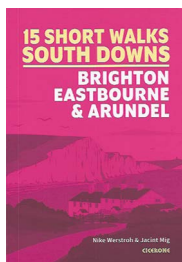


## 15 Short Walks South Downs Brighton, Eastbourne & Arundel



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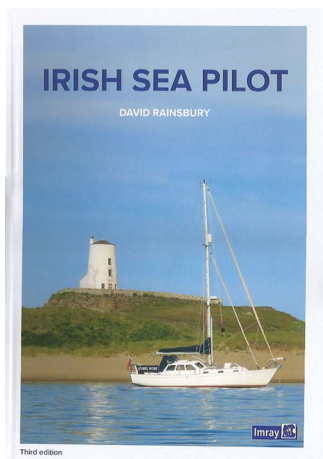
As the title suggests, most of these walks are on the South Downs between Arundel and Eastbourne, some with long views to rivers or the sea, places that will be seen from the rivers and the sea.

Some routes follow rivers, the Arun at Arundel, the Adur at Upper Beeding, the Cuckmere from Litlington round to the Birling Gap and also Seaford and Beachy Heads. One walk reaches almost from the River Ouse to the Glyne Reach.

The chapters are intended to stand alone. Thus, the South Downs Way is mentioned in most chapters, accompanied by its initials each time for those needing to have them spelled out.

This guide concentrates on walking route instructions more than some other titles in this series, with plenty of superlatives about the views.

## Irish Sea Pilot



David Rainsbury  
Imray Laurie Norie & Wilson  
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194 pages, flexiback  
£37.50

In reviewing the previous edition (May 2016, p35) I commented that the order jumped about somewhat. This has now been changed, moving anticlockwise from Milford Haven via Rathlin to Kilmore and ending with the Isle of Man.

Text is largely unchanged, likewise the chartlets. Some text on Ardglass has got lost in the reordering but nothing likely to

be of concern to kayakers. The one consistent change to the text is the addition of a one line subheading for each venue, spelling out its attractions.

The major change has been that many of the pictures are new, including aerial photographs which are particularly informative. The photographs are often better but comparing the two editions gives the best of both. This time there are 36 less pages.

## East Coast Pilot

Garth Cooper & Dick Holness  
Imray Laurie Norie & Wilson  
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259 pages, flexiback  
£29.50

Like the Irish Sea volume, the stiff paperback cover is in use here.

The title is misleading as the pilot covers only Great Yarmouth to Ramsgate, effectively the greater Thames estuary. In the other direction the Thames is followed to Tower Bridge and several other rivers are traced well inland, the Alde to Snape, the Deben to Woodbridge, the Orwell to Ipswich, the Stour to Mistley, the Colne to Colchester, the Blackwater to Maldon, the Crouch to Battlesbridge, the Roach to Rochford, the Medway to Allington and Faversham Creek to Faversham.

Since the previous edition (Nov 2019, p40) the size of the book

## EAST COAST PILOT

Great Yarmouth to Ramsgate



has been increased by 68 pages yet the price has only increased marginally and it is significantly cheaper than the thinner Irish Sea volume. Much of the extra pagination is from the double page picture which starts each chapter. Often this is a drone shot, perhaps the most useful part of the book for us. If a picture is worth a thousand words, look at the cover picture of Woodrolfe Creek, one of the best. How would you begin to describe this waterscape? Even the OS gave up trying to map it at 1:50,000. Most of the pictures have been retaken and frequently features of interest are located.

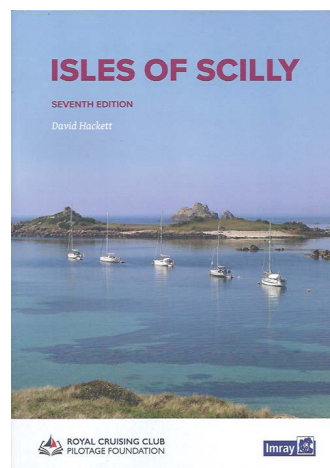
There are less changes to the text which are relevant to kayakers, the largest relating to Great Yarmouth, Lowestoft and the Deben, Colne and Thames.

An important landmark to have gone is Orfordness lighthouse, now demolished. The status of the River Yare through Yarmouth and its £20 charge is unclear. The mouth of the Deben has changed with the channel now nearer the Bawdsey shore.

Two paragraphs in the whole book are picked out in red, both for small craft. One is a warning about commercial traffic at Felixstowe. The other is about Whitstable and reads 'A few hundred yards further west there is a large and expanding area of flags, posts and buoys guarding numerous metal trestles for raising shellfish. The area is expanding NW-wards, is extremely hazardous to small craft and swimmers, and must be avoided.' This used to be the first safe landing area with parking east of Sheppey and was an issue addressed by ISKA but we failed to get a satisfactory answer from the oyster company behind this dangerous scheme.

Foulness also remains dangerous with no safe way past for kayak paddlers. If this book prevents a single incident it will have been money well spent.

## Isles of Scilly



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£34.50

Since the last edition of this guide was published, much of the text has been rewritten and most of the pictures are new.

The islands cover only a limited area, for which are included transits and details required by yachtsmen, but the first half of the book is extensive introduction. Photographs of landmarks help identification in an area where so many rocks look similar.

This, the warmest area of Britain and with some of the finest beaches in the country around St Martin's, is compared with the Caribbean. Wrecks play a significant part in the story and further reading is suggested.

Attention is drawn to several places hiring kayaks. Only five islands are inhabited and many have no water supplies, no toilets, no litter disposal and nowhere to buy food, to the extent that roadside stalls are listed as important facilities. A score of locations have been put out of bounds by naturalists, either for the summer half of the year or permanently, these being marked in the book with kayakers specifically excluded from Annet at all times.

Not infrequently the book draws attention to discrepancies between Admiralty and Navionics charts, often several metres of depth, which may make some routes impassable without long portages.

Passage to Scilly is included, information about rounding the Lizard part of the journey for some.