



**North Brittany & Channel Islands Cruising Companion**

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**All Updates up to June 2022**

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**Chapter 2: THE CHANNEL ISLANDS**

**p53-54: Approaching Beaucette Marina**

The leading marks and outer fairway buoy are now all back in operation.

**p69: Dixcart Bay Waypoints – WGS 84 Datum**

Correction to Dixcart Bay waypoints:

DX1 49 23.90N 02 20.34W

DX2 49 25.13N 02 21.15W

**p79 Developments at St Helier Marina, Jersey**

The marina improvement works at St Helier are now complete and the marina is back in operation for visiting yachts from 1 July 2022. All the pontoons have been renewed and the services on them. Boats coming from the EU with non UK nationals on board have to complete a customs form online prior to arrival. All the information you need is on the St Helier Marina website [www.ports.je/jerseymarinas/](http://www.ports.je/jerseymarinas/) or phone and speak to one of the helpful staff on 01534 447708. Visitor pontoons are F, G and H and tariffs, tide times and gate opening times can be found on the website

**PORTS OF ENTRY IN BRITTANY**

As a consequence of Brexit private boats must now clear customs at one of the designated ports of entry when cruising to France.

The official Ports of Entry in Brittany and the Cotentin are Cherbourg, Carteret, Granville, St Malo, St Brieuc/Légué and Roscoff with St Cast and St Quay having special arrangements from 1 June to 30 September 2022. It is still not possible to go from the Channel Islands to Diélette and boats coming from the West Country need to clear in at either Roscoff or Brest.

It is recommended that visiting boats download and complete a Préavis Immigration form which can be emailed prior to your arrival. At some of the smaller ports, for example Carteret, you should book a time to clear in or out as the Border Police are not available 24/7. Be sure you are stamped out of France as non EU citizens have a maximum 90 day stay allowance within the Schengen area.

You also need to be aware that your passport must have at least 3 months to run **after** your

departure from the EU and the date of issue must be less than 10 years ago.

### Clearing procedures

The new rules mean we all need to dig out our Q flags again. You will need to ensure you are carrying the originals for your ship's papers, registration, insurance, radio licence, a log book and evidence of the vessel's VAT status. For the crew you will need to carry passports, certificates of competence, proof of insurance for medical cover and authority to use a maritime radio. For full details check out the RYA website.

### Into France

Even when we were members of the EU *Les Affaires Maritimes* could be quite keen to exercise their powers and will be even more so now. Ensure you have cleared in with French customs as soon as you can to minimise the risk of contravening any regulations. The marinas in the ports of entry will, no doubt, facilitate things. You will find that you may be asked for your papers – *vos papiers* – at any time during your cruise.

### Leaving and returning to the UK

You must now notify the UK Border Force, using form C1331, when travelling abroad in a private boat. You must complete and submit Part 1 before you leave and Part 2 on your return. The form can be downloaded from the Government website:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/947760/C1331-12-20.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/947760/C1331-12-20.pdf)

This UK notification procedure has been reinstated for the Channel Islands. Customs clearance into the Islands has always been required at Braye Harbour, Alderney, St Peter Port or Beaucette for Guernsey and St Helier or Gorey for Jersey.

## Chapter 4: The Bay of St Malo

### p107 Developments at Carteret

The new marina development at Carteret is complete and there are almost double the number of berths. Access is over a sill which is just upstream of the fish quay. It is now a bit further to walk from the visitors' pontoons to the facilities. Although the area retained in water is now larger there are still shoal patches so deep keeled boats should be careful.



*The new pontoons at Carteret*



*Carteret: the new marina*



*Carteret: the new sill*



*Carteret looking seaward*