

# ANTARES CHARTS      CORRECTIONS AND CAUTIONS 2014

The following corrections and cautions relate to issues we identified during the course of our 2014 survey work. Where appropriate they are reflected in our 2015 charts. They are subject to the Conditions posted on this website.

**NB** The 2014 and all earlier chart sets have been superseded by the 2015 set and we strongly recommend that only the current set should be used.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.

**September 2014: Correction and Caution: Ardmore Islands, East Islay.** This large, shallow but sheltered area has revealed more rocks. A corrected chart is included in our 2015 set. For access to the inner anchorage you should, as always, use the line between the cairn ashore and the tripod on a rock in the bay. At the time of our visit there were two very small but well positioned spherical buoys with patches in green (north) and red (south) marking the limits of the rocks. The area on the south side, to the south of the port-hand buoy, is shoaler further out towards this buoy than our previous chart suggested. But a further surprise was a new rock, provisionally 1.9m, to the north of the outer bay on the direct route from the northern entrance channel to the northern anchorage shown in the CCC sailing directions. By reference to our original 2014 chart it is between the 3.4m sounding on the blue rocky patch and the 5.5m sounding to its north, slightly closer to the latter and slightly to the east of the direct line between them (55deg 40.17N 6deg 2.13W). Whilst there, we extended coverage to the lighthouse island (Eilean a'Chuirn) and the channel out to the north, which we used with 'Otter'. This area is included on the new chart (edition 4).

**September 2014: Caution: Little Cumbrae Anchorages.** We found a 0.7m rock close to where the largest scale UKHO chart (1867-3 Hunterston Channel) shows a 5.2m sounding to the north of the Trail Islands (55deg 43.26N 4deg 56.43W). This is at the northern extent of a reef, most of which is 1-2m, extending north from the NE tip of the Trail Islands and which is much more extensive than the UKHO chart suggests. This illustrates the challenges of hydrographic surveying: if a relatively recent (1985) professional survey can miss things like this then little wonder we do occasionally—please take our 'health' warnings seriously!

**September 2014: Correction and Caution: Cuan Sound.** Half way down the west side of our original 2014 chart we showed a 3.2m sounding. This is a correct depth but is not positioned over the small mid-blue area (1-2m), but rather to the west of it, and is therefore not the least depth. We have replaced it with the least depth of 1.3m positioned directly over the mid-blue area, as shown by our survey and in the CCC Sailing Directions.

**August 2014: Correction: Lon Mor, Gometra.** This is a tiny, rock infested inlet on the extreme SW corner of Gomtra, about 1 mile west of South Harbour. An observant subscriber spotted a significant rock that we had not identified and we have included a corrected chart in our 2015 set. ***The 2014 chart (edition 1) should not be used.***

**August 2014: Caution: Easdale.** On the SW side of the south entrance our original 2014 chart showed a 2m sounding. We have replaced this with a 1.1m sounding just a little further west, into the mid-blue area (1-2m) where the rocky bottom shoals steeply. While Easdale may appear to be a convenient shortcut when using the Cuan Sound, the frequent small boat movements, the foot passenger ferry and the narrow channels make it unsuitable, in our opinion.

**August 2014: Caution: Loch Spelve.** At the extreme NE head of Loch Spelve (**not** the NW head, adjacent to the mussel farm) the UKHO chart shows a reef with a small permanently dry patch and north of this appears to be a clear but shallow channel. We found a large awash boulder in the middle of this apparent channel and recommend avoiding the 'channel' altogether. We have published a chart in our 2015 set.

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**August 2014: Caution: Craigaig Bay, Ulva.** Our chart shows details of the inner areas, including the western pool. Part of the SW boundary of the area we have surveyed is white, indicating more than 5m of water. Outside this we indicate the presence of more reefs and most certainly do not intend to imply that there is continuous clear water from the limit of our survey to the open sea. We recently made an attempt to extend the survey to the south but were forced to abandon it by the weather. We were, however, able to establish that the UKHO chart is misleading in this area. Its soundings of 7.8m and 5.9m are not representative: we passed over two patches of 1-2m water where the official chart is coloured to indicate 5-10m. We plan to return in due course...

**July 2014: Caution: Oronsay, Loch Bracadale.** We found a rock with least depth of 0.8m below CD in the middle of the bay to the NW of the spit (57deg 20.39N 006deg 27.73W). There is no mention of this on the UKHO charts or the CCC Imray Sailing Directions. There is plenty of room to anchor inside the rock, approaching down either side of the bay (the SW side is cleanest). A chart is included in the 2015 set.

**June 2014: Caution: Lochcarron, Loch Carron.** We found some very significant differences from the current UKHO chart which are reflected on our 2015 chart. The CCC Imray directions can be followed carefully but you should not stray from their recommended route to the anchorage off the hotel jetty without at least first consulting our chart. Proceed carefully and watch your depth sounder, especially when the height of tide is less than the draught of your boat.

**June 2014: Caution: Loch Moidart, South Channel.** There is a 4m rock in the outer approaches, north of our 9.9m sounding on our original 2014 chart. This is slightly shallower than we had implied but is still plenty deep enough for all intended users of our charts, and out of the recommended approach channel. An amended chart is included in our 2015 set.

**March 2014: Correction and Caution: Fairy Isles, Loch Sween, edition 1** Chart 5601C, first published January 2013. There is a rocky patch that we had not shown properly with least depth of 1.0m 30m NE of the NE tip of Sgeir Buidhe. This is on the SW side of the entrance to the Fairy Isles anchorage. It is well inside the shaded (shallow) area shown on our original chart and anyone using our charts and the sailing directions sensibly would be nowhere near it: but anyone in an undue hurry, cutting the corner into the anchorage, might get a nasty surprise... Our 2015 set contains a corrected chart.

**March 2014: Correction and Caution: Caol Scotnish, Loch Sween, edition 1** Chart 5602B, first published January 2013. This chart also covers the area described above but at a smaller scale. We have therefore replaced it as well. At the same time we have re-coloured and added a note about the area between the two islands in the main part of the loch. Our previous chart made it clear that this area was of no use for navigation by any boat with a keel, given the very small tidal range, but it was not clear that it is largely drying and weed infested.

**March 2014: Correction: Cullipool, Sound of Luing, edition 1** Chart 5615B, first published January 2013. There is a narrow and difficult channel out of the north of the Cullipool anchorage that we have not yet surveyed but that we had inadvertently shown as drying. This has been corrected in the 2015 set.

**March 2014: Culkein Drumbeig, Eddrachillis Bay, edition 1** Chart 5815B, first published January 2012. We received the sad news in February 2014 that Peter Bramah had passed away suddenly. Peter, a keen West Coast yachtsman, was largely responsible for persuading us to survey Culkein Drumbeig, having had an argument with a rocky ledge in the narrowest part of the approach. It was suggested that we might name this feature after Peter, which we were happy to do. At the same time we have re-coloured three areas of the chart from green (with no contours or soundings) for *'unsurveyed but presumed drying'* to grey for simply *'unsurveyed'*.