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Ken Endean, a sailing instructor at the age of 20, spent the next 34 years in the construction industry but also cruised extensively in home waters between Scotland and Biscay. He has been a regular contributor to Yachting Monthly and Practical Boat Owner's cruising and pilotage columns since 1977 and is the author of Adlard Coles Nautical's Channel Havens, a popular guide to the South Coast.

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