

Sample Passage Plan

Yarmouth, Isle of Wight to St Peter Port, Guernsey

PASSAGE PLAN - YARMOUTH - St PETER PORT

OVERVIEW:

To Travel towards St Peter Port, Guernsey, from Yarmouth, Isle of Wight On 27th of February 2002.

The passage is some 87 miles and is expected to take 18 hours.

St Peter port and the Isle of Guernsey are NOT part of the EEC. As such Passports will be required.

ANTICIPATED WEATHER:

Wind - F4 - 5 West / South West

Sea Slight to Moderate

Rain - Possible

CHART LIST: Imray C1, Channel Islands Folio

SKIPPER - Simon Bradshaw

CREW - TBA

Vessel - Challenger 35, Long Keel Sloop - "Blustery day"

THE PLAN :

We will depart Yarmouth at or about 08:30 on the 27th.

We will stem the last of the flood tide to the Needles Fairway Buoy.

From here we will be affected by the West going stream for 6 hours or about 30 miles.

Our course to steer (CTS) is 213^{0T} (217^{0M})

After about 7 hours and 35 / 40 miles we will be approaching the main Channel Shipping Lanes. A Sharp lookout will be maintained for the following 30 miles.

At 60 miles, or about 12 hours (22:30) we will exit the second tide, we will continue to steer 213^{0T} (217^{0M}). Now we should be picking up some of the approach lights.

With Casquets Light [FL (5) 30s] bearing 090^{0M} and in line with Alderney Light [FL (4) 15s]. Turn to 180^{0T} (184^{0M}), only 18 miles to go now.

This is the "Little Russel" Channel

BEWARE - STRONG TIDES ACROSS THE ENTRY TO LITTLE RUSSELL

The Channel fringed with rocks, but well marked and lit. At night on a falling tide we will have plenty of time and good steerage.

The first light is off the S/B bow Flashing White / Red for 10 seconds, we will pass this light well off to S/B.

We are now looking for a bright light off the bow. Brehon (ISO 4s). This will give us our first transit. This light in line with Roustel (Q, 8m) on 198^{0T} (202^{0M}) will lead us to the leading lights for Victoria Marina, The approach Plan will help to identify the lights.

LIGHTS:

LIGHT	Characteristics	Visibility	DIP @
Needles	Oc (2) WRG 20s	24M	13.8M
Anvil Point	FL 10s	45M	17.4
Casquets	fl (5) 30S Horn (1) 30s	25M	14M
Alderney	FL (4) 15s Horn 30s	37M	16.2
Cap de la Hague	FL (5)	23M	13.6

There is also the RACON at EC1. This should be picked up by our RADAR and can be used to provide a bearing and range.

ADDITIONAL PORTS IF NEEDED:

- 1, In the first 10 miles from the Needles Fairway Buoy. POOLE, head North West, no Significant Dangers.
- 2, 10 to 40 miles out. WEYMOUTH, Stay well clear of the head land to port, when closing with the coast turn to Port and follow the coast.
- 3, 40 plus, continue on Passage

We will arrive St Peter Port, Victoria Marina at around 02:30 on the 28th. There is a waiting pontoon just out side the Lock.

We should be able to enter the Marina@ 04:00 and as late as 09:00.

9.4m of Tide = 2.3over the sill. We draw 1,5m.

NOTE Once into St Peter Port - Do not use the lights on 265⁰ (they are for use by commercial traffic only) - Use the Small vessels Channel to the South of the Harbour. It is lit.

ADDITIONAL:

Should we encounter poor visibility?

We Have RADAR

There are many alternatives, Bray, Cherbourg, Granville

We can always anchor

The sound characteristics of the lights and buoys are shown on the approach plan.

VHF:

St Peter Port Radio - CH 12

Water Taxi CH 10

St Peter Port Radio Safety Traffic CH 20