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This document contains information and corrections for the RCC Pilotage Foundation pilot book *Isles of Scilly*, 4th Edition. Material in it is derived from RCC members and other private sailors as well as from official *Notices to Mariners*.

The Editor is most grateful for the information that he has received from yachtsmen who visited the area in the past year. * Grateful thanks are due to Peter Jones for one correction this year.

CAUTION

These amendments contain selected information. They are thus not definitive and do not include all known information on the subject in hand; this is particularly relevant to plans, which should not be used for navigation. The Pilotage Foundation and Imray Laurie Norie and Wilson believe that their selection is a useful aid to prudent navigation but the safety of a vessel depends ultimately on the judgement of the navigator who should assess all information, published and unpublished, available to him or her.

Page 4

Right-hand column, two thirds way down after 'St Mary's' delete from '- notably . . . to . . . telegraph tower' and insert 'notably the TV latticed tower and the grey stone telegraph tower'. (The Decca masts have gone.)

Page 6

Top of left-hand column, delete 'Swells from the Atlantic are a recipe for trouble in the narrow, tidal, rocky sounds'. (Repeat from previous page.)

Pages 10 and 11

Delete all of page 11, and all of page 10 after **Radio** and insert

Communications and radio aids

Air radio beacons

Penzance 333kHz PH 15M 50°07'·67N 05°31'W.

Sunrise to sunset.

St Mary's, Isles of Scilly 321kHz STM 15M

49°54'·82N 06°17'·43W. Sunrise to sunset.

Racons

There are three useful racons in the approaches to the Isles of Scilly

Bishop Rock light T 18M

Seven Stones light float O 15M

Wolf Rock light T 10M

Radio weatherservices

Full details of the many radio weather services available may be found in *Admiralty Maritime Communications*

(*Europe and Mediterranean*) NP 289 or, more briefly in *RYA Weather Forecasts G5/02*. The following is a selection

BBC Radio 4

198kHz (1515m) and FM 92.4-94.6mHz. All times UT

0048 Every day 24-hour and long-range forecasts

0535 Mon-Sat 24-hour and long-range forecasts

0542 Sunday Long-range forecast

0556 Saturday Topical leisure forecast

1201 Every day Gale warnings, synopsis and 24hr forecast

1754 Every day Gale warnings, synopsis and 24hr forecast

BBC Radio Cornwall

96mHz from St Mary's. All times LT

Full shipping forecast

Mon-Fri 0725, 1225

Saturday 0725, 1325

Sunday 0825, 1310

Weather bulletins

Mon-Fri 0608, 0725, 0825, 1225, 1325, 1725, 1825, 1925, 2210

Saturday 0825, 1315. Sunday 0710, 0925, 1310

Marinecall and Metfax

Marinecall 2-day forecasts ☎ 09068 500458 for the southwest at 60p per minute.

Metfax 2-day inshore forecast plus latest weather maps

☎ 09060 100458 for the southwest at £1 per minute.

MRCC Falmouth

VHF Channels 10 and 23 for the Scilly Islands and local sea areas at 0140, 0540, 0940, 1340, 1740 and 2140 UT.

Navtex

Continuous weather forecasts and warnings from Niton (S and K) updated at 0300, 0700, 1100, 1500, 1900 and 2300 UT.

Radio France (in French). All times UT

Weather messages 162kHz Sat and Sun at 0654 and

2003. 711kHz and 1404kHz at 0640.

Port radio. All times UT

Harbour	VHF Ch	Hrs manned	☎
Falmouth	16, 12, 11	0800-1700	01326 312285/ 314379 Fax 211352
Penzance	16, 12, 09	0830-1630	01736 366113
Newlyn	16, 12, 09	0800-1700	01736 362523
St Mary's	16, 14	0800-1700	01720 422768

In addition to the weekday hours, the harbour offices are manned 0800-1230 on Saturdays.

*** Page 12 Navigational aids and safety - Major lights**

Amend range of Round Island Lt to 18M.

Page 12 Navigational aids and safety

Lizard Delete 'Storm signals'.

Caption under picture of Hulman beacon, amend 'starboard' to read 'east' and add at the end 'Note that this beacon is now lit Fl.G.6s'.

Page 13

Left-hand column, **Crow Rock** beacon, Crow Sound. At end of paragraph add 'Fl(2)10s'.

Hulman beacon. Delete '(and see page 14)' and add 'Fl.G.6s'.

Below Little Rag beacon entry add 'Bartholomew Ledges, St Mary's Sound. Red beacon. Q.R.'

Amend caption below picture of Little Rag Ledge to read 'The beacon at Little Rag Ledge, marking the

west side of the south entrance to New Grimsby Sound.'

Delete 'Coastguard Services in the SW area of Britain' and subsequent paragraph and insert:

Search and Rescue Services in the SW

All services are co-ordinated by the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre (MRCC) at Falmouth. They maintain continuous watch on DSC MF (2187.5kHz), DSC Channel 70 as well as Channel 16. Their working channels are 06, 10, 23, 67 and 73. The area of the Scilly Isles is covered by channels 16 and 23 from a remote station at St Mary's'.

Right-hand column. Delete the top two lines.

Delete Customs offices and paragraph and insert

Customs clearance

There is no Customs Office in Scilly. Non-EU yachts or yachts with non-EU crew should fly flag Q and telephone ☎ 0800 7231110 to clear in.

Box at bottom of page – Buoys

Insert:

Bacon Ledge St Mary's Road Can R Fl.R.10s

Spencers Ledge North Channel Card S Y over B

Q(6)+LtFl.15s

Steeple Rock North Channel Card W YBY Q(9)15s

Page 14 Left-hand column

Potting and tangle netting

At end of the paragraph add 'This is the major hazard to yachts in the vicinity of the islands'.

Historic wrecks

Delete second sentence and insert 'Three are designated historic wreck sites; one is at Tearing Ledge, one at Bartholomew Ledges (see plan on pages 38 and 39) and one to the S of Green Island off Samson.'

Right-hand column

New navigation marks in the approach to St Mary's
Delete the whole paragraph.

*** Page 15 Outer Approaches**

Third sentence, and on plan, amend range of **Round Island LtHo** to 18M.

Pages 16 and 17 Plan

Insert W cardinal pillar light-buoy Q(9)15s Steeple Rock in position 49°55'5N, 06°24'2W.

Insert S cardinal pillar light buoy Q(6)+LFl.15s **Spencers Ledge** in position 49°54'8N, 06°22'1W.

Realign Line V to 127° on St Agnes Old Lighthouse.

St Mary's Sound – Insert a red beacon symbol Q.R close to the SW of Bartholomew Ledges buoy whose characteristics remain unchanged.

Insert Lt on Spanish Ledges buoy Q(3)10s.

St Mary's Road – Insert red can buoy Fl.R.5s **Bacon Ledge** in position 49°55'2N, 06°19'12W.

Crow Bar – Insert Lt on Crow Rock beacon

Fl(2)10s.

*** Page 17 Plan**

Amend range of **Round Island Lt** to 18M.

Page 18 2. **Close approaches**

Penultimate paragraph, ninth line amend to read ' . . . is buoyed and lit and can . . . '

Page 19 **Bottom view**

Amend 'Bartholomew Ledges buoy' to 'Bartholomew Ledges beacon and buoy'.

Page 20 **Porth Cressa**

14th line down after 'black topmark' insert Q(3)10s.

Page 21 Left-hand column

7th line down et seq amend to read ' . . . leave the red can buoy and beacon on Bartholomew Ledges close abeam to port. The beacon is QR and the buoy Fl.R.5s marking some rocks . . . '

Last two lines, delete 'Each mark now shows a fixed red light at night' and insert 'The upper mark shows Iso over Iso.R, the lower mark shows Iso.R over Iso lights'.

Right-hand column

First paragraph, delete 'the anchoring area and'.

Second paragraph, delete 'has recently been installed with the object of improving' and insert 'helps'.

Approach 2 Second line, after '(to the NE).' add 'A red can buoy (Fl.R.10s) is positioned close to the SW of Bacon Ledge'.

Pages 22 and 23 Plan

Crow Rock beacon. Add Lt 'Fl(2)10s'.

St Mary's, NW corner. Delete 5 black wireless masts between 'TV TR' and 'Telegraph Tower'.

Insert red can buoy on Bacon Ledge Fl.R.10s in position 49°55'2N 06°19'12W on main plan and inset.

Bartholomew Ledges. Insert red lit bn Q.R on ledge just to SW of Bartholomew Ledges buoy.

Add Lt 'Q(3)10s' to Spanish Ledges buoy.

Main plan and inset, amend leading lights. Front 'Iso.R over Iso', rear 'Iso over Iso.R'.

Page 25

Delete 'New navigation marks in the approaches to St Mary's See page 14'.

*** Page 26 Plan**

Amend range of **Round Island Lt** to 18M.

Page 27 Plan

Insert S cardinal buoy Q(6)+LFl.15s **Spencers Ledge** in position 49°54'8N 06°22'1W

Insert red can buoy Fl.R.10s **Bacon Ledge** in position 49°55'2N 06°19'12W.

Page 28 **New Grimsby – Buoys and beacons**

Hulman pole beacon, add 'Fl.G.6s' after 'topmark'.

Page 31 Left-hand column

Third last line, delete 'j35'.

* **Right-hand column – St Helen's Pool – Directions**

Amend first sentence to read 'Leaving the E coast of Round Island about 250m to Starboard, steer due S . . . '

Page 32 **Plan**

Crow Rock beacon, insert Lt and 'Fl(2)10s'.

* **Amend range of Round Island Lt to 18M.**

Page 35 **Left-hand column**

Line V, delete text and insert 'Line V St Agnes old lighthouse in transit with black and white beacon on Tins Walbert 127°, leads through North Channel'.

Right-hand column

Delete sketch at top.

Delete **Warning** paragraph and insert '**Warning** Overfalls occur over and near the rocky shallows to the SW of this channel. There is a strong tide rip to the NW of Steeple Rock during NW-going spring tides. There is a Traffic Separation Scheme 10–20M to the NW of Steeple Rock'.

Directions

Delete 2nd sentence and insert 'Identify Tins Walbert with its black and white beacon and approach on 127° with St Agnes old lighthouse in line with the beacon (Line V)'.

Delete next sentence 'In heavy weather . . . to . . . shoals.'

Page 37 **Crow Sound – Buoys and beacons**

After entry for Crow Rock add 'Fl(2)10s'.

Right-hand column – Directions

7th line down, delete 'and three Decca masts'.

Pages 38 and 39 **Plan**

Reduce the latitude scale by 1M – i.e. 49°54'N becomes 49°53'N.

Delete Line V and insert Line V 127° joining Tins Walbert and St Agnes old lighthouse.

Insert symbol for red beacon Q.R just to SW of Bartholomew Ledges buoy.

Spanish Ledge buoy, insert Lt 'Q(3)10s'.

Page 43 **St Mary's Pool**

2nd paragraph, at end of first sentence add ' . . . , and anchoring is not allowed within the harbour limits which is to the SE of a line joining Newman Island and the W end of Newford Island (see plan on pages 22 and 23).'

At the end of this paragraph amend the last sentence to read 'The charge for one night is £13, 2 nights £25, 3 or 4 nights £35 and the harbour staff visit vessels each morning to collect the fees.'

5th paragraph, delete all from 'There is . . . to . . . £10 fee'.

Page 47 **Other anchorages**

Line 2 for 'page 000' read 'page 3'.

Warning

Last line for 'pages 20-21' read 'pages 22-23'.

Page 63 **Facilities**

Delete Customs entry.

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