

Boulogne to St Valerie

This summer (2015), we are planning a visit on Tiller Girl to St Valerie weather permitting. The passage from Boulogne to the *AT-SO* buoy off the Somme is a simple track of 185°(T) southbound and 005°(T) northbound. Tidal diamonds are not best placed for this passage so I have interpolated from the relevant UKHO tidal atlas. There is therefore an element of ‘proving’ of the tables to be completed. But then it is based upon the best data available!

There is nothing critical about the waypoints, other than, of course, the North Cardinal buoy at the mouth of the Somme (*AT-SO VQ*) is the goal. From *AT-SO* local buoyage is picked up for entrance into the Bay currently lying 095°(T). The latest data on the marked channel is usually available for download on:

<http://www.portsaintvalery.fr/24.html>

I note that the recommended arrival time at *AT-SO* is 2:30 hours before local High Water. I have worked on -2:30hrs St Valerie being approximately equal to -2:10hrs Dover and the southbound tables have this as an end ETA marked on the tables with some indicators working back to a start time. **NOTE: These tables are based on HW Dover.**

Waypoints and Sectors used:

V1	Boulogne to Etaples			
64	Off Boulogne Harbour Entrance	50°44'70N 001°33'40E	10.0 nm	005°(T) Northbound
65	Off the Baie de Etaples	50°34'80N 001°32'00E		185°(T) Southbound
V2	Etaples to Pointe de Haut-Banc			
65	Off the Baie de Etaples	50°34'80N 001°32'00E	10.0 nm	005°(T) Northbound
66	Off Pointe de Haut-Banc	50°24'90N 001°30'00E		185°(T) Southbound
V3	Pointe de Haut-Banc to AT-SO			
66	Off Pointe de Haut-Banc	50°24'90N 001°30'00E	11.2 nm	005°(T) Northbound
67	AT-SO	50°14'04N 001°28'12E		185°(T) Southbound

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