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This supplement contains amendments and corrections sent in by a number of cruising yachtsmen and women, in addition to those culled from official sources such as Notices to Mariners.

Positions and waypoints

All positions and waypoints are to datum WGS84. They are included to help locating place, features and transits. Do not rely on them alone for safe navigation.

Bearings and lights

Any bearings are given in degrees True and from seaward. The characteristics of lights may be changed during the lifetime of this book and they should be checked against the latest edition of the UK Admiralty List of Lights.

Note Where lights have been modified in the text do please remember to alter them on the appropriate plan(s).

This supplement is cumulative and the latest information is marked in blue.

Acknowledgements

Tony Boas, *Ione*.

The past year has seen some welcome and significant improvement in two areas which we have criticised previously – the provision of adequate toilet and shower facilities for cruising yachtsmen and the availability of satisfactory WiFi signal. Specific reference will be made below but it should be acknowledged that PortsIB in particular have made significant investment in the former and that Mallorca has an increasingly effective, free, island-wide WiFi facility, mallorcawifi, which is sponsored by a commercial organisation, Wiongo.

Page 21 Posidonia

Posidonia remains an issue. It has been reported that there were over 600 ‘incidents’ in the past year but in almost every case the offending yachts were asked simply to move on. On only three occasions were fines imposed, presumably for repeat offences or refusal to comply.

Pages 11 and 289 Charts

Imray have produced a new portfolio of paper digital charts titled ‘3200 Islas Baleares’ – which is available in either ring bound or loose-leaf format and includes a free mobile download. There are 25 charts in total, to a variety of scales, with a further 28 harbour insert charts.

Page 24 WiFi

As noted above there is now free WiFi availability, in theory throughout the island, and this is a tremendous step forward. In practice we have experienced some variability in its effectiveness, for example with better signal in the east than the north and better in early morning and late evening, but nevertheless very helpful. The coverage in a number of marina systems has also shown some improvement.

Page 39 Plan

Remove anchor symbol from Cala Torretas.

Page 43 Cala Yondal and Cala de Port Roig

The cables which come ashore are in Cala Yondal and not in Cala de Port Roig.

Page 81

After Isla Espardel plan insert a heading ‘East coast of Formentera’ above Cala Pujols.

Page 82

Above Playa de Mitjorn, insert a heading ‘South and west coasts of Formentera’.

Page 130 Cala Castell

Permission to access the Castillo del Rey can no longer be obtained in the town hall at Pollensa. Access is now controlled by the Fundacio Vida Silvestre de la Mediterranea, ☎+34 971575880 and 683327512, www.visitaguaiadaternelles.com

Page 132 Anchorages and harbours plan

Anchoring is forbidden in Cala Formentor.

Page 134 Cala Formentor

The position regarding Posidonia mooring buoys is still unclear. In September 2018 there were again no buoys although the concrete blocks on the bottom were clearly in evidence in some of the shallower areas. There were many vessels anchored although most seemed to be taking care to anchor on sand.

Page 138 Puerto de Pollensa, PortsIB

This is one of the PortsIB marinas which has upgraded its toilet and shower facilities. In the process the launderette has been lost. The adjacent bar/café is a lively meeting place for visiting yacht crews. The free Mallorca WiFi is a bit spasmodic but in extremis the Réal Club Náutico has its own system which is very effective, at least in their bar!

Marina Mollet

This is a small marina (24 berths) operating only from May to October. It is mainly for smaller vessels but does have some larger berths and all the usual facilities. It is located on the south side of the main, public, mole. VHF Ch10 ☎+34 971 867786 and 629486815
Email nauticeumollet@gmail.com

Page 153 Cala Mesquida

Anchoring forbidden due to the multitude of underwater cables.

Cala Molto

Marine Reserve. No fishing.

Page 163 Porto Cristo

Again PortsIB have upgraded their toilet and shower facilities. There is a large *Washeria* laundry facility up the hill behind PortsIB (Carrer del Port) on the way to Hyper Centro. The largest chandlery is Jaume Vermell by the roundabout on the Manacor road.

Page 179 Porto Petro

The field of mooring buoys controlled by the Réal Club Náutico now includes three for yachts of up to 25 metres. The club has also installed a substantial new dinghy dock for those using the buoys, located on the mole to starboard on entering the harbour. Immediately to port on entry, on the inside of the mole, is a new alongside pontoon for about 3 yachts. They have also built a new toilet and shower block close to the visitors berths. The laundry facility is in the sailing club (which is part of the Réal Club Náutico) also convenient for the visitors' berths.

Page 222 Mahón

There are two new marinas in Mahón:

Marina Mô Llevant is a marina dedicated entirely to charter boats, both those based in the marina and visiting charterers. It has pontoons adjacent to the Minerva floating restaurant at the east end of the cruise ship dock and an adjacent short stretch of the harbour wall. The office and toilet and shower facilities are immediately across the road behind a high wall with three large doorways. ☎+34971201946 *Email* plt@mollevant.es
www.mollevant.es

Amarres Poniente has the section of the harbour between the trawler dock and Marina Menorca. A number of new pontoons have been built and whilst some of these cater for small boats the marina can take up to 17m. The office is in a portacabin next to the fresh fish shop. There are no toilet and shower facilities and the marina presents itself as a low cost option; it does however have water and electricity at each berth. ☎+34 658115421 *Email* amarresponiente@gmail.com

Pages 222 and 223/4 Marina Menorca

The marina has extended its toilet and shower facilities so that it now has six of each for men and the same for women, a big improvement. It is also reported to have two electric bicycles to help clients up the hill to the *Poligano* for shopping. They also have a collect and deliver laundry service.

Page 223 Sailmaker

An additional, mobile, telephone number for Velas Fonduco is ☎+34 659551996.

Page 251 Ciudadela

There has been considerable improvement in the provision of shower and toilet facilities. The Club Náutico has a new additional facility immediately behind the visitors berths and PortsIB have greatly improved theirs also. PortsIB have also installed card access to pontoons and facilities. Both Club Náutico and PortsIB have improved WiFi.

Page 269 Puerto de Fornells

A plan has been announced to extend the harbour by over a hundred berths involving dredging an area immediately adjacent southwest of the existing pontoon. A new PortsIB office will be built together with toilet and shower facilities and a *cantina*. It would seem unlikely that this could be completed before 2020 if indeed it happens at all.

This is another PortsIB harbour where the WiFi signal seems much improved.

Page 280 Puerto de Addaya, repairs

David Carr (mechanic) has retired.