

TO NAVIGATE ON THE GIRONDE ESTUARY YOU NEED TO:

Have a suitable boat

Going downstream, always leave on a high tide

to make the most of the falling (ebbing) tide

Coming back upstream, leave on a low tide, or later depending on your destination,

to make the most of the rising (flooding) tide

Avoid sailing with tidal ranges (*coefficients*) below 70 - 75

Never sail against the current

When coming alongside, always turn into the current and tie up the bow first

Stay within the buoyed channel

Keep to your planned departure and arrival times

Have charts and especially the annual tide tables of the estuary on board

YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO

- Navigate
- Fully control your boat
- Turn in the current
- Go alongside slowly and carefully
- Tie up quickly, correctly and securely
- Understand the mechanics of the tides as well as any subtle effects



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