



## **North Brittany & Channel Islands Cruising Companion**

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### **CAUTION**

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### **PASSAGES TO THE CHANNEL ISLANDS AND NORTH BRITANNY**

#### **p. 28 Mid-Channel passages chart**

The waypoint off Salcombe entrance which is currently labelled MC14 should actually be labelled WC14.

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The waypoints themselves are correct as tabulated and shown in the right positions.

#### **p. 31 West-Channel passages chart**

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### **GUERNSEY**

#### **p. 52 St Peter Port**

##### **St Peter Port pool, visitor pontoon**

*See new harbour plan at the end of these updates.*

The long “Swan” visitor pontoons at the town end of St Peter Port pool are now connected to the shore in the summer months by a floating walkway to Victoria Pier. This has effectively turned these outer berths into a mini-marina and you no longer have to dinghy ashore or take a water taxi. These pontoons have water and electricity.

### **SARK**

#### **p. 68 Visitor moorings around Sark**



Several readers have asked me whether the visitor moorings around Sark are still maintained and safe to use. The answer is yes. There are about 17 yellow visitors buoys altogether, divided between Havre Gosselin on the west coast and La Grève de la Ville on the north-east. They are free of charge and carefully maintained by local diver Andy Leaman. You use these buoys at your own risk and, while free to visitors, donations to the Sark visitor centre (at the west end of the Avenue) are always appreciated.

## BINIC

p. 148 Binic *port de plaisance* – new entrance gate



A new, rather space-age looking bascule entrance gate has been installed at Binic inner basin, almost doubling the window of access for this attractive Brittany marina. This can make for a more relaxed start if, for example, you are leaving Binic in the morning to cruise north towards Île de Bréhat and Lézardrieux.

However, it is important to note that, when the gate opens and before it closes, a strong current runs through the marina entrance gap at up to 5 knots during spring tides. Outbound yachts should stay securely moored to their pontoon until this strong flow has settled down and it's safe to move. It is unwise to 'hover' near the gate, ready to dash through as soon as it opens!

## ÎLE DE BRÉHAT

p. 168 La Chambre anchorage and Port du Guerzido



This attractive sheltered inlet on the south-east corner of Île de Bréhat has been effectively closed to visiting yachts. A discouraging notice to that effect is secured to the rocky spur which forms the west side of the entrance to this once very soothing anchorage. I suppose that La Chambre became so popular over the years that local residents decided to reclaim this snug natural harbour for their own moorings.



However, between springs and neaps you can anchor off the wide sandy bay just west of La Chambre and east of Men-Allan south-cardinal beacon, outside a string of yellow buoys protecting the swimming beach there. This attractive spot, called Port du Guerzido, is a pleasant lunchtime anchorage, especially as the tide falls away to expose more of the enclosing rocks. It is also fine overnight in quiet summer weather or moderate north-westerlies.



