



## West Country Cruising Companion

by Mark Fishwick

8<sup>th</sup> Edition

Update No. 1 – March 2015

### CAUTION

These updates should only be used for navigation in conjunction with up-to-date charts, chart plotters and Notices to Mariners, etc. We accept no liability for any errors or omissions, or for any accidents or mishaps which may arise from the use of this (or any) update or the original publication.

### INTRODUCTION

#### p. 8 HM Coastguard changes

The anticipated changes to HM Coastguard took place as planned. The manned MRCC's at Solent, Portland and Brixham are now closed. The National Maritime Operations Centre (NMOC) in Fareham has become responsible for the areas previously covered by Solent and Portland CG, Beachy Head to Topsham (River Exe), and now controls all the remote VHF transmitters. There is therefore no change to distress and routine traffic, DSC, and MSI broadcast times. Vessels needing to make contact should call 'Solent Coastguard' VHF Ch 68 in the former Solent area to reduce traffic on VHF Ch 16; further west call 'Solent Coastguard' on VHF Ch 16. To contact NMOC by telephone use the existing numbers for Solent (02392 552100) and Portland (01305 760439), calls will be relayed automatically.

Falmouth MRCC has become a Coast Guard Operations Centre (CGOC) and has assumed responsibility for the area previously covered by Brixham, and now covers the area from Bude in north Cornwall to Topsham (River Exe) and has control of all the remote VHF transmitters. Here again no change to services will be experienced, and vessels within this area should call 'Falmouth Coastguard' on VHF Ch 16. To contact Falmouth CGOC by telephone use 01326 317575.

#### p. 8 National Coastwatch Institution

Line 4: *UK*, amend to: English and Welsh coast.

Line 6: after *watchkeepers*, add: during daylight hours, throughout the year, and can be contacted on their dedicated VHF Ch 65. They also monitor VHF Ch 16...

Line 10: after *can*, amend to: on request, on VHF Ch 65, provide details of actual weather and sea state, radio checks and useful local knowledge from visitors' moorings to hazards. In poor visibility...

#### p. 13 HM Coastguard MSI Broadcasts

Line 3: amend *Local ('clock') Time* to: UTC, from the last Sunday in March until the last Sunday in October, add 1 hour for British Summer Time (BST). Note: it is anticipated that this change will be implemented in summer 2015, possibly June / July.

### SAFETY INFORMATION AND WEATHER (throughout)

Amend all references to *Local Time* to: UTC.

#### Chapter one

#### PORTLAND BILL TO START POINT

#### p. 19 Safety Information and Weather

Line 1: delete: **Solent & Portland Coastguard**, substitute: **National Maritime Operations Centre**.

Line 3: after 2230, add: followed by a working channel for the broadcast, normally Channel 84, (Grove Point, Portland) and Channel 86 (Beer Head).

Para 2, heading: delete: **Brixham &**

Para 2, line 4: after *normally*, delete all text up to NCI Stations, substitute: Channel 23 (Berry Head), Channel 10 (Dartmouth), Channel 84 (East Prawle).

**p. 23 Bridport**

**West Bay Chartlet:** Outer end of W pontoon, *1-1m depth*, amend to: 0.2m.

**p. 27 Sidmouth**

Left hand column, after para 4, add new para 5 at end: Two offshore mussel farms are located SE of Sidmouth, the first 3½ NM seaward of the town is marked by 2 pairs of Special Marks (Fl Y 5s). The second, located 4¾ NM further south, is also marked by 2 pairs of Special Marks (Fl Y 5s). Both areas should be avoided.

**p. 27 The Exe Estuary**

Para 1, line 5: amend the times to: 0900 and 1615, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and alternate Saturday mornings.

Para 1, penultimate line: *Ch 08*, amend to: Ch 11.

Para 3, line 7: *'Exe' safewater buoy*, amend lat/long to: 50°35'·86N 03°23'·79W.

**p. 34 River Exe**

**Chartlet:** Text box below EXE safewater buoy, amend lat/long to: 50°35'·86N 03°23'·79W.

Inner approach channel 305° leading line, delete: rear light Q, substitute: Dir WRG 2s.

Approach to Exmouth Marina entrance:

No 12 red can buoy now lit: QR.

No 11 green conical buoy now lit: Fl G 3s.

**p. 35 River Exe**

Right hand column, para 1, line 6: amend to: There is no No 9 buoy, so steer directly towards No 12 red can...

Line 8: after *sun*, insert new sentence: At night a Dir WRG 2s 6M leading light Iso W 304°-306° (2°), Iso G 299°-304° (5°), Iso R 306°- 311° (5°), (50° 36'·99N 03° 25'·34W) located close to the Marina entrance at the extreme NW end of Exmouth

promenade seawall covers the inner channel approach – the associated R and G sectors indicate if you are to port or starboard of track.

Para 2, line 1: after *No 12 red can* insert: (QR).

Para 2, line 6: after *pierhead* insert: leaving No 11 conical green (Fl G 3s) to starboard

**p. 40 River Exe**

Left hand column, para 2, line 5: amend the charge to: £15.00

**p. 43 River Exe Port Guide**

**Harbourmaster**, amend to: **Council River Team**. **Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**p. 49 Torquay**

**Chartlet:** SW of harbour entrance, green conical buoy (QG) (May–Sep), delete: (QG) light; 100m further to SW just W of yellow Special Mark, insert: new green conical buoy (QG) (May–Sep).

**p. 54 Torquay Port Guide**

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**p. 58 Brixham**

Right hand column, para 1: *Brixham Coastguard headquarters*, amend to: former Brixham Coastguard headquarters.

**p. 60 Brixham Port Guide**

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**p. 66 Dartmouth**

**Darthaven Marina** Tel: amend to: 01803 752242.

**p. 73 River Dart Port Guide**

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**Chapter two**

**START POINT TO RAME HEAD**

**p. 75 Safety Information and Weather**

Line 1: delete: Brixham &

Line 5: after (*Berry Head*), move: *Channel 86 (Rame Head)* to end of list.

**p. 86 Salcombe**

Left hand column, para 2: amend water-taxi service times to: May to mid-Sep: daily 0715 -2300.

**p. 89 Salcombe**

Left hand column, para 3, line 8: after *recycling bins here*, insert: a waste pump-out facility

**p. 91 Salcombe Port Guide**

**Harbourmaster**, amend to: Adam Parnell.

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**p. 102 River Yealm Port Guide**

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**p. 104 Plymouth**

Lower photo, amend caption to: Plymouth approach from the Sound, Smeeton's old Eddystone lighthouse is conspicuous on the Hoe, left.

**p. 115 Plymouth**

Right hand column, last para (*Wheel of Plymouth*): delete whole paragraph.

**p. 123 Plymouth Port Guide**

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**Chapter three**

**RAME HEAD TO THE MANACLES**

**P. 125 Safety Information and Weather**

Line 1: delete: Brixham &

Line 4: after *normally* amend the sequence of list to: VHF Channel 86 (Rame Head), Channel 10 (Fowey), Channel 84 (River Fal), Channel 23 (Lizard).

**p. 143 Fowey**

**Fuel, Fresh water and Gas**, para 1: delete: first sentence.

After *diesel*, add: and petrol are

Delete: last sentence.

**p. 148 and 149 Fowey Port Guide**

**Emergency services**, delete: Brixham Coastguard, substitute: Falmouth Coastguard.

**Repairs/hauling**, *Fowey Harbour Commissioners*,

amend to: (Brazen Island slipway and 15 ton boat hoist at Penmarlam).

**p. 153 Mevagissey**

Right hand column, line 10: amend harbourmaster to: Roger Young – Captain Hugh Bowles has retired after 21 years in the job.

**p. 157 Falmouth & River Fal**

**Chartlet**: Carrick Roads, *The Vilt* SHM, amend to: *Fl.G.4s*.

Amend *Visitors Yacht Haven* to: Falmouth Haven Visitors' Marina.

**p. 158 Falmouth**

**The Visitors' Yacht Haven**

Change name to: Falmouth Haven Visitors' Marina.

Right hand column, lines 3-5 delete: *Falmouth Harbours Commissioners (FHC)* etc, substitute: Falmouth Haven's 100 berth walk-ashore Visitors' Marina. Note: Falmouth Harbour Commissioners re-branded all their leisure facilities under the banner of Falmouth Haven in 2014, the main office contact number is 01326 310990. Also see the website: [www.falmouthhaven.co.uk](http://www.falmouthhaven.co.uk).

Right hand column, para 1, line 19: after *illuminated* insert new sentence: At night, a Dir WRG 3s on N end of N Quay covers this 233° approach line.

Right hand column, para 3, line 2: amend callsign to: 'Falmouth Haven' or 'Arwenack'. (Harbour launch).

**p. 159 Falmouth**

Left hand column, para 2, line 1: *Yacht Haven*, amend to: Falmouth Haven Visitors' Marina.

Line 2: *The Yacht Haven Office*, amend to: The Marina Office.

**p. 168 Penryn**

Top of right hand column: *Challenger Marine*,

amend to: Freeman's Wharf, Tel: 377509,  
www.freemanswharf.com.

**p. 174 River Fal**

Left hand column, para 4, line 7: replace text after *Smugglers Cottage* with: is no longer a restaurant/tea room/bar and is now home to new tenants, Kernow Charters, who run and maintain permanent annual and seasonal moorings off the cottage and also provide visitor berthing on the pontoon as well as a dedicated visitors' swinging mooring. Shore facilities are limited to shower and toilets, and alongside access to freshwater. Tel: 07816 481430 or visit www.smugglersmoorings.co.uk.

Right hand column, para 1, line 6: after *Eisenhower*, delete rest of paragraph.

**p. 176 and 177 Falmouth Port Guide**

**Harbourmasters**, Falmouth: delete both telephone numbers, substitute: 213537 and 310990. Amend *Harbour Office* to: Falmouth Haven.

**Moorings/berthing**, amend *FHC Visitor's Yacht Haven* to: Falmouth Haven Visitors' Marina.  
Add: www.falmouthhaven.co.uk.

**Chandlers**, Bosun's Locker have moved up the steps from their old waterside premises to the main Church street; turn right at top of steps and their new shop is just across the road.

Truro, delete: Langdon Marine Chandlers.

**Marine engineers**, amend *Challenger Marine* to: Freeman's Wharf, Tel: 377509.

**Chapter five**

**THE ISLES OF SCILLY**

**p. 221 Entry through St Mary's Sound**

Left hand column, para 2, line 4: *Woolpack beacon*, add light: Q (6) + L Fl 15s.

**p. 227 St Mary's Sound**

**Chartlet**: South side of St Mary's Sound, *Woolpack beacon*, add light: Q (6) + L Fl 15s.

**p. 238 St Agnes and Gugh**

**The Cove: Approach and Anchorage**

Para 1: at end add: To seaward of this line a yellow SPM 'Gugh' Fl (5) Y 20s; (49°53'·52N 06°18'·73W) is located. 0.57NM east of Dropnose Point, Gugh.

**p. 252 St Martin's**

**Moorings and Anchorage**

The former St Martin's on the Isle has re-opened under new ownership as the Karma St Martin's Hotel, Tel: 01720 422368, st.martins@karmaresorts.com. There are now 4 visitors' moorings in Tean Sound, (curiously, owned by the Star Castle Hotel in Hughtown, St Mary's, Tel: 07730475559) which are available at a flat rate of £20 per night.

**p. 253 St Martin's**

**Facilities**

Line 5: Seven Stones pub re-opened again in May 2014 under new ownership!