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With the increasing precision of modern position-fixing methods, allowance must be made for inaccuracies in latitude and longitude on many charts, inevitably perpetuated on some harbour plans. Modern surveys specify which datum is used together with correction figures if required, but older editions should be used with caution, particularly in restricted visibility.

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

Warning

The Tresco harbourmaster has warned (March 2015) that the storms over winter 2014/15 have significantly altered the sandy seabed in the shallows between Samson, Bryher, Tresco, Tean and St Martin's and great caution should be exercised in the southern approaches to these islands; place little reliance on charted depths in these areas. It is thought that there has been little significant change to the main approaches to Old and New Grimsby Sounds from the N.

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The RCC Pilotage Foundation would be very pleased to receive any further updates. Please email info@rccpf.org.uk

Page 9 Top left tidal chartlet

Caption: 0200 after HW Plymouth.

Page 10 Navigational aids and safety

Peninnis Head lighthouse has reduced range: Fl.20s36m9M

Page 11 Beacons in Scilly

Woolpack Point, St Mary's Sound
Green S entry beacon Fl.G.5s

Hulman beacon

S entrance to New Grimsby Sound. Green ▲ radar reflector on pole Fl.G.4s.



Woolpack starboard entry beacon 2017

Page 12 Magnetic variation

2°35'W (2017) decreasing by 09' each year.

Page 15 Passage from the East

Helicopter services to the islands ceased in 2012 but are due to resume in 2018.

Page 19 Plan: The Isles of Scilly, clearing lines and waypoints

Delete all references to Line R as the Island Hotel has been demolished.

Page 21 St Mary's Sound, Lighthouses, buoys and beacons

Woolpack is now a starboard entry beacon, Fl.G.5s
Peninnis Head lighthouse Fl.20s36m9M

Page 22-23 Chart

The harbour limit is incorrectly shown. It is correct on Admiralty Chart 883, which shows it as a line drawn between Newman Island (WSW of the Hugh Town jetty) and the outer (W) limit of drying rocks off Newford Island, NE of the jetty (correctly described on p.29). Anchoring in Porthloo is permitted as long as the ferry approach from the N is kept clear.

Newman, a new starboard hand lateral (green conical) buoy (Fl(2)G.5s), has been laid at 49°55'·14N 06°19'·27W.

Page 24 St Mary's Sound

Directions Line 36: The Woolpack S cardinal beacon has been replaced with a green starboard entry beacon Fl.G.5s.

Porth Cressa photo

Annotations: 'Buzza Hill Tower' and 'Chimney'.

Page 29 St Mary's Pool

Amend lines 3 and 4 to: '...between Bacon Ledge buoy to the N (Fl(4)R.5s) and the new Newman buoy to the S (Fl(2)G.5s) (Approach 1 on chart at ...'

The quay was extended 25 metres SE in 2015/16.

Line 15: The leading lights were replaced with LED units in November 2016.



Scillonian approaching the extended quay, Hugh Town, St Mary's 2017

Page 30 St Mary's Pool

Left hand column, lines 15-18: There are now 28 moorings for vessels up to 40ft, 10 moorings for yachts 40-60ft and there are no longer moorings for yachts over 60ft. Inshore visitors' moorings have been laid for vessels of under 25ft. and capable of taking the ground, with a courtesy tender provided. A water taxi operates within St Mary's Pool 0800-1700, extended at the discretion of the operator. There is a 3kn speed limit for all vessels within the harbour.

Lines 19 and 20: Delete the words 'quite possibly with a commercial vessel'.

Lines 22-24: Charges £18.50 per night for vessels to 40ft and £24.50 to 60ft. For the drying moorings the charge is £9.50 per night or £5 per day. Delete 'For vessels paying for three nights the fourth night is free'.

Page 31 Porth Cressa

14 private visitors' moorings have been laid in Porth Cressa, operated by Porth Cressa Moorings (Pete and Charlie Carss who also operate the Isles of Scilly Commercial Diving Company and can assist with fouled propellers, hull cleaning, etc.). These are suitable for vessels up to 45ft with a draught to 2m. Port and starboard entry buoys and three marker buoys indicating the location of the underwater cables in the bay have been provided, as well as WiFi suitable for the use of laptops on board yachts in the bay. Charges are £20 or 25€ per night and shower facilities are available ashore beneath the information centre.

Lower photograph annotation 'Chimney' and 'Buzza Hill Tower'.

Page 35 St Mary's, Facilities

Moorings 38 large yellow visitors' moorings in St Mary's pool, 10 of which (~~Rows Y & Z~~) are suitable for yachts 40ft - 60ft.

14 yellow visitors' moorings in Porth Cressa.

☎ 01720 423758 or 07825 477695

Email candpcarss@tiscali.co.uk

www.porthcressamoorings.co.uk .

Harbourmaster Captain Dale Clark. Harbour office open daily 0800-1700 April-September and weekdays October-March. A helpful and informative downloadable Harbour Information Brochure is available on the website www.stmarys-harbour.co.uk . The website also gives regular news updates on events taking place in the islands, cruise ship arrivals. 'Local Notices to Mariners' cover items such as lights that are out of normal operation, mooring restrictions, major works etc.

Boat repairs

Andrew Hicks ☎ 07747 807484

Martin Bond ☎ 07767 803908

Divers Scavenger Diving has been acquired by Pete & Charlie Carss and now operates as Isles of Scilly Commercial Diving Company with the m.v. *Scavenger*
☎ 01720 423758 or 07825 477695

Email candpcarss@tiscali.co.uk .

Page 36 St Mary's, Facilities

Transport

Toots Taxi ☎ 01720 422142 or 07570624669

info@tootstaxi.co.uk

Dial a Doux ☎ 07799 242220

The Scilly Cart Co. Electric cart hire, Porthmellon ☎ 01720 422121 www.scillycart.com

Book a Bike ☎ 07552 994709

St Mary's Bike Hire ☎ 07796 638506

Ferries

Isles of Scilly Steamship Company ☎ 01736 334220

Attractions

The Sailing Centre, Porthmelon, St Mary's. ☎ 01720 422060 www.sailingscilly.com Instruction, hire, kayak cruises and RIB transfers. Also on Tresco in July and August ☎ 01720 424919.

Isles of Scilly Golf Club, St Mary's (clubs available for hire)
☎ 01720 422692

Holyvale Vinyard, St Mary's ☎ 01720 420317 Tours & lunches available.

Page 41 Overview, Tresco

Line 8: There is no longer a hotel on Tresco.

For many years the island was served by a year-round helicopter service from Penzance but this ceased in 2012 when the heliport in Penzance was redeveloped as a supermarket. A new direct flight is due to resume in 2018.

Page 42 Chart

Little Kittern should be shown as drying 1.9m, not 5.9m.

Remove all references to Line R, as the Island Hotel has been demolished.

Page 45 New Grimsby Sound, Buoys and Beacons

Hulman A radar reflector has been added to the Hulman beacon.

Page 46 Directions

Right hand column, line 41: Amend to read ‘Tresco’s harbourmaster has provided two white leading marks to the S of Plumb Hill which mark the NW side of the sandbank S of Plumb Hill.

Page 47 Photographs

New photographs of leading marks S of Plumb Hill, Tresco.



Above and below: Tresco, leading marks S of Plumb Hill



Page 48 Old Grimsby Sound

Leading Marks Line R The Island Hotel has been demolished and replaced with holiday cottages

Directions Little Kittern Rock.

Lines 10 & 11: When entering Old Grimsby Sound on Line Q the dangerous Little Kittern rock is abeam when Round Island lighthouse is aligned with the northernmost dry rock of Norwethel (not the drying rocks which extend further to the NW) .



The Island Hotel, Tresco has been replaced by holiday cottages and the Ruin Beach Café



Little Kittern Rock (Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre)

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Old Grimsby sound, Directions

Left hand column, line 26: Delete ‘Island Hotel on Long Point Slip (Line R)’.

Left-hand column, line 28: Tide Rock (dries 1.4m).

Main anchorages and moorings, New Grimsby Sound, Tresco & Bryher

Right hand column, line 23: Henry Birch, harbourmaster on Tresco for many years, has retired. The new harbourmaster is Adam O’Neill ☎ 01720 423653 *Mobile* 07778 601237 harbourmaster@tresco.co.uk .

Page 50 Main anchorages and moorings

New Grimsby Sound, Tresco & Bryher

Left hand column, line 1: The fee for anchoring is £5 (2017), which includes refuse disposal and water on Tresco. The overnight charge for a visitors’ mooring is £20 per night or £30 per night for the two larger, northernmost moorings. If two nights are paid for, the third night is free. Fees can be paid at Tresco Estate Office, The New Inn and the Ruin Beach Café (Old Grimsby), or collected by Adam O’Neill, the harbourmaster.

Line 11: Replace ‘Visitors must supply their own mooring strops’ with ‘The top eye of the moorings have a short length of chain attached (with pick-up buoy) to make fast to. In strong NW winds it would be prudent to back up lines with chain and shackles.

Line 25: Delete ‘There is room for one medium-sized yacht to dry out alongside the inshore part of the harbour quay provided permission has been granted by the harbourmaster.

Old Grimsby Harbour (Tresco)

Right hand column, line 10: Delete all reference to the Island Hotel which is no longer in existence. Payment should be made to the Tresco Estate office in New Grimsby, The New Inn or the Ruin Beach Café if the harbourmaster is not available. For mooring and anchoring the charges are the same as New Grimsby. Yachts should not take to the ground without the prior consent of the harbourmaster.

Page 51 Minor anchorages, Green Porth & Ravens Porth, Old Grimsby (Tresco)

Yachts should not take to the ground without the prior consent of the harbourmaster.

Page 54 Facilities

Moorings (2015) £20 per night. Pay for two nights and the third is free. Two moorings for larger vessels up to 60ft. close to Cromwell's Castle are £30 per night.

Harbourmaster

Tresco: Mr Adam O'Neill, ☎ 01720 423653,
Mobile 07778601237.

Water

There is also a tap for water collection at the side of the Ruin Beach Café, Old Grimsby.

Estate office Information about island matters, holiday cottage rental etc. ☎ 01720 422849 www.tresco.co.uk .

Chandlery Bryher Boatyard add *mobile* 07881 767504.
New email address: bryherboatyard@hotmail.co.uk .

Telephones There are no longer any pay phones on Tresco or Bryher.

Post Office Tresco Stores, New Grimsby (☎ 01720 422806) 0930-1500 Monday to Friday, except Wednesdays 0930-1230.

Banks Amend to 'None but cash back facility from Tresco Stores and the New Inn'.

Shopping Tresco Stores, New Grimsby ☎ 01720 422806,
Monday – Saturday 0900-1730 and 1000-1300 on Sunday.

Island Fish. Lobster, crab and fish delivered on the islands
☎ 01720 423880 contactus@islandfish.co.uk

Bryher Shop ☎ 01720 423601 www.bryhershop.co.uk

Dawn Vue Vegetables & Plants ☎ 01720 422975

Hillside Farm Vegetables ☎ 01720 423156

Veronica Farm Fudge ☎ 01720 422862
www.veronicafarmfudge.co.uk

Eating out The Island Hotel no longer exists. Ruin Beach Café, Old Grimsby, Tresco. ☎ 01720 424849. Flying Boat Club, New Grimsby ☎ 01720 424068.

Ferries Tresco Boat Services. Inter-island launches.
☎ 01720 423373 www.tresco.co.uk

Communications Amend to read: There is no longer a direct helicopter service to and from Penzance although there are plans to resume this service in 2018.

Attractions Tresco Abbey Gardens and visitor centre
☎ 01720 424108.

Flying Boat Club Spa treatments available to non-members
☎ 01720 424075.

Gallery Tresco ☎ 01720 424925.

Bryher Gallery ☎ 01720 423665 www.rpearce.net

Hell Bay 7 Hole Golf Course ☎ 01720 422947
www.hellbay.co.uk

Other Tresco Photographer: James Darling ☎ 07799 674826 *Email* info@jamesdarlingphotography.com
www.jamesdarlingphotography.com

Page 56 Bryher

Right-hand column. Lines 24-26. Delete 'Bryher prides itself in operating a year-round, inter-island launch service.'

Page 61 Chart

The chart on p.22 shows a N area drying 4m to the SW of Great Ganinick. This should also be shown on the chart on p.61.

Hats S cardinal buoy is correctly shown on the charts on pp.19 and 22 (Line H runs through it). The buoy is not shown on the chart on p.61, although at the southernmost extremity of the charted area it is an important navigational feature and should be shown.

Two isolated drying rocks (*) are shown immediately to the NE of Innisidgen on the chart on p.22. These should also be shown on the chart on p.61.

Page 65 Tean Sound (St Martin's)

Lines 9-15: Delete sentence 'In the deep water...' and replace with 'The hotel on St Martins is now part of the Karma Group (☎ 01720 422368) and the moorings laid off the hotel belong to Robert Francis of the Star Castle, St Mary's (☎ 01720 422317). Showers may be available by agreement with the Karma Hotel, subject to availability'

Page 68 St Martin's, St Helen's, Tean & Eastern Isles Facilities, Moorings

Delete and replace with: A few visitors' moorings are available in Tean Sound. Contact Robert Francis of Star Castle Hotel, St Mary's (☎ 01720 422317)

Shopping

St Martin's Stores & PO ☎ 01720 422801

The Island Bakery ☎ 01720 422111

Scillonian Fayre Island Vegetables ☎ 07769 613731

Scilly Organic Fruit & Vegetables ☎ 07528 136678

Fay Page Jewellery Studio ☎ 01720 423017

Scilly Billy selling island t-shirts and other clothing
www.scillybilly.com

Eating out

Karma St Martin's Hotel ☎ 01720 422368

The Seven Stones Inn ☎ 1720 423777

Adam's Fish & Chips ☎ 01720 423082

Little Arthur Café & Bistro ☎ 01720 422779

Attractions

North Farm Arts & Crafts Gallery ☎ 01720 423028

Seal Snorkelling & Dive School ☎ 01720 422848

Freedom Kyak Hire ☎ 07925 762856

Vinyard, Winery & Visitor Centre ☎ 01720 423418

Page 74 Directions

Line 18: '...and round it onto a NE course towards St Mary's Road. Keep N of Line D, Carn Irish open N of Great Smith 234° (stern transit) to clear Bristolman (awash).'

Page 76 The Cove (St Agnes and Gugh)

After line 5 '...present no problems' add 'Telegraph cables cross the cove (see chart) and there is a prominent warning diamond on the rocks above the beach. It would be advisable to use a tripping line on your anchor here.'

Page 78 Facilities

Eating Out High Tide Seafood Restaurant (Mark Eberlein),
St Agnes, Isles of Scilly TR22 0PL ☎ 01720 423869
Email hightidemark@googlemail.com
www.hightide-seafood.com.

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Norwethel Island should be listed as p.50, not p.51.

Various pages Norwethel/Northwethel Island

There is some inconsistency in the book with reference to Norwethel/Northwethel Island. Locals generally use the name Norwethel and the word 'Island' is rarely added but the Admiralty charts refer to Northwethel. They are one and the same!

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