

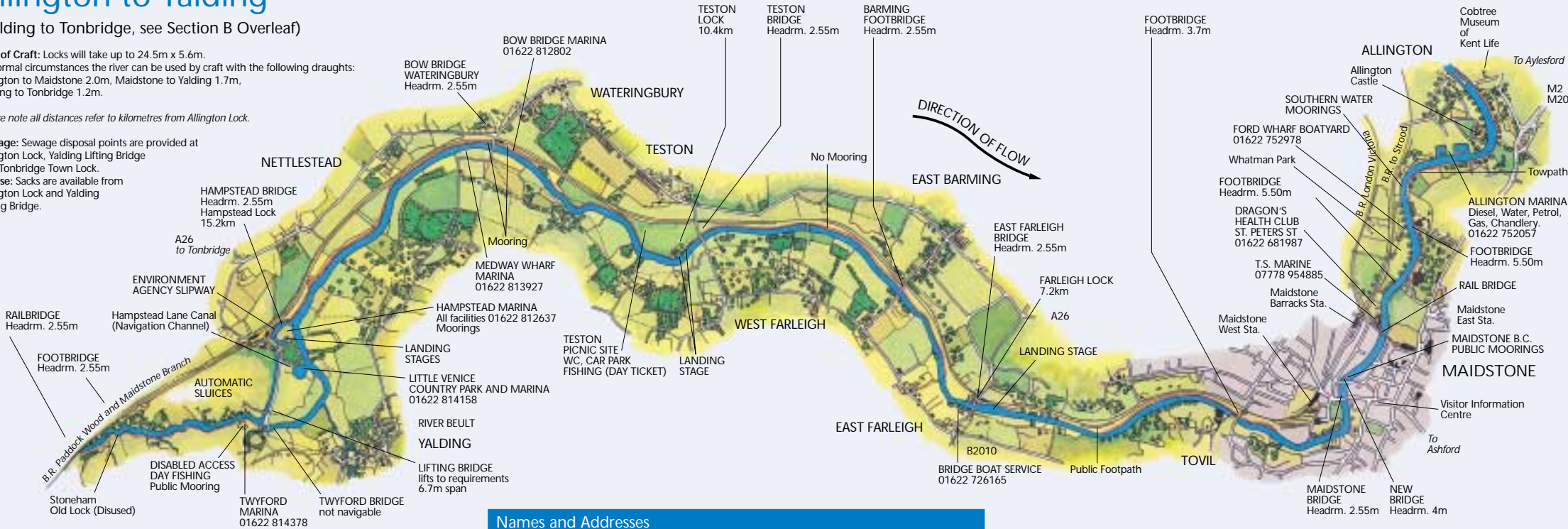
Allington to Yalding

(Yalding to Tonbridge, see Section B Overleaf)

Size of Craft: Locks will take up to 24.5m x 5.6m.
 In normal circumstances the river can be used by craft with the following draughts:
 Allington to Maidstone 2.0m, Maidstone to Yalding 1.7m,
 Yalding to Tonbridge 1.2m.

Please note all distances refer to kilometres from Allington Lock.

Sewage: Sewage disposal points are provided at Allington Lock, Yalding Lifting Bridge and Tonbridge Town Lock.
Refuse: Sacks are available from Allington Lock and Yalding Lifting Bridge.



ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
 ALLINGTON LOCK
 (TIDAL LIMIT)
 Access 3hrs before
 to 2hrs after H.W.
 01622 752864

Names and Addresses		
ROWING BOAT AND CANOE HIRE Tonbridge Waterways	<i>Tonbridge 360630</i>	
PASSENGER OPERATIONS Hire Cruisers (Maidstone Ltd) Tonbridge Waterways Ford Wharf Boatyard	<i>Maidstone 753740</i> <i>Tonbridge 360630</i> <i>Maidstone 752918</i>	MARINAS AND BOATYARDS Allington Marina Ltd, Allington Ford Wharf Boatyard, Allington T.S. Marine, Maidstone Bridge Boat Service, East Farleigh Medway Wharf Marina, Maidstone Bow Bridge Marina, Wateringbury Hampstead Marina, Yalding Little Venice Country Park and Marina, Yalding Twyford Marina, Yalding Rendezvous Boatyard, Tonbridge
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SPEED LIMIT – 5 KNOTS



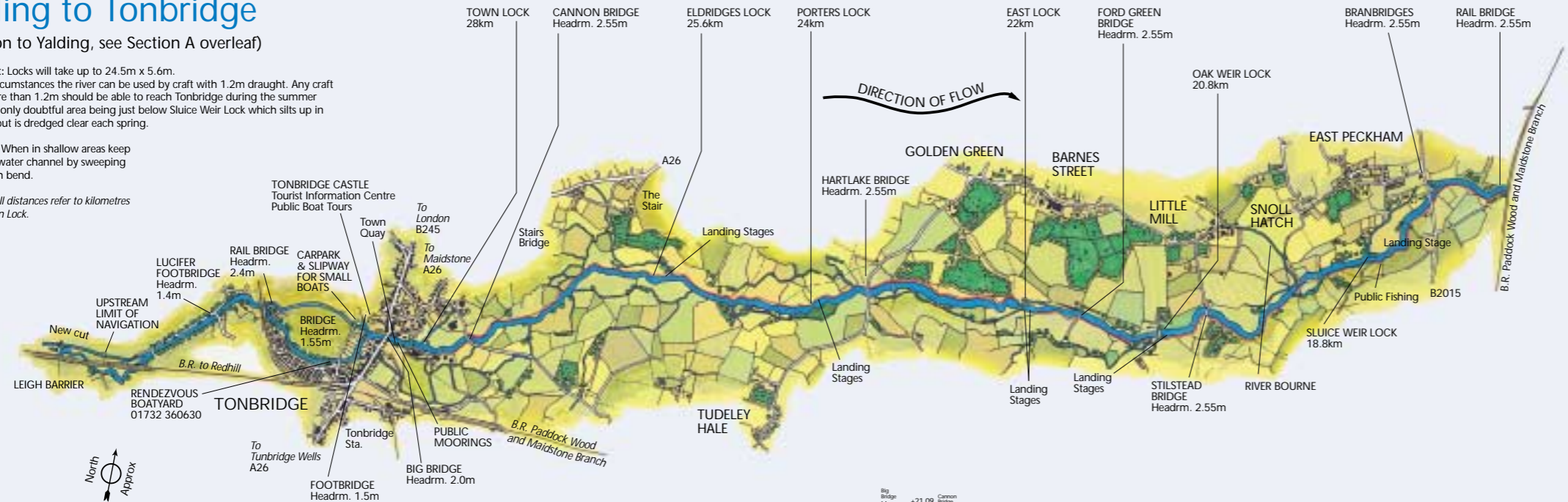
Yalding to Tonbridge

(Allington to Yalding, see Section A overleaf)

Size of Craft: Locks will take up to 24.5m x 5.6m. In normal circumstances the river can be used by craft with 1.2m draught. Any craft drawing more than 1.2m should be able to reach Tonbridge during the summer months, the only doubtful area being just below Sluice Weir Lock which silts up in heavy rains but is dredged clear each spring.

Navigation: When in shallow areas keep in the flood water channel by sweeping wide on each bend.

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Part 1

General Information and Notes for User's of the Navigation

Extent of the Navigation

The Medway Navigation gives access to 31km (19 miles) of the freshwater River Medway above its tidal limit.

Vessels wishing to approach the Navigation through the Medway Estuary have a public right of navigation through tidal waters, subject to the byelaws of Medway Ports Authority. However, there are slipways and launching facilities at several points along the freshwater section giving smaller craft direct access to the river.

There are ten locks and associated sluices and weirs along the inland Navigation which starts at Allington Lock and extends to the footbridge immediately downstream of the Leigh flood regulating barrier just west of Tonbridge.

The locks divide the river into ten reaches, known locally as 'pens'. The lengths of the pens vary, the shortest being approximately 1.2km (0.75 miles) and the longest 7.2km (4.5 miles). Similarly the difference in water level at the locks varies between 2.8 metres (9ft 2in) and 1.3 metres (4ft 3in); the total fall from the head of Town Lock, Tonbridge to the head of Allington Lock being 17.28 metres (56ft 8in).

The locks are capable of accommodating craft up to 24.5 metres (80 feet) in length and up to 5.6 metres (18ft 5in) beam, and in normal circumstances the river can be used by craft of the following draughts.

Stretch of river	Draught
Allington Lock to Maidstone	2.0 metres / 6ft 6in
Maidstone to Yalding	1.7 metres / 5ft 6in
Yalding to Tonbridge	1.2 metres / 4ft

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