

# Crossing Breydon Water and going through Great Yarmouth

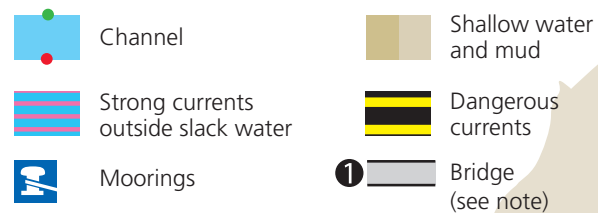
Breydon Water is a gateway from the sea to the Broads, and a gateway between the north and south, so passing through is essential if you'd like to cruise between the northern and southern rivers. You can read about Beccles in the southern rivers on page.

Follow the advice here from the Breydon rangers and enjoy the crossing.

**1. Think about your journey well ahead** as we do. Keep a note of all the important points.

Check the weather forecast - **don't cross if visibility is poor or there are strong winds.**

**2. Plan your crossing so that you can go through Great Yarmouth bridges at slack water, which is about an hour after low water.** The tide will be less of a hazard and you'll have maximum clearance under the bridges. The tide tables on page give the times of low water.



**TAKE CARE HERE**  
Always stay in the channel between the red and green posts.

## Berney Arms Reach

Broads Authority 24 hr free moorings for 3 boats (also pub moorings for pub customers)

Berney Arms Mill

River Yare to Reedham

River Waveney to St Olaves & Oulton Broad

Burgh Castle 24 hr free mooring

**3. Work out the time you need to leave your current mooring.** It will take about 2¼ hours to get to Great Yarmouth from Acle and about 2 hours from Reedham or St Olaves. **Hire boats are not allowed to navigate before sunrise or after sunset** as they have no navigation lights, so allow enough time to ensure that you're not navigating after dark, and don't set off too early in the morning while it's still dark. Work backwards from the time you need to be in Great Yarmouth and it should be straightforward!

**4. Have your canopy or mast lowered** ready for passing under the bridges at Great Yarmouth. Before going under any bridge check your boat height (shown on a plate in the cockpit or in the skipper's manual). **Check the bridge clearance board** to make sure your boat will fit under the bridge.

**5. Check the map here** to make sure you know what to do during the crossing. If it's not clear to you, please ask for help. **Keep everyone inside the boat or cockpit during the crossing. Never go outside the red and green navigation posts.** Remember there are strict speed limits when you enter the rivers Bure, Waveney and Yare. When mooring be aware of the rise and fall of the tide (about 2.2m or 7') and adjust your ropes and fenders accordingly.

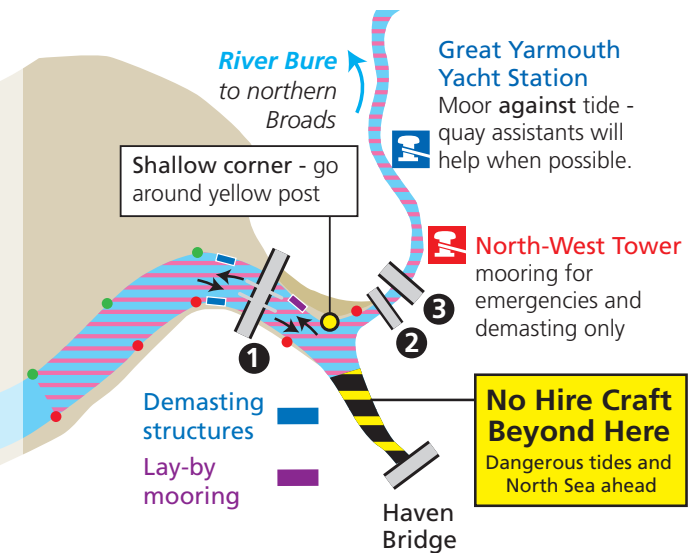
We have moorings at Berney Arms Reach and at Burgh Castle, and a staffed yacht station at Great Yarmouth (details below). Approach the moorings against the flow of the tide so you have control. If you are unsure about sunrise and sunset, or anything else, give the staff a call on **01493 842794** or **07766 398238**, or pop in and see them. They'll be happy to check your plan or work out the timings and bridge clearance for you.

That's it! And if you do have any difficulties, our ranger launch, **Spirit of Breydon**, can deal with almost any weather, and is backed up by a lifeboat and a tow boat service, so there are plenty of people around to help if needed. As long as you follow our advice it should be plain sailing.

**Bon voyage!**



**Watch out for water skiers** in the central straight of Breydon Water - see signs on posts



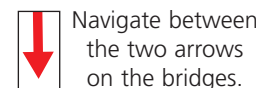
## Bridge clearance

Clearance at average high water during the summer is given below but **always check the bridge clearance boards.** Look out for additional advance clearance boards as you approach bridges 1 and 3 on the River Bure. The river is narrow and tides can be strong. Lower your canopy in plenty of time. Make sure everyone is down inside the boat.



**1 Breydon Bridge** 3.96m (13')

Go through the right hand side span.



Navigate between the two arrows on the bridges.



Stop lights indicate you must not pass through the centre span.

**2 Vauxhall Bridge** 2.06m (6' 9")

**3 Yarmouth/Acle Road Bridge** 2.13m (7')

NB In all cases tidal levels can vary considerably and so affect the above figures.

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