

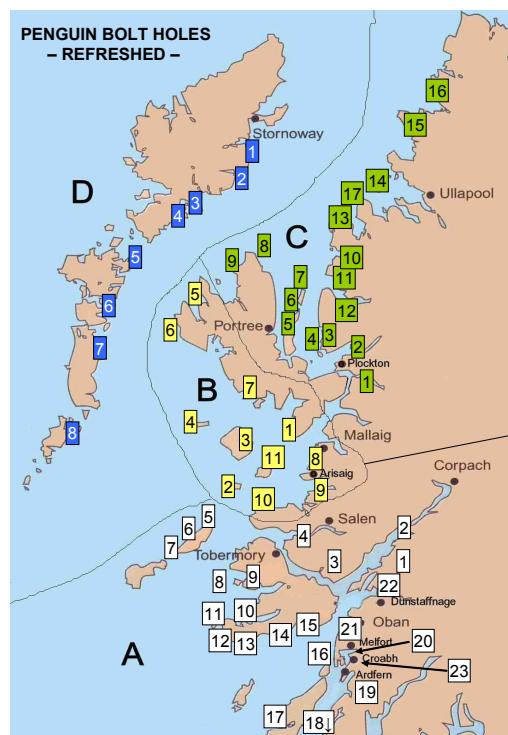
PENGUIN BOLT HOLES –

Augmented/Consolidated/Edited by RIBW

The original PBHs were originally written in the early 1990's. For more information on Penguin, visit www.penguin.org.uk if it ever returns to the web. In the meantime, I have tried to bring together an overview of the harbours on the W coast of Scotland with enormous help from the photographs of contributors to the geograph website <http://www.geograph.org.uk/>. For more data on harbours not covered here, also consult <http://www.ports.org.uk/>. Please advise errors and omissions via email to [contact<at>charteringhamaven.com](mailto:contact@charteringhamaven.com). [Replace '<at>' by '@']. Also, if you know how to contact Penguin, please let me know.

Successful cruising in the Western Isles is largely dependent on making the right decisions when plans have to change when wind and weather are different from those forecast. With its lack of 'lit' harbours, decisions must always involve knowing how difficult the entrance is under failing light conditions. In addition some of the most useful harbours for specific wind directions are not listed in the Clyde Cruising Club pilots. The document describes harbours which a skipper may consider. However, this document is not suitable for any form of pilotage. It is merely an illustrated gazetteer of possible harbours.

Initials at the end of each entry indicate the level of facilities ashore. "NF" means none! "SF" means small facilities - perhaps a small shop or a few houses but probably not a restaurant. "GF" means good facilities including a restaurant.



A. Kintyre to Ardnamurchan

A.1) Loch Creran, N of Oban.



Loch Creran is approached from Loch Linnhe, and the entrance is well lit and buoyed with deep water at all stages of the tide. The Loch fills and empties through a narrow channel. The tidal flow is 4 to 6 knots at spring tides. Can only be used on a rising tide. Good holding ground near to the old Ferry slip and usually plenty of good mooring is available.(SF)

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A.2) Lower Loch Linnhe

Port Ramsay, Lismore:



This is a splendid harbour and is “easier than it looks”.

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Port Appin.



No Data

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Shuna is an island N of Port Appin. Pass through the narrows between the island and the mainland, do not get too close to the S end of Shuna or cut corners. There is a rock just N of the large scale chart of N Lismore. The sound is shallow but good anchorage can be found as soon as the sound opens out. The Dallens Bay marina is friendly but the pontoons are rickety. (SF)



Kentallen looks as if it would be lovely. Watch for the wind gusting down the loch. Useful in an emergency.

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A.3) Ardtornish Bay, Sound of Mull.

A splendid place to stop if caught by the tide when sailing SE down the sound.



This is just E of Ardtornish Light on the N side of the Sound, E of the entrance to Loch Aline. Tuck in close to the keepers house. Much more sheltered than one might expect even in a wind from the S. Easy to get into in poor light because of the nearness of the light and a lovely place to be in the morning with the rising sun. (NF)

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A.4) Oronsay – 2 Locations

Oronsay is at the entrance to Loch Sunart, 4 nm ENE of Tobermory. Be careful of the offshore rocks in the main channel a mile or two W of Oronsay as they cover at HW.

A.4a) Sailean Mor, N of Oronsay



A safe anchorage for yachts in all but a strong N wind.

Sailean Mor means "big inlet" - which describes it perfectly

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A.4b) Loch Na Droma Buidhe (Drumbuie), S of Oronsay.



This harbour is a good refuge after rounding Ardnamurchan. Anchor close to the shore against the expected weather. Lying to an anchor in the middle of the harbour can be very uncomfortable. Very deep anchoring if you tuck in on the S side as soon as you are through the entrance. A heavy swell sets in if you go too far in or are tempted to try the N side. (NF).

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A.5) Sorisdale, Coll - on the E side of the N Tip of Coll.



A very useful place for winds with any measure of W. Easy to get into in bad light. Used as a base for a salvage project on the W side of the island. The bottom is sandy. It is open to the E but is easy to get out of. A useful place to have up one's sleeve. (NF)

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A.6) Loch Breachacha, on SE coast of Coll.

Do not confuse this with Crossapool Bay which is wide open to the SW. The 'block shaped rock face' is quite clear when you get there. Don't go too far in. Good protection from N round to SW. Not an easy place to leave in a hurry if the wind turns to the S. (NF)



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A.7) Coll,



Arinagour is the main and usual anchorage for Coll. The bay shoals and it is a long way in the dinghy. There is an excellent pub. Getting off in the dark can be hazardous. Coll is not a nice place to get caught in a S gale, (GF)

[OS Grid Ref: NM2257](#)

WGS84: 56° 37.34 N, 6° 31.44 W

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A.8) Gometra, off Mull.



Acairseid Mhor is a very small harbour and is almost landlocked on the NW corner of Gometra. Don't be tempted to go too far in as it shoals and there is not much swinging room. It is very easy to anchor too far in and to partly dry out as the tide falls. It is however a useful bolt hole and easy to find. (NF)

Photo looks E to Ulva

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A.9) Ulva, off W Mull

A.9a) Ulva Sound.



This is by the ferry slip on the E side of Ulva Island in the W side of Mull. The stream runs quite strongly but it is a useful place to stay as, dependent on the wind direction one can go northwards through the narrows or get considerable shelter S of the ferry slip in a little used anchorage.

Photo: From the ferry pier looks SE down the Sound to the snow capped summit of Ben More.

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A.9b Ulva NW



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Photo looks out to Treshnish Islands

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A.10) Bunessan,



Loch Lathaich. on the N Side of Ross of Mull, has a lighthouse on the island off the entrance and can be entered at night in an emergency. Go well up the bay, it is more sheltered than it looks. Depending on weather, anchor between the Eilan Ban and the jetty. Excellent mooring for waiting for the tide to transit Iona Sound. Convenient for Staffa. (SF).

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A.11) Bull Hole.



On the Mull shore of Iona sound. Go well on where there are quite a few buoys laid for fishing boats. The Iona ferry has a big buoy here which it uses when it is too rough to lay alongside the jetty at Fionnaport.

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A.12) Tinkers Hole.



A very well documented anchorage and always exciting to get into. It is tricky to locate and it is easy to pass the entrance by mistake. The secret for getting in is to locate Eilean Nam Muc. It is the highest of the whole group, SW of Erraid. If approaching from the Sound of Iona at high water it is easy to turn in too soon.

Not a place to run for if dark is approaching but a nice place to be in bad weather. The island heights will help identify the right channel as at High Water there appear to be safe channels everywhere. Feels like a flooded quarry and surrounded by pink granite. Iona visible to the north (NF)

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A.13) Port nan Ron, Rubh Ardalanish.



A useful and exciting anchorage just W of the extreme S part of Mull. The hazards are clearly identifiable. It is much maligned by the CCC pilot. Very comfortable in any wind N of W. (NF)

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A.14) Carsaig Bay



Formerly a harbour with a (now) crumbling jetty, this was the location for the Powell/Pressburger 1945 film "I Know Where I'm Going", starring Wendy Hiller

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A.15) Lord Lovats Cove (Port Ohirnie), E of Loch Buie



When working from Iona along the S side of Mull this is a remarkably sheltered place to slip into for an hour. It is not mentioned on any list and has high cliffs which often support Eagles. From the W keep well S and E of Frank Lockwood's Island and steer up the centre of the harbour as indicated on the chart. [OS Grid Ref. NM6320](#)

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A.16) Grey Dogs Passage (aka Little Corrievechan).



Lungha is on the N side of the passage, with Scarba on the S side. Lungha has a SW facing harbour which is easy to get into from the W and one can anchor there temporarily to wait for slack water in the passage leading into the Sound of Luing. Aim to reach the harbour just before slack water and wait until slack in the passage. Under no conditions should this passage be made in anything but dead slack water. (NF)

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Note: The Gulf of Corrievechan is no place for a charter yacht.

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A.17) W Loch Tarbert. Jura.



This is a very wild and exciting loch with marked raised beaches. It is not for the faint hearted. The local landowner has erected excellent leading marks which must be carefully identified as one goes in but may be obscured by the bracken. A good stopover when waiting for an early morning tide southwards through the sound of Islay. Photo shows the Inner Loch looking NE

[OS Grid Ref: NR5882](#)

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A.18) Kildalton Bay, Islay, inside the Ardmere islands, off Kildalton House.



This is an interesting passage after passing southwards through the Sound of Islay. The CCC notes are very good and can be easily followed. The final entrance if approaching from the E must be treated with care to avoid the rock Garbh-sgeir Beg. The tidal range here is a bit odd, even at springs it is only about 1 m. Convenient for Ardbeg distillery.

[OS Grid Ref: NR4347](#)

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A.19) Ardfarn.



There is now a very friendly and well equipped “Yacht Centre” here. There is also an excellent pub within 1km. (GF).

[OS Grid Ref: NM8104](#)

WGS84: 56° 11.01 N, 5° 31.63 W

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A.20) Kimelford.



At the head of Loch Melfort is a large yacht repair yard and hotel. On the N side of the bay there are a set of mooring buoys and a small harbour.

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GS84: 56° 15.38 N, 5° 29.80 W

A.21) Puilladhobrain (The Pool of the Otter).



One of the most photographed harbours in Scotland. A splendid refuge and not difficult to access. Very useful for waiting for the tide to travel S through to the Sound of Jura. (SF – Pub within easy reach)

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A.22) Dunstaffnage.



There is an extensive Marina with Pontoons at Dunstaffnage. A flourishing sailing organisation with alongside facilities is here. There is public transport into Oban. (GF)

A.23) Craobh Marina.



A quality marina with all facilities. (GF)

[OS Grid Ref: NM7907](#)

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B. Ardnamurchan to South of Skye

B.1) Camas Daraich. Inlet to the E of Point of Sleat light.



Go well in towards the sandy beach but allow for tide. If you need to evacuate at night (if the wind backs round to the S), there are no snags. Good in SW to NE winds.

[OS Grid Ref: NM5699](#)

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B.2) Muck. Port Mor



Don't go too far in. The CCC pilot is very clear. Not a good place to be with any E or S in the wind.

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56° 50.12 N, 6° 13.39 W

B.3), Loch Scresort, Rum



Very exposed to any E winds. Anchor well out, Holding ground is very muddy/weedy but good. It pays to put out lots of cable as there is plenty of swinging room. The entrance is very easy even in bad light but if coming from the S take care not to turn in too soon when the jetty comes unto view as there is a reef guarding the S entrance.

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B.4) Canna.

The only harbour in the Small Isles that is protected from all directions. It can be entered at night in almost any condition as long as one hugs the N side and then jink S abreast of the pier. But, and it is a big but, holding ground is poor as there is a lot of kelp. Try and drop the hook onto sand and pull it well in. In a strong S to SW gale edge gently to the southern shore and anchor in as little water as the tide will allow. Put out a kedge if in any doubt. Fishing boats are apt to shelter here in rough weather



to sort out their catch and are no respecter of yachties. (SF?)

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B.5) Dunvegan Bay.



It is possible to stop off when making passage round Skye in Ardmere Bay inside Ardmere Point (opposite Dunvegan Hd). Well sheltered against W and N but holding ground reported as poor. Anchor close as possible to shore. (NF)

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B.6) Point of Neist Light.



Point of Neist has a good deep water pier with excellent bollards to get alongside. Anchoring against anything from WSW to N is possible well into the bay and tucked under the cliffs. (NF)

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WGS84: 57° 14.16 N, 6° 22.86 W

B.7) Loch Eynort, SW Skye, N of Canna.

This little used harbour provides quite good anchorage either close in on the SE corner or well round the bend tucked in on the N. Shore. Do not go in too far as it shoals badly. It is not bad to get out of in the dark providing one can hold one's course once clear of the harbour. A very useful bolt hole if you look like running out of daylight.(NF)

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B.8) Arisaig



Arisaig is best entered when the tide is rising from half height or lower. Local pilotage instructions are essential!

Arisaig hosts a boatyard, a railway station on the Fort William to Mallaig line, an hotel and other services (GF)

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B.9) S side of Arisaig peninsula – 2 locations.



Keep well offshore to pass 1 mile S of the Arisaig harbour entrance. Then turn E to pass either side of Ellan nan Snidhe. Pass S of the next string of Islands and steer NE to enter a small harbour near to Arisaig House which is entered through a narrow channel from the E. N of **Eilean nan Cabar?**,

[OS Grid Ref: NM6883](#)

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As an alternative move further E and there is a good harbour tucked in behind an island close to the road and railway on inner end of Loch nan Uamh.

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B.10) Sanna Bay 2nm NE of Ardnamurchan light.



Not to be entered at dusk or in bad visibility but much better than the CCC Pilot suggests. Anchor as close as tide allows. (NF)

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B.11) Poll nam Partan, Eigg



No data

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C. North of Skye to Cape Wrath

C.1) Ardintoul Bay 3 miles E of the N end of KyleRhea.



Sheltered from WNW through to SE.
Very useful for a stopover when
planning to catch an early S going
stream through KyleRhea. Ardintoul
Bay is to the left of this photo of Glas
Eilan, looking W to Skye.(NF)

[OS Grid Ref: NG8324](#)

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WGS84: 57° 15.98 N, 5° 34.53 W

C.2) Plockton.



There are lights but the entrance is not
easy as daylight fails. Not a place to go
to late in the evening. Sheltered from N
to SE. (GF)

[OS Grid Ref: NG8033?class=Bay](#)

WGS84: 57° 20.38 N, 5° 38.84 W

C.3) Poll Creadha, 1 mile S of Applecross.



Stay well out until leading marks align
and do not deviate from the line. Do
not worry about the rocks that are
apparently all around! Good holding
ground in virtually all weathers.
Always buoy your anchor. (SF)

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C.4) Crowlin Islands, between Eilan Meadhonach and Eilan Mor.



Splendid place but do not attempt to enter the second inner pool unless you have done your tide calculations properly. One of the few harbours where one can get locked in by the falling tide. (NF)

[OS Grid Ref: NG6834](#)

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WGS84: 57° 20.91 N, 5° 50.57 W

C.5) Eilean Fladday; 2 nm SW of Rona, either N or S of the 'split' from Raasay

N Side: A very secure and easy harbour if dusk is approaching. Poor protection from N and lots of Kelp.



S Side: Just as secure but access is not so easy. This photo looks N at High Tide. The spit joining Fladday to Raasay is just visible. (NF)

[OS Grid Ref: NG5849](#)

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C.6) Acairseid Mhor, Rona.



The dream harbour of the W. Not as difficult as suggested in the Pilot if entered at lowish water, the dangerous rocks are very steep sided and cover at high water. If entering for the first time it is as well to 'follow the leader' without deviating much from track. (NF)

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C.7) Loch a Braige, on the extreme N tip of Rona

No photo. This is a very well lit harbour mostly because it houses a MoD installation. Use only in an emergency and anchor close in on the S. corner where the rock has a beacon. Don't go near the MoD jetty. (NF) [OS Grid Ref: NG6260](#)

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C.8) Kilmaluig Bay on the extreme N tip of Skye facing E.



Good shelter in anything with W in it. A useful place to tuck in if waiting for the W running tide round the N of Skye. (NF)

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C.9) Duntulm, On the W side of N tip of Skye.



Reasonable shelter under Eilean Tulm and approachable from both N and S. A good place to wait for the E going stream off Rubha Hunish. (SF)

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C.10) Badachro Loch Gairloch.



Not easy at last light. The main attraction is the easy access to the Pub. Often many mooring buoys around of doubtful parentage and these restrict anchoring. (GF)

[OS Grid Ref: NG7873](#)

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C.11) Diabaig on the N Side of the entrance to Loch Torridon.



Much more sheltered than the pilot suggests and easy entrance if you keep well in the middle of the entrance. NF

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C.12) Ob na Acarsaig just S of Ardheslaig on the S side of the entrance to Loch Torridon.

Probably the unmarked inlet on the OS map, running NW-SE. Don't cut the corner on entering, Kelpy bottom. Very snug and easy to find even by powerful torchlight. (NF). Why choose here as opposed to Loch Beag on the other side (seaward side) of the peninsula?

[OS Grid Ref. NG7856](#); WGS84: 57° 32.65 N, 5° 42.18 W

C.13) Loch Ewe.

Entrance well lit. Best anchorage at last light inside Isle of Ewe, Camus Angus.

Loch Thurnaig in the S end is heavily fish farmed but is secure. There is a good jetty for water to the E of Thurnaig. (SF)

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C.14) Tanera Mor or, preferably, Tanera Beg in the Summer Islands.
Eilean Fada Mor lies between Tanera Mor and Tanera Beg. It is easy to identify and must be passed very close to. These islands are now under new ownership and Tanera Mor, especially, is thriving. (SF)

Tanera Mor

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Tanera Beg

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C.15) Loch Roe, NW of Lochinver



Loch Roe entrance is hard to find. 'The cliffs on the S Side of the entrance (well covered with bird droppings), look like pawnbrokers balls, visible from miles out at sea. Take the middle of the narrow entrance and do not turn SE into the anchorage too soon. Can be entered at LW when all rocks are visible. Very peaceful surrounded by high cliffs. (NF)

[OS Grid Ref. NC0624](#)

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C.16) Badcall Bay.



This looks a tricky entrance but is not as bad as it appears because the island heights make them so identifiable and the channels are clear of offlying rocks. An exciting entrance in rough weather but once inside relatively quiet. (NF)

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C.17) Priest Island



Anchorage on E coast. No other data.

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D. Hebrides

D.1) Loch Mharabhig (Marvig), on the E coast of Lewis.

Southern entrance probably best on first visit. Keep well off shore passing seawards of Oigh Sgeir Rock, Keeping clear of Eilan Thoraiddh and central up channel. Anchor well in the S side of the harbour. The fish farm has a good jetty and waterhose. (Houses but NF)



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D.2) Leumrabhagh



A village inside Rubha na Cudaigean on N side of Loch Sealg (Shell), N of Eilan Liubhaird. A useful place to wait for a S going stream. Use the latest CCC pilot. (NF)

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D.3) Scalpay N Harbour.



Enter by Sound of Scalpay under the bridge but do not turn in too soon. At high tide, the channel as one enters the harbour, is to the N of the buoy. One is usually welcome alongside the pier. (SF)

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D.4) Scadabagh, Harris.

No photo. A wonderful refuge after a hard day's sailing. A very exciting entrance as soon as the channel opens up. At low water all rocks show and the muddy bottom provides excellent, if very dirty holding ground. It is very easy to sail past the entrance and equally all too easy to turn in too soon into Loch na h'Uamha. Scadabagh entrance is very narrow, perhaps 20 yards only. (SF).

[OS Grid Ref. NG1792](#); WGS84: 57° 49.95 N, 6° 45.66 W

D.5) Chaise Bay, N Uist on the S shore of the Sound of Harris, S of Hermetray.

No photo. A good harbour and not difficult to find once one has identified Hermetray. Chart shows Angus rock which dries 3 or 4 feet. Keep well in centre of the channels until the leading marks for Chaise bay open up. Good holding ground. (NF).

[OS Grid Ref. NF9773](#)

D.6) W of Flodaigh Beag and N of Flodaigh Mor, SE of Eaval, N Uist.

No photo. Flodaigh Mor is at the east end of the channel separating Benbecula and N Uist. It is not difficult to identify and entrance is by the S channel exactly as shown on the CCC plan. At half tide or above the sea channel on S side of Flodaigh Beag is clear for going out. (NF)

[OS Grid Ref. NF9157](#)

D.7) Loch Skiport (Skipoirt): Little Kettle Pool (Caolas Mor) or Wizard pool, S.Uist.



Deep water N side of En Ornaish helps to identify Shillay (Siolaigh) Mor and Shillay Beag. Both anchorages have splendid holding ground. Water is available at the fish farm 3 miles up the loch. (NF)

Photo: Wizard Pool, SE of Islands in the foreground, looking NW to Caolas Mor.

[OS Grid Ref. NF8437](#)

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WGS84: 57° 19.32 N, 7° 14.60 W

D.8) Acairseid Mhòr, Eriskay (not to be confused with Acairseid Mhor, Rona).



The best entrance lights and beacons in the Hebrides. Keep well offshore until the marks show and keep the line carefully. There are a lot of old moorings around so buoy the anchor. Easy water at jetty. The original venue of the true "whisky galore". (SF)

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