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INTRODUCTION

p. 14 Harbours and Marinas Charges
These examples of 2018/19 high season prices, per metre per day/night give a general indication of increases since publication of this edition in 2014:
Dart Harbour: Town Jetty inside berths £2.30/m, outside berths £1.35/m, walk ashore Yacht Club pontoon, £1.35/m, swinging/trot moorings, £0.85/m, Island pontoons £0.85/m, all plus harbour dues £0.85/metre per day.
Salcombe Harbour: swinging moorings/island pontoons £2.00/m. Walk ashore pontoon £3.00/m. All charges include harbour dues. Anchorage £1.00/m (harbour dues only).
Plymouth: Mayflower Marina £3.60/m. 7 nights for price of 5. Short stay max 4 hrs, £5.00 for first, then £3.00 per hour. Queen Anne’s Battery Marina, £3.80/m up to 12.5m, 12.6m -18m £4.75/m.
Fowey Harbour: Island pontoons or swinging moorings £2.00/m. Mixtow shore linked pontoon £2.20/m. Berrills Yard shore-linked pontoon £2.70/m. Short stay, max 2 hours, Albert Quay and Polruan shore-linked pontoons and any other facility, flat rate £10.00. All charges include harbour dues.
Falmouth Haven Visitors’ Marina: £3.20/m, swinging moorings £2.30/m, anchorage, £1.50/m.
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St Marys Harbour, Isles of Scilly: Moorings, max 12m, £19.50/night; 12m-18m £25.00, half day 50% of charges.
Tresco: Moorings £20.00.

Chapter one
PORTLAND BILL TO START POINT

Start Bay
p. 32 Right hand col, para 1, lines 2-3, lighthouse, range, amend: 18M.
Para 2, line 2, foghorn on Start Point, frequency, amend: 30s.

River Exe
p. 34 Chartlet River Exe
Outer approach channel:
No 1 SHM buoy, add: light characteristic Fl (2) G 5s and green flare.
No 2 PHM buoy, add: light characteristic Fl (2) R 5s and red flare

p. 35 Approaches
Left hand col, para 4, lines 11/12, amend: is marked by alternating conical green buoys, numbered 1, (Fl (2) G 5s), 2, (QG) and 5 (unlit) – and red can buoys numbered 2, (Fl (2) R 5s), 4,(QR) and 6 (unlit)

p. 35 Right hand col, para 2, line 6, after pierhead add: towards conical green buoy No 11

p. 35 Exmouth Marina
Right hand col, line 5, add at end: the SW pierhead marked by 2 FG (vert) lights.

p. 36 Left hand col, para 2, line 6, delete: Exmouth Marina Engineering (01395 269334) and rest of
para, substitute: Rowsell Sailmakers (01395 263911) are just behind the marina in Camperdown Terrace.

p.38 Lympstone and upriver to Turf Lock
1st para, Line 9: after No 21 buoy, insert: confusingly not conical but a can buoy painted green

p40 Topsham
1st para, line 5: after leaving Nos 39, insert: another confusing can buoy painted green

River Teign
p.44 Chartlet Teignmouth
South side of channel, 100m due N of the Ness, PHM can buoy, Fl R 3s, characteristic amend: Fl R 2s. North side of channel, at edge of Spratt Sand insert: new SHM conical buoy, Fl G 2s and green flare approx. 100m NNE of Lucette beacon.

p. 45 Approaches
Left hand col, at end of para 1, add: Beyond the bar the north side of the channel is marked by two more conical green buoys, both Fl G 2s, the innermost named Spratt Sands Inner, and the south side by a red can buoy, Ness Rocks, Fl R 2s.

Left hand col, para 3, lines 2-5, delete: Spratt Sand... and then, substitute: following the buoyed channel steer directly towards.....

River Dart
p. 71 Chartlet Dittisham to Totnes
Delete all numbers for navigation buoys which are now individually named.
Upstream of Duncannon delete: both port hand beacons, substitute: two port hand buoys.
Further r, W of Ham Point delete: starboard hand beacon, substitute: starboard hand buoy.

p. 71 Bow Creek
Right hand col, para 1, line 1, delete: No 2 and No 3.

p. 72 TOTNES
Left hand col, para 2: delete whole para, substitute with new para: Leave Duncannon red can buoy to port and keep close to the rocky east shore, leaving Walker and Handley red can buoys to port, then pass between Ham South red can buoy and Ham North green conical buoy, and the next pair of buoys, Heron Reach, red can, and Sharpam East green conical, then northwards to Ham Point green conical buoy and into Sharpam Reach.

Right hand col, para 3, line 2, delete: Nos 10, 12 and 14, substitute: Sharpam Reach, Sharpam Point and The Gut.

Chapter two
START POINT TO RAME HEAD

Salcombe
p. 91 Salcombe Port Guide, Harbourmaster, delete Ian Gibson, amend: Cameron Sims-Stirling.

River Yealm
p. 98 Left hand col, para 2, line 5, after 0.3m add: (PA)

p. 99 Chartlet River Yealm
Left centre, Outer Slimers, add: (PA)

Plymouth
p. 108 Mayflower Marina
Right hand col, para 3, line 12, after electricity, insert: and holding tank pump out,

Chapter three
RAME HEAD TO THE MANACLES

Fowey
p. 142 Berthing, Moorings and Anchoring
Right hand col, para 2, at end, add: shore power is also available at extra charge.

p. 143 Left hand col, para 1, line 8, delete: but no electricity, substitute: and shore power is also available at extra charge.

Falmouth
p. 166 Falmouth Marina
Left hand col, para 1, lines 7-11, after buoyed, delete: with red cans...good torch, substitute: and lit with five red can buoys to port, QR, Fl (2)R 10s, Fl(3)R 10s, Fl(4) R 10s and Fl(5) R 10s and two conical green buoys to starboard, Fl(2)G 10s, Fl(3)G 10s.
Para 2, line 4, delete: Captain Gary Cairns, substitute: Martin Bidmead.

Para 3, St Mawes, delete: Captain Gary Cairns, substitute: Martin Bidmead.

Para 4, delete: Gry Maritha, substitute: Mali Rose.

Lines 9-12, delete last sentence.

Para 2, delete: Gry Maritha, substitute: Mali Rose.

Para 3, line 11, delete: Gry Maritha, substitute: Mali Rose.

Chapter six
LAND’S END TO PENTIRE POINT

Para 2, lines 11-12, delete: middle…(Fl R 5s), substitute: buoy, Middle Ground (Fl (2+1) R 10s).