

Programme for The Thames Estuary and Beyond Seminar Saturday 2nd March 2024 at RHYC

10.00	Registration with coffee and tea
10.30 Garth Cooper	Welcome and Chairman's introduction. Garth Cooper, lifelong sailor, writer, broadcaster, and co-author of East Coast Pilot.
10.45 Session 1 Dick Holness	How to enjoy the Thames estuary and aids to guide you. Speaker: Dick Holness, lifelong sailor, IT specialist, author and co-author of East Coast Pilot.
11.35 Session 2 Roger Gaspar	Crossing the Thames Estuary and what surveys tell us about change in channels and swatch ways. Speaker: Roger Gaspar, a lifelong sailor and previously a police officer who in later life started collecting data. He is now providing advice for safe, effective and efficient passages across the estuary.
12.20 Break	10 minute break.
12.30 Session 3 Garth Cooper	Routes in and out of the Thames estuary and how they are being affected over time by Longshore drift.
13.15 Lunch	Lunch break 45 minutes, hot main course followed by "lite bites".
14.00 Session 4 Ben Donald	Wind farm developments and how to navigate around and through them. Speaker Ben Donald, General Manager of RWE Offshore Windfarms.
14.50 Session 5 Rob Dorey	The challenge of maintaining up to date navigation aids in the Thames Estuary. Speaker: Commodore Rob Dorey representing Trinity House
15.35 Break	10 minute break with tea.
15.45 Garth Cooper	Open discussion and Chairman's Summing Up
Circa 16.00	Seminar concludes

Venue: Royal Harwich Yacht Club, Woolverstone, Ipswich, IP9 1AT.

Free car parking at the Club.

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