

The Medway and Swale Boating Association have produced these VISITOR CHARTS to assist with the pleasure and promotion of waterborne leisure activities on the River Medway and Swale.

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For visitor information about the Medway area, call 01634 338141 or visit [www.visitmedway.org](http://www.visitmedway.org).

For visitor information about the Swale area, call 01795 417399 or visit [www.visit-swale.co.uk](http://www.visit-swale.co.uk)

### 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 (Dover Coastguard)  
 • VHF 74 Medway VTS • Peel Ports London Medway requires you to continually monitor Channels 16 and 74.  
 For Queenborough Harbour, On arrival at the harbour please call "Sheppey 1" VHF 08 or mobile: 07456 459754

### 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

