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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 contains amendments and corrections sent in by a number of cruising yachtsmen and women, in addition to those culled from official sources such as *Notices to Mariners*.

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

Note where lights have been modified in this text do please remember to alter them on the appropriate plan.

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It must be emphasised that none of the charts, plans or sketch plans shown in this guide should be used for navigation, nor should they be in any way considered as substitutes for the official charts and other nautical reference materials which every vessel is obliged by international law to have on board.

For 2016 thanks are due to Dr Graham Hutt.

Page 23 Marina Alcaidesa

Facilities

It is here that the majority of visitors are directed as they arrive hoping for a berth in Gibraltar. There are simply not enough berths for the number of cruising yachtsmen passing through. Facilities are gradually improving and at very competitive prices compared with Ceuta, Sotogrande and Algeciras, the next closest facilities. Conveniently close, very clean and with a very friendly staff and plenty of room, many yachtsmen are now choosing this marina over Gibraltar.

Page 27 Gibraltar

Weather

Easterlies rarely reach more than F8, but often blow for several days. The weather systems crossing the Atlantic from the west can be stronger, but only usually last a day or so, as the system rolls from the Canaries up the Moroccan coast and through the Straits. Very strong winds have been noticeably scarce over the past few years, with gale centres usually passing well to the north of Iberia and over the French coast. This shift apparently due to the position of the jet stream.

Page 29 Queensway Quay Marina

Facilities

There are still no basic yacht haul-out facilities, with the government reluctant to give a suitable plot of land for the project.

Page 29 New marina (Before Ocean Village)

A new 400 berth marina is almost complete 200m north of Queensway Quay. HOWEVER, it is only for small local boats – same as those just behind it in Cormorant Camber.

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Puerto de Estepona

Refueling is not possible at Estepona marina.

Puerto José Banús

⊕16 should read 36°28'·9N 04°57'·4W.