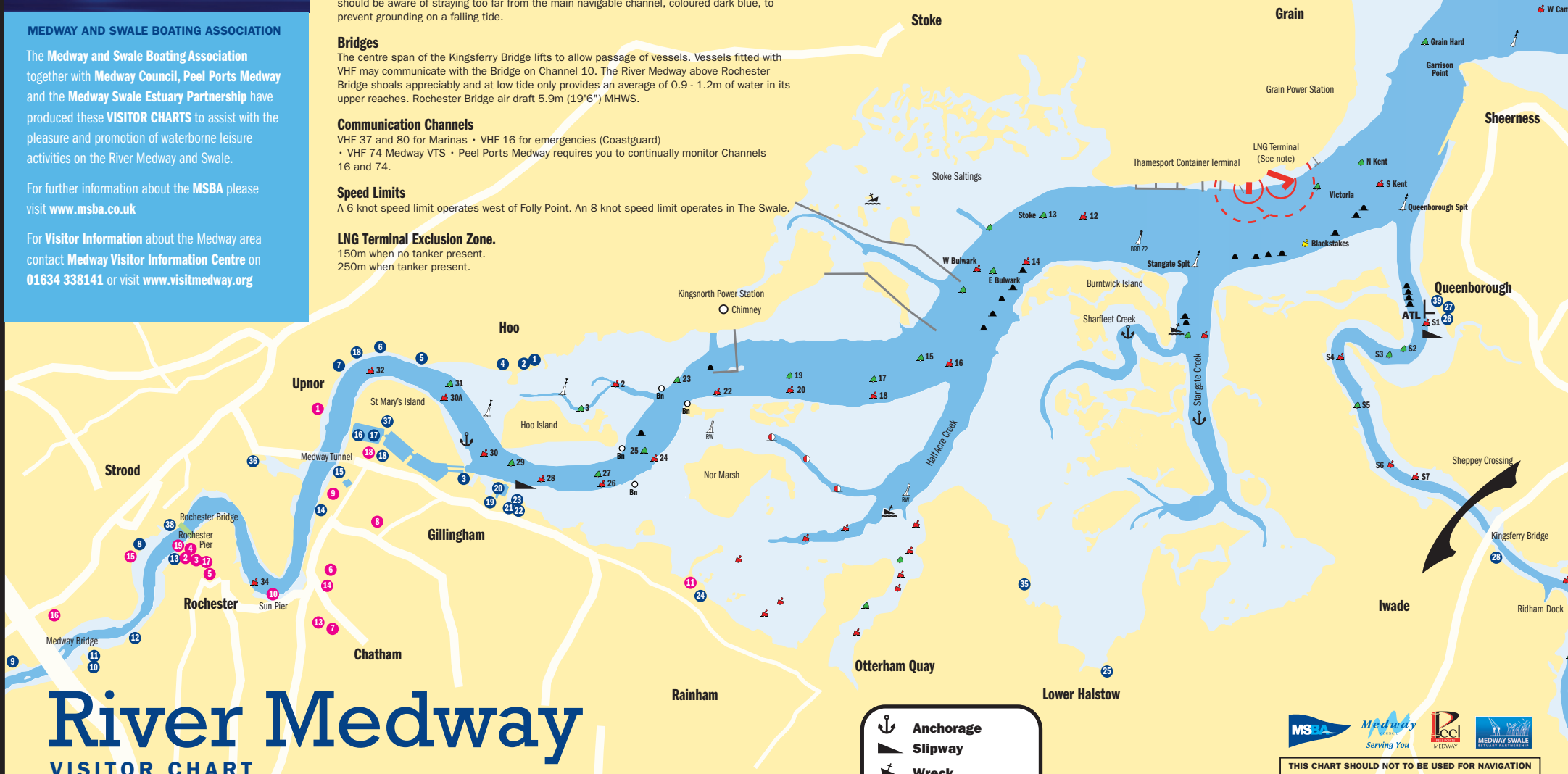
A 6 knot speed limit operates west of Folly Point. An 8 knot speed limit operates in The Swale.

LNG Terminal Exclusion Zone.

150m when no tanker present.
250m when tanker present.

Protect Estuary Wildlife

Keep off the islands, especially in breeding season (March-July)
Reduce speed, keep noise down and don't let wake cause erosion and disturbance to birds
Keep away from roosting birds, especially at high tide, from Oct to March



River Medway

VISITOR CHART

MSBA Members (Not all are shown)

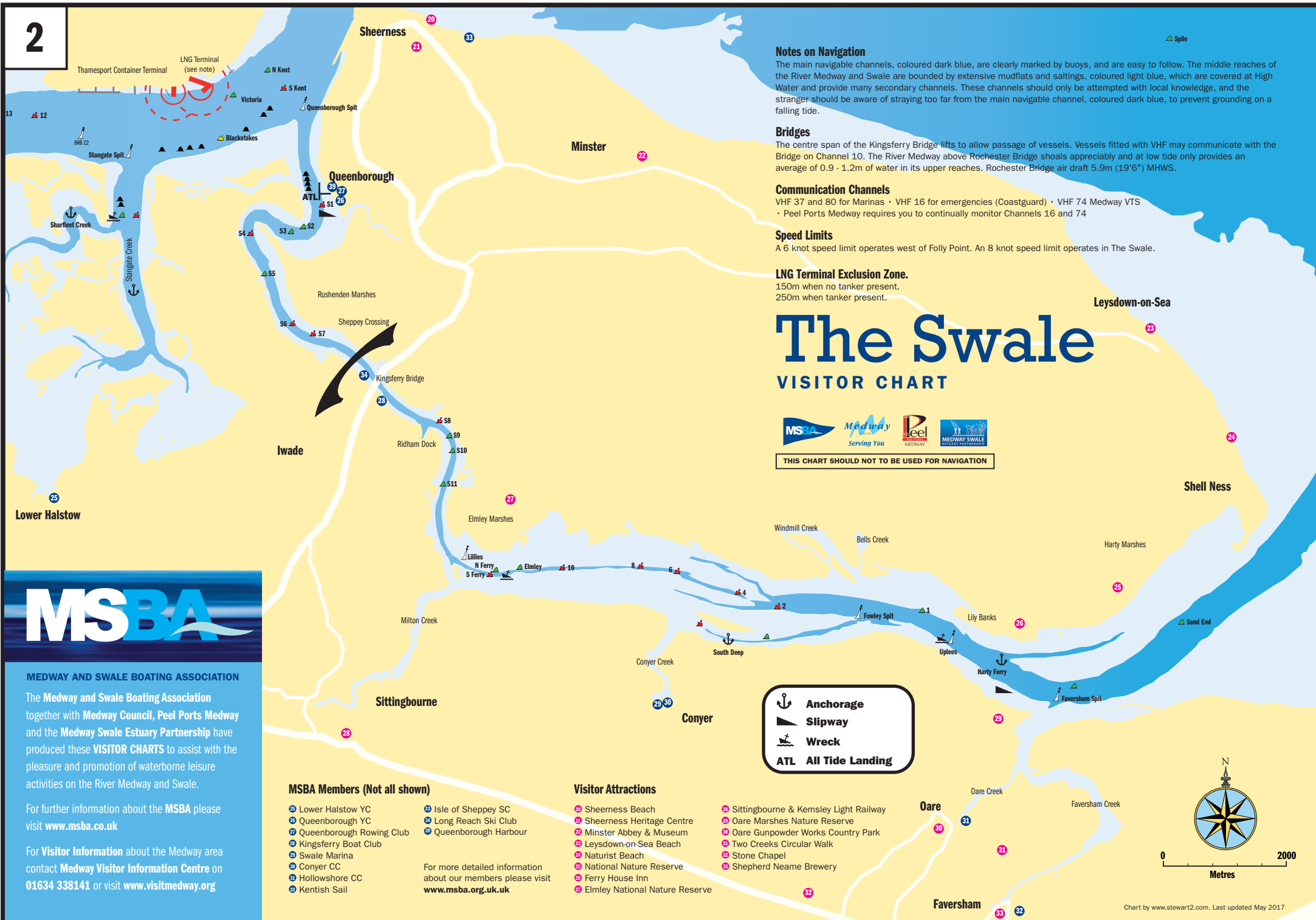
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| 1 Hundred of Hoo SC | 1 Port Medway | 11 Chatham Maritime Marina | 15 Lower Halstow YC | 15 Shoregate Wharf SC |
| 2 Whittin Marine | 12 Medway Bridge Marina | 12 Arethusa Watersports | 16 Queenborough YC | 16 Pirates Cave |
| 3 Medway Queen | 13 Beacon Boatyard | 13 Clarke & Carter Interyacht | 17 Queenborough Rowing Club | 17 SE Tugs and Morning Star |
| 4 Hoo Ness YC | 14 Medway Towns RC | 14 Gillingham Marina | 18 Kingsferry Boat Club | 18 Strood Pelican CC |
| 5 Wilsonian SC | 15 Rochester CC | 15 Segas SC | | 19 Queenborough Harbour |
| 6 Medway YC | 16 Victory Moorings | 16 Medway CC | | |
| 7 Upnor SC | 17 RNSA and REYC | 17 Medway Watersports | | |
| 8 Strood YC | 18 Elite Sailing | 18 Mariners Farm Boatyard | | |

For more detailed information about our members please visit www.msba.org.uk

Visitor Attractions

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| 1 Upnor Castle | 11 Historic Dockyard | 17 Six Poor Travellers House |
| 2 Rochester Castle | 12 Sun Pier | 18 Dockside Outlet Centre |
| 3 Rochester Cathedral | 13 Riverside Country Park | 19 Rochester Pier |
| 4 Guildhall Museum | 14 Buckmore Karting | |
| 5 Restoration House | 15 Central Theatre | |
| 6 Fort Amherst | 16 Brook Theatre | |
| 7 New Arts Centre | 17 Temple Manor | |
| 8 Royal Engineers Museum | 18 Diggerland | |

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- Lower Halstow YC
- Queenborough YC
- Queenborough Rowing Club
- Kingsferry Boat Club
- Swale Marina
- Conyer CC
- Hollowshore CC
- Kentish Sail
- Isle of Sheppey SC
- Long Reach Ski Club
- Queenborough Harbour

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Visitor Attractions

- Sheerness Beach
- Sheerness Heritage Centre
- Minster Abbey & Museum
- Leysdown-on-Sea Beach
- Naturist Beach
- National Nature Reserve
- Ferry House Inn
- Elmley National Nature Reserve
- Sittingbourne & Kemsley Light Railway
- Oare Marshes Nature Reserve
- Oare Gunpowder Works Country Park
- Two Creeks Circular Walk
- Stone Chapel
- Shepherd Neame Brewery

