

## **BUOYAGE CHANGES IN THE WALTON CHANNEL (10<sup>th</sup> March 2011)**

There have been noteworthy buoyage changes at the North end of the Walton Channel. Our Honorary Port Pilot (HPP) for the Backwaters, Alec Moss, wrote to us from Walton and Frinton YC, which maintains the buoys between Pye End and the entrance to the Walton Channel.

He says that Stone Point has extended significantly at its NW point over the last few years, while the Walton Channel between Stone Point and Stone Creek is narrowing but maintaining its depth.

The changes involve movement of three buoys, and the insertion of a new one with a new number.

Details are as follows (subject to Trinity House approval at the time of writing) -

No.9 SHB (Fl.G.5s) moved approximately 265 deg. x 17m to 51°53.204'N 001°15.531'E

No.16 PHB (unlit) moved approximately 335 deg. x 125m to 51°53.154'N 001°15.564'E

No.11 SHB (Fl.G.10s) moved approximately 320 deg. x 335m to 51°53.037'N 001°15.596'E

A new unlit SHB, No.13, is at the original position of No.11 at 51°52.895'N 001°15.769'E

Alec comments that " The replacement of the lit SHB No.11 with the new unlit SHB No.13 and the movement of No.11 some 300m closer to No.9 could cause some pilotage confusion at night, but with no real risk to navigation."

Many thanks to Alec for this detailed information. We hope to be able to show an amended chartlet for ECP shortly.

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