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Updates for Sea of Cortez: A Cruiser's Guidebook 2nd edition as of March 15, 2014

While every effort has been made to ensure that our books are as up to date and as accurate as possible, changes over time and/or the occasional mistake are inevitable. We will keep this list updated with any new information and/or corrections as they become known. If you would like to inform us of anything not included in the guide that would be valuable for our readers, please feel free to contact the authors at info@bluelatitudepress.com.

Notice to Mariners - The Mexican government office, Ministry of Navy, publishes monthly "Notice to Mariners" updates for the entire Mexican coastline. These updates are available in PDF format at <http://digaohm.semar.gob.mx/avisosalosmarinos.html>.

Pg. 14 - It is mandatory for foreign registered boats to obtain a Temporary Import Permit (TIP) to bring boats into Mexico. You can begin the paperwork process before leaving the United States or Canada by visiting: <https://www.banjercito.com.mx/registroVehiculos/>. A TIP can also be obtained in person in Ensenada or La Paz.

Pg. 16 - The La Paz CONANP office has moved. The new location is found on the Abasolo (Carretera Transpeninsular Mex 1), south of the Fidepaz Hospital and almost across the street from the turn off to Marina Fonatur La Paz.

Pg. 33 - Marina Puerto Los Cabos (www.puertoloscabos.com) can now accommodate boats up to 200 feet in length. Marine Group Boat Works (www.marinegroupboatworks.com) haul out yard and boat storage is now open for business. Marine Group operates a 150 ton travel lift and offers covered dry stack storage.

Pg. 40 - El Cardon Tequila Bar & Grill is now Restaurante 1535. The restaurant monitors VHF channel 10 and 2, but no longer offers water taxi service, a dinghy dock or phone service.

Pg. 55 - Yacht Path International is no longer in business.

Pg. 60 - Marina Costabaja has a new website: www.marinacostabaja.com.

Pg. 62 - Marina de La Paz can accommodate boats up to 200 feet in length. All water at the marina is potable and comes from it's own desalination plant.

Pg. 64 - Marina Santa Cruz, previously known as the "virtual marina" is now Marina Cortez. New floating docks have been installed using an anchoring technique by developers in Florida to help withstand hurricanes. Approximately 50 slips are in place, all with water and power, and able to accommodate boats up to 120 feet in length. Services include bathrooms and showers, pumpout facilities and wireless internet. Contact information for Marina Cortez is:

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Pg. 74 - See page 16 update.

Pg. 138 - Maria's tienda, located in the small fishing village of Agua Verde, is reported to be closed. It is unclear at this time if the closure is temporary or permanent. It has also been reported that the restaurant may be closed as well. (Information courtesy of Bill and Tracy Hudson on s/v Zephyr) December 2010

Pg. 152 - Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa (<http://www.villadelpalmarloreto.com>) is now located in the eastern corner of Bahia Candeleros. Restaurants, bars and swimming pools are found at the resort, along with daily passes for use of the resort's facilities.

Pg. 160 - Hidden Port Yacht Club is now located in the API office building.

Pg. 214 - Julia's Cantina is no longer in business. The new El Hotelito is found north of the airport on the main dirt road.

Pg. 296 - The San Carlos morning VHF net is on channel 74.

Pg. 297 - Marina San Carlos can now accommodate boats up to 64 feet in length.

Pg. 303 - Marina Fonatur Guaymas contact information is: (622) 924-3000, agmiguez@fonatur.gob.mx. Marina Seca Guaymas contact information is: Gabriel Larios, Manager; (622) 122-7856, marinasecaguaymas@yahoo.com, www.marinaguaymas.com.

New information: Topolobampo - Topolobampo is quickly becoming a new "off the beaten path" cruising destination for boaters traveling along the eastern shore of the Sea of Cortez. While Topolobampo is not included in this edition of our

cruising guide, many people have been contacting us for further information on this destination. A new marina has opened in Topolobampo named Club de Yates Palmira Topolobampo, or Marina Palmira Topolobampo. With this new and secure marina to leave your boat, travel to the world renowned Barranca de Cobre, or Copper Canyon, has been made far more accessible to boaters. We are currently working with the marina manager to put together a chartlet for those who wish to visit Topolobampo. We will post the chartlet on the updates page once it is completed. For further information and to contact Marina Palmira Topolobampo:

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New information: Altata - Altata has long been a destination for boaters who like to blaze their own trail and discover new destinations that lack detailed information. The charming seaside village is filled with restaurants specializing in the freshest seafood, including shrimp caught right in the bay. In March 2014, we were able to visit Altata and attend the grand opening celebration of the new marina at the resort complex of Isla Cortes. During our travels, we were able to survey the nearly 13 mile long Bahia de Altata, including the main entrance. Access to the bay is protected by extending sand shoals which require local knowledge to safely navigate around and through the bar entrance. Depending on weather, sea state and tidal conditions, entrance to the bay can become quite rough. Near the northern portion of the bay lies the new marina at Isla Cortes. The new modern marina has approximately 50 slips and can accommodate boats up to 60 feet in length (depending on draft). Services include showers, a fuel dock, pumpout services, wireless internet, laundry services, launch ramp, individual covered boat storage garages, and a restaurant, as well as access to the resort's beach club. We are currently working with the marina manager and port captain to put together a chartlet for those who wish to visit Isla Cortes and Altata. We will post the chartlet on the updates page once it is completed. For further information and to contact Marina Isla Cortes:

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