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by sea and land in and around  
the east coast swatchways

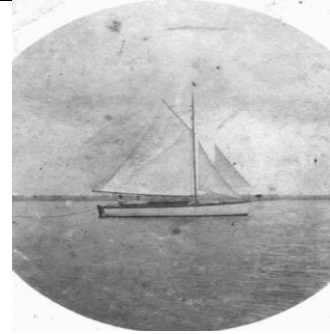


Paul Antrobus and Charles Scoones  
guest chapters by: Richard Matthews, and Dick Durham

A contemporary collection of tales of the same East Coast of England 'swatchways' that Maurice Griffiths explored in his now classic book 'The Magic of the Swatchways', first published in 1932. Inspired by this book, we tell of how they are today, embellished by our experience of sailing them over the past 40 years. The Magic is still there in peaceful anchorages or convivial pubs ashore – which is perhaps a surprise, certainly a relief, in our modern, rushy, communication-obsessed world. The old salt in the pub at Pin Mill said, "We've seen changes, but what we do is much the same – we go sailing, for fun and for peace."

A real-time narrative, not a pilot guide, which can be delved into at will by sailors or land visitors alike and in 15 chapters follow in our wake to 20 creeks, 10 anchorages, a dozen pubs and the 'magic' that is still there. The foreshores teem with life, the tides still have to be worked, the vistas are as endearing as ever, all brought to life through 40 original new photographs.

**Book launches in East Coast Yacht Clubs  
and Southampton/London boat shows**



**YARNS THAT REJOICE IN THE NATURAL ROMANCE  
OF THE CREEKS, RIVERS AND TOWNS THAT MAKE  
UP THE EAST COAST SWATCHWAYS. FOR CRUISING  
SAILORS AND LAND-BORN VISITORS TO DISCOVER  
PEACE AND CONVIVIALITY AFLOAT AND ASHORE IN  
EQUAL MEASURE. MAGICAL.**



**Charles Scoones:** now NZ based, grew up cruising the swatchways in the 50s/60s. Once owned the barge yacht 'Swan' which Griffiths had also owned. A professional photographer and writes sailing logs for NZ magazines. Now owns the 46ft motor yacht 'Antiope'.

**Paul Antrobus:** began sailing at Brightlingsea, raced Admiral's Cup Australia and USA, and extensively ocean cruised. A former offshore racing reporter for Yachts & Yachting and co-author of Ocean Racing Around the World (1975). Now back to roots for this book.

**Dick Durham** is news editor at Yachting Monthly, author of 'The Magician of the Swatchways' (1994) and 'The Last Sailorman' a biography of Bob Roberts and the 'Cambria', the last working Thames barge. Swatchway sailing enthusiast.

**Richard Matthews** founded Oyster Marine then in 2011 Gunfleet Marine based in Colchester, Essex. He has a long career of successful coastal and ocean racing internationally but still lives and sails in the magic of the East Coast with several classic yachts and a Gunfleet 43 to choose from..