



Navigation

Emsworth Channel can be tricky to navigate. Occasionally even those who have been sailing here for years are caught out and have a muddy wait until the next tide! For your first navigation it is advised that you do it with an experienced hand to help or at least in good visibility, weather and with plenty of tide. We also have a [YouTube video](#) showing this route.

Emsworth Yacht Harbour is approximately 5.5NM north of West Pole Beacon and should take 40mins to an hour to reach the marina from there.

Once you have entered Chichester Harbour you need to keep to the west of the Fishery Cardinal Buoy which will lead you up the Emsworth Channel.

The channel is marked with navigational buoys and posts at regular intervals and after 2NM you will reach a fork in the channel. Keep East of the Emsworth Cardinal Post.

You will see two parallel lines of moored boats snaking north. Keep between the two lines of boats and you will be in the channel. As you head further north you will see the Emsworth Visitors pontoon. This marks the last navigable part of the channel to most boats at low tide.

If the tide will allow, you can continue north towards the red Fisherman Navigation Pile. The channel does change with tide and conditions so it is advised you proceed

