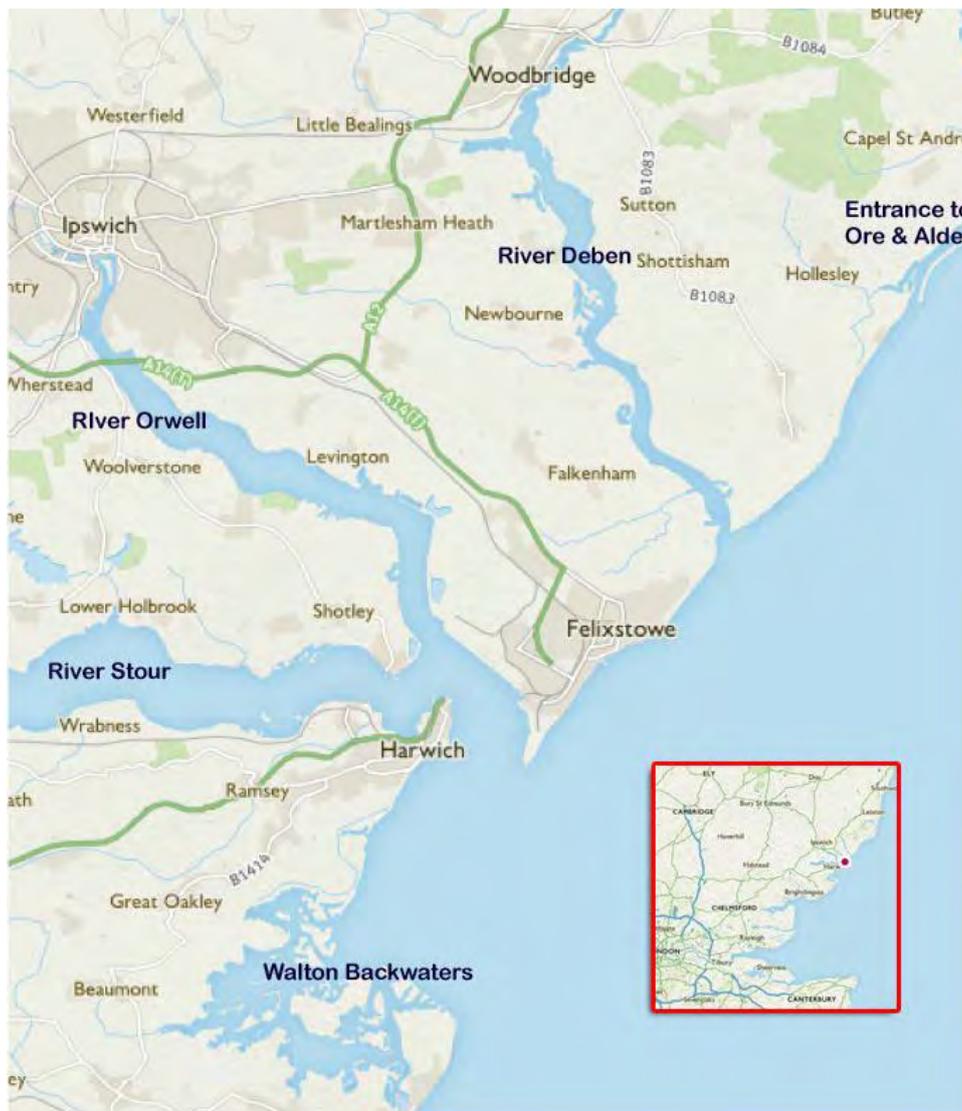


ISW 2020 – Suffolk Rivers - Preview

Our plans for this year's ISW are now firming up and we think that we have created an interesting itinerary (see below). Most of the sailing will be on the beautiful and sheltered Suffolk estuaries of the Orwell, Stour, Deben, Alde and Ore rivers. However there will inevitably be a few open sea passages of around 5-10 miles to get between the rivers. The area is quite tidal. This will be a “moving-on” rally and we will need to be able to get from A to B, even if the wind is very light or a little bit heavy, so you will need a reliable engine, and it goes without saying of course, a sea-worthy boat.



We are mostly berthed in marinas, but we are planning a few nights on yacht club moorings. These will be serviced by a water taxi for access to the club facilities during reasonable hours. We are also planning a few lunchtime picnics on the beach and, for these, an inflatable dinghy will be very useful.

A website to allow people to register their interest has been set up;

<http://eepurl.com/gCOqwj>



Or, use your phone to scan in the following QR code:

We will shortly be sending out a registration/entry form to all who have previously registered an interest (on the above website) with details of how to enter.

We have already received a strong level of interest. We will have to set a limit of 45 places (boats). These will be initially offered first come first served, based on date of return of the actual entry form.

If you are not wishing to sleep on-board, then probably Woodbridge or Felixstowe would probably be the best areas to look for accommodation. They are fairly central to our cruising area and have good transport links.

The itinerary below is weather dependent, but should be achievable assuming that we do not get gales. We are intending to add more low-key social activities (e.g. musical evenings, talks etc.).

ISW 2020 - Itinerary

Friday 19th & Sat 20th June – Arrival at Suffolk Yacht Harbour (SYH), Levington. SYH will be our starting/ending point and will be our main base. If you require craning-in, please plan to arrive in good time on Friday, as the marina yard hands will only be working until lunchtime on Saturday. There will be a welcome dinner and entrant briefing at SYH on Saturday evening.

Sun 21st – Leisurely sail up the lovely river Orwell to Ipswich. Perhaps stop en-route for lunch at historic Pin Mill or Royal Harwich YC. Sunday evening – if there is interest we will organise a guided walking tour of the historic Ipswich dock area. There are plenty of bars and restaurants. Also, this would be a good opportunity for victualling.

Mon 22nd Sail back down the Orwell to Shotley Marina – opportunities to call in at various interesting places en-route, including Harwich.

Tues 23rd – Exploring the Stour estuary and/or stretching your legs on some of the lovely walks around Shotley. Perhaps visit the HMS Ganges museum.
Tuesday afternoon – some fun racing in Holbrook bay
Dinner – DIY BBQ at Shotley, or eat on board or a local hostelry.

Wed 24th – Walton Backwaters – sail out of Harwich harbour and across Dovercourt bay and into Walton Backwaters. Explore Walton Backwaters, perhaps

visit the seal colony and/or sail around Horsey Island. Picnic and swim at Stone Point. Head for Titchmarsh Marina for the evening. BBQ at the marina or eat in the club or walk into Walton-on-the Naze (c. 1 mile).

Thur 25th – Sail past Felixstowe and into the River Deben. Only 11 miles, but it will be mainly against tide, so a fairly long sail (4-5 hours) Explore the lower Deben. Prize-giving dinner at Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club. This is our first night on moorings

Fri 25th – Explore the Deben, perhaps lunch at Ramsholt or Waldringfield. We will be spending Friday evening in historic Woodbridge in the Tide Mill Marina.

Sat 26th – An early start (07.00) required to catch the morning ebb back down the Deben. As we come out of the Deben, those wishing to just do 7 days will be turning right and heading back to Levington. The rest of the fleet will turn left and head north up the coast and into the River Ore. We will spend the next two nights on moorings at Aldeburgh YC. A formal dinner is planned in AYC for Saturday evening

Sun 27th Exploring the Alde and Ore and/or a walk into lovely Aldeburgh (1/2 mile) for the best Fish and Chips in the world. We have quite a few interesting and beautiful places on this river that we might potentially venture into, Orford, Orfordness, the Butley River, the upper Alde, Iken etc. etc. but we will need to keep a very sharp eye on the tides.

Mon 28th – Sail back from Aldeburgh to Levington – a fair distance (21NM) but the tide should be with us all the way, so around 4-5 hours if we don't dawdle. Informal dinner in The Lightship (Haven Ports Yacht Club) or The Ship (pub) in Levington village (or on-board).

Tues 29th – Haul out, de-rigging, departure.