



## Southern Ireland Cruising Companion

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The following amendments and supplements concentrate on the significant changes that have occurred since the published text was finalised. It remains important to remember that some charts, and hence the related 'Notices to Mariners' (N2Ms), covering this area may not be to the WGS datum.

Specific N2Ms published by the British Admiralty may be consulted at the following website:

<http://www.nmwebsearch.com/NMsByNmNumber.aspx>

### Introduction

**Weather, Page 8** - The coastguard weather forecast pro forma is reproduced here on the last page of this document.

### Chapter 2 – Dingle to the Skelligs

**Knight's Town, Page 63 & 64** – Work on the harbour is proceeding and new breakwaters should provide sheltered water in time for the 2010 season.

### Chapter 4 – Bantry Bay

**Bantry, Page 108** – Column 2, Bullet Point 2, change 'south' to: western.

**Lonehort Harbour, Page 111** - The offshore protection zone associated with the small arms firing range at Leahern's Point has been marked by three synchronised yellow buoys (Fl.Y.5s). Vessels moored in the anchorage are outside the danger area. A red flag is flown when firing is in progress. See N2M 978/09.

**Bear Haven, Page 112-114** - Colt Rock Beacon has been lit [Fl(2).R.10s]. The 'Colt' emblem has been removed from the top and replaced by a red can. Depending on the outcome of local consultation, the 'Colt' may yet be replaced albeit at a lower position. See N2M 6044/09.

**Bantry, Page 130** – 'Lights & Marks' & Chartlet: A lit Yellow buoy (Fl.Y.5s) marking a diffuser has been laid in the western entrance to Bantry Harbour at 51°40'.66N , 09°29'.61W. See N2M 5829/09.

### Chapter 6 – Long Island and Roaringwater Bays

**Crookhaven, Page 149 & 150 Chartlet** – Blackhorse Rocks NCM, north of the Alderman Islands at the entrance to Crookhaven has been lit with characteristics Q. See N2M 3943/09.

**Cape Clear Harbour; North Harbour, Page 162 & 163** – Work on the outer pier is planned for Spring 2010. The seasonal tourist office (see Page 164) can often give guidance on where or how to obtain up-to-date information on progress.

## **Chapter 7 – Baltimore to Kinsale**

**Courtmacsherry, Page 189-191** – The buoyage between Courtmacsherry buoy and the pier has been completely replaced and lit. A new chart block has been published in N2M 2541/09.

These buoys are in sequence from the ‘Courtmacsherry’ buoy:-

SHM – No.1 Fl.G.10s

SHM – No.3 Fl.G.5s

SHM – No.5 Fl(2).G.10s

PHM – No.2 Fl(2).R.10s

SHM – No.7 Q.G

SHM – No.9 Fl.G.15s

The pier [2FR(vert)] has had its visitor pontoon extended to 38m and it is now possible to moor on both sides. For further information contact the harbourmaster on 086 104 0812.

Visitors should remain alert to the influence of the tide, the narrowness of the channels and frequent movement of the channels.

## **Chapter 8 – East Coast Cork**

**Cork Harbour Approaches; Chartlet, Page 198 & ‘Lights & Marks’, Page 203** –

Two seasonal (Apr-Nov) racing buoys are established south of Roche’s Point

OFE1 - 51° 46′·02N, 8° 16′·55W

OFE2 - 51° 46′·31N, 8° 14′·18W

See N2M 3685/09

## **Chapter 9 – County Waterford**

**Waterford City; Chartlet, Page 240** - A new chart block covering the junction of Queens Channel, Kings Channel and Belview terminal has been published (see N2M 4659/08). This should be adopted by those making passage to Waterford marina.

**Saltee Islands, Pages 250-251** - For those approaching/departing Kilmore Quay via the south and east, several previously unrecorded rocks have been identified around Little and Great Saltee. These are listed in N2M 5684/09. Note that one of these is 4 cables SW and another 5 cables NW of Great Saltee. It should be borne in mind that the relevant Leisure Folio chart (SC5621·16) has an ‘Undetermined Datum’. The following positions have been converted from the OSI Datum. The annotation ‘ED’ is an abbreviation for ‘Existence Doubtful’.

52° 07′·89N, 6° 35′·04W. Rock; close SSE of Little Saltee

52° 07′·37N, 6° 38′·03W. Uncovering rock; 2 ½ cables NW of Great Saltee

52° 07′·27N, 6° 37′·52W. Uncovering rock; 6 cables NW of Great Saltee

52° 06′·41N, 6° 37′·28W. Dangerous rock; 1 cable S of Great Saltee

52° 06′·14N, 6° 37′·65W (ED). Uncovering rock; 4 cables SSW of Great Saltee

**APPENDIX: Sea Area Forecast**

Valid until: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gale Warnings** \_\_\_\_\_

**Small Craft Warnings** \_\_\_\_\_

**General Situation @** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hrs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Forecasts for coasts -1**

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Visibility \_\_\_\_\_

**Forecasts for coasts -2**

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Visibility \_\_\_\_\_

**Forecasts for coasts -3**

From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Wind: \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_ Visibility \_\_\_\_\_

**Outlook for a further 24 hours: Wind:** \_\_\_\_\_

Weather: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reports from Coastal Stations at** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hours** \_\_\_\_\_

Malin Head: \_\_\_\_\_

Buoy M5: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuskar Light: \_\_\_\_\_

Roche's Point: \_\_\_\_\_

Valentia: \_\_\_\_\_

Belmullet: \_\_\_\_\_

Dublin Airport: \_\_\_\_\_