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CAUTION

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INTRODUCTION

p. 13 HM Coastguard MSI Broadcasts

In September 2017, MSI VHF Channels 23, 84 and 86 were replaced by **VHF Channels 62, 63 and 64**. VHF Channel 10 continues to be used for MSI broadcasts and pollution control back-up. Penultimate para, line 5, delete: 23, 73, 84 or 86, substitute: 62, 63 or 64.

p. 14 Customs

Para 1, at end, add: Alternatively, contact **Project Kraken**, a combined National Crime Agency/Police and Border Force initiative for recreational sailors to report unusual or suspicious behaviour along the coast and in port, including possible illegal immigration aboard small craft. However trivial, if something looks abnormal, a crew who do not look at ease aboard a boat for instance, or people transferring from larger vessels into a RIB some distance offshore, call the local Police on 101, or anonymously, Crimestoppers on 0800 555111, quoting 'Kraken'.

p. 14 Harbours and Marinas

Charges

These random examples of 2017/18 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: £2.80/m per night.

Plymouth: Mayflower Marina, £3.40/m. Queen Anne's Battery Marina, £3.80/m up to 12.5m, 12.6m -18m £4.75/m

Fowey Harbour: Island pontoons or swinging mooring £2.00 /m. Mixtow shore linked pontoon £2.50/m. Berrills Yard shore linked pontoon £2.60/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: £3.10/m, swinging moorings £2.20/m, anchorage, £1.45/m.

St Marys Harbour, Isles of Scilly: Mooring, max 12m, £18.50 /night, 12m-18m £24.50, half day 50% of charges.

Chapter one

PORTLAND BILL TO START POINT

p. 19 Safety information and weather

Solent & Portland Coastguard, amend: Solent Coastguard

Brixham & Falmouth Coastguard amend: Falmouth Coastguard

Para 2, after: 2210 delete: rest of para, substitute: followed by working channel for broadcast, normally Solent Coastguard, Ch 63 Portland, (Grove Point), Ch 62 Beer Head.

Falmouth Coastguard, Ch, 63, Berry Head, Ch 10, Dartmouth, Ch 62, East Prawle, Ch 64, Rame Head.

p. 42 Topsham facilities (cont)

Para 2 lines 4/5, delete: entry for La Petite Maison (this is now part of the Globe Hotel).

p. 43 River Exe port guide

Delete: photo and caption La Petite Maison.

Doctor, phone, amend: Topsham Surgery, 874646

Banks/cashpoints, delete: Topsham, Lloyds Bank, weekdays 0900-1530.

p. 46 Teignmouth facilities

Para 4, lines 9/10, delete: all the main banks, amend: Lloyds/TSB/ NatWest/HSBC

p. 58 Brixham Facilities

Para 2, line 7, delete: all the main banks, amend: Lloyds/TSB, NatWest, HSBC.

p. 60 Brixham port guide

Banks/cashpoints, Delete: all main banks, amend: Lloyds/TSB, NatWest, HSBC.

p.66 Darthaven Marina

The spring ebb tide here runs very strongly through the berths towards the outer end of the pontoons and extreme care is required when leaving a berth downstream on the ebb.

p. 67 Dartmouth Facilities

Para 2, lines 4-6 delete: Lloyds HSBC and NatWest all have cashpoints (There is no branch of Barclays Bank). Substitute: Cashpoints at Post Office in Spar shop, 21, Victoria Road, in Co-operative-food, Fairfax Place. Note: Following the closure of HSBC and Lloyds banks last year the closure of NatWest (June 11 2018) will leave no banks in Dartmouth.

p. 73 River Dart Port Guide

Harbourmaster, amend: Captain Mark Cooper.

p. 74 River Dart Port Guide (cont)

Banks/cashpoints: delete entry, substitute: No banks; cashpoints at Post Office in Spar shop, 21, Victoria Road, Co-operative-food, Fairfax Place.

Chapter two

START POINT TO RAME HEAD

p. 75 Safety information and weather

Brixham & Falmouth Coastguard amend: Falmouth Coastguard

Lines 5/6 amend: Ch, 63, Berry Head, Ch 10, Dartmouth, Ch 62, East Prawle, Ch 64, Rame Head.

p. 86 Salcombe Facilities

para 3, line 1, delete: Lloyds Bank with a cashpoint and a

p. 91 Salcombe Port Guide

Harbourmaster, amend: Adam Parnell.

p. 99 River Yealm

Chartlet: R Yealm entrance, east of Fl R 5s red can Bar buoy, inner red can buoy, add: Fl R 3s and red flare.

Chapter three

RAME HEAD TO THE MANACLES

p. 125 Safety information and weather

Brixham & Falmouth Coastguard amend: Falmouth Coastguard

Lines 4/5/6 amend: Ch 64, Rame Head, Ch 10 Fowey, Ch 62 Falmouth, Ch 63, Lizard.

p. 141 Fowey Chartlet

RH side, centre, N of Penleath Point, legend: Visitors' pontoon, amend: Visitors' pontoons; delete: both visitors' buoys upstream of pontoon and substitute two additional pontoons of same size as existing pontoon.

p. 142 Berthing Moorings and Anchoring

Para 3, line 3, another pontoon island, amend: three pontoon islands.

p. 161 Falmouth facilities

Para 1, line 7, after: waterfront, add: The pontoon and small craft finger berths within the basin are reserved for local boats only.

p. 169 St Mawes facilities

Para 1, line 3, delete: Lloyds bank.

Chapter four

THE MANACLES TO LAND'S END

p. 187 Safety information and weather

Line 1, Falmouth Coastguard amend: Lines 4/5 amend: Ch 62 Falmouth, Ch 63, Lizard, Ch 64 Isles of Scilly, Ch 62, Trevose.

Chapter five

THE ISLES OF SCILLY

p. 214 Chartlet, SW of St Marys, Bartholomew Ledges R beacon QR, substitute R beacon QR,

without can topmark. (Topmark permanently discontinued).

p. 217, para 2, lines 6/7, before repeats, insert: usually; Ch 86, amend: Ch 64

p. 227, Chartlet, SW of St Marys, Bartholomew Ledges R beacon QR, substitute R beacon QR, without can topmark.

p. 233, Upper photo, caption amend: There are no longer visitors' moorings in Porth Cressa but, weather permitting, there is now ample room again to anchor free of charge!

p. 233, Porth Cressa, para 2, lines 3-4, delete: even more so since 15 visitors' moorings were laid in the prime spot in 2012!

p. 234, para 2, line 4, after weather, insert: 'and should be avoided in winds in excess of force 4 from south-west through south to south-east'. Line 4, delete: remainder of para from 'The alternative... to south east'.

p. 234 Para 3, delete lines 5-6, substitute: There is a visitor's shower facility (£2 for as long as you like!) and toilets situated beneath the Tourist Information Office in the new development at the head of the beach. They will provide an access key 0830-1730 Mon-Sat, 0900-1400 Sun.

p. 235, Hugh Town, St Mary's Port Guide, Mooring/berthing, at end, delete: Porth Cressa, 15 visitors' moorings. **Charges**, at end, delete: Visitors' mooring Porth Cressa: £20 up to 13.7m.

Chapter six

LAND'S END TO PENTIRE POINT

p. 257 Safety information and weather

Line 1, Falmouth Coastguard, line 4, after: normally, delete: VHF Channel 84, substitute: VHF Channel 64, (Isles of Scilly) or Channel 62 (Trevose).

p. 262 St Ives

Para 4, line 1, before: banks insert: HSBC and Barclays.

p. 263 Newquay

Last para, line 5, before: banks insert: Lloyds and Barclays.

p. 265 Padstow

Chartlet, E side of entrance channel, SSE of Bar Buoy, opposite Gun Pt, insert R port hand spar buoy, name: Brae Spit, characteristic: Fl (2) R. 5s.

p. 268 Padstow facilities

Para 3, line 6, delete: Lloyds.