
Sunday SE

Posted by mark - 2004/08/05 11:03

Where do you sail in a SE. East shore Anglesey or Abersoch?

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/05 12:13

Dinas might be a possibility.....

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/08/06 17:50

Many many years ago I sailed on a high tide at at Grannys Bay - Lythham.

Looking at the map this would be cross shore on a SE. Not sure if anyone still sails there.

Surely there must be somewhere on the Wirral which works on a SE ?

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/06 18:45

Nowhere on the wirral, the west banks of both rivers are rather inhospitable.

Dee sailing club might just work but you need a good tide and even then it'd be flukey and possibly offshore.

You could try sailing off the beach at Talacre towards the wirral, but it looks dodgy to me.

When is this strong SE meant to blow ? Sunday ? if so and you fancy Talacre let me know I'll come and watch/join in.

Bert

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/08/06 19:35

Hmmm..... the maps aerial photos on multimap.com of Talacre don't look promising, are you sure there is access to water?

A bit further away but I once heard reports that windsurfers were blasting up and down just of the new marina at Conwy.

In a SE the wind does blast up the estuary there, see:

<http://www.multimap.com/map/photo.cgi?client=public&X=280000&Y=377500&width=700&height=410&gride=&gridn=&src=0&coordsys=gb&db=freegaz&pc=&zm=0&scale=50000&multimap.x=177&multimap.y=93>

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Posted by TwoFish - 2004/08/06 19:43

Does anyone know if Crosby works in a SE? I'm looking for somewhere to sail on Sunday assuming the forecast SE manifests itself. I'm not quite up to radical wave action, strong tidal rips in unknown locations etc yet, so keen to hear of any venues which will work for non-experts.

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/07 10:49

There is definately access to the water at Talacre - you can only see it grom the photo if you know what you're looking for....

This ariel photo shows the beach at the right hand side where it curls right round into the SE and the wind will have come across the whole of the Dee estuary unhindered - a bit like a SW at West Kirby except better as there are no mountains on the wirral side.....

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/08/07 11:05

If you're sure there will be water at low tide, I would be happy to take a gamble and go down there to take a look tomorrow morning.

Don't fancy sailing there on my own though.

If doesn't work out then I could always go on to 4 mile bridge lake which seems to be sailable in any direction. Or alternatively back to west kirby to struggle with whatever there is.

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/07 13:50

I must admit I'm not sure abobut how much water there is at low tide.

I might have a quick drive down there now and find out.....

What time are you planning on setting off in the morning ?

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/08/07 13:55

I live in Stockport so In theory I should be able to get there for around 10:15 tomorrow.

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/07 20:46

I went down there today at about 3pm and at that state of tide the water is a fair distance away which would mean a bit of a walk with kit....

I've no doubt that it would be good on a bigger tide and is really exposed to the east.

Trouble is that tomorrow lunchtime will be really low tide so I'd hate to drag anyone down there. I may go and have a look and take some pictures so we could test it in the future ??

Bert

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Posted by mark - 2004/08/07 21:31

I have been thinking of sailing at Talacre for years and after many conversations i have decided to leave well alone. Apparently their is one hell of a rip and trouble is close by. Also some guy said about the Mud/Sand being unsafe.

Would love to be proved wrong though as it is so close.

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Posted by PeterCee - 2004/08/07 22:49

I guess Talacre is a non starter then.

Never mind - the search continues.....

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/08 11:50

I intended to go there and see what its like with no kit.....

I texted PeterCee to that effect

Now its windy I'm getting wound up !

I think I may go down there an hour or so before high tide - so I'll get there 3pm

If anybody else fancies joining me there for an hour or so's sailing over high tide (when it should be safest and the sea closest to the car park) then either see you there or give me a bell on 07970 976540 I'll remove this number later.....

Or if you're all heading somewhere else let me know !

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Posted by Bert - 2004/08/08 18:44

Ok - first of all apologies to PeterCee for changing my mind - about 1.30 I rang Big_K and he was up for a look at Talacre after going to WK and seeing the only sailing was Cookie-Monster and Johnny taking their kit out to Hilbre island on a dinghy trolley....

Talacre was a good hike to the water, then you had to dodge the groynes.

The sailing was bang offshore but the wind is coming over a spit so it's great flat water blasting until you get to the end of the spit then you're bang in the channel - very lumpy

You couldn't sail round the back of the spit which would be much safer until there is more water so a higher tide is required.

If you feel safe enough and know where the groynes are - or are willing to take your chances then blasting down close to the beach scaring the scallies (!) is quite good fun.

It was better as the tide came in and we think it has potential on a higher tide.

There is definately a clear run for the wind in a South Easterly.

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Posted by Big_K - 2004/08/09 13:31

As Bert Said we sailed Talacre on Sunday for a few hours, The groynes are wooden posts (1 meter tall, 15cm in diameter spaced about 20meters apart) and were easily avoided as the tide came in but as they disappeared just under the surface you start to second guess their locations and so a game of Russian Roulette starts.

That said though there are not that many of them (circa 20No in a relativly small area) and sailing along the waters edge for a mile or so was great (around 5-10 meters from the shoreline).

We sailed out to one of the Mostyon channel bouys to gybe around it (why.....cause its there!!) ,water becomes so choppy as you entre the channel, but not nice choppy, sort of confused swell / chop and hard to plan your route forward. Sailing along the beach though would make an excellant speed strip location in this direction as it is so flat.

On a higher tide it would be even better, IMHO it's a place worth sailing again but I recomend that yoiu do not sail there alone (just in case)

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