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Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this supplement. However, it contains selected information and thus is not definitive and does not include all known information on the subject in hand. The authors, the RCC Pilotage Foundation believe this supplement to be a useful aid to prudent navigation, but the safety of a vessel depends ultimately on the judgement of the navigator, who should assess all information, published or unpublished, available to him/her.

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.

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Page 7 Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands.

The Argentine Government has stepped up the campaign for their claim to the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. Recent changes to the law now affects anyone wishing to visit these islands. If leaving the Rio Plata you will be required to sign a declaration stating that you will not visit any of the islands in question. If you do wish to visit then special permission must be obtained from the Prefectura. Allow two weeks or longer for this, although you may be able to have the documents delivered to another Prefectura further down the coast. Argentina regards the islands as their territory and any visit will be included in your 3 month visa. They will not stamp your passport on leaving for the Falklands and you should return to Argentina to clear out of the country within the 3 months. Disregarding this law has heavy financial penalties; fines of US\$ 25,000 have been reported.

It is possible to apply for permission to visit the Falkland Islands using a form which can be downloaded from http://www.prefectura naval.gov.ar/web/es/html/ordn_pdf/2-2010-1.pdf/publications/283-argentina-update-2015. You can obtain permission to go directly to the Falkland Islands, without first clearing into Argentina on this form. When applying remember to use the Argentine names i.e. Islas Malvinas and Puerto Argentino (Stanley), otherwise the form will be returned as incorrect.

If you visit the Falklands without clearing into Argentina or obtaining permission first then you may be arrested and fined on entering Argentine territorial waters, including approaches to the Magellan Straights and the Le Maire straits, even though these are international waterways