



**Westerly Owners' Association
East Coast Group
in association with MYC**

Westerly Owners Association East Coast Group Fitting out lunch and Talk

Saturday 7th April 2018 11.00 am to 3.00pm
At the Medway Yacht Club Lower Upnor, Rochester, Kent ME2 4XB
£15.00 per head including buffet lunch

The Westerly Owners East Coast Group invites you to take a short break from your winter boat maintenance to attend this event. This is an opportunity to meet other East Coast Westerly Owners and MYC members and hear about how best to cross the Thames Estuary.

The programme is:

1100-1130 Arrive at the Medway Yacht Club, meet, get a coffee or drink at the bar
1130-1200 Compare notes on how your fitting out is going
1200-1300 Lunch
1300-1400 Talk by Roger Gaspar
1400-1430 Questions and open discussion.

The title for Roger's talk will be "Crossing the Thames Estuary"

Roger has written a guide about the navigation options and changes across the Estuary and to facilitate passage planning. It is now in its second edition. He will provide an illustrated talk about the options for crossing the estuary including:

- the likely trends of the sands based on the history and our contemporary use,
- the choices for routes between the Kent, Essex and Suffolk rivers or heading for the Dover Straits,
- the assets - readily available information, and
- the hazards affecting us - shipping, wind farms and the tides.

He will conclude talking on how the sometimes difficult choices for passage planning can be eased in what are unique waters.

Booking and menus

MYC has quite a large clubhouse overlooking the beautiful Cookham Reach; we hope this event, open to Westerly owners and members of MYC, will be well attended. We should be able to accommodate up to about 60 people but we will need to know numbers in advance not least to ensure we are all fed - accordingly please fill in the booking form below send by e-mail or post and also make a bank transfer. *In the hopefully unlikely event we will need to turn people away the choice will be on a first come first served basis.*

The Counter Service will be a Lasagne. The cost will be £15 per head including the talk. A sweet will available at a cost of £4 extra paid directly on the day with drinks and coffees etc available at the well stocked bar.



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BOOKING FORM

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| Boat Name | |
| Westerly Class, MYC | |
| Skipper's name/ bank signatory | |
| Number of people in your group/party | |
| Bank transfer value please state | |
| Email address | |
| Home 'phone number | |
| Mobile 'phone number | |
| Any dietary requirements? | |

Please make payments to Westerly Owners Association East Coast Group for £15 per head to Lloyds Bank, 30-94-47, Account No. 02693660 with your surname and FOL18 as the reference.

Please reply as soon as possible and in any event by Saturday 31st March.

Paper or electronic forms to:-

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Yacht: Water Gypsy Westerly Griffon GN175 Membership no E6913 (Gillingham Marina)

IMPORTANT. This event is run under the terms of the Constitution and Rules of the Westerly Owners' Association. You will find these in the WOA Year Book.

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