



# 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 will do so Schulp Gat or for the Sleek named by some the Land Deep, where 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 (a small place on which a few Cottages stand, with a Beacon E by S and E by E, 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.*

*The Schulp Gat not being safe with a Wind at NE then it is better to bear towards the Sleek where you have Marks to guide you. Coming from the West you are to bring Kick Down East or E by N and to steer on that course till the Two Small Beacons appear in one. You must also take care to find out the Outermost Black Buoy, whose Mark is when the Two Country houses on Kick Down (one smaller than the other) appear as if placed at the distance of a Handspan from each other, there it lies in 7 fathoms on the Starboard Side. From this Buoy you steer ENE directly into the Entrance, till the Two Beacons appear as if at the distance of the Length of a Woodboon from each other, which Mark may be observed near the White Buoy of Kick Down's End. There whenever you come with an Ebb Tide you ought to be much upon your guard, not only on account of the Violence with which it runs out of the Schulp Gat, but also on account of the Narrowness of the Channel in the Entrance between the Third Black Buoy near South Haek, and the Third White Buoy near South Bolle. From this Buoy you proceed NE.*

*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 till break of Day.*

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