

Moorings are available on the visitors' pontoon above the barges at the north west end of Hythe Quay, and at various boatyards (see positions and services on chartlet, phone numbers for pre-booking supplied). All berths in Maldon dry out when the tide is away, however yachts can comfortably take the ground.

Please bear in mind that Maldon is still a commercial port and anchoring in the fairway is not advisable as it is used by large vessels.

Yachts should not moor outside of barges as they slide when the tide is away and can cause much damage to keeled yachts.

For further pilotage information go to: www.mhic.org.uk, or contact: clerk@mhic.org.uk





Pilotage notes from Osea Island to Maldon

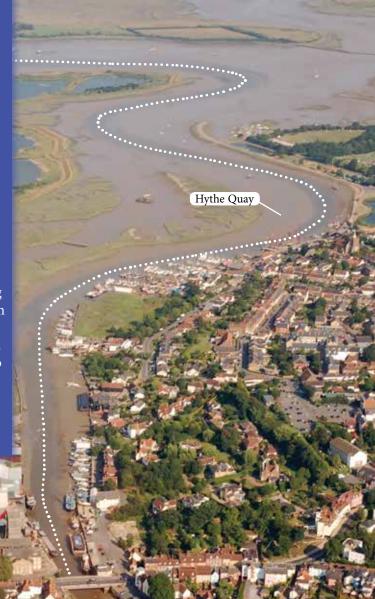
Leaving the Marconi Buoy to port, carry on up the river. At Osea beach, below the pier, you will often find yachts anchored inside the line of 8 knot speed limit buoys. In this area you will sometimes find large vessels, Thames, Barges, anchored in the fairway waiting for the tide to Maldon. Above the pier it is too shallow for all tide anchoring. Keeping Osea Pier to starboard, head for the Doctor, a green conical buoy, and leave to starboard. From the Doctor head up for the Southey Spit Buoy and pass between the North and South Doubles. Once through the Doubles the clubhouse of the Blackwater Sailing Club is a good mark to follow and is lit at night with a fixed green light but ensure you keep it on your port bow till you get to the moored yachts on the north side of the river. Keep to the starboard side of the channel following the line of moorings until abreast of the No 8 buoy. Leaving No 8 well to port, come round to port and leave the moorings, on the north side, to starboard until you pass the Lock Approach buoy. You will then see the two Harbour Limit buoys. Take care from this point onwards as the positions of the channel marks on some charts can be out of date - the buoys are correct for the channel as it is today.

Once through the Harbour Limit buoys (Fl.R2s) - continue on and go between No 9 and No 10 (Fl.R2s) and then sweep round to starboard to pass between No 11 and No 12(Fl.R2s). Follow the north bank of the river up to No 13 and No 14 (fixed Red). From here keep to the starboard side of the channel leaving No 16 (unlit Red) port hand mark and passing No 15 (Fl.G2s). There is a post with a yellow cross topmark to port which marks the end of the launching ramp. Keep to the north side of the channel passing No 17 then finally to No 19 (Fl.G2s). From here there are no further navigation marks and the channel narrows. Leave the yacht moorings on the north side to starboard - you should then be up to the Hythe Quay.

Travel connections: Stansted Airport 28M, Southend Airport 22M, BritishRail Stations; Hatfield Peverel 6M, N. Fambridge 7M, Witham 7M, Burnham13M, Chelmsford 10M, Harwich Port & rail 41M, London 45M. Regular bus services from Maldon to British Rail connections.

Maldon a Port Guide

The second oldest town in Essex. the historic port of Maldon is well worth making the effort to visit. It has a vibrant and interesting waterfront and is still a thriving small town. As you come up the river the town of Maldon rises above you. The waterfront offers numerous Thames sailing barges and classic boats in all shapes and sizes. The five boatyards offer world class skills and services to both modern and classic boats. There is also a well stocked chandlery near The Hythe.



From The Hythe, a very short walk up the hill brings you into the High Street with numerous and varied shops and over 50 places to eat. Maldon also boasts a number of museums and other places of interest, all within walking distance.

For further information about Maldon and the local district visit the Tourist Information Centre in Wenlock Way, less than 5 minutes from The Hythe, or go to: www.visitmaldondistrict.co.uk, or email: tic@maldon.gov.uk.

