



## Haven Ports Yacht Club

# Cruise to the Blackwater via Bradwell and Heybridge Basin Dates 25<sup>th</sup> to 29 August

Members are invited to join us on this Club Cruise to Bradwell and Heybridge Basin

Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Aug Walton on the Naze	LW 0820 HW 1432
Bradwell approx. differences	HW ~ +40mins, LW ~ 40mins
Heybridge Basin (used Osea)	HW ~ +55 mins, LW ~ 35mins

Places have been reserved at the Marinas as follows:

**Bradwell** for the nights of 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August  
(VHF CH80 Marina office phone N<sup>o</sup> 01621 776235)  
**Heybridge Basin** for the nights of 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August.  
(VHF Channel 80 lock keeper phone 07712 079764)

As Heybridge is the nicer place for such events you are invited to gather for drinks after we arrive at 1800 on the 26<sup>th</sup> August, on the shore side by **Obsession** on a bring-your-own basis. The BBQ facilities are good at Heybridge and we can make use of this afterwards, should you so wish. More details nearer the time on such planning! If any of you who have booked have ideas for the trip you would like to share/propose, do please contact me as below.

There are two nice pubs in Heybridge but have not attempted to book a meal as it will be the bank holiday weekend and we will I am sure enjoy more the relative privacy of being moored/rafted on the left hand side against the quay. The toilet shore facilities are good and there is of course shore power to keep the fridge running!

We will be in the basin during the Clacton air show so can't promise a spectator's view but we may see some flyovers?

As we are there for two nights we have the chance to relax and socialise but am proposing we have some shore based games the second late afternoon.

The lock opens 1 hour before high water and Southend on Sea tides are indicative of the Basin's high water times. We will need to rally around the area before this time to ensure we all get in as we will need at least two lock openings. More about this nearer the time.  
After Heybridge as mentioned above I have booked Bradwell for the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> but this is really up to you and so would appreciate being let know of your intentions as to whether you would like to stay there that night or plan to go off and explore other places such as Brightlingsea or Pyefleet creek.

The cruise is currently fully subscribed with two on the wait list but things can change so do consider the event and make contact with me if anything changes for those who have booked so I can adjust and allow others to join in.

Everyone is using Sailing Club Manager to book the event and so I have details of your names, boats and dimensions. If any key data is missing I will be in contact but any questions do contact me, Ian Benson on [ibenson@outlook.com](mailto:ibenson@outlook.com) or 07436 468 458

A few days before the cruise I will send an e-mail with more information and a list of members joining us which you can of course see in the members portal now once logged in. Look forward to seeing you in the Lightship on the evening before the cruise when we can discuss in more detail the trip and options for further cruising and more about Heybridge basin which, for those who have not been there may look interesting but its really quite straightforward and is just a question of timing.

PS - Suffolk Yacht Harbour would like us to text them on 07860 920 258 if we vacate our berth for more than one night and, more important, for when we return (giving 24 hrs notice).

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