

# NAVIGATING THE HAVELOCK CHANNEL

Navigating the Havelock channel is not easy, especially for mariners unfamiliar with the area.

Hazards include;

- > Blind Corners
- > Strong Tides
- > Variable Depths
- > Cross Winds
- > A Narrow Channel

## TIPS

- > Check the tides and make sure you have enough water depth.
- > Always stay to on the starboard side of the channel.
- > Stick to the speed limit of 8 Knots maximum
- > Never run a straight course between green channel markers #11 and #13 – follow the contours of the land (Navigating the Gut).



## HOW TO NAVIGATE USING THE CHANNEL MARKERS

Channel marks are coloured red and green to indicate which side of your vessel you should pass them on.

### WHEN PROCEEDING OUTBOUND:

Pass the red channel markers on your vessels starboard side, Pass green channel markers to port.

### WHEN PROCEEDING INBOUND:

Pass the red channel markers on your vessels port side, pass green channel markers to starboard.

## NAVIGATING THE GUT

1. A direct line between green channel markers #11 and #13 is not a safe course. Following this course will lead you onto the wrong side of the channel near the red channel marker #10 and you may run aground near the red channel marker #12
2. Always follow the contours of the land as shown.
3. For inbound vessels it is easy to end up on the wrong side of the channel near Cullen's point.
4. Always Keep to starboard and always keep a good lookout.

