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Page 7 Introduction

Add: Access to Land New access rights relating to open country in Scotland came into effect in February 2005. The Access Code, published by SNH defining the terms and obligations governing access may be downloaded from the Internet at <http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com/>.

Page 10 Barra plan

Scale, for Cables read Miles

Page 11

LH col. line 3 for +0205 read -0420.

Page 13 Photo

Caption: for Northwest read Northeast.

Page 15

LH col. last line for SW read SE

Page 16 Lights

Amend character of buoy in line 3 to: Fl(2)G.8s.

RH col: *Cornaig Bay* para 2, last line, for Treinne read Treanne.

Supplies Gas is now available at Borge on the west

side of Barra. At Castlebay speak to the operator of the ferry to Kisimul Castle to negotiate Calor gas delivery. Newspapers from the butchers. . .and if you want today's paper come back tomorrow.

Page 18 Supplies

Calor Gas is no longer available at Ardveenish Pier (fish processing factory): see p.16.

Page 19 Plan

Insert Lt bn at NW point of drying rock 2 ca. ENE of breakwater light at Barra ferry terminal Fl.R.4s3m3M.

Page 24

RH col. para 2, line 2, for '135° astern' read 'bearing 138°'.

Page 25 Plan

As p.19. At Drover Rocks, north of Fuday, substitute for existing S card buoy, Q(6)+LFl.15s, located 1ca. further S.

Page 26

RH col. last para

Note that a chain lies on the bottom between the two visitors' moorings, and a rock which dries 0.2m lies inshore of the chain, where an unwary yacht could swing onto it in a N'yly wind. The SE corner of the bay is foul with rocks.

Page 31 Tides

Line 4, for -0455 read -0505.

Page 33 Loch Eynort - Tides

Line 4, for +0200 read +0135.

Page 35

LH col. first line, for -0455 read -0505.

Page 39 Tides

Line 5, for -0602 read -0512.

Page 42 Photo caption

Amend last sentence to read 'The rock at bottom centre-left is the '3-metre rock' and the drying rock further NW shows as a dark patch on the photo.'

Page 44 Tides

Line 1, for -0602 read -0512.

Peter's Port line 2, for 'this' read 'last'.

Page 52 North Uist - Tides

Line 1, for -0215 read -0150.

Page 59 Services and Supplies

Supermarkets at Balivanich (Benbecula), reached by taxi or occasional bus.

Page 62 Tides

LH col. Para. 5, line 3, for +0230 read +0205.

RH col: Line 3, for +0230 read +0205.

Page 65

LH col. para 3, line 2 After 'buoys' add 'This is probably now the easiest course to follow. Follow Cope Passage to new Cabbage buoy (see plans, pp. 72, 73), leave the buoy to port and steer 270° to pass east of'.

LH col. last para. lines 3-4, delete 'unlit. . reef 3ca', and substitute 'stbd-hand light buoy 1hca'.
Line 3, delete 'identify'.

Page 67 Plan

Eilean Fuam, delete light and character.

Page 68

RH col. Amend second line of heading 'Passage ... Berneray' to 'and Berneray Causeway'.

Amend first line of following text to read: 'To continue towards anchorage at Berneray Causeway steer 280°'

Lights Delete Reef Channel No. 1 & 2 lts (these perches are no longer lit)

Before Eilean Fuam add Trench light-buoy Q(3)G.10s.

Delete Eilean Fuam light in toto.

Page 69 Upper plan

Delete light characters at beacons at top right-hand corner (see amendment above at p.68). Delete left-hand occurrence of the word 'Trench'. N of Trench buoy, for Tortel read Torkel.

Delete Eilean Fuam light and character

On plans amend Trench light-buoy to Q(3)G.10s.

Lights

LH col. Insert new line before NF6: NF5 Lt col. (temporarily replaced by Lt Buoy) Fl.R(2)G.8s.

After Narstay lt add new line Eilean an Iaruinn Lt buoy Fl.G.5s

Page 71 Passage from south

Second para, at end of line 1, for NE read ESE.

Page 72 Plan

Scale bar, for Cable read Mile.

Delete Eilean Fuam light and character (near left-hand bottom corner).

Page 72, 73 Plan

Insert Cabbage R can lt buoy in Cope Passage approx 2ca. NE of Cabbage North lt bn.

Page 74 Plan

At drying rock west of Jane's Tower insert S card Lt buoy Fl.6+L.Fl.10s (Bo Stainan).

Page 75

LH col.

After Jane's Tower add

Bo Stainan S card Lt buoy Fl.6+L.Fl.10s.

Page 78

RH col. Services add water, fuel and stores reported available.

Page 80 Tides

LH col. Off Scalpay, line 2, for +0500 read +0435; line 3, for +0300 read +0235.

F Sgeir Graidach lines 1-2 delete 'beacon. . painted

red'. Lines 3-4 for sentence beginning 'Eugenie Rock', substitute: 'Eugenie Rock, ½ mile SSE of Sgeir Graidach, at a depth of 0.9m, is marked by a S card light buoy Q(6)+LFl.15s, lying about hM further south.

Lights RH col. after Comet Rock add new line Eugenie Rock Lt buoy Q(6)+LFl.15s.

Page 89 Tides

LH col. Line 3, for +0245 read +0220.

Page 90 and 94

On plans show W sector of Sgeir Ghlas Lt bn (bearing from seaward) from 319°-329°.

Page 94 Plan

At LH side, at Loch Ceann Dibig, ENE of 'Slip' and SSE of fish cage, label drying rock as Sgeir Liath. Show centre of rock standing above water.

Page 95 Sgeir Liath

LH col. Relocate second para (beginning 'Approach') above heading Sgeir Liath, i.e. as part of directions for Ob Meavag.

Line 4, for 'northwest' read 'to the right of'. It is reported that the fish cages are currently moored further offshore than shown on the plan and that the holding NW of Sgeir Liath is good.

Water is available at the slip west of Sgeir Liath.

RH col. for photo caption substitute the following: 'The inner part of the bay has been reclaimed, for development, with a breakwater extending north, halfway across from the south shore forming a small harbour with a slip within. The previous broad slip has been swallowed up by the reclamation.'

Page 96 Tides

LH col. (First occurrence), line 3, for +0505 read +0435.

Page 105 Tides

RH col. Line 3, for +0400 Dover read +0335 Dover.

Page 113 Lower plan

Show sectors of Arnish Point light: 198°-R-302°-W-13° (from seaward).

Page 114

Substitute photo below for existing. Caption: Stornoway from North.



RH col. Glumaig Harbour delete last sentence and substitute: Debris and charted wrecks have been cleared and this is now the official anchorage.

Page 116

LH col. Before **Dangers and Marks** add: Note that Sound of Vatersay is closed by a causeway.

Page 118

LH col. **Lights**

Gasker Amend latitude to 57°59'1N.

RH col. **Tides**, line 1, for +0345 read +0320.

Page 122

LH col. third sentence for 'sanbanks' read 'sandbanks'. Before last para Gairgrada add: Note that Sound of Berneray is closed by a causeway.

Page 125 Lights

For co-ordinates of Flannan Isles light substitute: 58°7'3N 7°35'4W.

Page 129

RH col. **Supplies** for 98 read 95.

Page 130

RH col.

Loch Roag Add note: Both lochs are badly obstructed by mussel ropes, although clear fairways have been left (for which see CNES website).

Tides, line 2, for +0345 Dover read +0330 Dover.

Page 131 Vacasay lagoon

The SE entrance is reported to be clean although with a least depth of 0.5m at CD, but SW entrance is choked with rocks.

Page 135 Tides

LH col. Line 2, for +0335 Dover read +0305 Dover.

Page 136

RH col. Amend entry for Kelvin Hughes Glasgow to: St. Luke's Business Estate, St. Luke's Place, Glasgow G5 ☎ 0141 429 6462

Before *The Clyde Cruising Club* add:

Many of early charts can be viewed on screen at www.nls.uk/digitalibrary/map/early/admiralty-charts-list.html

Before **General Books** add *Tide tables for Kyle of Lochalsh*, which differs by 15 minutes from Ullapool, may be obtained by sending an SAE to Kyle Harbour IV40 8AQ

Macmillan's Almanac; The Cruising Almanac 2005-6, Imrays