

# ANTARES CHARTS      CORRECTIONS AND CAUTIONS 2015

The following corrections and cautions relate to issues we identified during the course of our 2015 survey work. Where appropriate they will be reflected in our 2016 charts. They are subject to the Conditions posted on this website.

**NB** The 2015 and all earlier chart sets have been superseded by the 2016 set and we strongly recommend that only the current set should be used.

**NB** Hydrographic surveying and cartography are not precise sciences. There will be errors and misleading representations on our charts as well as those published by others. Do read the sections on 'Making the charts', 'Using the charts' and the 'Conditions'. Take great care at all times but especially if away from the routes described by the pilot books.

There are no **corrections** to our 2015 charts to report.

The following **cautions** have arisen from our 2015 surveys:

**September 2015: Plockton.** We surveyed the mooring and anchoring areas at Plockton earlier in the year but have since been told about a group of rocks outside our survey area that are not shown on the UKHO chart. The rocks are to the SE of Plockton Rocks and NE of Sgeir Bhuidhe, within the area containing the 1.1m sounding. The rocks are reported as drying up to 0.5m. We will mark the reported positions on our chart when we publish it in January.

**September 2015: Eilean Righ, Loch Craignish.** There is a small area of about 2m depth below CD some 50m ENE of the jetties and pontoons on the east side of Eilean Righ. It is south of the 4.6m sounding and just west of the 13.1m sounding on UKHO chart 2326.

**July 2015: Caution: Salen, Sound of Mull.** We have several issues with the UKHO chart but the most important are:

- A compact rock with least depth 0.8m on the east side of the bay almost a cable off the HW line and a little more than half a cable SW of the ruined pier (the one that is actually ruined). Its position is 56deg 31.44N 5deg 56.66W
- The sewage outfall pipeline, which lies on the seabed and is not buried, does not follow the track shown on the chart. From the shore it continues straight out towards the shoal, across the 1.8m sounding then deviates fairly close round the east side of the shoal and rejoins the marked route at the kink SW of the 'G' of 'G.Sh' on UKHO chart 2390

**July 2015: Caution: Loch Cheann Chuisil at the head of Loch Tamanavay, West Lewis.** There is a substantial 2.2m (provisional) drying reef in what, at HW, looks like an attractive spot to anchor. It is fairly accurately depicted on the UKHO chart but rather less so in the CCC Sailing Directions, although neither is of adequate scale.

**July 2015: Caution: Isleornsay Harbour, Sound of Sleat.** This is a very gently shelving bay and we didn't find any nasty surprises except that we disagree with the depths shown by both the UKHO on chart 2540 and in the CCC Sailing Directions, the former being pessimistic and the latter far too optimistic. The many moorings are very widely spaced and, especially at neaps, it is worth exploring inside the majority of the moorings for a good spot to anchor.

**July 2015: Caol Fladda, north west Raasay.** This very attractive inlet opens out to the east shortly before the bar across to Fladday Harbour. The main length of the inlet appeared to be clean and suitable for anchoring but this eastward 'extension' suffers from two issues: there is a rock spit extending half a cable south from the northern 'shoulder' with least depth of 1.1m (provisional); and most of the seabed, apart from a short section in the middle, is rocky and not suitable for anchoring. The major part of this 'extension' does, at least, offer useful swinging room but anchor in the line of the main channel and don't 'tuck in' to the east.

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**July 2015: Seaforth Island Anchorage, Loch Seaforth, Lewis.** This anchorage, as shown in the CCC Sailing Directions, is not as clean as it appears. The north side is generally foul quite a long way out, with significant spits at both east and west ends of the channel, and there is a large rocky patch on the seabed, unsuitable for anchoring, roughly where the anchor symbol is. That still leaves plenty of space for anchoring in sensible depths in very pleasant although fairly exposed surroundings.

**July 2015: The Narrows anchorage, Loch Seaforth** as described in the CCC Directions. As the bay opens out to the east there is a rock of 0.2m (provisionally) about half a cable off the south shore. The SE corner of the bay seemed clean and offered good holding in wonderfully open yet remote surroundings.

**June 2015: Caution: Port nan Ron, Ross of Mull.** The CCC sailing directions refer to several rocks at the head of the bay and there are! Be very careful for now and we will publish our version of where they are for next season.

**May 2015: Caution: Loch Aline, Sound of Mull.** A rocky patch that is mostly of less than 1m in depth extends about 50m ESE of the beacon on Sgeirean nan Ron in the NW part of Loch Aline. We found a least depth of 0.4m. The area, which lies under the 2.4m sounding on UKHO chart 2390 should be avoided around LWS.