Clockwise Kayak The Pie 'n' Chips Tour 2012

UK Sea Kayak Circumnavigation

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The Run Up

Winter Training
Injuries
New Kit
New Paddles
New Boat
Endless Maps
Boxes and Logistics









Charity begins at home







Charities

"Dear John,

Thank you very much for your enquiry, and thank you for thinking of supporting the RNLI with a fundraising event.

Unfortunately, from your description, this isn't an activity which the RNLI feels it could condone, support, or encourage. As you say, this is a huge challenge, and in our view, potentially a very dangerous one. The RNLI could not encourage undertaking these types of challenges, solo without visual contact with others or a safety boat. As I am sure you are aware, the sea can be an extremely dangerous place. The cost of a rescue should you find yourself in difficulties, is high, and of course any adverse publicity to the RNLI would negate the efforts you would be making to raise awareness.

I'm very sorry, as you've obviously given a lot of thought and planning to this, but under the circumstances we really can't support your idea.

If you would like to discuss this further, do please feel free to contact me. If you would like to join in with an RNLI organised event, please visit our website:

http://www.rnli.org.uk/how_to_support_us/events

With very many thanks for your interest and support for the RNLI. Kindest regards,"

Early Days

Heading North

Dodgy Teeth
Welcome to the Isle of Man, little boy!
Ryan and family

The Mull of Kintyre – 'My desire is always to be here'

Isle of Man

Day 1 Cemlyn Bay – Port St Mary

42.59 nm

10:48 hrs

O.A. 3.9 kts

Welcome to the Isle of Man, little boy!





















Isle of Man

Day 2 Port St Mary - Niarbyl

10.39 nm

02:46 hrs

O.A. 3.7 kts

A very pleasant sunset.







Isle of Man - Northern Ireland

Day 3 Niarbyl - Kearney

33.21 nm

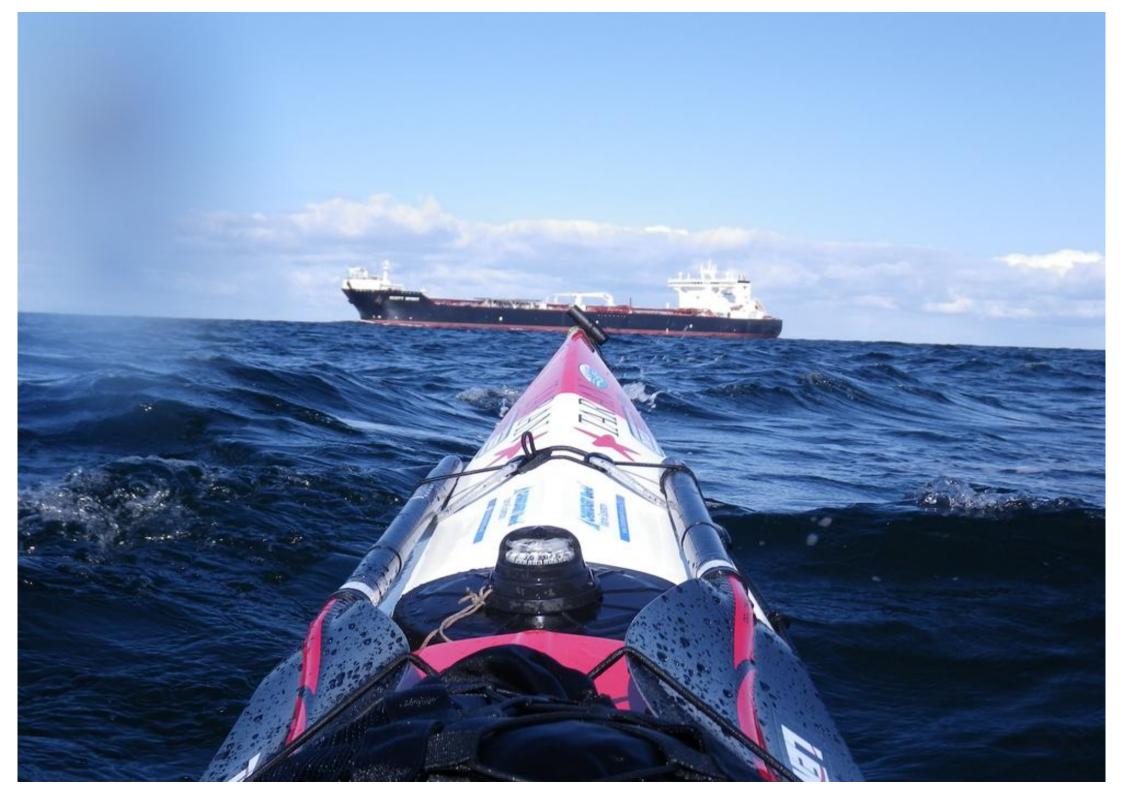
08:23 hrs

O.A. 3.9 kts

Have that Paddy!















North Channel – Mull of Kintyre

Day 5
Carnfunnoch – Dunaverty Bay

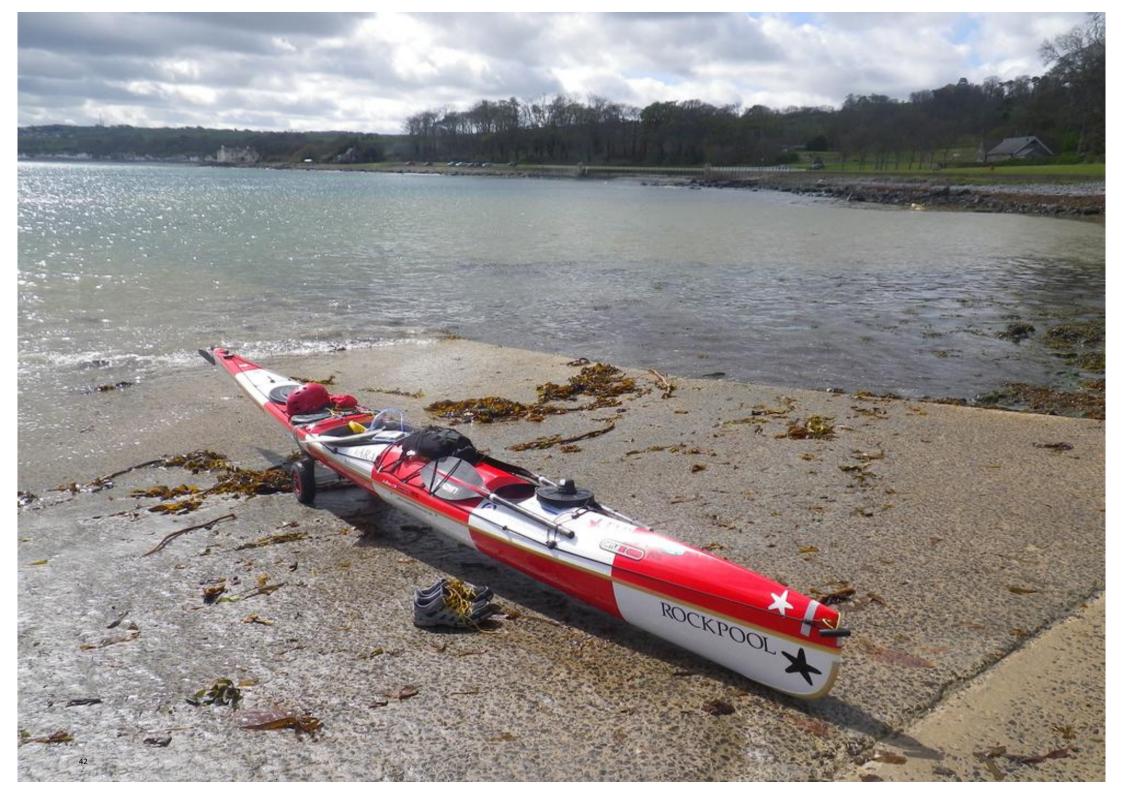
39.97 nm

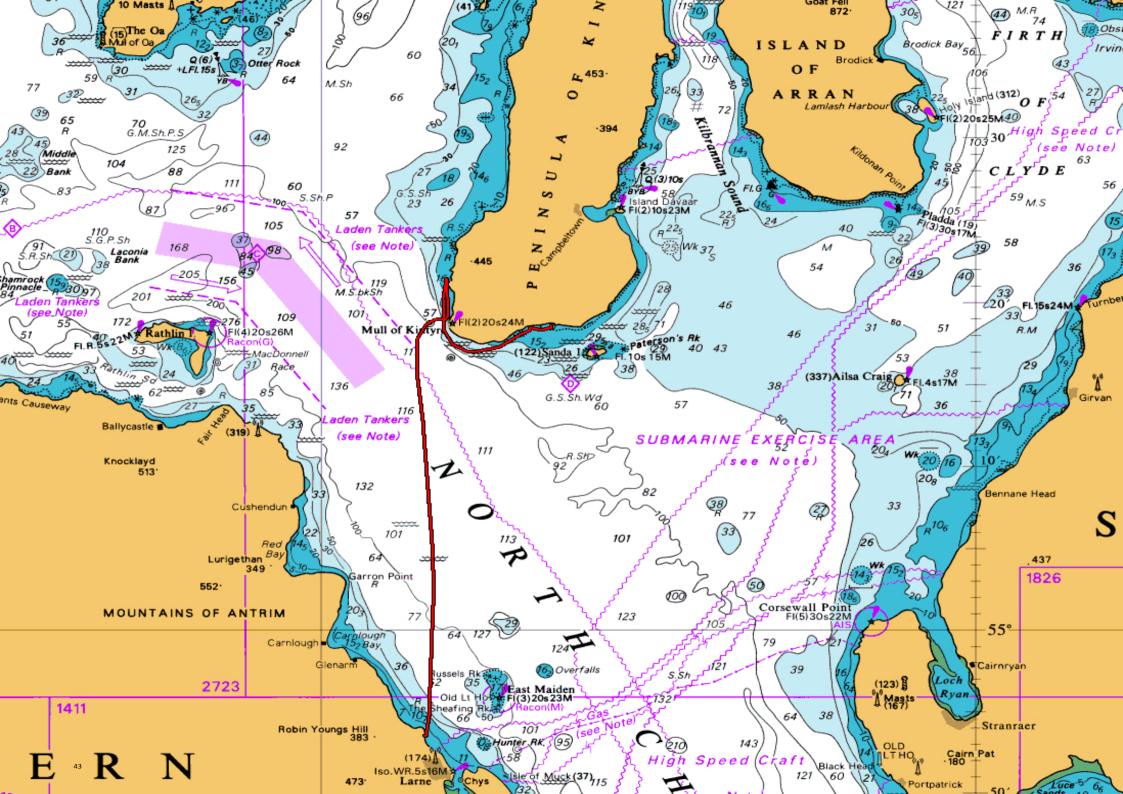
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O.A. 5.1 kts

The Mull of Kintyre – 'My desire is always to be here'
... my arse!



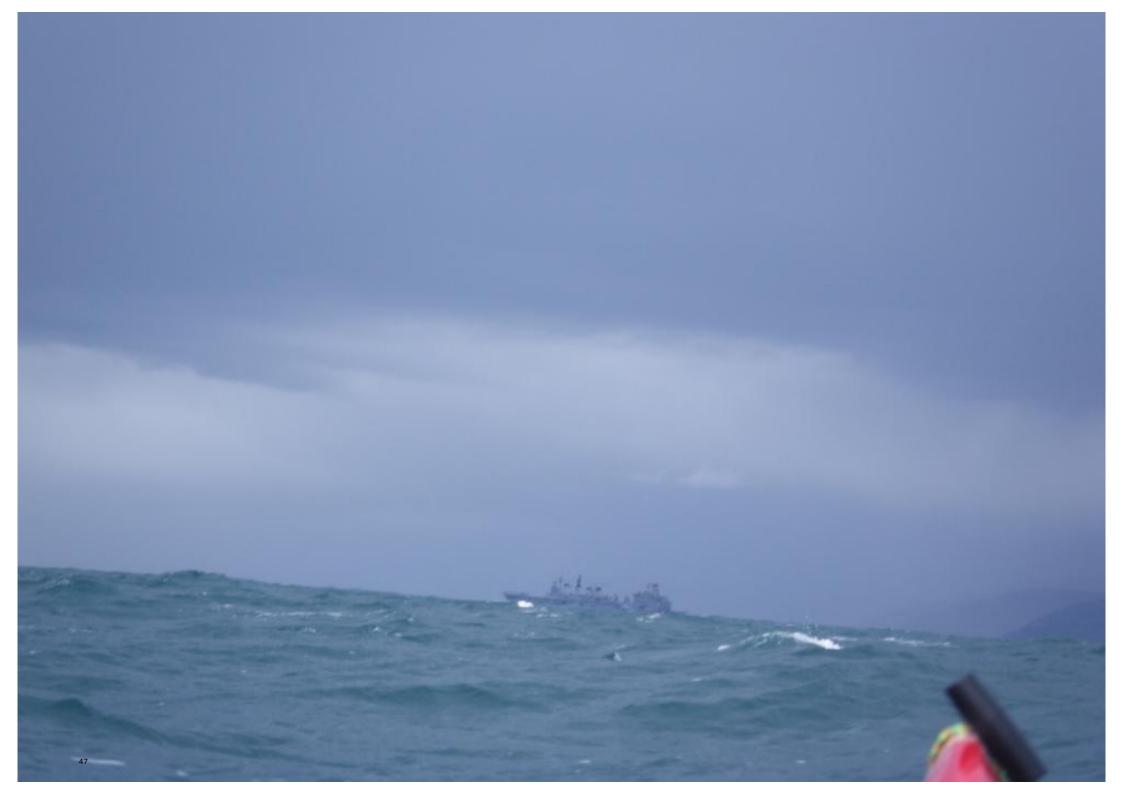












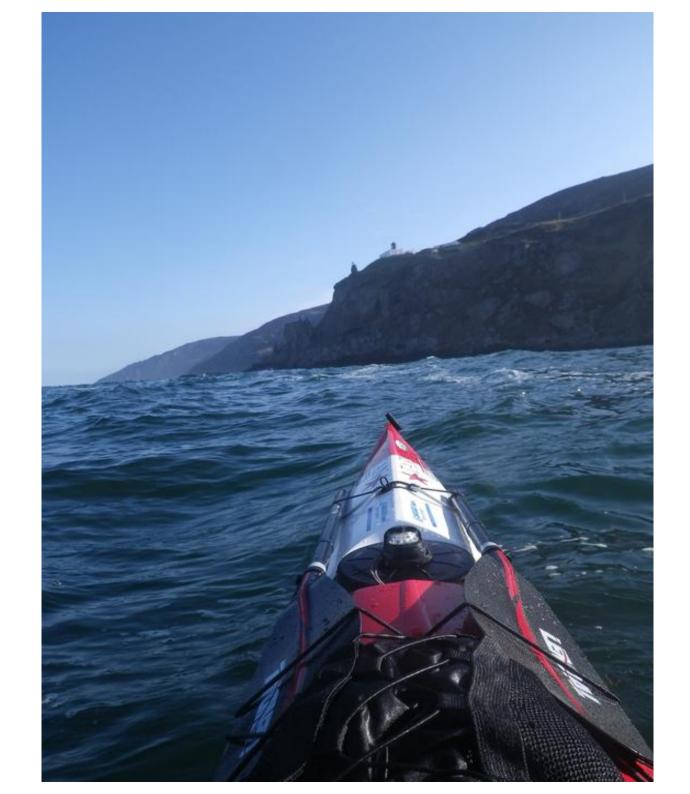












The Working Day

Alarm/Dawn Chorus goes off far too early
Check for new pains or anything that has dropped
off in the night

Food

Empty tent, pack kit and drop tent
Shift kit and boat to water
Change into paddle kit, load boat and final pack
Dog Walking Time
At least 2 hrs have gone by at this point

Launch
Paddle
Paddle some more
Scary landing*

Shift kit and boat up beach
Pitch tent, unload boat, unpack kit
Food

Plan for next day

Diary

Blog

Bed

Repeat

^{*} usually

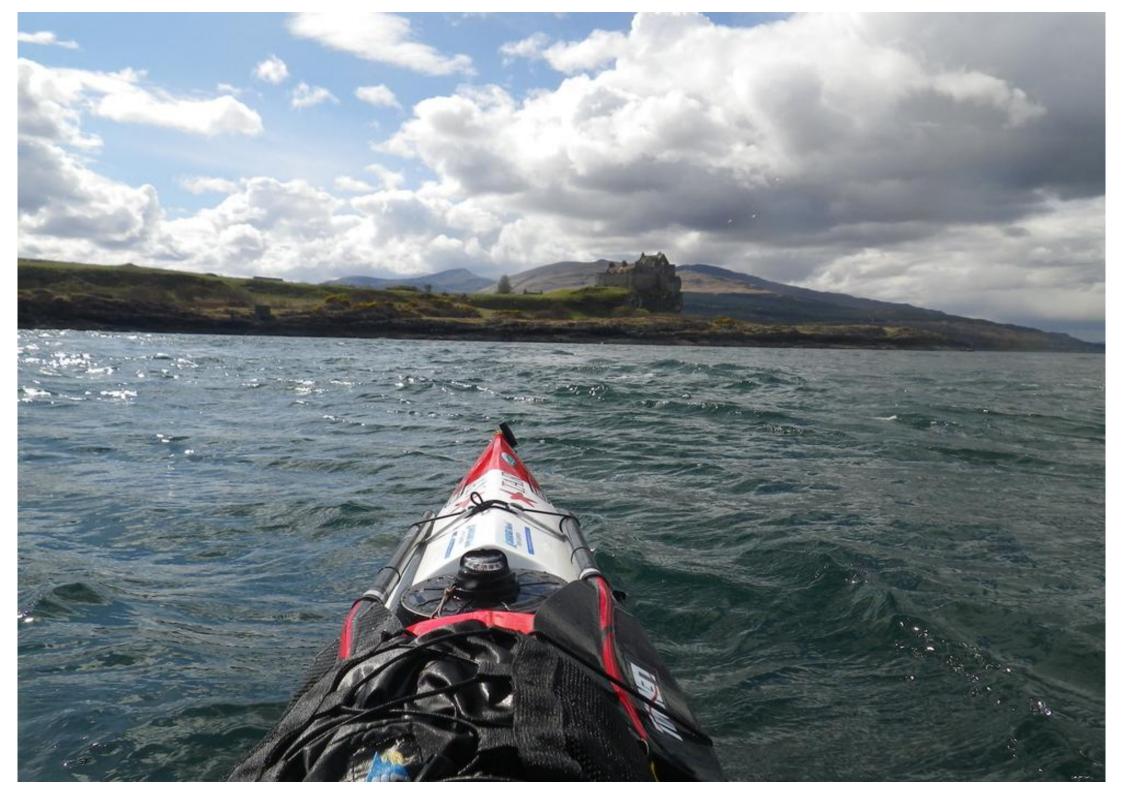
Heading North

Chilly Willies

Rubha Reidh – scary stuff 2

Cape Wrath – hanging a Reggie

















Rubha Reidh

Day 15
Carn Dearg, Loch Gairloch – Slaggan Bay

15.15nm

04:16 hrs

O.A. 3.5 kts

Scared s***·less (sh it 'l is)

adj. Vulgar Slang

Extremely frightened.













Cape Wrath

Day 17 Scourie – Durness

28.82 nm

06:25 hrs

O.A. 4.5 kts

Wrath (rath), Cape

A promontory at the northwest extremity of the Scottish mainland. wrath (rath, rath) n.

- 1. Forceful, often vindictive anger.
- 2. Divine retribution for sin.











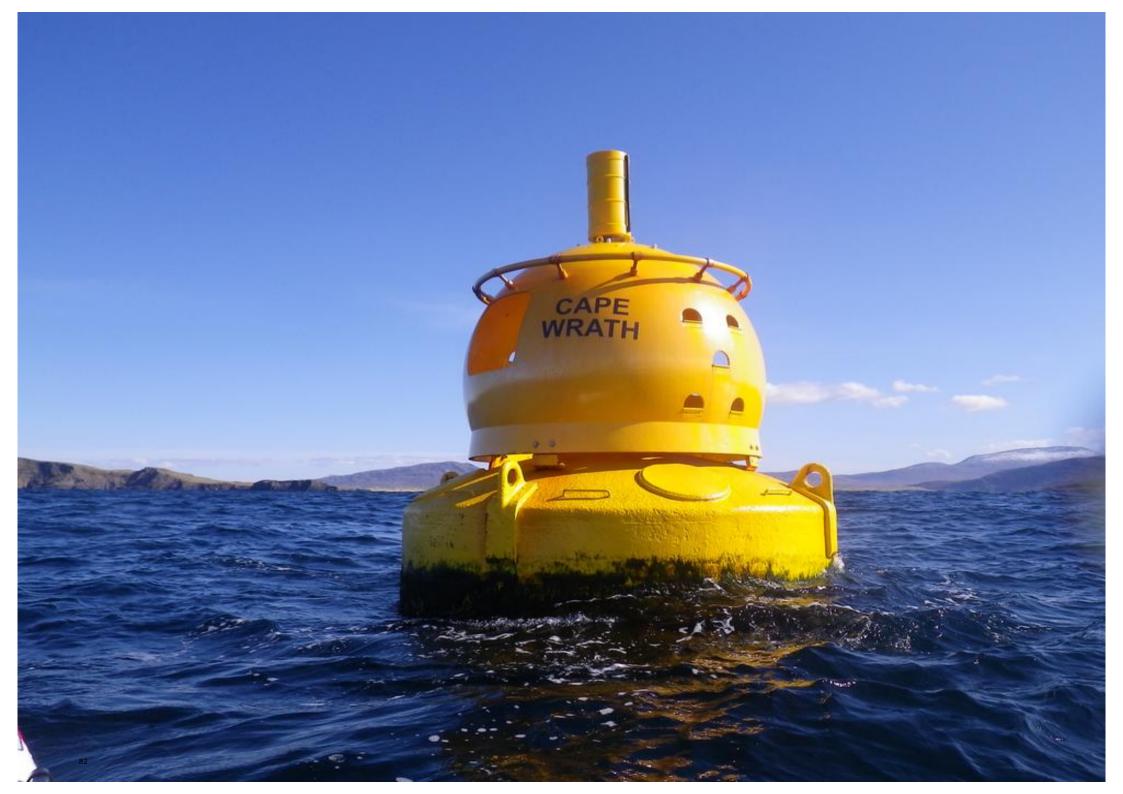


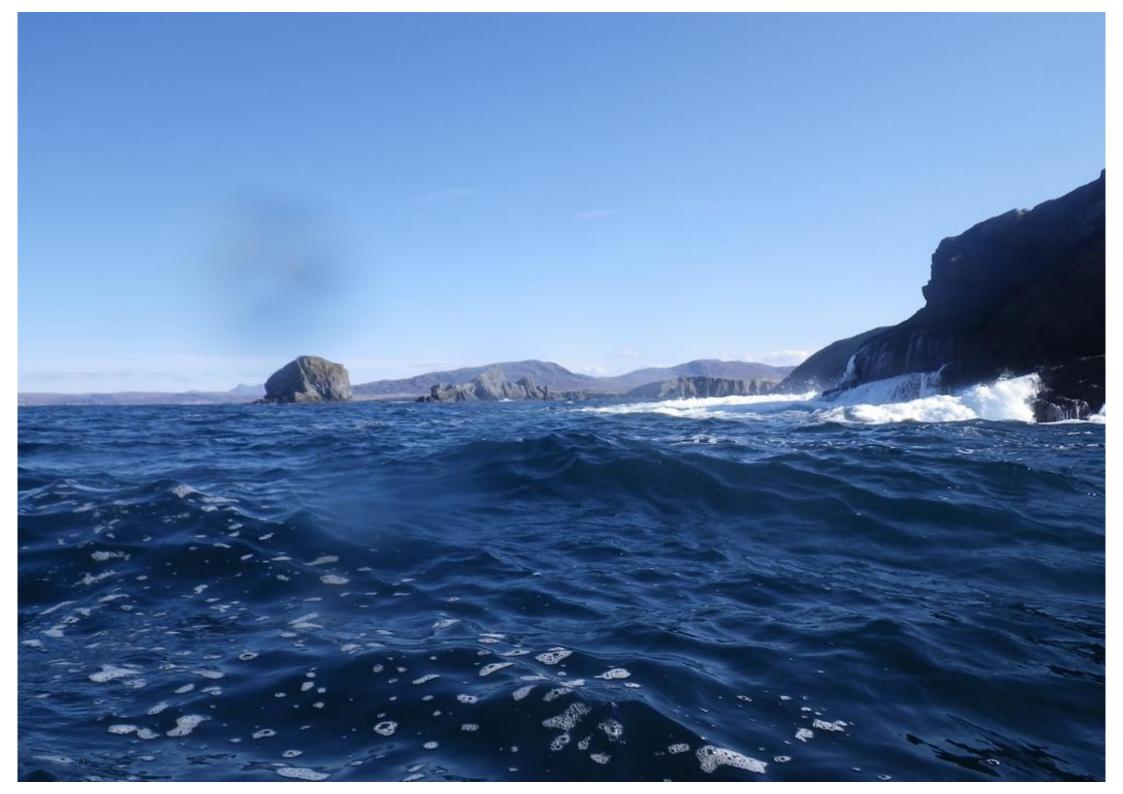










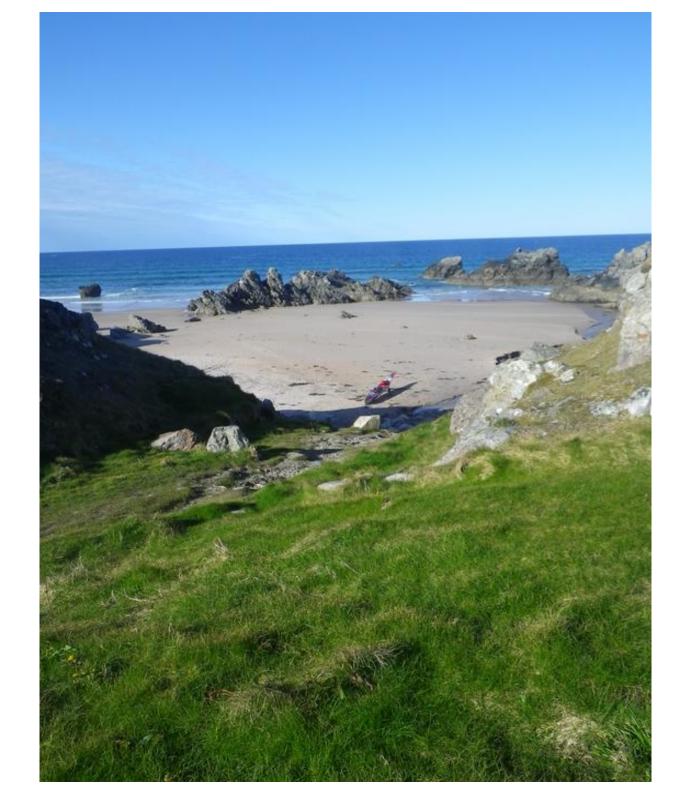










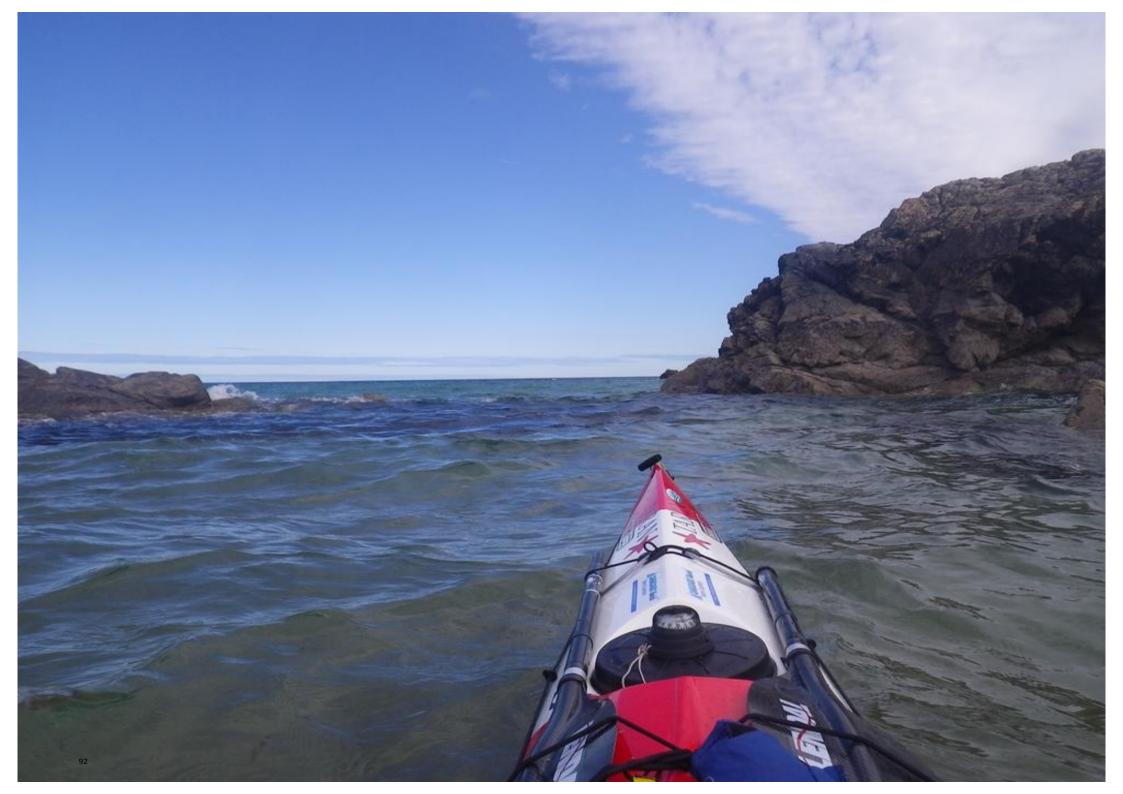




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The North Coast

Top of the World



















Heading South – East Coast (Scotland)

Duncansby Head – southerly winds at last!

The Star of Staxigoe

Brora – The Last Supper

Crossing the Border – earn your money today Fatboy!

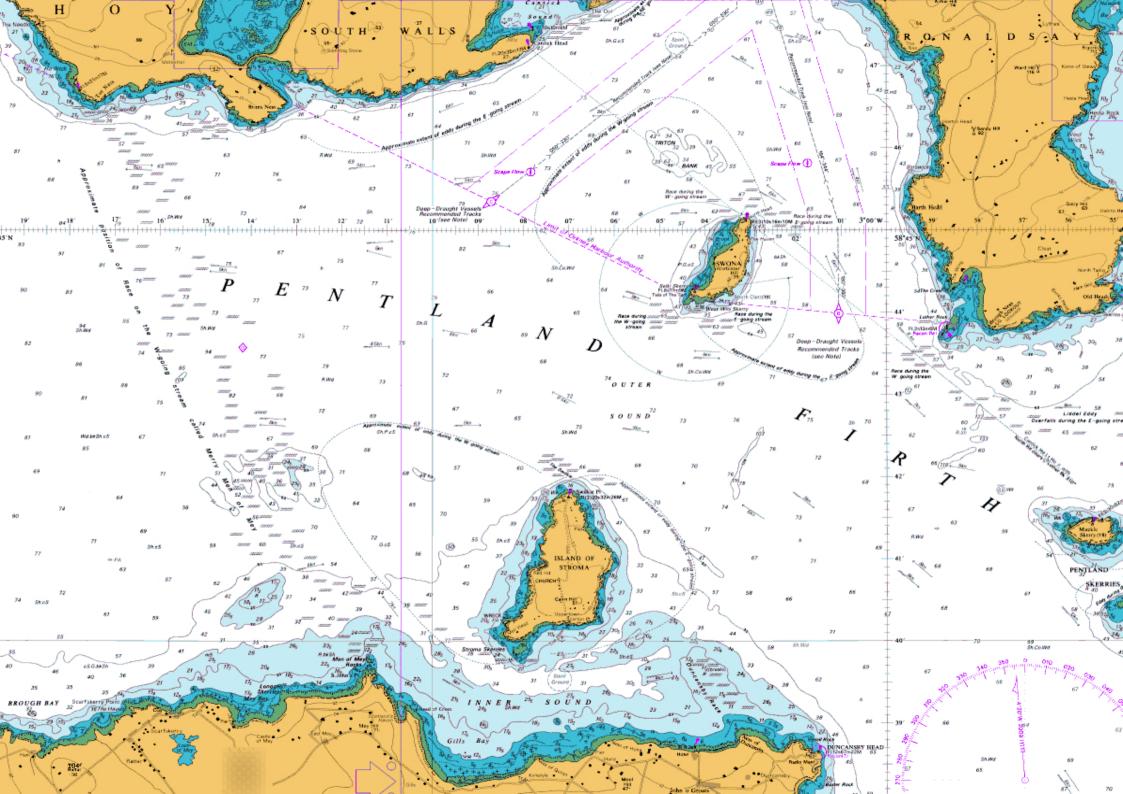
Duncansby Head

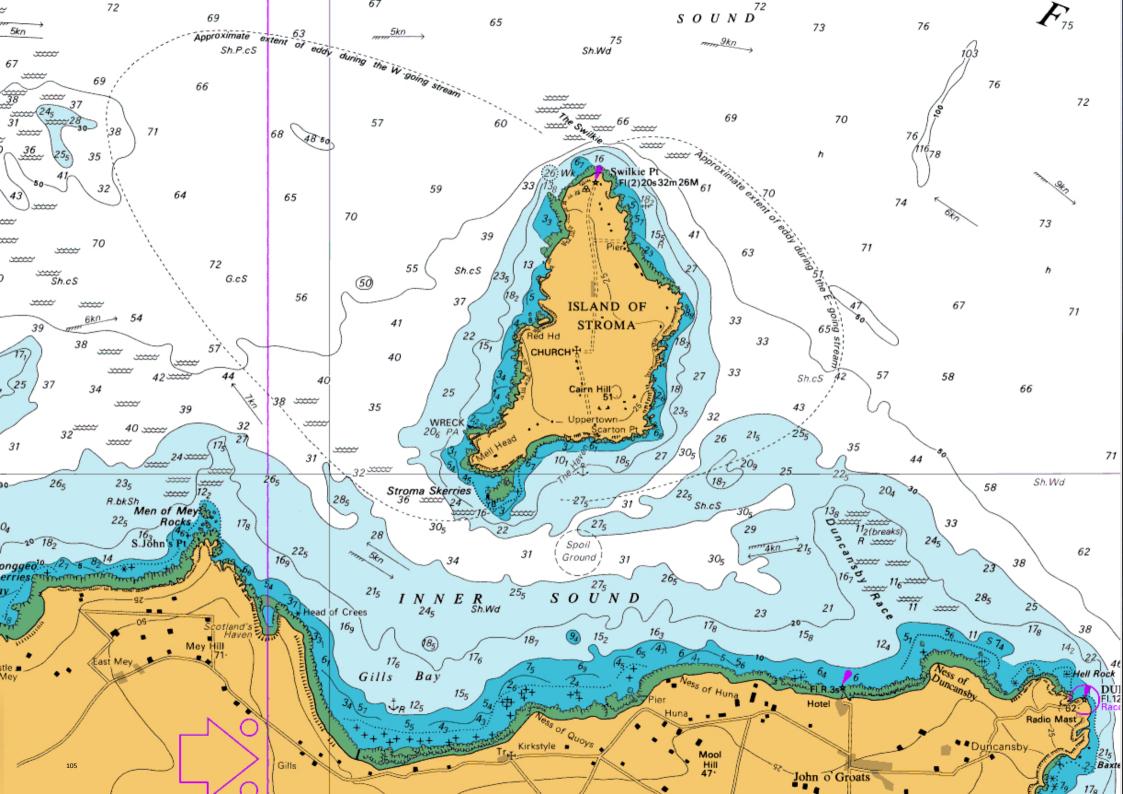
Day 20 Thurso – Staxigoe

> 29.91 nm 5:57 hrs O.A. 5.0 kts

The Pentland Firth
The Star of Staxigoe

























Brora

Day 22 Brora – Tarbat Ness

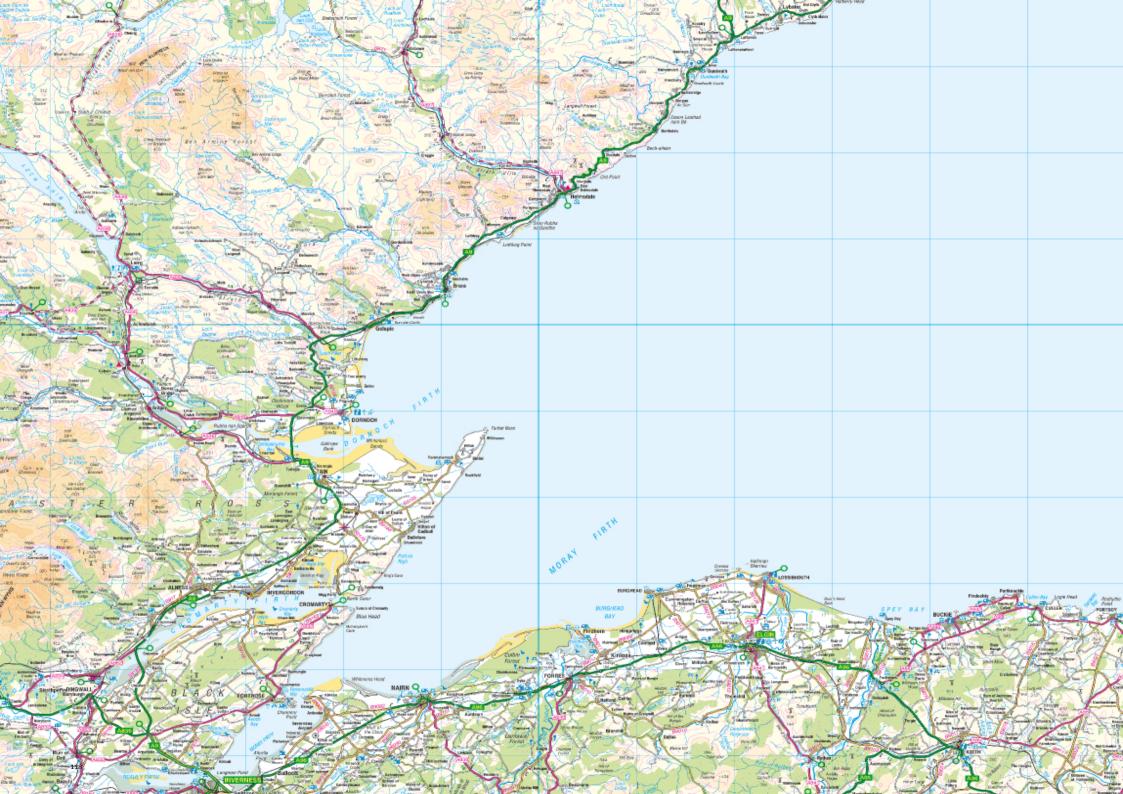
10.03 nm

01:53 hrs

O.A. 5.3 kts

The Last Supper



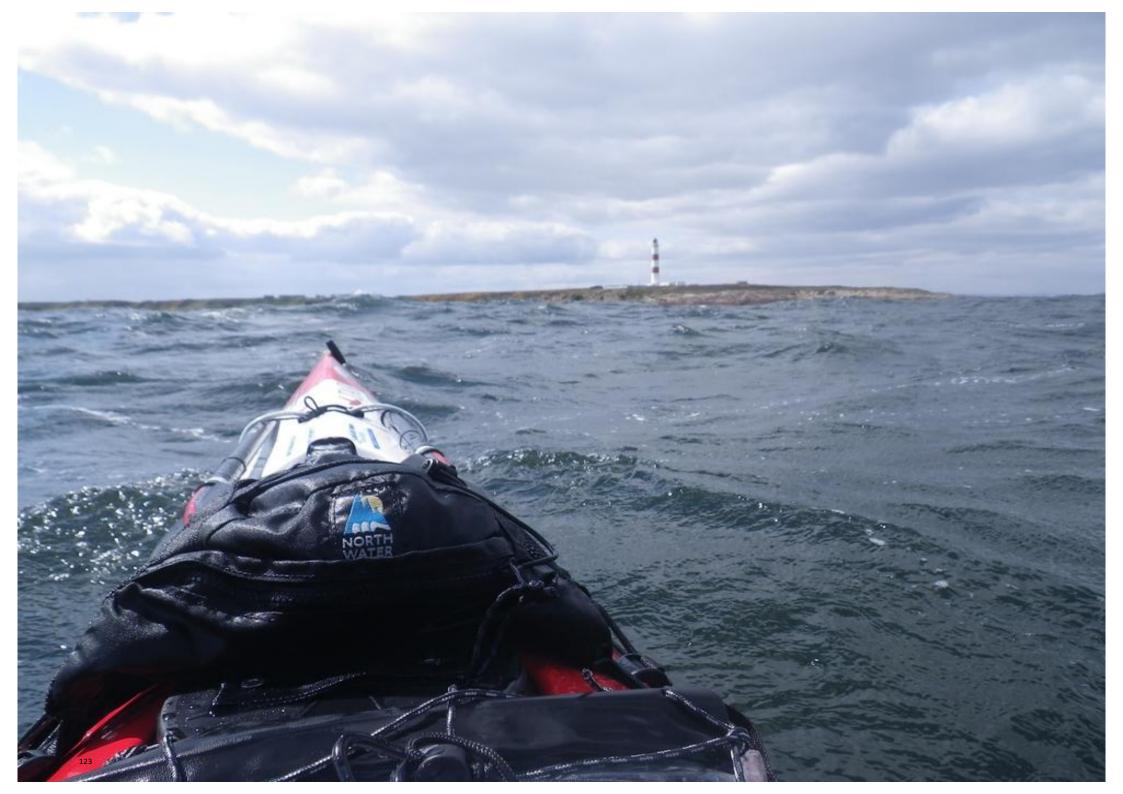














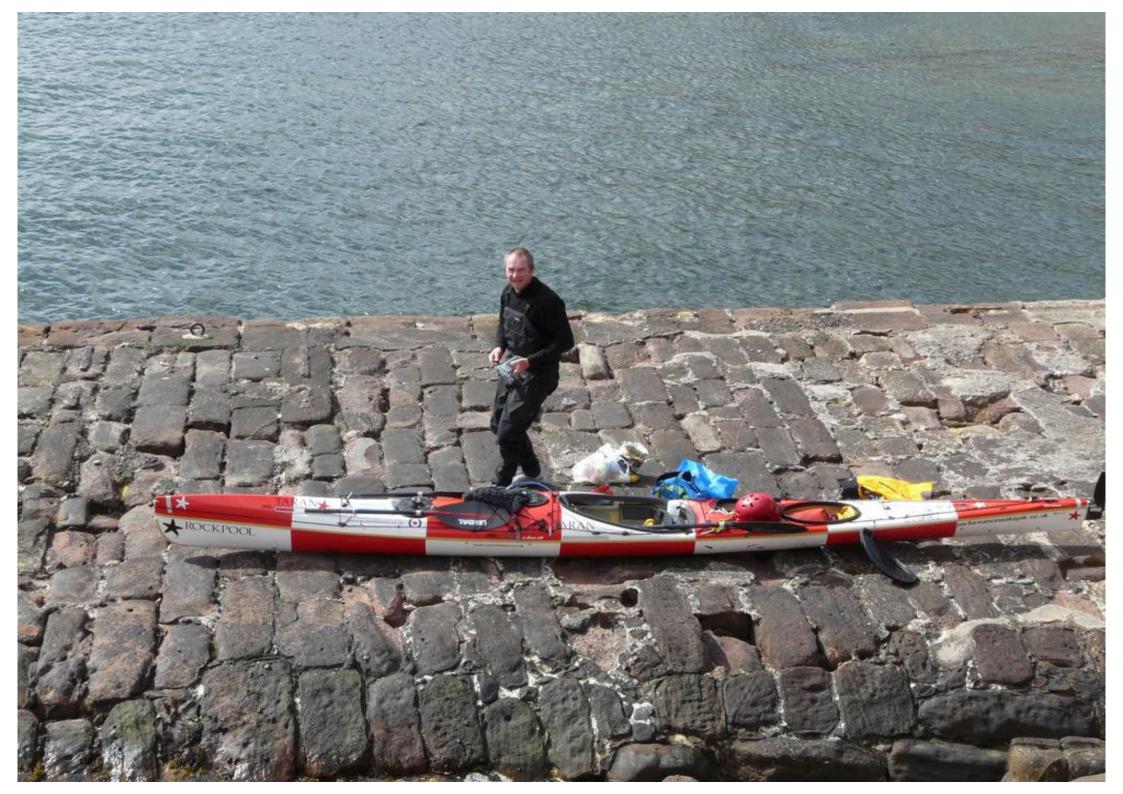
























Heading South

















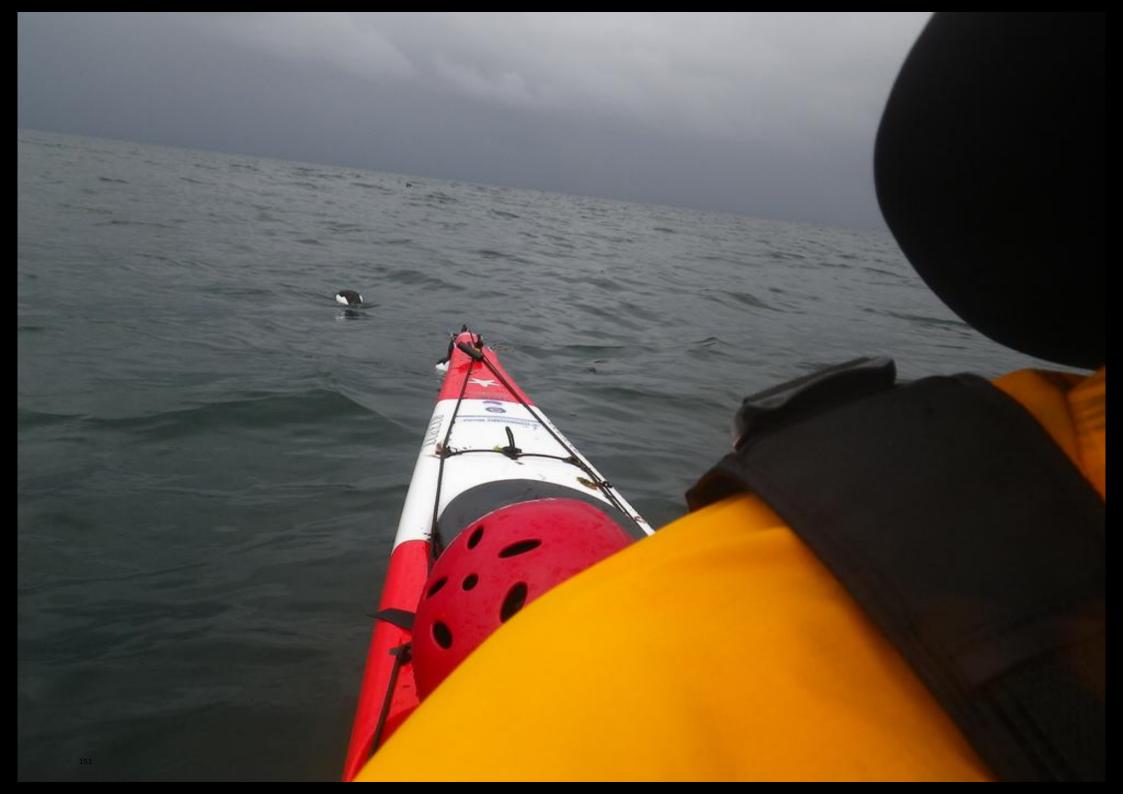


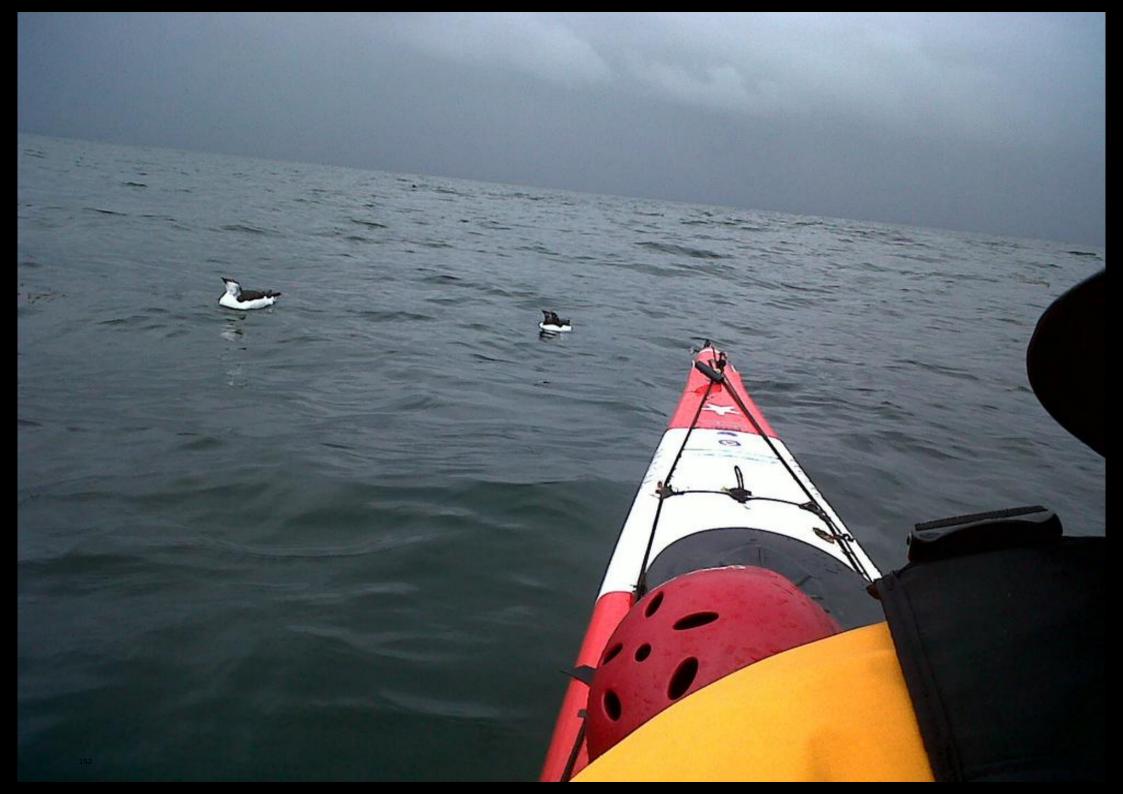














St Abb's Head

Day 30 Thorntonloch – Berwick-upon-Tweed

21.5 nm

? hrs

? kts

Close Out – bugger...

Dodgy Rudder
A 'Not on your Nellie' landing
Gypsy tea















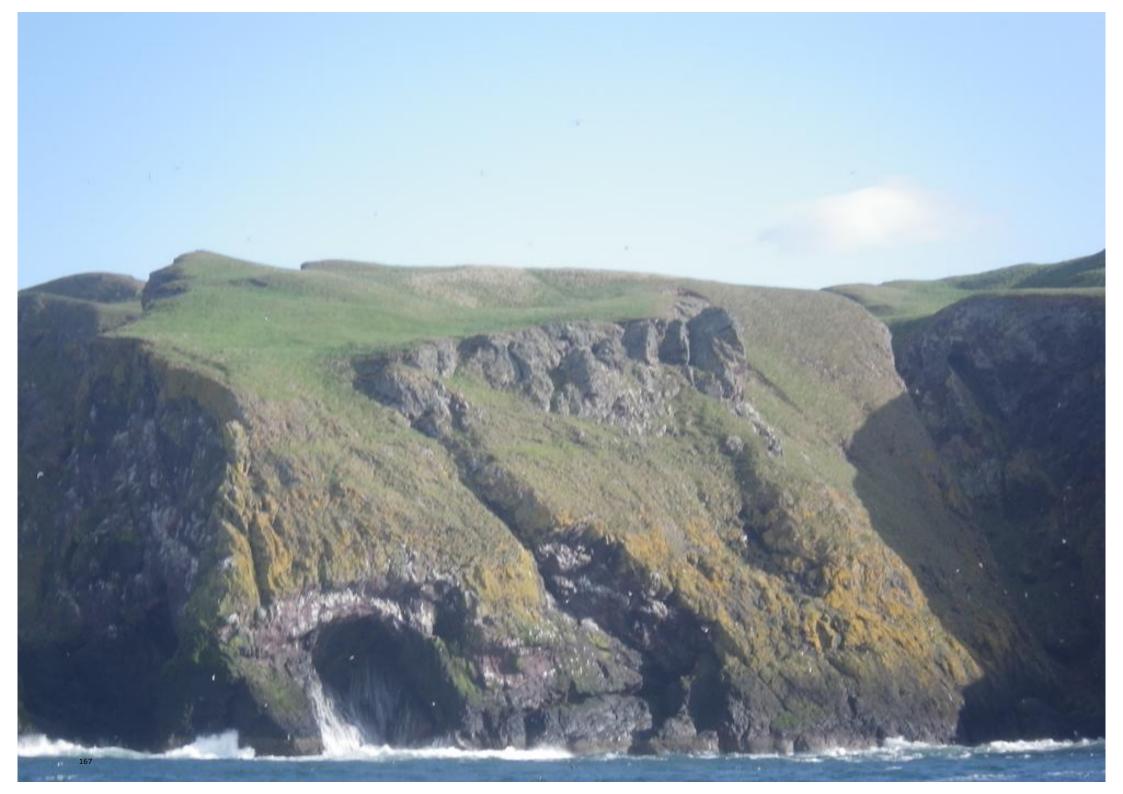














The East Coast

East Coast Erosion

Donna Nook
Crossing the Thames























Donna Nook Range

Day 40 Withernsea – Chapel St Leonards

> 35.40 nm 06:45 hrs

O.A. 5.0 kts

- More swell, this time with bombs
 - Wonderful Withernsea





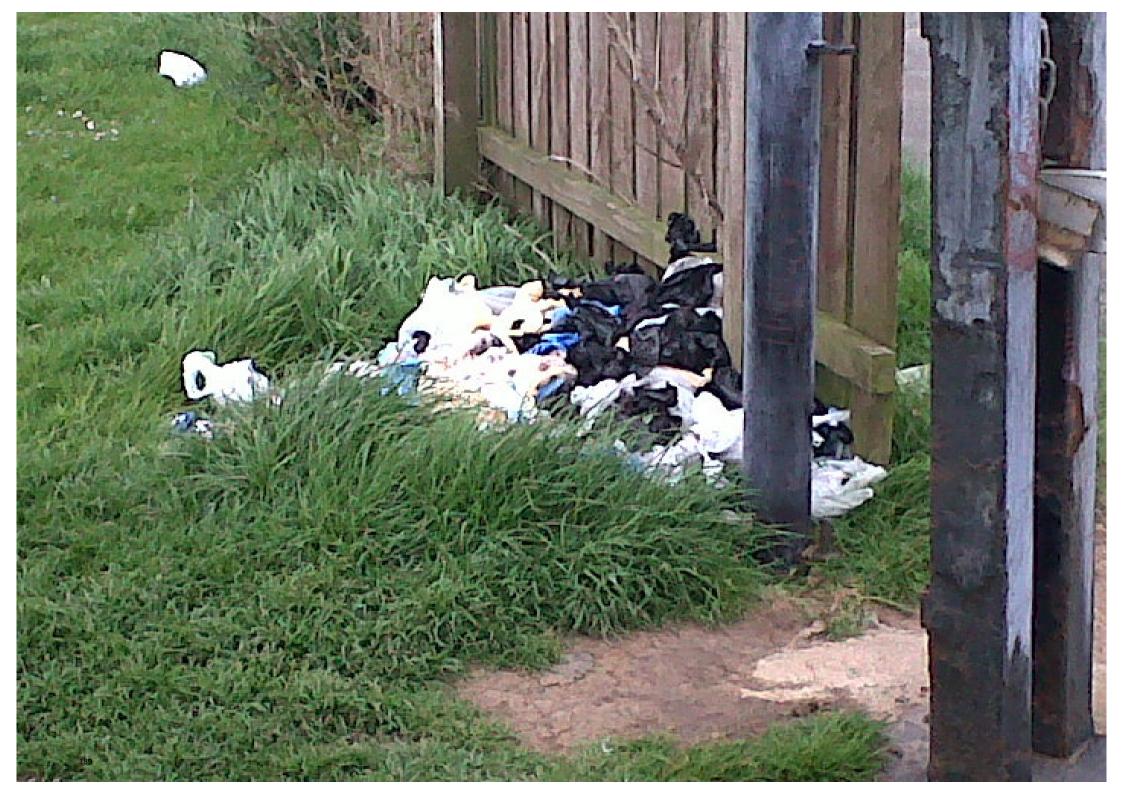












Lifeboats EYC37

Withernsea Beach

999 in an Emergency, ask for Coastguard and state the above code



Seware of large breaking waves



Beware of strong currents



Beware of sudden drop



submerged objects



Do not use inflatables when windy



kite surf



No fishing on bathing beach 1 May 30 Sept

Seasonal Lifeguard Service

Please look out for the futuring Deputed Rage displayed on the boars.



Lifeguard patrolled area



Burf board and water craft zone

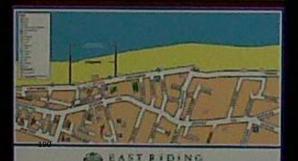


Do not swim when red flags are present



Do not use inflatables

Red and vellow flags indicate lifeguards on duty





Beach Information

Foresheres office: (01262) 678255 www.eastriding.gov.uk Email: foreshores@eastriding.gov.uk





























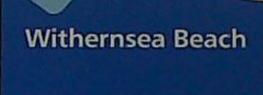












BEACH DESCRIPTION

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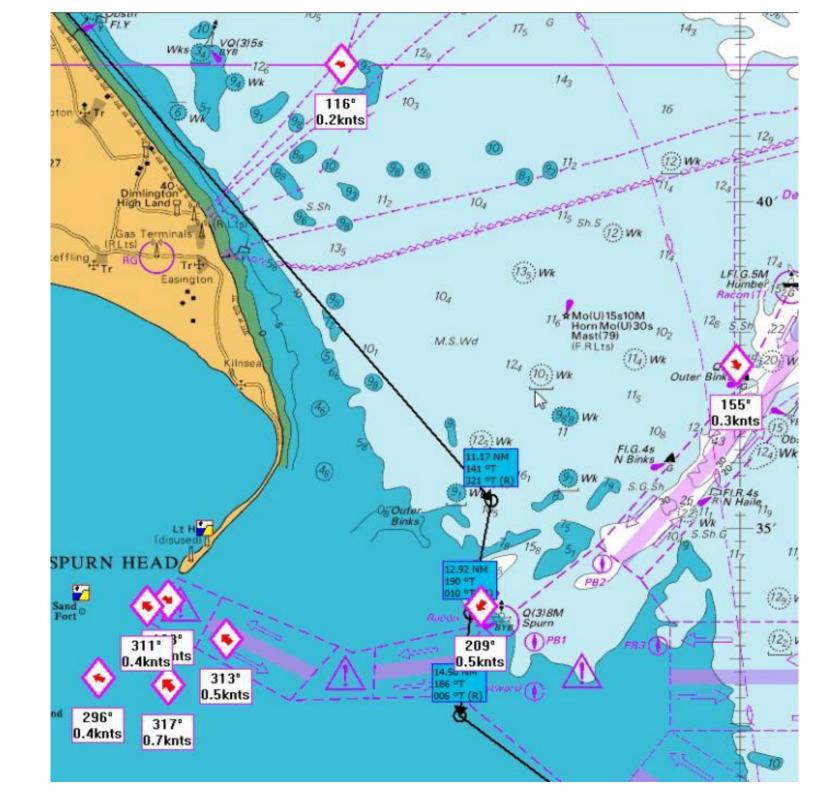


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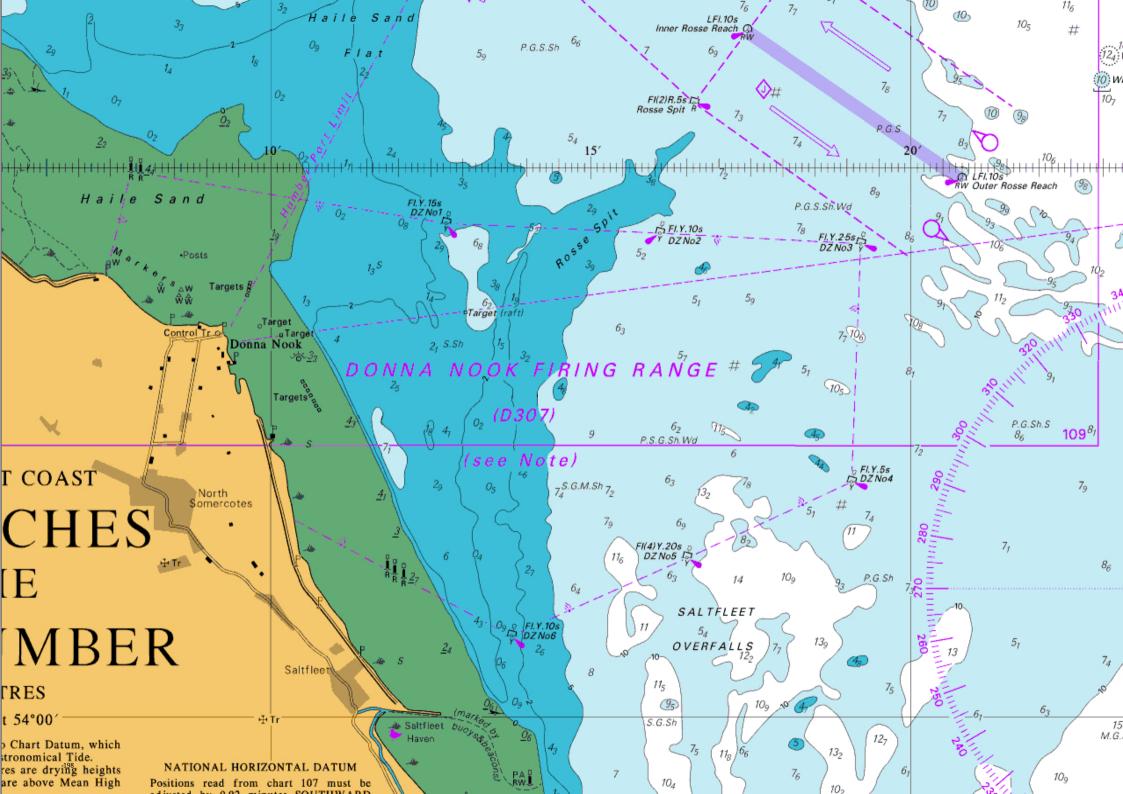










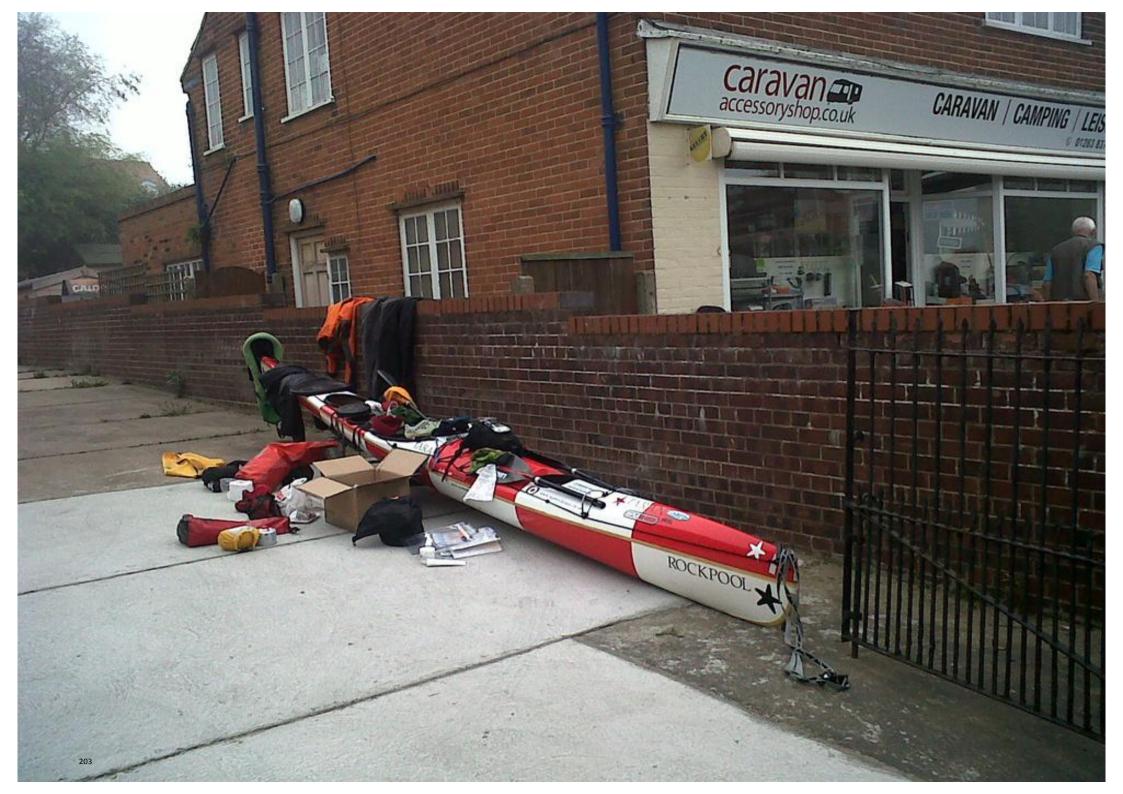


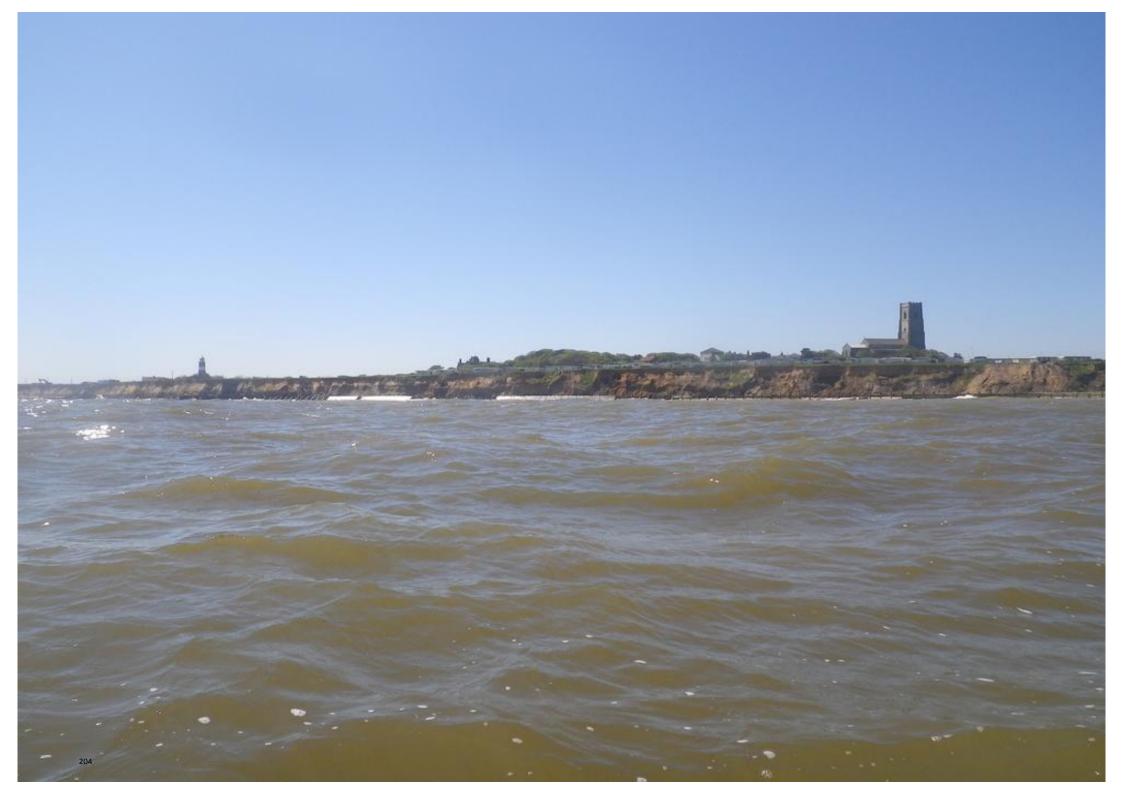






East Coast





















Thames Estuary Crossing

Day 46 Holland on Sea – Margate

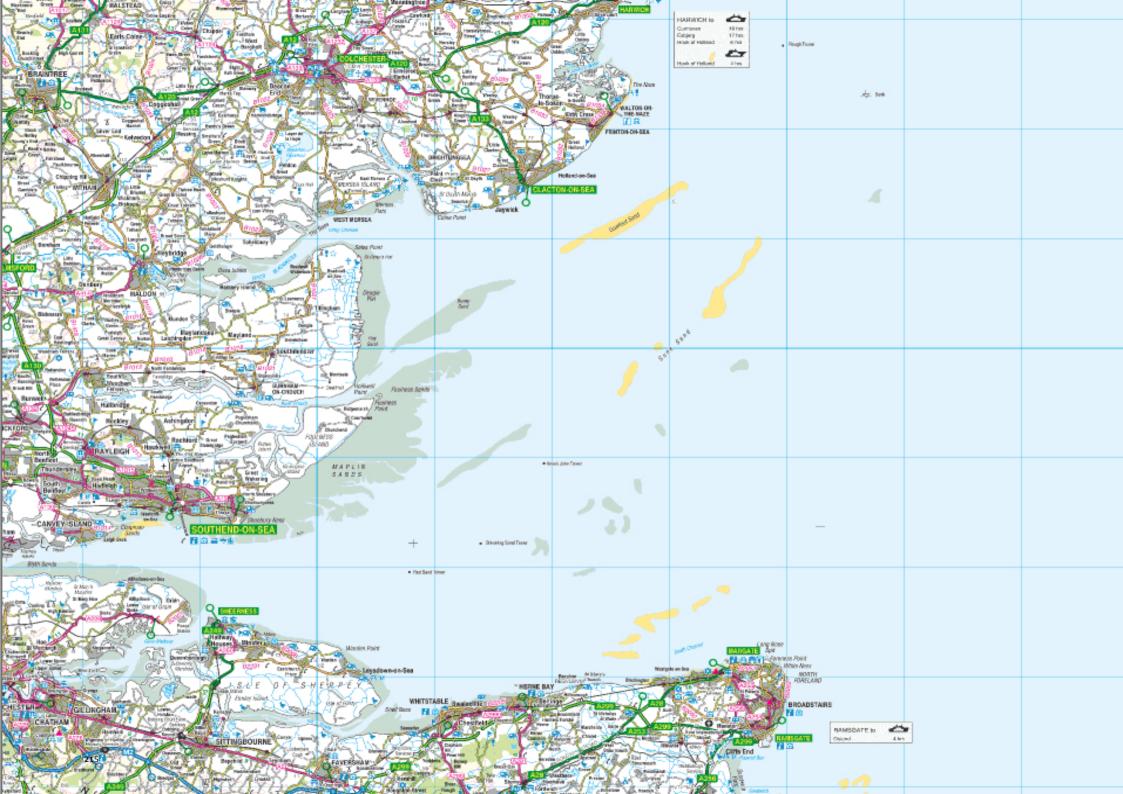
27.88 nm

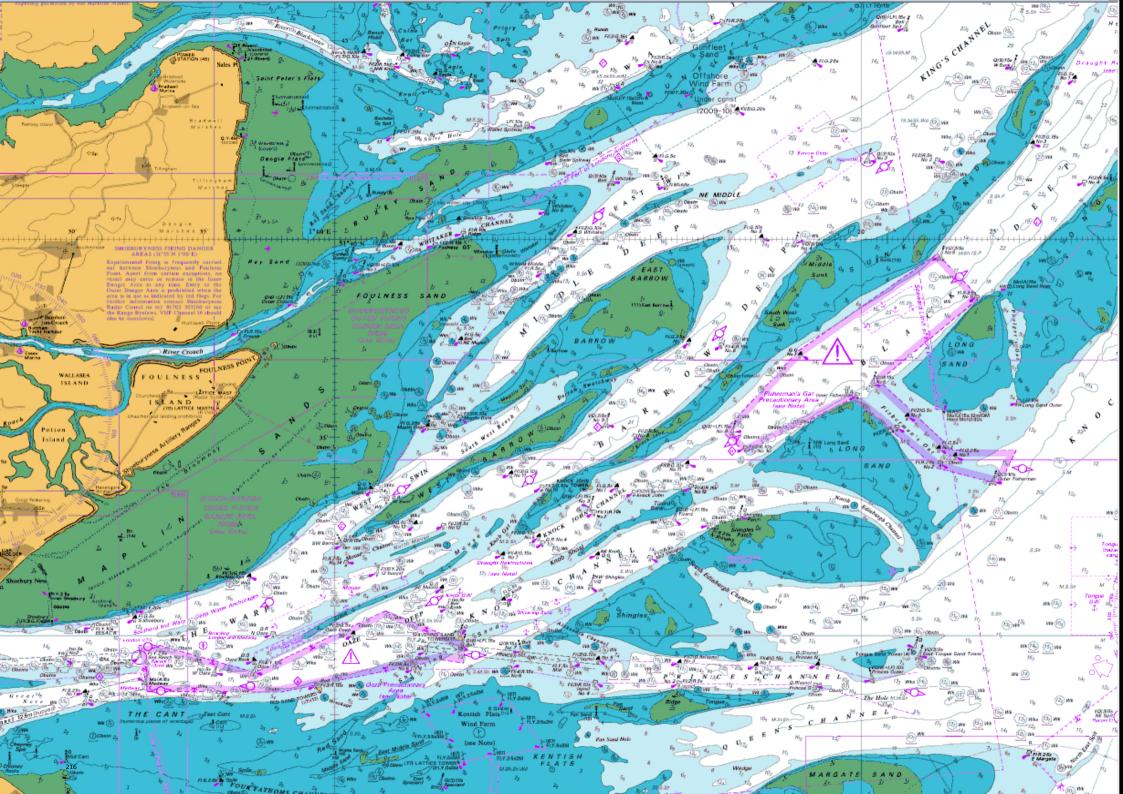
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O.A. 3.8 kts

Sandbank Slalom
East Tongue Sands Fort
The Dog Poo Fairy





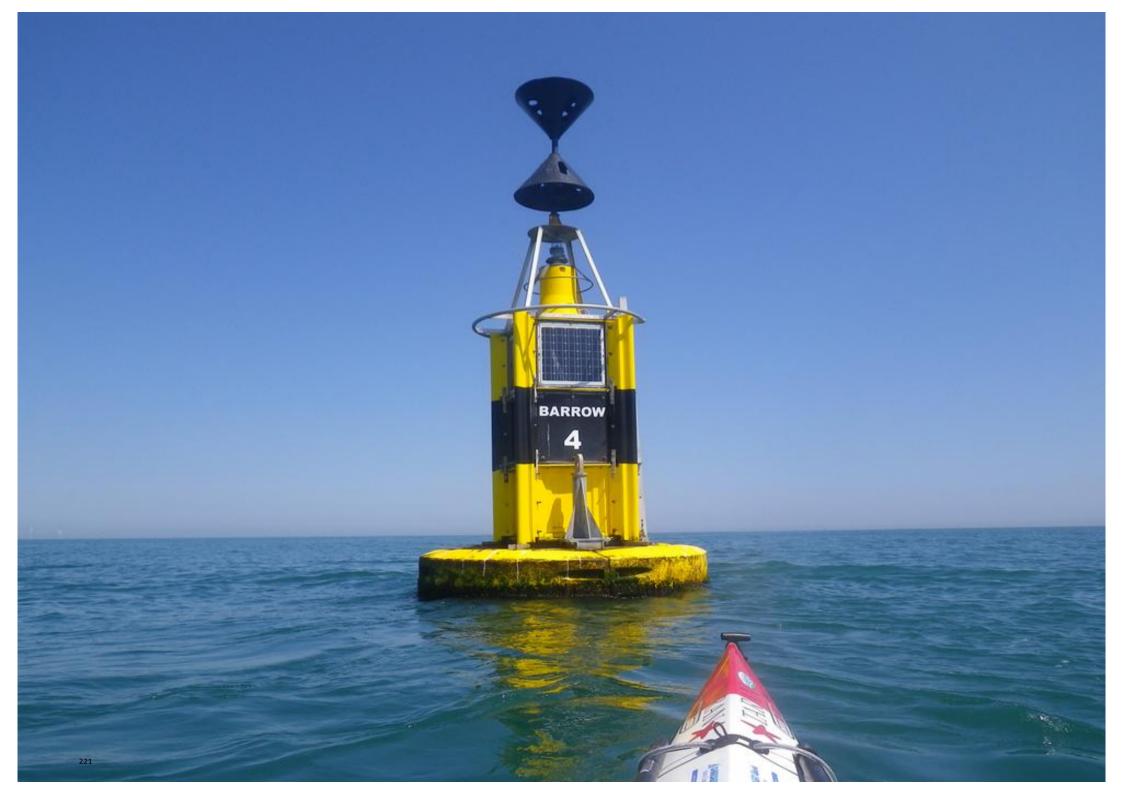










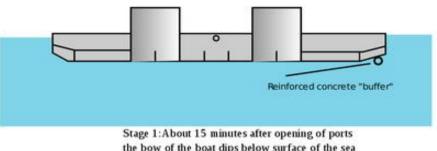




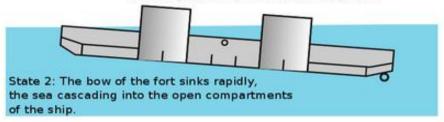


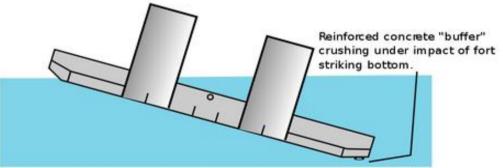


Stages In The Sinking Of ANaval Fort

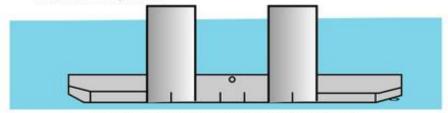


the bow of the boat dips below surface of the sea and water pours into the forward end of the pontoon.



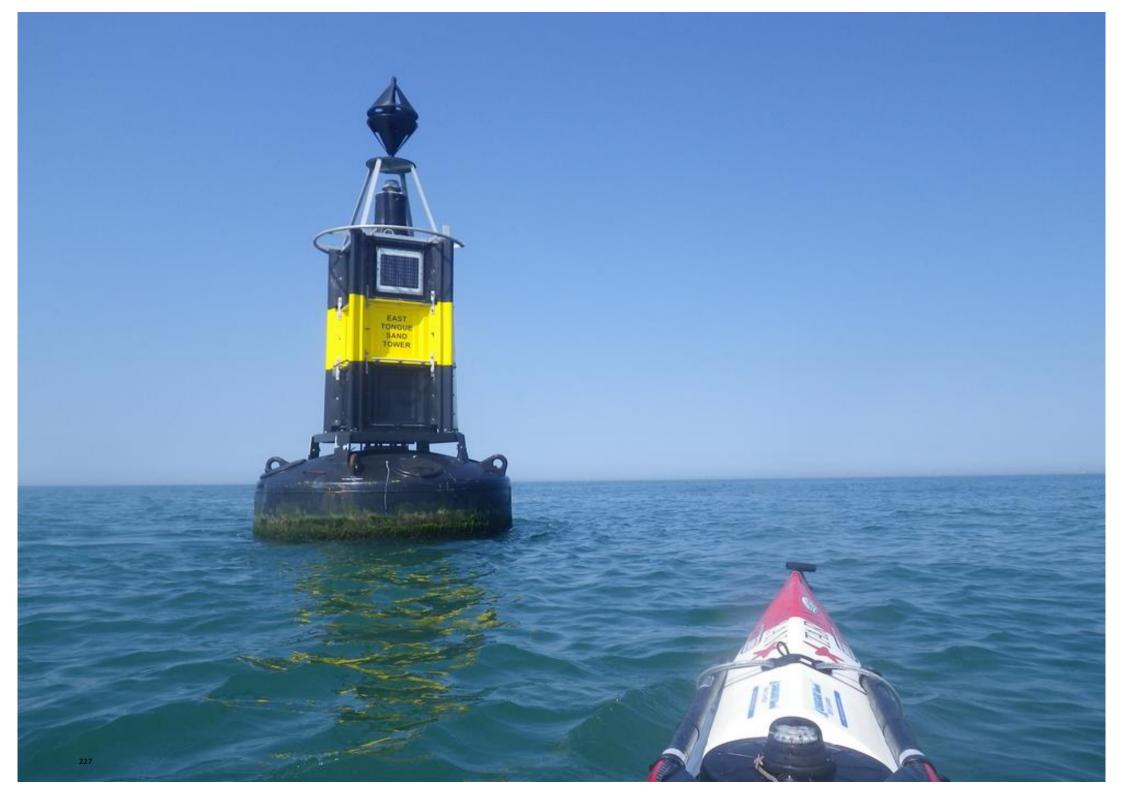


Stage 3: The bow strikes the sea-bed about 20 seconds after the bow dipped beneath the surface (stage 1), the impact stresses on the structure being reduced by the crushing of the buffer cylinder



The stem of the fort sinks and the structure settles on the sea-bed about a minute after stage 1. The buoyancy chambers, formed by the docked in portions of the pontoon gradually filled up with water















The South Coast

Pay and Display Land

The Solent Portland Bill





















The Solent

Day 53
Southsea, Portsmouth – Swanage

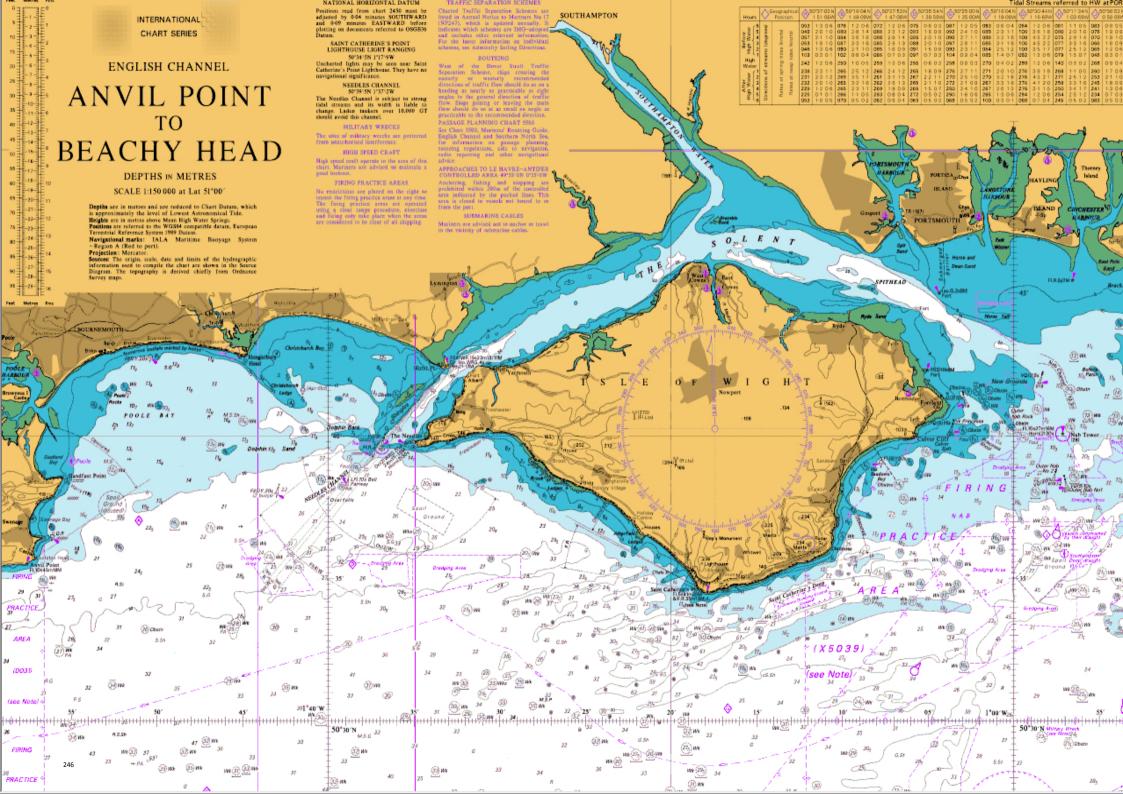
38.04 nm

07:19 hrs

O.A. 5.2 kts

'Mr Good Morning' on the most expensive campsite
25+ bites
Bank Holiday Saturday
'Chicken' with the California Highway













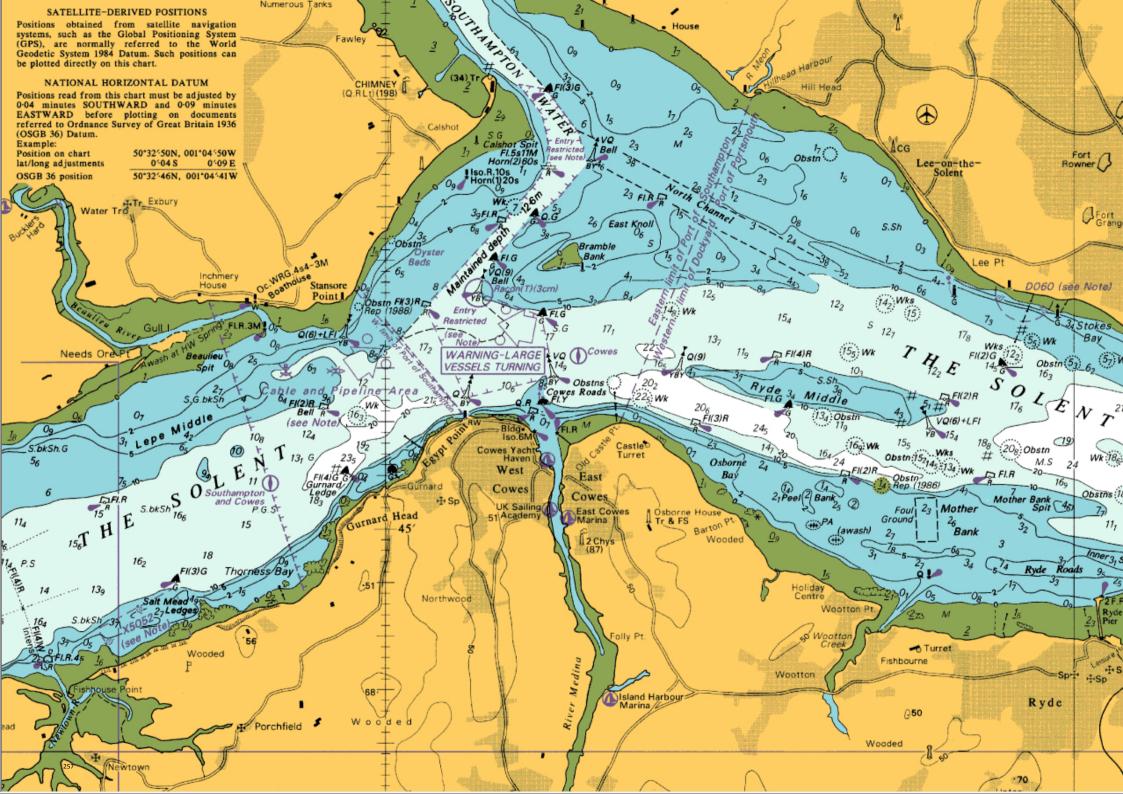




























Portland Bill

Day 53 Swanage – West Bay

> 39.57 nm 08:38 hrs

O.A. 4.6 kts

Ahead of the weather - grabbing miles
The Monkey Cage
Spikey Water
Chesil Beach
Boys on the bikes











































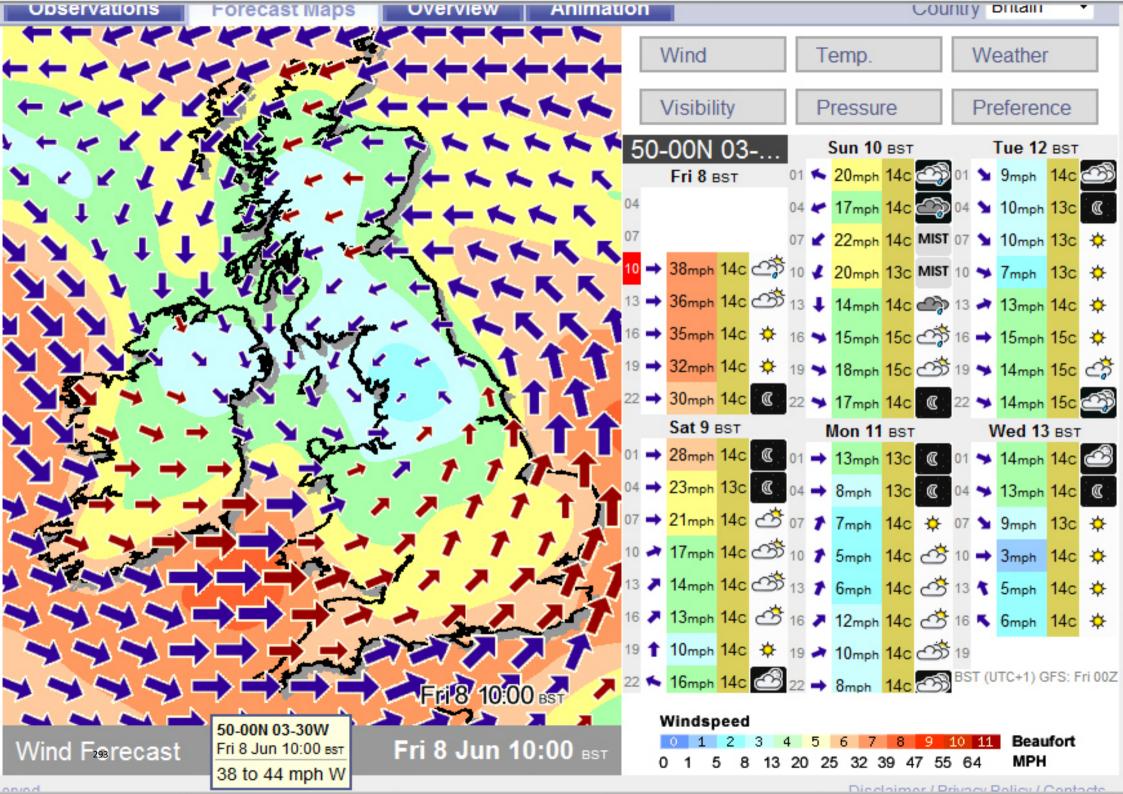






The South Coast (continued)

























Heading North 2

The South-West Coast, Heading Home

















The Isle of Lundy

Day 66 Bude – Lundy

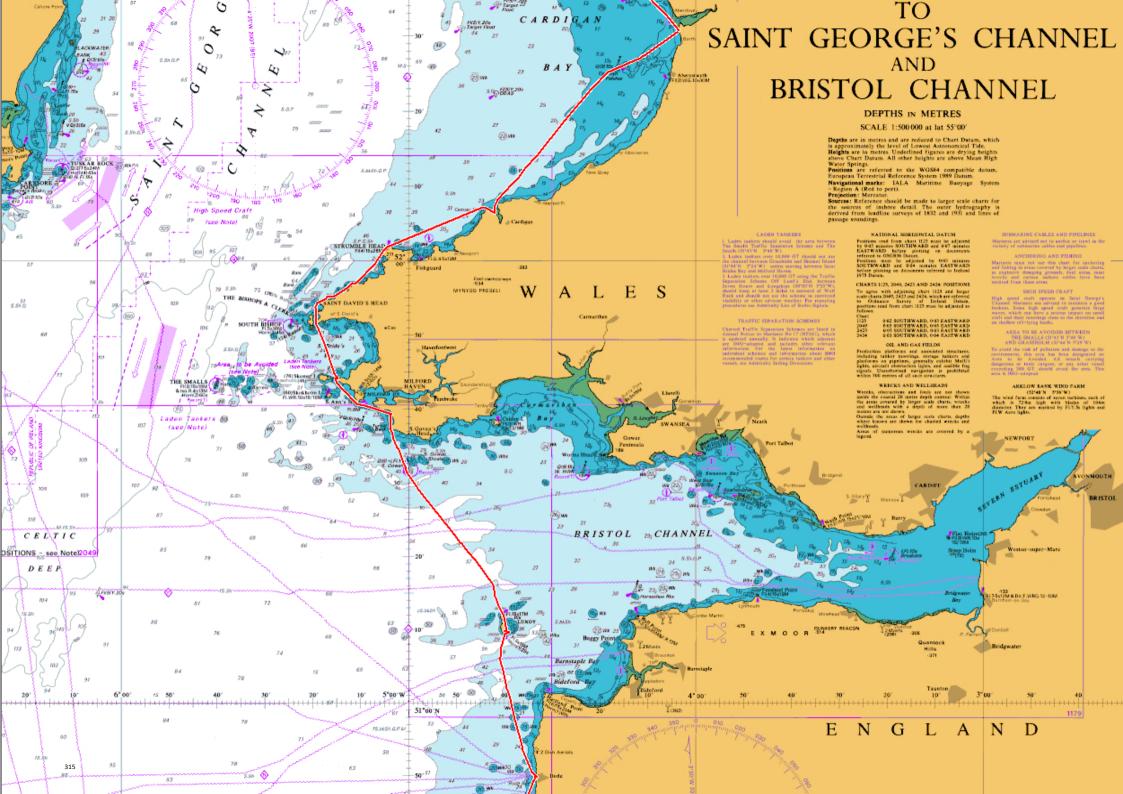
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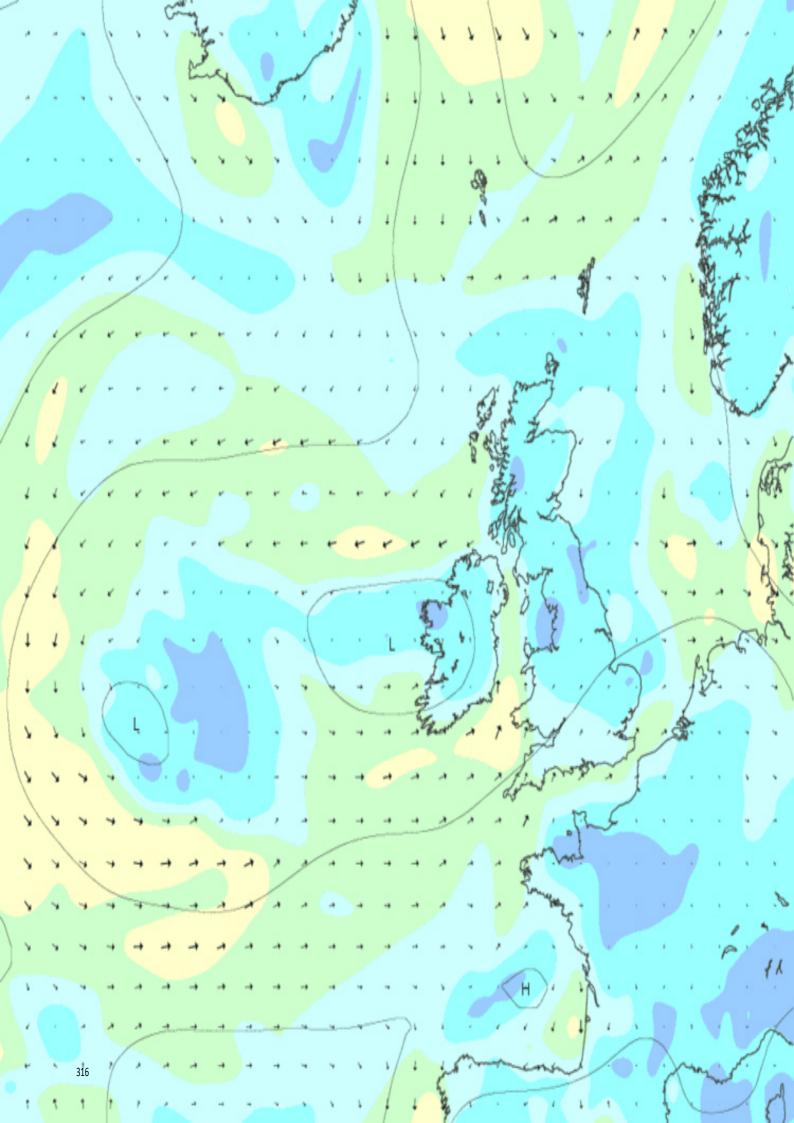
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O.A. 4.1 kts

Bye, Bye Bude The WTF Climb





























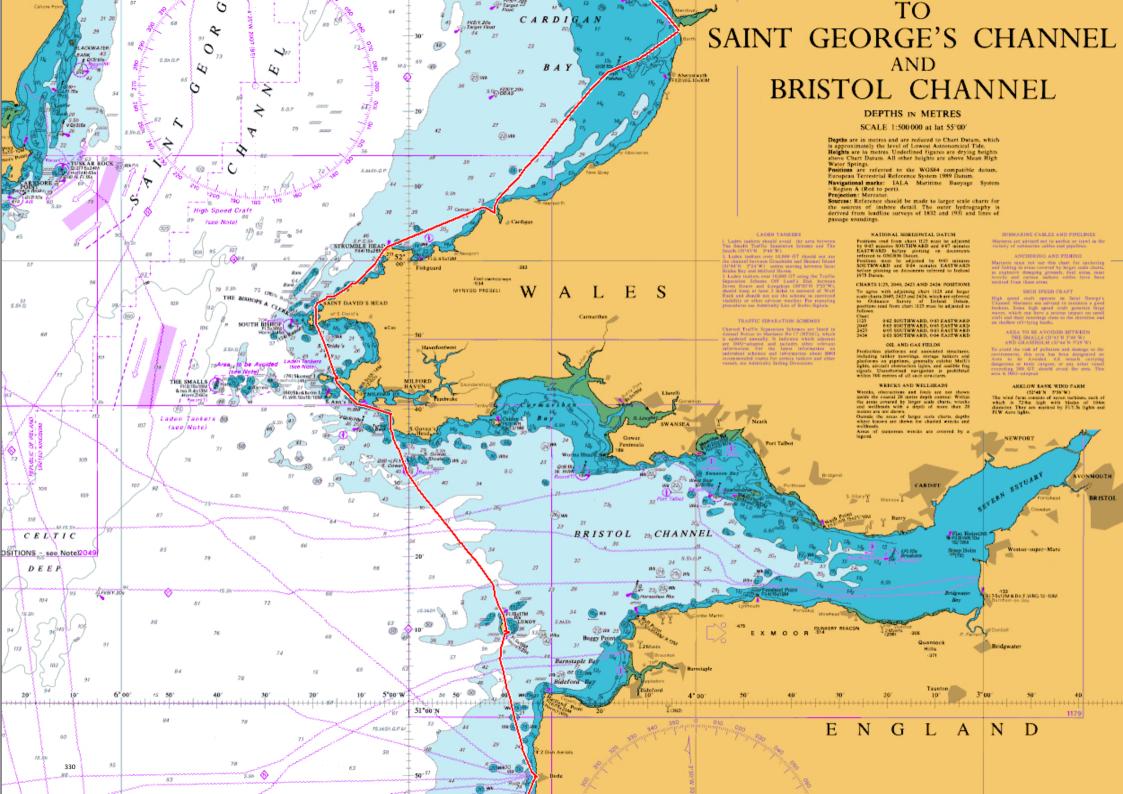


Leaving Lundy

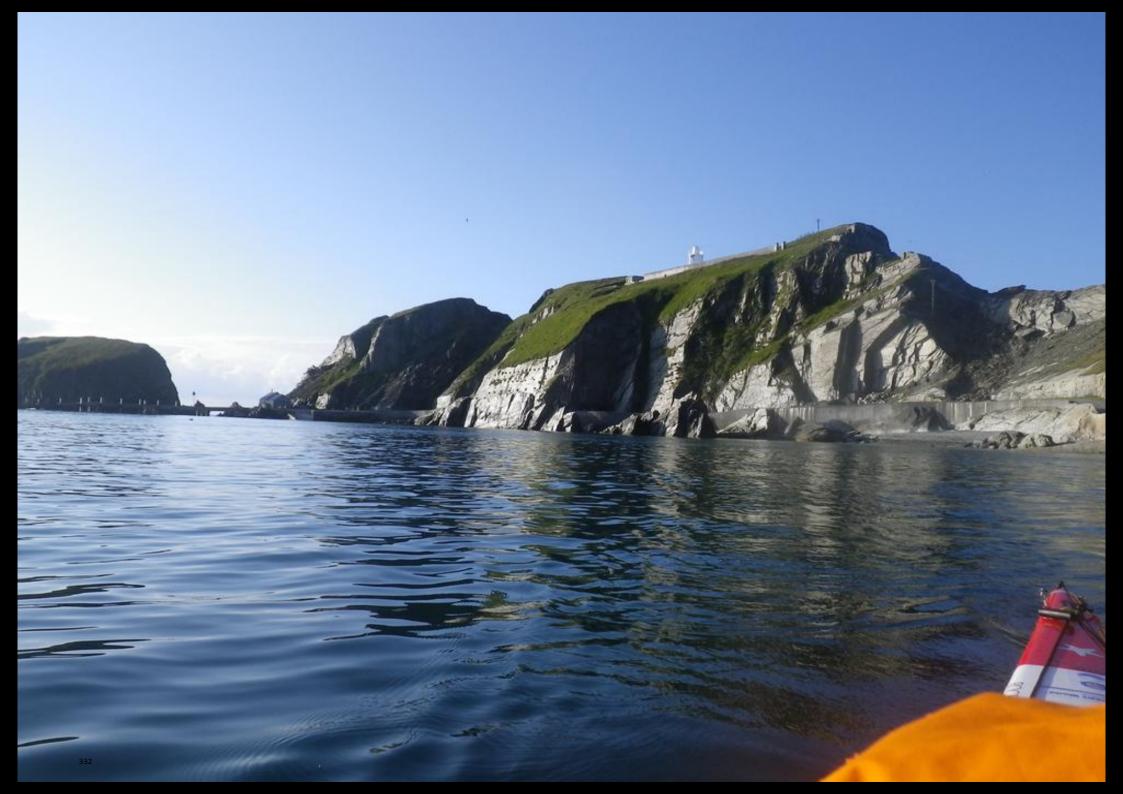
Day 67 Lundy - Martin's Haven

> 44.91 nm 10:31 hrs O.A. 4.3 kts

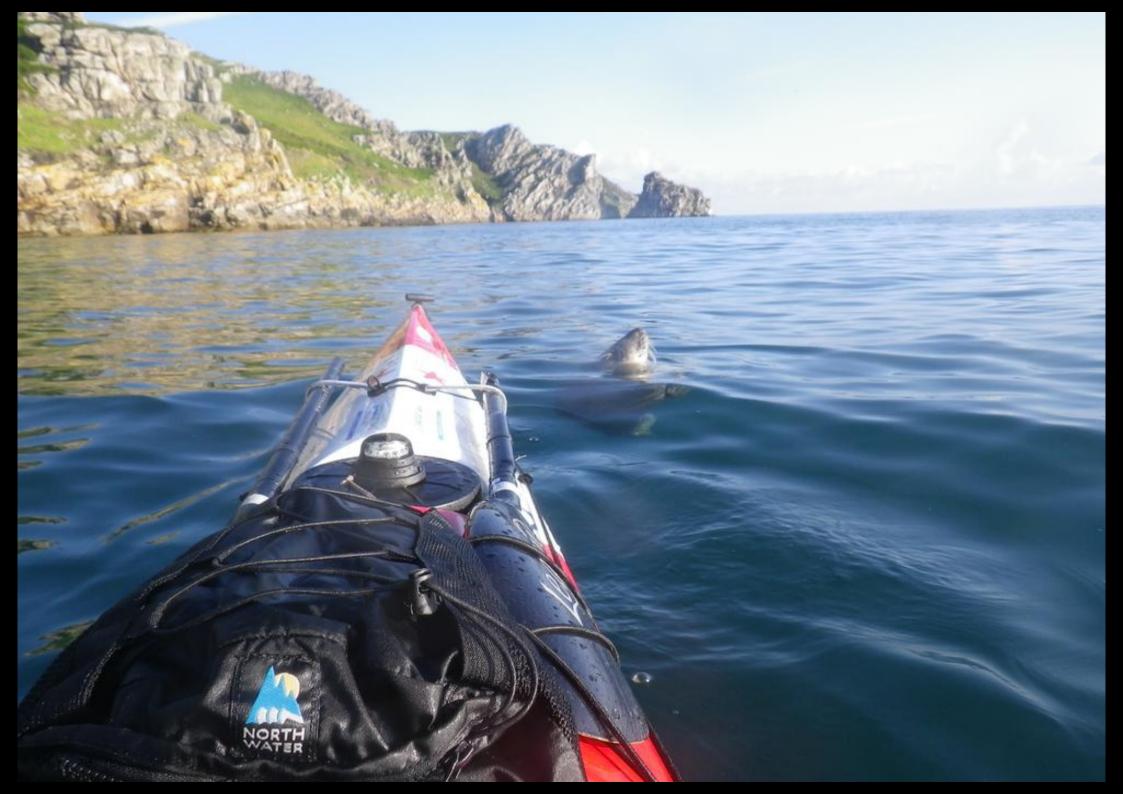
Lost Porpoise
Cutting the Range
Jack Sound





























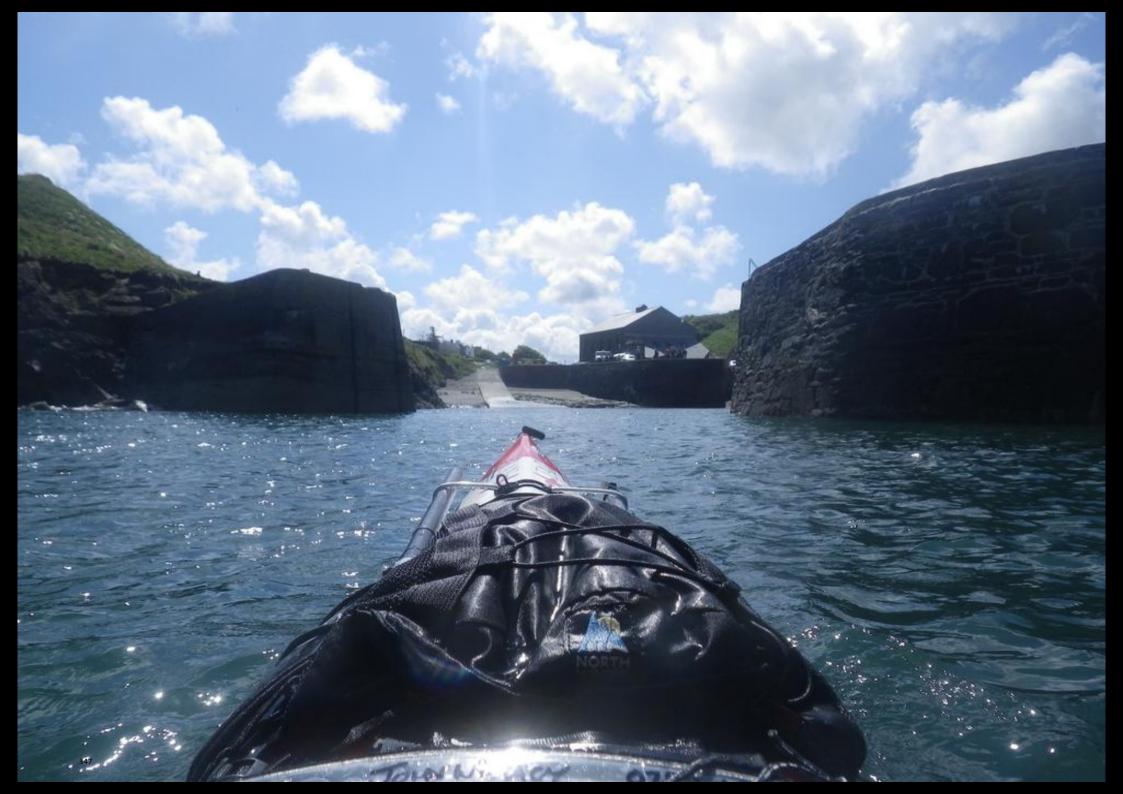
The Final Days

A Return to Welsh Wales

Range, what Range?
The Longest Day
Survival to Sanctuary
So near...













Range, what range?

Day 69
Poppit Sands, Cardigan – Ynyslas, Aberdovey

34.69 nm

09:38 hrs

O.A. 3.6 kts

Birds on the Radar Dodging the Celtic Tiger







The Longest Day

Day 70 Ynyslas, Aberdovey – Trefor

53.49 nm

11:49 hrs

O.A. 4.5 kts

'Call it day, it's dark'















So Near...

Day 71 Trefor – Point Lynas

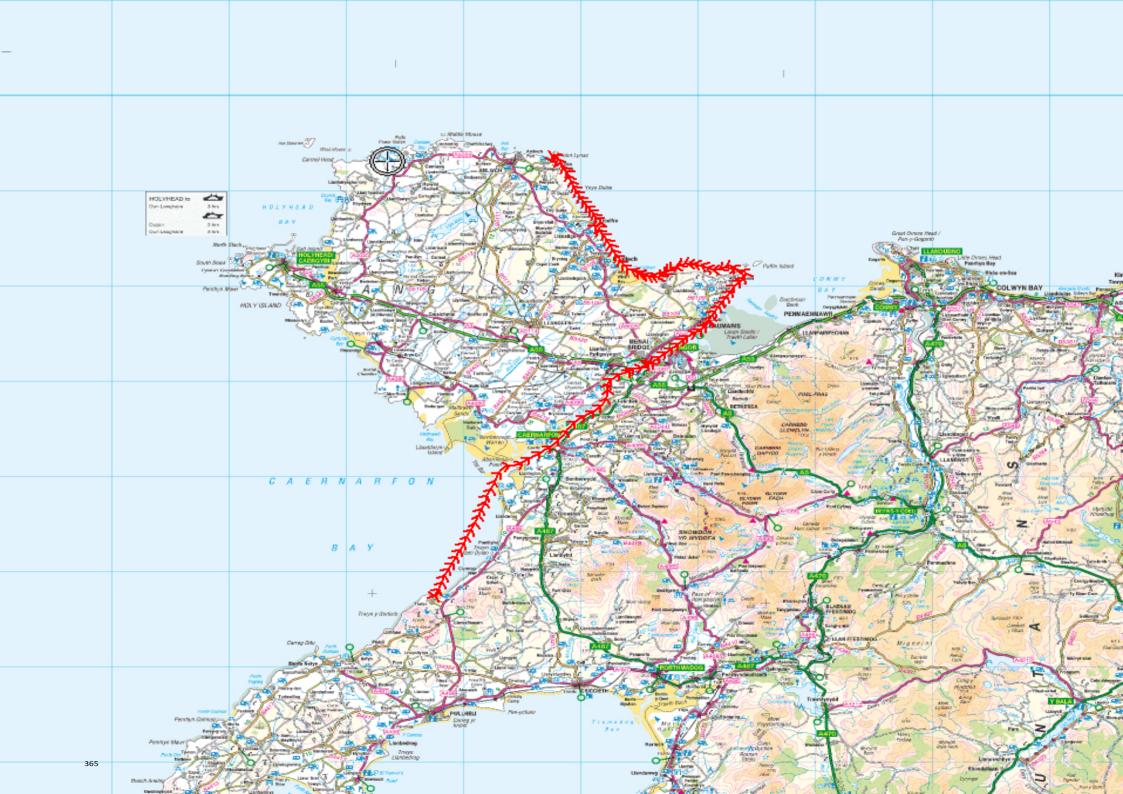
38.97 nm

09:20 hrs

O.A. 4.0 kts

Lobster Bob and the lost kayak
Survival to Sanctuary
Red Wharf Beating
Sneaking Suspicion































Done and Dusted

Day 72
Point Lynas – Cemlyn Bay

8.60 nm

02:27 hrs

O.A. 3.5 kts

The Last Forecast Cake on the Beach Is that it?































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The Aftermath

















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