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Page 220 Combarro

The new marina Puerto Deportivo de Combarro is fully operational since 2009 and can accommodate 335 boats from 6–16m. The old quay of the fishing harbour has been extended to incorporate the marina facilities which include fuel, black water disposal, restaurant, showers and toilets. Ronáutica provides full marine services and repairs from the yard workshop.

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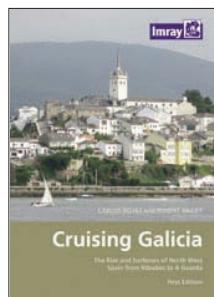
Puerto Deportivo de Combarro

- Space for 335 boats from 6–16m
- Restaurant, showers, toilets
- Electricity, water at the pontoons
- VHF Ch 09
- 50-ton travelift
- *Email* comercial@combarromar.com
- ☎ 986 778 415 *Fax* 986 778 416
- Fuel: diesel and petrol from pontoon
- Car park

Page 269 Baiona

West Cardinal Q(9)15s5M northwest of Islotes Serralleiras has moved position to 42°9'.25N 8°53'.34W

South Cardinal Q(6)+LFl.15s5M south of Islotes Serralleiras has moved position to 42°8'.16N 8°52'.92W.



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Page 88 Nauta Coruña

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- Two pontoons between RCN pontoons and breakwater wall
- Restaurant, showers, toilets
- Sailing Club
- VHF Channel 09
- *Email* administracion@nautacoruna.com
- ☎ 981 217 678 (bilingual) *Fax* 981 217 679

Page 89 Nauta Coruña

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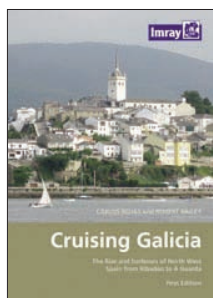
The two pontoons on the right hand side, between the RCN pontoons and the breakwater, are managed by Nauta Coruña. The Nauta building ashore is home to a Sailing Club and has a restaurant as well as showers and toilets. Visitors are welcome subject to space, contact the office who speak English or discuss berthing with the *marinero* on VHF Channel 09.

Page 22 Internet

Note that Vodafone Spain launched in the summer of 2008 a Pay & Go 3G modem, which works on Windows and Mac. The contract is called 'Módem USB Tarjeta prepago' and there are various options

covering the length of time and the size of data that can be downloaded. In addition to the connection credit you need to buy a 3G modem (you may be able to use your own as they are standard). On Windows the modem self installs, on Macs you have to run a Vodafone piece of software to install it (NB you download this piece of software from www.vodafone.es, but you may be able to get the shop to do this for you). This type of Pay & Go contract gives you very high speed internet access, from almost anywhere.

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Page 117 Plan

Longitude should read 09° and 15 minutes west (not north).

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Page 294 Note

Remove the 'd' from 'and'; text should read 'an estimate'.

RÍA DE PONTEVEDRA

- Alter course to 45° when Punta Couso Fl(3) WG.10.5s bears 90°. Note the light will turn from green to white soon after this. This will put Sanxenxo port hand breakwater light Q.R on the bow when it becomes visible. (Note Cabezo de la Mourisca Fl(2)G.7s will also become visible on the starboard bow).
- Follow the breakwater round and pass between port hand breakwater light Q.R. and starboard hand mark Fl(3)G.9s. Take care of ferries.

Initial shelter

Coming from the north, Ría de Pontevedra offers good initial shelter close to the entrance. The lee of the Isla Ons provides a temporary respite from westerlies and ocean swell. Sanxenxo is the best port on a first arrival at the Ría, less than 5M from the north or south entrance to the Ría. The marina is large and easy to access with extensive facilities ashore.

Coming from the south, Ría de Aldán is a good anchorage destination in winds from west, south and east. At night or in poor visibility the *bateas* present a barrier and there are isolated dangers close to anchorages.

Other ports and facilities

The marina at Portonovo is a good alternative, albeit much smaller, to Sanxenxo on the northern coast of the Ría.

On the southern side Agüete is the only marina if there is space in the visitors' outer pontoons, but these can be bouncy in any swell. Beluso and Bueu are not geared for visitors and only anchoring nearby is possible.

At the end of the Ría, behind Isla Tambo 10M from the entrance to the Ría, Combarro is a good anchorage destination.

Pontevedra is a restricted entrance due the road bridge (clearance 12m).

Note that many of the beaches have buoyed swimming areas which can restrict the shelter available compared to that found on the charts. Buoys are unlit.

Provisioning

The best locations for provisioning and restaurants are the larger towns of Portonovo, Sanxenxo, Bueu, Combarro and Pontevedra.

The *plazas* (markets) in Pontevedra and Bueu are excellent for fresh produce.

Repairs and chandleries

Sanxenxo is the only marina geared for major yacht services, and has a good chandlery on site. Elsewhere the marina staff and fishing harbour authorities are your best point of contact for access to local expertise.

For complex spares you may need the services of larger chandleries further afield such as Betanzos in Vigo or Pombo in A Coruña.

Transport

The excellent **train** line that links all of western Galicia from A Coruña to Vigo serves the station at Pontevedra. The high speed R598 trains stop there.

Numerous **buses** cover the area, from bus stations and stops at Portonovo, Sanxenxo, Combarro, Pontevedra, Marín and Bueu. The best location for connections to the major towns of Galicia is Pontevedra.

Cruising in Ría de Pontevedra

The wide Ría is a very pleasant cruising ground with few, well marked, offlying dangers surrounded by good scenery and with a number of anchorages that are good destinations for short stops. There is traffic to and from the port of Marín but it is much less busy than Vigo or Arousa.

In one day you can get a taste for the Ría simply by exploring the area at the entrance beyond Isla Ons. With more time in your hand, you could spend a good 3 or 4 days anchoring at Ría de Aldán, Magor beach and Combarro, staying at Agüete marina for a friendly quiet shore base away from the bustle of Sanxenxo.