

Cruising Association HANNs 06/1 for non members

This set of Harbour, Anchorage and Navigation Notes (HANNs) is the first of three to be produced during 2006.

There were an unusual number of Admiralty Notices to Mariners this time which affected entries in the **Cruising Almanac 2005/06**. This almanac is being revised and updated for 2007 and the new edition will be available by the time of the Southampton Boats Show in September.

The US has given warning of **pirates** off the coast of Somalia and advise to keep at least 200M off shore. False distress calls are made to lure ships closer into shore.

Loran C transmissions are being made with a view to possibly becoming a Navigation aid again.

We are now getting a lot of new information about weather forecasts. There is a new service know as **GRIB** files from the US NEWS General Forecast system. The NM wk 6/06 sect VI gives details of a tel answering system providing 7 day forecasts up to 2m off, 20m off and Offshore covering French coasts.

Whilst fog signals seem to be disappearing fast this is not the case for new lights. For example in the **Isles of Scilly** there are new lights on St Agnes, Bryher, Tresco and St Martins.

One of our members made an outstanding cruise from the **Medway to Istanbul through the R Seine, the canals of France, and Germany to the R Danube and down to the Black Sea**. This has only been possible quite recently when the Rhine and the Danube were finally connected by a canal. This canal was first thought of 1200 years ago but not proceeded with. The notes of this voyage available to CA members would be invaluable to anybody attempting such a cruise.

One of our members cruised the **W coast of Norway** as far as Tromso visiting 35 ports. The Cruising Association has recently updated its book 'Cruising in Norway', a must for anyone wishing to cruise that exciting and exacting coast.

The Cruising Association has a particularly strong Baltic section and therefore much information on **Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland**. Our Honorary Local Representative in Lithuania has sent in lots of information on the port of Klaipeda.

As usual there are many reports of harbours and anchorages in **Italy, Greece and Turkey**. I think our regional files in the CA library must cover practically every port in Greece and Southern Turkey.