

# Milton Creek – Navigation Notes

Information obtained by 'Chica' during Easter Cruise 2006.

From Grovehurst Jetty on the Swale, the entrance channel runs 30 metres from the saltings called the Lilies. Once past them you head for a stone section of the sea wall on the port hand side. Thereafter the channel is mainly in the centre of the creek, but you need to tend towards the outside of bends.

It was a Spring tide (5.6 metres at Sheerness) and once in the creek we found 3.4 metres of water in the main channel at High Tide at Murston Wharf and 2 metres up against the Wharf (1.2 nm from the Swale on the port hand side).

Thereafter the creek narrows and goes a further 1.5 nm up into Sittingbourne where it widens at the end. Here we found 1 metre of water at high tide.

Withies have been placed at the entrance to the creek (Visible at half tide) and at the head of the creek to mark the main channel. If the tide height is less, the water depths will be correspondingly reduced.

There are the remains of barges adjacent to the channel near to where the barge museum used to be and there are submerged obstructions at Crown Quay – allow 0.5 metres for clearance here.

There is debris in the mud so if you intend to sit on the mud, it would be advisable to check the location out first at low tide to identify any hazards.

The Western edge of the Creek has the Saxon Shore Way path running along it and this can be accessed from a footpath running from Gas Road (off Mill Way – Milton)

The East side of the Creek can only be accessed at Gas Road (same name – different road) off Castle Road in the Eurolink Industrial Estate. This is Murston Wharf, base of Sittingbourne Yacht Club.