



West Country Cruising Companion

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CAUTION

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INTRODUCTION

p. 8 HM Coastguard changes

All the changes to HM Coastguard took place as planned and their modernisation plan was completed at the end of 2015.

p. 8 National Coastwatch Institution

Amendment to Update No. 1 (March 2015):
Line 6: after *watchkeepers*, add: during daylight hours, throughout the year, and can be contacted on their dedicated VHF **Ch 65**, callsign: use name of selected station (see below) plus NCI, e.g.: *Froward Point NCI*. Do **not** call on VHF Ch 16 or use callsign *National Coastwatch* which can potentially be confused with Coastguard.

p. 13 HM Coastguard MSI Broadcasts

Amendment to Update No. 1 (March 2015):
MCGA plans to change MSI broadcasts from Local Time to UTC in 2015 did not take place as anticipated and they remain in Local ('clock') Time.

p. 14 Charges

A selection of examples of 2016/17 high season prices, to give a general indication of increases since publication of this edition in 2014:

Dart Harbour: Swinging / trot moorings: £0.95/m;
Island pontoons: £0.85/m; all plus harbour dues: £0.85/m.

Salcombe Harbour: no change for 10th consecutive year!

Plymouth: Mayflower Marina: £3.20/m; Queen Anne's Battery Marina: up to 12.5m: £3.70/m, 12.6m-18m: £4.60/m.

Fowey Harbour: Island pontoons or swinging mooring: £1.90 p/m (inc harbour dues); Mixtow shore linked pontoon: £2.20/m.

Falmouth Haven Visitors' Marina: £2.75/m.
St Marys Harbour, Isles of Scilly: £18.50/night.

Chapter one

PORTLAND BILL TO START POINT

p. 40 River Exe

Right hand col, para 2, lines 6-7:
Delete: to Lowestoft...permanent display
Amend to: and is now on permanent display at the Eyemouth Maritime Centre, NE Scotland,

p. 43 River Exe Port Guide

Harbourmaster, Tel: amend to: 265791.

p. 64 Dartmouth

Right hand col, para 4, lines 7-8:
Amend to: visitors' moorings are all light blue, marked with a black 'V' and appropriate LOA.

Chapter two

START POINT TO RAME HEAD

p. 84 Salcombe

Right hand col, para 2:
Line 2: Delete: newly refurbished
Line 3: Delete: (formerly The Marine Hotel)

p. 85 Salcombe

Left hand col, para 3, line 1:

Amend: *Marine Hotel* to: Salcombe Harbour Hotel

p. 107 Plymouth

The Bridge, Barnpool and Approach To

Mayflower Marina

Left hand col, para 1, lines 7-8:

Bridge port hand beacon No 2: This was destroyed in 2015 and at the time of writing is due to be re-instated between the 13th and 19th July 2016.

p. 129 St Austell Bay To Dodman Point

Left hand col, para 3, line 6:

After *lighthouse*, insert new sentence: Just under 2 miles SW of Gribbin Head at 50°17'·7N 04°42'·8W, a yellow SPM wave data recording buoy, FI Y (5) 20s, is due to remain on station here until October 2018.

Chapter three

RAME HEAD TO THE MANACLES

p. 136 Polperro

Chartlet: W pier head light, amend: *FW or R* to: FR

Flare, amend *WR* to: R

p. 139 Fowey

Waypoint, Cannis Rock buoy, amend to:

50°18'·45N 04°39'·88W

p. 142 Berthing, Mooring and Anchoring

Para 1, line 11, after *distance*), add: Note: all visitors' mooring facilities are only available on a first come, first served basis and at busy times rafting is inevitable; pre-booking is only available for events and organised rallies. Fore and aft moorings are also available in Pont Pill – handy if you want a bit of peace away from the mainstream and, by arrangement with the Harbour Office, ideal for leaving the boat if stuck for time or weather-bound. For boats left unattended, the cost is daily rate plus £3.00 per day.

Right hand col, para 2, delete all and substitute with: A short distance further upstream another short-stay walk ashore pontoon lies off Berrills Yard, which belongs to the Harbour Commissioners. Here there is a rubbish skip, marine toilet pump out facility,

freshwater hose and free lockers for stowing lifejacket when going ashore. Berthing is only permitted on the outside of this pontoon 0800-1800, max. two hours, £8.00. From 1800-0800, overnight visitor berthing is available at £2.40/metre, rafting when busy. Fowey's Trent class lifeboat is permanently berthed on Berrills pontoon and all vessels should give it a wide berth as it transits the harbour and gathers speed on an emergency call out.

p. 143 Fuel, Fresh Water and Gas

Para 1 delete all, substitute with: Diesel is easily obtained (24/7, self-service, credit / debit cards), from the all-tide fuel pontoon just upstream of the Bodinnick Ferry on the west side of the river. Diesel and petrol are also available from the pontoon off Tom's Boatyard at Polruan (weekdays only, 0845-1215, 1300-1600) call ahead on VHF Ch 10, callsign: 'Tom's Boatyard' or Tel: 01726 870232. Visitors' showers and a small self-service launderette are also available here when the yard is open. The only other source of petrol locally is the Four Turnings garage, a mostly uphill walk of nearly a mile from the waterfront.

p. 143 Facilities

Para 1, line 2, add at end: Tenders without fitted navigation lights must display a light, e.g. torch, when under way during hours of darkness and at times of restricted visibility.

p. 145 Polruan

Left hand col, para 1, line 12:

After *depth*, add: There is a handy free storage locker for lifejackets right on the pontoon.

Right hand col, para 1, line 5:

After *crane*, add new sentence: The boatyard also has visitors' showers available during their opening hours (0845-1215, 1300-1600) and the only launderette in the port.

p. 149 Fowey Port Guide

Fuel: At beginning of entry insert: Diesel 24/7 (self-service, credit / debit cards) from the all-tide fuel pontoon just upstream of the Bodinnick Ferry on the west side of the river.

Showers/toilets: After *Fowey Gallants SC*, add: Tom's Boatyard, Polruan.

Launderette: Delete entry, substitute with: Small

self-service launderette at Tom’s Boatyard, Polruan, during their opening hours (weekdays only, 0845-1215, 1300-1600). The Harbour Office can also arrange collection of laundry for delivery the following day.

p. 171 Mylor

Left hand col, para 3:

Line 1: Amend *Mylor Seafood Restaurant*, to: Castaways East (Tel: 377710), a pub with food, curry a speciality.

Lines 3-4: Castaways: After *door*, amend to: serve Italian-style cuisine, pasta / pizza, seafood and English favourites.

Right hand col, para 1:

Line 3: Delete: *new*

Line 5: after *Anne*, delete rest of para, substitute with: Visitors are welcome to use the clubhouse and bar, when open, during evenings and weekends. The Marina showers and toilets are in the building adjacent to the club. Café Mylor, open daily (0830-1700) is located at the front of the Yacht Club with an outdoor terrace overlooking the Marina, and their ‘Full Cornish’ breakfast is one of the best in the area, with a very enticing lunch menu too!

p. 172 Restronguet

Right hand col, para 3, lines 9-10: Delete: *where there is a Post Office and general store.*

p. 174 The Upper Reaches To Truro

Left hand col, para 4:

Line 7, after *Smugglers Cottage*, delete rest of para, substitute with: previously a popular bar / restaurant and tearoom, since 2014 it has been home to Kernow Charters, who run and maintain permanent annual and seasonal moorings off the cottage and also visitors’ berthing on a pontoon and swinging moorings. Facilities include showers, toilets, and alongside access to freshwater and shore power.

Tel: 01872 580309 / Mob: 07816 481430

Email: colin@smugglersmoorings.co.uk

Or visit: www.smugglersmoorings.co.uk

Overnight charge for 10m boat: £18.00.

p. 179 Helford River Chartlet

South side of entrance, in approach to Gillan Creek, Car Croc, East cardinal buoy, now lit Q (3)10s (April-Oct).

p. 180 Approaches

Right hand col, para 1, line 8, Car Croc east cardinal buoy, after *BYB*, add: Q (3)10s.

Chapter five

THE ISLES OF SCILLY

p. 227 St Mary’s Sound, St Agnes and Gugh

Chartlet and insert: delete: Fl WRG 2s light and associated WRG flare at N end of St Mary’s New Quay which has now been extended 23m NE.

Approximately 130m south of Bacon Ledge buoy, insert: conical green starboard-hand buoy ‘Newman’ Fl (2) G 5s.

p. 230 St Marys Pool: Approach From The South

Left hand col, para 2:

At end, add: ‘Newman’, a conical green buoy, Fl (2) G 5s, 130m south of the Bacon Ledge buoy, clearly indicates the deeper water on the southern side of this passage and must be left on your starboard hand when approaching the harbour.

Right hand col, para 2:

Line 3, after *lit*, delete rest of para.

Note: the removal of this Fl RWG 2s light resulted from the 50m wide, 23m long NE’ward extension of New Quay (2015/16) to provide improved berthing in deeper water for the *Scillonian III* and other commercial vessels, new access steps, and increased shelter within the harbour. There is now no specific navigation light at the outer end of the new extension, but it, and the steps, are brightly lit with white downlights.