












Passage Plan to Medway 2023

Course to steer

1	Inner Crouch to Buxey No2	3.75 miles		59	
2	Buxey No2 to Buxey No1	0.66 m		82	
3	From Buxey No2 follow buoyed channel for 2 miles at 64 degrees Then 75 degrees to Inner Whitaker (4 Hours tacking, or 2hrs favourable) LOW WATER Whitaker circa 09:30	4.5m Cover 12m by LW		64 75	
4	Inner Whitaker to Maplin Approach <i>This course may take you into shallow water, watch your sounder, if necessary, head to port until the water deepens to resume your course to Maplin Approach</i>	1.4m		153	
5	Maplin Approach to East Maplin	1.25m		202	
6	East Maplin to Maplin Middle	2.6m		227	
7	NE Maplin to Maplin Edge	1.9m		227	
8	Maplin Edge to Maplin	2m	 Bell	218	
9	Maplin to Blacktail Spit	3.6m		231	
10	Blacktail Spit to South Shoebury	3m		249	
11	South Shoebury to Medway (buoyed channel) No1 Monitor ships to time crossing the shipping lanes.	2.3m		211	
12	Medway No1 follow stbd side of buoyed channel. Steer on fort in river entrance, leave wreck to Stbd. Stay just outside the shipping channel as the Medway has regular commercial traffic (mainly coasters).	4.5m Cover 22.5 miles from Whitaker	Fort to stbd then follow stbd hand channel buoys.	249	

31.5 miles **Whitaker to Chatham** easily achievable by high water Chatham 16.20hrs with a favourable wind = min average 4 knots over the ground. However. if tacking from **Whitaker to Medway** entrance, allow **7.5 hours**. Tide will turn foul by circa 16.00hrs that's 7.5 hours to cover 22.5 miles (this equals a course made good average speed of just 3 knots). If wind SW consider overnight at Queenborough unless motor sailing at min 4 knots over the ground against the wind in the River Medway.