

ANTARES CHARTS CORRECTIONS AND CAUTIONS 2016

The following corrections and cautions relate to issues we identified during the course of our 2016 survey work. Where appropriate they will be reflected in our 2017 charts. They are subject to the Conditions posted on this website.

NB The 2016 and all earlier chart sets have been superseded by the 2017 set and we strongly recommend that only the current set should be used.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 2016 charts to report.

The following **cautions** have arisen during from our 2016 surveys:

April 2016: South Channel, Sound of Shuna, Loch Linnhe. Buoyage in the South Channel, in the approach to Linnhe Marine, is fine but perhaps not optimal. It may be changed a little in the course of the season. There is also a shoal patch of 2.2m (provisional), not shown on the UKHO chart, on the centre line of the approach to the buoyed channel, about 120m to the SW of the first pair of buoys (as positioned on 30 April).

April 2016: Loch Creran. The Creagan Narrows bar, leading to Inner Loch Creran, has changed quite a bit since the last survey in c.1860 but the least depth remains at about 0.5m.

April 2016: Loch Creran. There is significantly greater depth of water in the entrance to Loch Creran than shown on the UKHO chart, although the 'hard bits' either side at the narrowest point are real! The bottom part of the notice board at the entrance has been swept away: it suggests there are now only two 'designated anchorages' but in fact all four shown in the CCC/Imray Sailing Directions are still permitted.

May 2016: Loch Tarbert, West Jura. There is a significant 0.6m isolated rock very close to the east of the anchor symbol immediately south of the bothy on UKHO chart 2481-1. Its position is 55deg 58.45N 5deg 54.036W.

May 2016: Loch Tarbert, West Jura. There is a very small, uncharted isolated 1.7m rock fairly well to the SW of the normal anchoring area off the bothy. Its position is 55deg 58.382'N 5deg 54.181'W

July 2016: Cornaig Bay, Vatersay. The channel into Cornaig Bay has moved to the west and is now even closer to the rock off Orasay Island. Where the current UKHO chart 2769 shows 9.6m the depth is actually 1.4m! Until you have our new chart we suggest you only enter or leave Cornaig Bay when the height of tide

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exceeds the draught of your boat.

July 2016: Loch Eport, North Uist. The CCC/Imray sailing directions mention poor holding in the anchorages inside the entrance channel both to the north and south. We found the holding so poor, both north and south, that we had to return to Loch Maddy when the wind got up to 20 knots. The problem was very soft mud rather than weed. Others boats were dragging too. It is a problem we have never had elsewhere...

August 2016: Loch Dughail, Loch Laxford. There is a very significant uncharted rock, drying 2.4m, in the middle of an attractive bay just inside the entrance to Loch Dughail on its north side. It is the first uncharted drying rock we have found and is clearly visible on Google Earth. Its position is 58deg 25.406N 5deg 6.473'W. There are other uncharted drying rocks in the same bay, closer to the shore. We have not surveyed the area so don't know whether there are other hard bits lurking....