



# Directions for sailing into the Texel

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**DIRECTIONS FOR SAILING INTO THE TEXEL** By John Dieteric Trock of Hamburg.

Ships bound for the Land Deep called also Schulp Gat, or for the Sleek, named by some the Land Deep, are upon their arrival near Petten, to stand ENE by N in 5 fathoms water, till near Kick Down on the East side of the Land Deep, the Texel can be descried. The Outermost Buoy of the Land Deep lies in 5 1/2 fathoms on that course, the same Depth continues seaward on the Eastward side for Two or Three Ship's lengths when you are to bear away NNE till you reach the Fourth Red Buoy, which lies in a Depth from 3 to 4 fathoms water. From this you are to steer North and N by E as far as the White Buoy, which you are to pass, and proceed to the Extremity of the Land Point of Kick Down. This you are to leave on the Starboard Hand, and to pass the Buoy as close as possible. Then you are to bear up along Helder, in a small place on which a few Cottages stand, with a Beacon E by S, and E by SE, pointing closely on the Outside of the New Deep, or you may even bear towards the Merchants Road where you may come to an Anchor in 5 or 6 fathoms water.

Ships Entering the New Gat, called also Spaniards Gat, in coming from the Eastward are to steer South and S by W along the Texel Shore, and then the whole Channel where the least water is 3 fathoms, and on leaving on the Starboard side, the Buoy closely placed on the North side, the Ship is to steer towards the Hoort, whence she proceeds to the Merchants Road, according to the Directions above. If you are desirous of putting at Night into this Channel, you may with safety take this Course along the Texel, in 3 fathoms water and come to Anchor in 6 or 7 fathoms all break of Day.