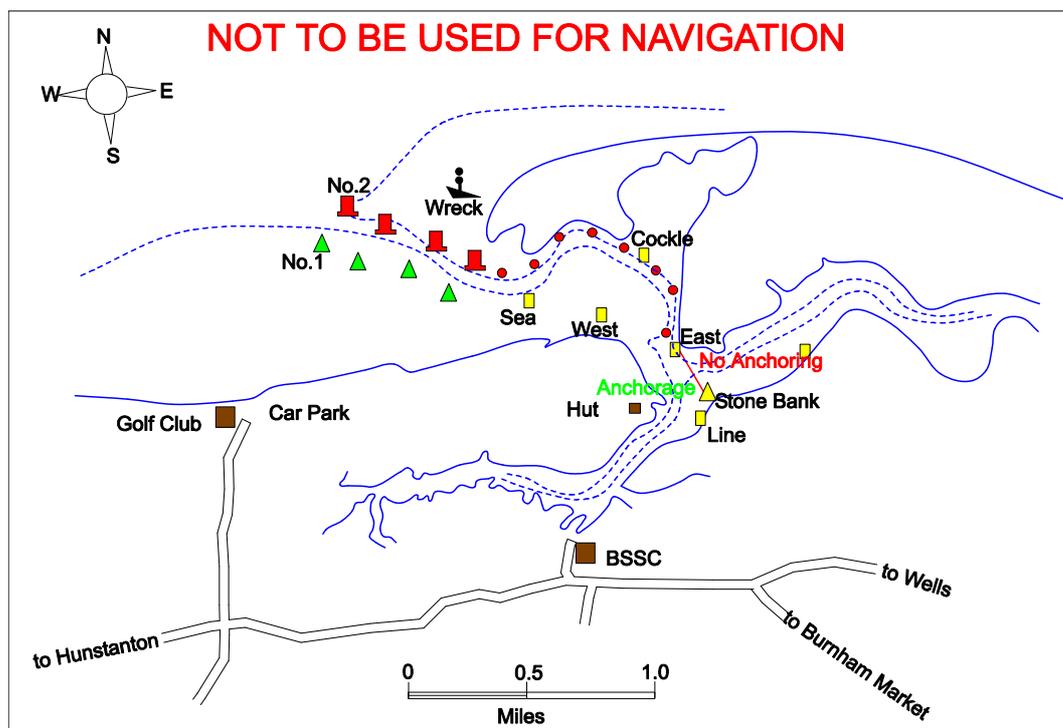


Brancaster Staithe

Directions for Visiting Sailors



The harbour is accessible between -2 hr HW to +1.5 hr HW for vessels with a draught of 1.2m/4ft able to take the ground as the harbour dries. (When the superstructure of the wreck is covered or just visible access should be possible) Exercise extreme caution in Strong Northerly onshore winds as the approach can then become quite dangerous with wind over tide and possibility of broaching.

The old Fairway Buoy was removed and replaced in spring 2013 with new lit red and green buoys. From open water the entrance to the channel is marked with a green SHB (No.1) and a red PHB (No.2), from there the channel is marked with lit green SHBs numbered 3 to 9 and red PHBs numbered 4 to 10. Buoys no 1 and 2 are Iso 5 sec with 2 mile visibility, the remainder are Qk Fl with 1 mile visibility. The buoys are not large and can be difficult to spot in a swell. In spring 2013 buoys No. 1 and 2 were located at 52°59.11N 00°38.39E but are liable to be moved as the channel changes. The green SHB No.1 is shown on the Navionics community layer.

From either direction (E or W) keep about a mile offshore until North of the Golf Club (white flashing 10 sec light at night) then come South to pick up the No 1 and 2 buoys, then closely follow the numbered channel buoys East into the harbour. After PHB No.10 the channel is well buoyed with unlit spherical red PHBs but keep a look out for small green starboard buoys where the channel turns and ALWAYS believe your depth sounder as the buoys can and do move with storms and strong tides.

There are no official visitor moorings but anchoring in sand is possible in the outer harbour and in the area between the yellow L (line) buoy and the starting Hut just before the main mooring area. Under no circumstances should anchoring be undertaken East of a line between the cylindrical yellow E (east) buoy and the conical SB (stone bank) buoy as there are shellfish lays that will get damaged. Visitors from other sailing clubs are welcome to use the Brancaster Staithe Sailing Clubs facilities where there is a bar, food, showers and water (it is advisable to book at peak times). www.bssc.net Tel 01485 210249.

There is a supermarket with garage, post office, a pub (Jolly Sailors) a restaurant/hotel (White Horse) and two chandlers. Harbour Master is Mr Richard Lowe who can be contacted in advance for advice on 07810850334.

Brancaster cruising boats use VHF Ch.72 and may be able to guide you on your approach.