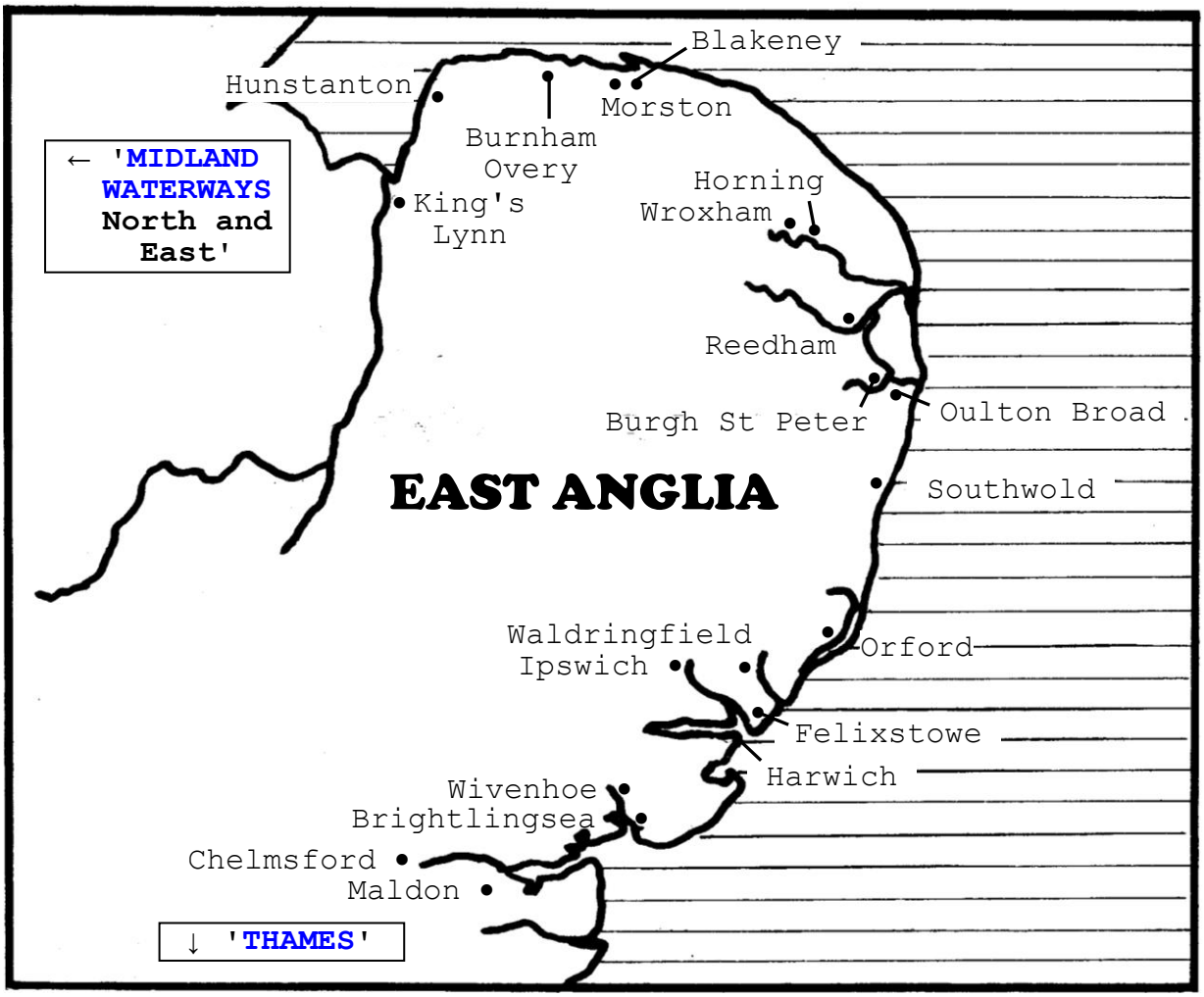

FERRIES

King's Lynn - West Lynn (R Great Ouse)			West Lynn Ferry
Burnham Overy Staithe - Scolt Head Island			
	tidal	mid-July-early-Sep	P Bickell
"	tidal	Jun-Sep	Welcome
Reedham - Norton (R Yare)	5 mins 🚗	(B1140)	Reedham Ferry
Burgh St Peter - Carlton Marshes			
		(R Waveney)	Waveney River C
Southwold - Walberswick	April-Oct		D Church
Boyton - Orford (Butley Creek)			
		weekends Easter-Sep	Butley Ferry
Felixstowe Ferry - Bawdsey (R Deben)			
	weekends Easter-Oct, daily May-Sep		Felixstowe F B Y
Harwich - Felixstowe (R Orwell)			
	15 mins	April-Oct	Harwich H F S
Harwich - Shotley (R Stour)			
	7 mins	April-Oct	Harwich H F S
Brightlingsea - Point Clear, St Osyth			
		Apr-Sep	Brightlingsea H C
Brightlingsea - East Mersea Stone		Apr-Oct	Brightlingsea H C
Wivenhoe - Rowhedge - Fingringhoe			
(R Colne)	tidal	weekends Apr-Oct	Wivenhoe F R F

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Bean's Boats, Morston 01263 740505

EARLY BIRD	1960	-	7.3 m	25 pass
SARAH JANE	1960	-	7.3 m	28 pass
SEA TROUT	1968	-	7.9 m	30 pass
SEA URCHIN II	1964	-	8.2 m	40 pass
SEAFARER	2001	-	9.1 m	50 pass

Morston: Trips to Blakeney Point, viewing seals (1 hour, according to tides, all-year).

P Bickell, Burnham Overy mobile 07836 523396

Burnham Overy: Ferry to Scolt Head Island.

Bishop's Boats, Blakeney 01263 740753

BIRD SANCTUARY	?	-	? m	50 pass
BLAKENEY FERRY	?	-	? m	43 pass

Blakeney or Morston: Cruises to Blakeney Point, viewing seals (1 hour, according to tides, late-March - Oct). Tickets for all trips must be obtained at Blakeney Quay.

Blakeney Point Seal Trips, Morston 01263 740792

PTARMIGAN	1964	-	9.8 m	46 pass

Morston: Cruises to the seal colony on Blakeney Point; (1 hour), times vary according to tides (May - October). Tickets must be obtained at Blakeney Quay.

Brightlingsea Harbour Commission 01206 302200

Brightlingsea - Point Clear (St Osyth), East Mersea Stone ferry.

Broads Tours, Wroxham 01603 782207

BELLE OF THE BROADS	2004	-	19.8 m	120 pass
CORDON ROUGE	1987	-	21.3 m	126 pass
QUEEN OF THE BROADS	1977	49 grt	24.4 m	170 pass
VINTAGE BROADSMAN	1988	-	21.3 m	149 pass

Wroxham: Cruises to Wroxham Broad (1 hr), Wroxham and Salhouse Broads (1 hr 30 mins) or Horning (2 hrs) (April - Oct); educational trips. Charter trips.

Butley Ferry mobile 07913 672499

Boyton - Orford ferry.

D Church (Walberswick Ferry), Southwold

Southwold - Walberswick ferry.

Deben Cruises, Waldringfield 01473 736260

JAHAN	1984	-	11.6 m	54 pass

Waldringfield: Cruises on the River Deben for groups to Woodbridge or Felixstowe Ferry (2 hrs, mid-April - Oct).

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Essex Waterways 01245 226245

VICTORIA	1975	-	16.8 m	43 pass

Chelmsford: Charter cruises on the Chelmer & Blackwater Navigation from Paper Mill, Little Baddow, near Chelmsford (2-8 hrs, Easter - October). Daily cruises from Heybridge Basin (12-passenger boat).

Felixstowe Ferry Boat Yard 01394 282173

Felixstowe Ferry - Bawdsey ferry.

Harwich Harbour Ferry Services 01728 666329

HARBOUR FERRY	1969	-	10.7 m	58 pass
HAVEN CRUISER	?	-	13.1 m	49 pass

Harwich - Shotley or Felixstowe ferry; seal-watching cruises from Harwich (2 hrs, all year).

Mississippi River Boats, Horning 01692 630262

SOUTHERN COMFORT	1977	-	19.2 m	100 pass m

Horning (Swan Hotel): Cruises on the River Bure; public trips (1 hr 30 mins to 2 hrs, May - Nov). Charter trips (mid-March - mid-Nov).

National Trust, Orford Ness 01394 450909

Orford: Trips to Orford Ness (May - Sep).

Orwell River Cruises, Ipswich mobile 07773 369970

ORWELL LADY	1979	41 grt	17.1 m	100 pass

Ipswich (Wet Dock): Cruises on the River Orwell (1 hour to 3 hrs, Easter - Oct); charter trips.

Reedham Ferry 01493 700429

REEDHAM FERRY	1983	-	11.3 m	chain C

Reedham ferry.

Sailing Barge Victor, Ipswich

VICTOR	1895	56 grt	25.0 m	40 pass ▲

Ipswich: Public and charter cruises.

Searles Sea Tours, Hunstanton 01485 534444

WASH MONSTER I	?	-	18.3 m	60 pass
WASH MONSTER II	?	-	18.3 m	60 pass

Hunstanton (Central Promenade): Coastal cruises, including trips to view the seals of the Wash (departure times vary according to tides). The WASH MONSTERs are amphibious.

Stena Line - see 'North Sea'

Harwich - Hoek van Holland.

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J Temple, Morston 01263 740791

FOUR SISTERS	?	-	? m	48 pass
MORSTON FERRY	1973	-	7.9 m	30 pass

Morston: Trips to Blakeney Point and seal colony (1-2 hours, all year, according to tides).

Topsail Charters, Maldon 01621 857567

HYDROGEN	1906	-	29.3 m	50 pass	▲
THISTLE	1895	114 grt	26.2 m	50 pass	▲

Maldon: Charter cruises on Thames sailing barges. Public cruises from Maldon, Ipswich, Brightlingsea and London (1 hr 30 mins to 12 hrs).

'Viking Saga', Maldon 01621 843334

VIKING SAGA	1947	34 grt	15.2 m	94 pass

Maldon: Cruises on the River Blackwater (40 mins or 1 hr 30 mins, times depend on tides) (No sailings in 2025).

Waveney River Centre, Burgh St Peter 01502 677343

Burgh St Peter - Carlton Marshes ferry.

Waveney River Tours 01502 574903

ENCHANTRESS*	1973	-	17.1 m	96 pass
WAVENEY PRINCESS	1977	-	17.1 m	125 pass

Oulton Broad: Cruises on Oulton Broad and River Waveney (40 mins to 2 hrs, Easter - Oct). Day and evening charter trips.
*Laid-up.

Waverley Excursions - see 'Scotland - West Coast' 0141 243 2224

East Coast: Paddle steamer excursions from Clacton, Ipswich and Southwold (late-Sept - early-Oct).

'Welcome', Burnham Overy mobile 07960 280139

Burnham Overy: Ferry to Scolt Head Island.

West Lynn Ferry, King's Lynn mobile 07583 122950

King's Lynn - West Lynn ferry.

Wivenhoe, Fingringhoe & Rowhedge Ferry

Wivenhoe: Ferry to Rowhedge and Fingringhoe.

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Operators are listed in alphabetic order. For each operator, the following information is given:

Title - This is the name by which the firm is usually identified and is not necessarily the full legal name or the registered owner of a vessel.

Name of vessel - If the vessel's name has changed since the 2022 'Trip Out' guide, the previous name is given; other former names are not listed.

Nationality of vessel - All vessels listed are of British registry.

Particulars of vessel - Year of completion, "gt" or gross tonnage, overall length in metres, and maximum passenger capacity.

Type of vessel - the following codes are used:
C - car ferry,
m - catamaran or trimaran,
▲ - auxiliary sailing vessel.

Catering - Facilities are indicated by symbols:

- Tea, coffee, soft drinks, biscuits, etc.
- Licensed bar serving beer, spirits, etc; tea, coffee and light snacks are usually available as well.
- Full meals; a bar is always available as well.

The facility indicated may not be available on all of an operator's vessels at all times. The appearance of a symbol does not imply any recommendation of quality.

Services- Dates are inclusive: thus, "May - Aug" means from the beginning of May to the end of August.
Unless stated otherwise, cruises and excursions run in summer only, but charter trips are available all year.