



## Anchorage in Patagonia: Cta. Olla - Chiloé

### Notes:

The following list shows our experiences with the anchorages we have visited. According to the yacht, its size and its characteristics, age and number of the crew, equipment, weather conditions and season the experience of other crews will be different to ours. But we hope that our reports will give some helpful device. Our list is thought to be an addition to the reports of sailing yacht *Leoa*, contact [www.sy-leoa.de](http://www.sy-leoa.de), and to be a commentary to the well known guides, especially to the so-called Italian guide and the RCC-guide. If we use only the term guide we refer to the Italian guide: *Patagonia & Tierra del Fuego* written by Mariolina Rolfo and Giorgio Andrizzi. The numbers of the anchorages are correspond to the first edition of the guide.

We have added some further information to special passages, c-map and so on. At the end you will find three sketches of special places.

| Date of arrival   | Anchorage   | Remarks  | No. in Italian Guide (1. ed.) | Pactor (pocket radio) |
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| <b>C-Map</b>  |             | <p>Good from Ushuaia / Pto. Williams to Cockburn-Canal, Canal Acwalisnan (though the charts do not show details the structure of the coast of C. Acwalisnan is correct), Strait of Magellan.</p> <p>From Isla Fairway in Smith Canal to Golfo de Penas C-Map charts are not sufficient: contours of landscape / shores differ extremely from reality, GPS-position shows clear off-set. (Only in Canal Pitt the GPS-position was according to the map, but the shores showed a lot of phantasy in the drawings.)</p> <p>We did not check the accuracy from north of Golfo de Penas to Anna Pink.</p> <p>C-Map was exact from Anna Pink to the approach of Bahia Corral (Valdivia), from there continuing only as a sketch.</p> |                               |                       |
| 05.02.07  | Caleta Olla | Very good shelter, good bottom, place for several boats, good and various hikes  | 10.33                         | Good                  |
| <p><b>Seno Pia</b> – The eastern arm is easy to navigate. The icefield of the first glacier is shoal, keep distance, the icefield in front of the second, the final glacier is drifting over deep water. Look how the ice is slowly moving, normally clockwise, then enter on the left hand and let the ice make the drift for you. If the ice is not to strong you can manouvre easily.</p> <p>The water on the barre on the way to the second glacier is according to the Italian-Guide. GPS.-Pos. For passage is of the barre ist o.k.</p> <p><u>Be careful:</u> Rocks with 1,3 m or less water above on pos. 54°54,65'S and 069°36,83'W (no kelp), keep your course E of this pos.! (In Chilean charts this place is shown as a shoal with 3 m depth.) We hit the rocks. Our boat has 1.40 m draught!</p> |             |  |                               |                       |



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| 11.02.07   | Caleta Beaulieu  | According Italian-Guide. Phantastic view to glacier, very good shelter. Hiking possible.   | 10.29 | fair      |
| 12.02.07   | Caleta Alakush   | Set the anchor at 10 m, go as close to the end of the cove as possible (depth is sufficient) then you will find good shelter. The bay is very small so two yachts have to make a raft. Small hikes possible, even to the top of the hill. Phantastic view to the Darwin-Cordillera. Curious birds. | 10.21 | fair      |
| 13.02.07   | Caleta Silva     | According Italian Guide. The bay is much bigger than the sketch in the book shows. We dropt the anchor at 10 m, 2 sternlines. A lot of kelp makes it difficult to set the anchor. Deep until close to the shore.   | 10.15 | fair      |
| 14.02.07   | Caleta Yaghan    | According the description of LEOA. Bottom mud and kelp. We had no gusts. Beautiful landscape, good hikes.  | 10.8  | Fair      |
| 15.02.07   | Caleta Brecknock | According the description of LEOA, bottom mud, kelp and stones. Good hikes.  | 10.7  | bad       |
| <p><b>Canal Acwalisnan</b> – passing the Canal actually is permitted. We suggest to use this shortcut. The landscape is beautiful and it is easier to navigate than Canal Magdalena in bad conditions. The distance to P. Eden (620 → 590 M) / P. Natales (485 → 455 M) is shortened for some 30 nautical miles. The angostura makes no problems, the fouls are well marked by kelp. Actually there should be no problem to get the zarpe for Canal Acwalisnan. If you may have any problem send us a mail (<a href="mailto:sy_justdoit@web.de">sy_justdoit@web.de</a>). We will mail you a copy of our zarpe.</p> |                  |  |       |           |
| 18.02.07   | Caleta Hidden    | Anchor on 10 m, two shorelines. Bottom mud and coarse gravel (stones like you see on the beach). According the description of LEOA. Gusts when SW-winds are blowing. All little coves in the caleta can be used as anchorage according the needs. Good hikes.                                      | 8.15  | very good |
| 20.02.07   | Bahia Gallant    | Easy approach, you can enter under sails. Keep in the middle of the water. Good hikes. In old times here was the starting point for expeditions to the summits around the bahia.   | 8.13  | good      |



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| <p><b>Paso Tortuoso</b> - We found the currents very strange and had problems to recognize a rule. May be here is the borderline of the tidal currents of the eastern and the western part of the Strait of Magellan.</p> <p>Lots of South-American Sea-Lions (<i>Arctocephalus australis</i>) and Humpback Whales (<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>). Good chance to meet some.</p> |                           |   |      |      |
| 23.02.07  | Baha Borja                | Easy approach, you can enter under sails. No shorelines. Beautiful landscape. We suppose good hikes.  | 8.10 | ./.  |
| 23.02.07  | Bahía Blanca / Cta. White | Well shelteres bigger bay. You can watch the conditions in the Strait of Magellan from the anchorage!<br>We placed our boat at the position where the symbol of the anchor is sketched in the guide. 2 shorelines. On the place where there is kelp sketched in the book (in between symbols of anchor and boat) is a hidden rock. Only visible at low water<br>Be careful. Hikes possible.   | 8.9  | Good |
| 28.02.07  | Puerto Angosto            | We found a lot of rachas in the open area, but they were limited to very small stretch on the water. In our opinion the bay is easier to enter then it is written in the guide, even in bad weather. May be our bad weather was not as bad!? You only have to avoid that rachas push you to the shore, but the bay is big enough, so you should not get in troubles. At the fishermen´s anchorage obviously it is possible to go alongside to the rocks and to fix the boat with bow and stern to the drums. You can recognize the drums late, but don´t worry, they exist. The rocks are fitted with old tires. But we had to much rachas so we did not dare to make a mooring manouvre at this place. The next cove ist good open to southerlys. Be careful at the entrance of this cove, we found the south eastern part more shallow than we expected and I think I saw some submerged rocks. The anchorage close to the waterfall seems to offer best shelter but it may be difficult to enter in bad conditions. So we did not try. Finally our choice was the anchorage of the RCC-Guide: 53°17,1´S / 073°13,0´W. Anchor at 15 m, two shorelines. Deep until the shore. In | 8.5  | fair |



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|  |                      | bad conditions this place is the easiest to make the anchor-manouvre. The shelter is better than you will expect if you go as close to the shore as possible. Our stern was less than 10 m from the shore.   |      |      |
| 01.03.07   | Caleta Dardé         | Narrow entrance but easy.<br>The sketch in the guide is not exactly correct. On the western shore you will find two coves, take the first to the left hand when coming in.<br>Safe, beautiful. Hikes possible.   | 6.40 | Good |
| 02.03.07   | Bahia Welcome        | We had problems to enter Puerto Mardon. May be a shallow closed the passage. We got to stuck (mud and a lot of kelp) where the guide indicates 7 m dephts.<br>Two coves for anchorage, good shelter.<br>Waypoint for the entrance:<br>52°09,38 S / 073°41,46 W (this pos. is on 15 m dephts between the sketched island and rock in the guide, just above the writing <i>Bahia Welcome</i> ). Good place for dinghi expeditions on the shores of Puerto Mardon. We suppose hikes are possible. | 6.36 | Good |
| 04.03.07   | Caleta Desaparecidos | Small but very good shelter. You have to go close to the eastern shore to set the anchor on 12 m. 1 shoreline, boat on 4 m at the western shore. Good hikes, pathways!   | 7.6  | fair |
| <p><b>Angostura Kirke</b> – it is not so difficult than we expected. Slack is 3,5 to 5 Std. after low tide / high tide of Puerto Montt. A big amplitude, haha. The best is to go during slack or with beginning counter current. Beware of strong side setting currents during the passage.<br/>If in doubt wait in Cta. Desaparecidos or Cta. Zorro. Strong and difficult currents and eddies are limited to some small areas on eastern or western side of the angostura, depending on the tide.</p> |                      |  |      |      |
| 05.03.07   | Puerto Natales       | The best place is alongside of a fishermen´s boat at the end of the jetty. This is the best place to stock up fuel too, because here you can get fuel by a fuel car with an long pipe. Good showers, helpful people in the office of the fishing cooperativa, using a berth alongside is expensive (5000 Pesos/day).<br>Diesel: some 470 Peso/liter  |      | good |
| 05.03.07   | Puerto Laforest      | Opposite shore to Natales. Drope the anchor on 8 m (+/-), no shoerlines. Be careful: the bottom shallows sudden and rapidly.   | 7.11 | good |



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|          |                                 | Good shelter to western winds. But: You are far away of Puerto Natales. The anchorage close to P. Natales, north of the prefecturas jetty only has limited space.   |      |      |
| 06.03.07 | Puerto Consuelo / Est. Eberhard | Drop the anchor South of the big mooring-buoy on 3 m, bottom: seaweed and mud. Set the anchor carefully and give a lot of chain. Than the place is bulletproof and you can leave the boat for some trips on shore. The dingi can be let on the area of the estancia, please ask, you will get the dingi carefully to avoid it flying away in sudden strong winds. Taxidriver will come to the little pontoon of the estancia. Location: Est. Eberhard via Puerto Pratt. Try to order the taxi before in Natales, then you will get a better price. We paid 10.000 P at 06:00 in the morning and 6.000 P during daytime for one direction. Good place for dingi expeditions and hikes. | 7.13 | good |
| 10.03.07 | Caleta Jaime                    | We drop the anchor at 15 m, the boat was swinging at 6,5-7 m, some 10 m off the rocks of the shore. Bottom silt, good. 1 shoreline on slip using an existing fishermens line. Very safe place if you go close to the shore, you can go up to three m from the land! Two fishermens lines are prepared. If fishing vessels show up ist can become crowded, may be you have to tie in a raft with the fishermen. We spent the time with 4 fishing vessels. Hikes possible.  | 7.3  | good |
| 12.03.07 | Bay without name                | May be a good bay sheltering against winds from northerlys or the 1. and 4. quarter, we saw a fishing boat anchoring there. Aproximate position of the bay is 52°08,3 S and 073°21,4 W (pos. according to Chilean chart atlas, chart no. 10650, this is no GPS-pos.).   | ./.  | ./.  |
| 12.03.07 | Puerto Jose Goñi                | Seemed to us not to be safe, looked different than description in the Italian guide. So we continued to Pto. Fontaine.  | 7.2  | ./.  |



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| 12.03.07   | Puerto Fontaine             | The so-called „Peninsula“ is a group of some rocks, no peninsula. Best anchorage: In front of a small beach between the so-called „peninsula“ and the next hook. Drop the anchor at 12 m, swing on 3 m close to the little stream (inmidst of the beach). Bottom silt, good.<br>2 Shorelines – tied to rocks on the beach or trees<br><u>Look to our sketch.</u><br>Friendly Peale-Dolphins. Waiting for you to jump in the water and play to them. | 7.1                        | Good |
| 13.03.07   | Puerto Mayne                | The cove ist a very good place, we anchored free at the NW-corner of the last bassin. Keep some distance to the NW-shore because of currents caused by the streams. Anchor at 12 m. Bottom mud, good. One of the most beuatiful bays and surroundings. You should plan one day of staying to enjoy the place. We assume good hikes.   | 6.28                       | fair |
| 14.03.07   | Anchorplatz o. Namen (6.19) | Italian-Guide 1. Aufl., p. 359, 2. paragraph. We do not understand the reason to cancel the bay in the actualisation of the guide. Best anchorage is the uttermost rocky E-corner of the N-shore of the bay, close to Canal Pitt. Anchor and tie the stern to one of the fishermens lines. Good hikes.  | (6.19, fourth alternative) | ./.  |
| <b>Canal between Isla Chatham and Isla Peel</b> – The minimum dephts we found in the middle of the channel was 23 m. Keep in the midst. In the first third (seen from the south) keep closer to the E shore where there are some rocks coming from the W shore to the water. (Watch for kelp), except this place it seems to be a clear passage. |                             |   |                            |      |
| 14.03.07   | Caleta Steamer Duck         | The reportet dephts in the entry are correct but even close to the coves we found dephts of 22 und 25 m. You have to anchor with short chain than you will find more shallow water, but may be you have to use more than two shorelines than. We preferred to look for another place.<br>Very beautiful landscape.  | (6.19, second alternative) | ./.  |



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| 14.03.07   | Caleta Pico     | We did not find anchoring bottom of 7 m. The first two coves in the NW of the bay are much deeper still inside the coves. So we managed to swing at pos. 50°33,65 S / 074°19,64 W in front of a light curve of the shore, very close to the shore (10 m distance), the anchor we dropped at 13 m depths, the swinging place had 3-4 m, 1 Shoreline. Bottom silt, good. GPS-pos. of the entry reported in the Italian-Guide is correct, look for kelp patches marking foulds. <u>Sketch</u> .   | (6.19, first alternative) | good |
| <p><b>Canal Wide</b> –Tidal currents in Canal Wide are more complicated than written in the guide. The flood is running N until a point short N of Seno Antrim. (South running flood we could not recognize.) N of Seno Antrim the flood streams is seemd to be influenced by the waters coming from the glaciers. With strong N- and NW-winds they will change the current more or less and create a N current. The ebbtide is going S.</p> |                 |  |                           |      |
| 15.03.07   | Caleta Neruda   | Anchor at 12 m, swing on 5-6 m, 2 Shorelines. (You can go closer to the place marked in the guide than we did). Very good shelter. Landsccape very beautiful but you will miss the sun hidding away behind the steep mountains in W early. Lots of animals! In the bay you will meet Peale-dolphins, sea-lions, different birds, good place to fish! Only short hikes in NW possible   | 6.8                       | good |
| 17.03.07   | Caleta Nassibal | The anchorage in the N cove does not exist. The place has become to shallow. The “tiny west cove” is ok. Anchor at 10-12 m, 2-3 Shorelines (one sternline to an tree, one on starbord and one on portside, have fun by looking for a good tree because there are more or less no big ones you can reach to. In NW winds you will have little problems with the wind pushing the boat to the side). If you use a short cahin, well set and keep it tight may be you can reduce the package to one shoreline on the stern. This is for friends of a little thrill! ;- ) Go deep inside the cove. The dephts is good until close to the shore. Only short walks possible. | 6.2                       | good |





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| 18.03.07  | Caleta Abalá | Free anchor at 8 m, bottom sand and silt. Keep some distance from the shallows and all shores, we found the winds blowing from all sides and circling around. Not the best shelter, specially when the wind is from NW or W. The bay is mainly deep except in the E, there shallow. At the rocky N-shore is an submerged rock 5 m off the shore, not visible at HW.<br>Hikes possible.  | 5.24 | good |
| 19.03.07  | Puerto Eden  | Fre anchoring in the bay in front of the village. Drop the anchor according the available place on 5 bis 12 m dephts. The bottom in the W-part of the bay is bad, the Anchors drag, E-side is better bottom. Finally a safe place.<br>Diesel you will get at the second „bridge“ (small) from E, where you will see a rusty 200 liter drum. Order with the help of Wolfgang, Patagonian net, before you will arrive. (Our price: 40% more than in Natales = 650 Peso/liter) Ask for Don José. His wife Maria runs a restaurant on demand.<br>The red « mooring-bouy» in the center of the bay is no mooring, it marks a submerged rock! ;-)<br>the green bouy placed at the Southern entry to Pto. Eden is renewed. She marks a shallow sand. | 5.20 | good |
| <p><b>Angostura Inglesa</b> - Best way to pass Angostura Inglesa is leaving Puerto Eden at high tide then you will reach Angostura Inglesa at the beginning of the N-going ebbtide. Isla Medio Canal can be passed on both sides. The buoy for the passage E of the island was renewed in March 2007.</p> |              |   |      |      |





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| 20.03.07 | Caleta Sabaude | Fixing the shorelines was difficult because of winds from the side which pushed the boat to the nearby rocks. Except this little problem the caleta is ok. Safe. Anchor at 12-13 m and go in the caleta as deep as possible. 2 Shorelines. Deep enough until close to the shore. Bottom ok. If you will not successfully tie up in the caleta set the anchor at another place and tie to one of the trees. There are a lot of possibilities outside the cove. Nice landscape. Good for Dingi expeditions. Hikes seem to be difficult.   | 5.17   | good |
| 21.03.07 | Seno Iceberg   | The seno is easy to navigate. The depths are more than sufficient until a distance of 350 m in front of the glacier. At the borderline of the drifting ice we found around 70m depths, but this borderline is variable, of course. At the end of the seno is an inhabited station of the CONAF. The people will enjoy your visit. May be they invite you for diner or lunch or whatever is possible. You can drop the anchor E of the little island in front of the CONAF-building at 12 m. Bottom sand and gravel. If you have good conditions spend there a night. We had fresh northerly winds but at this anchorage it was absolute calm. (Oder beim Wasserfall). Good Chance to observe Huemules (a little species of deers) guided by the CONAF-people. Another anchorage is close to the waterfall, see RCC-guide. | 5.21 in the RCC-guide (no number in Italian guide, see p. 323) | good |
| 21.03.07 | Caleta Yvonne  | Anchor at 7 m, swing on 4 m. Bottom: mud and sand -good. Safe. 2 shorelines. Arrange your boat like the sketch in the Italian-guide. In the E of this bay are submerged rocks, Be careful. We set our boat (1.40 m draught) just on top of one of this rocks. Good possibilities for dingi expeditions.   | 5.16   | good |



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| 23.03.07   | Caleta Morgane | We anchored in the eastern, more deep corner. Anchor at 15 m, swinging on some 10 m. Bottom: seems to be sand. 2 Shorelines, later we added a third to the E. You can go close to the shore. Light swell.  | 5.15 | good |
| 25.03.07   | Caleta Ideal   | Big bay with several possibilities. Anchor free or use shorelines.<br>We were on 47°45,55 S / 074°53,73 W fixed to a tree 10 m off the shore in W-wind. 2 Shorelines (1 is sufficient). Anchor at 12 m, swinging on 5 m. Later we went at free anchor on 8 m in the NW of the bay because of N-winds.<br><u>Attention:</u> Caleta Ideal gives no good shelter to northerly winds. Only shelter to W – S and SE-E-Winds if you go very close to the shore according the needs of wind direction. You have to change the place if the wind is turning.<br>Bottom not the best, more or less fair, mud over rocks, risk of dragging the anchor. The rocks cause a lot of noise while swinging at the anchor. You only can avoid this with shorelines.<br>In our opinion Caleta Ideal is no anchorage for bad conditions, it is only ideal in calm wheather and SW-W wind. We suggest to choice Caleta Chica neraby or another anchorage, there are several in the surrounding area (s. guide) | 5.8  | good |
| <b>Golfo de Penas</b> – we found rough seas in the shallow area until we crossed the 60 m, then it was becoming better.  |                |  |      |      |
| <b>Anna Pink</b> – simple entry, GPS / Cmap is exact and allows to enter Anna Pink by night. Positions of lights and bouys are correct. The drawing of Puerto Millabú (4.15) is correct too. |                |  |      |      |



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| 29.03.07 | Puerto Millabú     | <p>The RCC-guide describes two possibilities:<br/> Free anchorage at the uttermost NW-corner at the end of the bay at 15 m. Be careful, bottom is shallowing rapidly at a certain point (sand, not dangerous). A lot of space.</p> <p>The second possibility is a cove on the W coast of the estero on half of the way. There you will find fishermens lines where you can fix your boat<br/> Dephts and bottom we did not check. Puerto Millabu offers good hikes, good places to fish. The best is the little river coming from the waterfall in the W. Use reddish lures which you pull over the bottom.</p> <p>Nice landscape, beautiful waterfalls and beaches. The entry to an hike is difficult to find. Here is one: Follow the western creek until you meet the first really huge rocks, there turn right in the wood. There is a very small nearly invisible mark, a small green line. In the wood you will find a pathway leading to the cascades and further on. Parts of the hike are very tricky.</p> | 4.15<br>(4.9 in the RCC-guide) | good                     |
| 31.03.07 | Caleta Mana Branch | <p>Approach:<br/> easy – GPS: 45°42,06 S / 074°18,91 W<br/> anchorage: GPS 45°41,35 S / 074°20,26 W at 8 m inmidst a widening place S of the second island (we could not find the indicated “small sand and gravel beach” . We hat high tide close to spring tide when we expored the caleta)</p> <p>Fouls are well marked by visible rocks. Inside the estero you will find several coves on the western coast, try your luck with shoerlines but check the dephts before.</p> <p>Very beautiful landscape, lots of birds, we assume good protection against all winds. Good for dingi expeditions.<br/> Lokk to the sketch.</p>   | 4.6a                           | ./.<br>(assumingly good) |



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| 31.03.07 | Caleta Jaqueline            | Anchor at 8 m in the center of the caleta, bottom: sand, good shelter, from time to time light swell<br>Good fishing.  | 4.6  | good |
| 01.04.07 | Puerto Aguirre              | After request at the prefectura you can tie up on the pier. Go to the eastern small side of the pier because the long side is heavily used by a lot of professional ships during the daytime and sometimes nighttime too. At the small side you will find an iron ladder. Depths at this place: around 4,0 m<br>In P. Aguirre is no official selling station for fuel. The existing one was closed 2 years ago. Try to get Diesel from the fishermen or the professionals or request a fisherman to deliver Diesel from ... Fresh vegetables from a dealer 50 m off the harbour or in the little supermarkets in the village. The biggest supermarket is placed at the costanera in the W, a long red wooden building.<br>At the pier you will not avoid a line-hander who will show you the city. Have some Pesos prepared for him.<br>Prefectura friendly and uncomplicated. | 3.37 | ./.  |
| 01.04.07 | Caleta La Poza (P. Aguirre) | Anchor at 8 m, 2 Shorelines (you can anchor without). Safe, bottom: sand.<br>On the E-coast of the bay is a small cove where you can let the dingi. Think about the tidal range. From there you will find a way to the street, the latter one with lanterns in the night. Unfortunately the way ends at a very solid door and a strong fence. So the better alternative is to go to the harbour by dingi and go ashore there.<br>Remark: The little islet in the way out to the NE is located much more in the fairway than the sketch in the Italian guide shows. You can pass it at the N side.  | 3.37 | good |



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| 02.04.07   | Caleta Canal    | Free anchoring at 8 m. Easy approach, partly more shallow than indicated in the guide. Bottom: mud, good.<br>We could not recognize the submerged rock E of the entry to the caleta which is shown in the sea charts and in C-Map. Therefore keep close to the little islet. Hikes on the beach.  | 3.13 | good |
| <p><b>Shortcut Canal Scorpios</b> – easy to navigate.</p> <p>Description from South to North:</p> <p>The southern part of the shortcut which leads from North to South has sufficient depth. Close to the little island (pass it on the W side, so keep it on E) close behind the southern entry of the canal we found 12 m, then increasing to more than 20 m. We had 19 m close to the branch off to NE.</p> <p><u>First sand</u> at the narrow at the beginning the Branch to NE. You encounter the sand when you are amidst the positions of the shallow gravelly and sandy shores on both sides of the narrow. (Before and behind the shores are made of rocks) Depths 3 and 3,8 m.</p> <p>After you will find sufficient depths. For some time we got no echo from the echosounder, may be because of a lot of mud and organic material in the water.</p> <p><u>Second sand</u> at the „double“ narrows at the exit of the channel. Position between this two narrows. We found 4 m depths. Then quickly increasing to 20 m. For some time changing rapidly. Keeping in the middle seem to be the best choice. Our depths are according the estimated low water.</p> |                 |   |      |      |
| 03.04.07   | Caleta Valverde | Easy entry. Bottom not better than fair. A lot of stones. We did not find good hold to swing at anchor freely. Therefore we drop the anchor in front of the gravelly beach, one shoreline. Pos. anchorage: 44°20,05 S – 073°46,34 W.<br>Anchor at 11 m, swinging at 5 m, 1 Shoreline.<br>Alternative: grab a fishermens line fixed at the exposed rock a short distance to the E.<br>Nice view to the vulcano (if there are no clouds). During daytime the place is noisy because of many fishing boats passing by. | 3.8  | good |



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| 04.04.07 | Puerto Melinka | <p>Anchor at 10 m W to the mooring of the prefecturas patrol boat</p> <p>Bottom: sand</p> <p>Fishermen enter the little estero stretching to the N according the sketch in the guide. That means they use the fairway close to the W coast. The fairway shown in the Chilean charts near to the E coast is not in use and seems to be very shallow.</p> <p>Supermercado San Pedro close to the plaza of the village has a bigger range of different meat than the slaughter.</p>   | 3.3  | good |
| 05.04.07 | Estéro Huildad | <p>Entrance according the guide. 2 hours after HW strong outgoing current! (We had spring tide) We dropped our anchor at the uttermost W place shown in the guide on 12 m (some 70 m off the coast), because we expected winds from N, NW and W. Side setting currents! The place is highly deep until close to the shore so may not be easy to combine dephts, length of chain and safe distance to the shore.</p> <p>Good shleter: We had no wind when it was blowing with 20-22 kn of the N outside. (Though, 20-22 kn are not much)</p> <p>Bottom: sand and some stones, good</p>  | 2.22 | good |
| 06.04.07 | Estéro Pailad  | <p>E of the entrance are some mussel farms, they are not good to see in bad conditions. The salmoneras are better to recognize. In bad conditions or in doubt use the GPS coordinates to enter. After passing the farms and salmoneras you won't find any problems.</p> <p>Tie to one of the solide mooring-bouys (!!!) 3 at the W-shore, 3 at the E-shore not far from the litle church.</p> <p>No fees. We heard the rumor that the man who set the moorings died, so it might be that there is no maintenance. (You will have a visit of Hector, bringing a little present. So keep ready a tetrapack of cheap wine for him.)</p> | 2.21 | good |



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| 07.04.07 | Marina<br>Quinched | <p>42°34,7 S<br/>073°45,2 W</p> <p>Located at the entrance of Estéro Castro. There you will see two islands in the W of the entrance, the bigger one (Isla Linlinao) fitted with a lighthouse and W of it a smaller one (Isla Quinched). The latter is becoming a peninsula at low water. In C-Map the small island is sketched as peninsula and it is not given the name. The marina is located between Isla Quinched and the W shore of the mainland of Chiloé.</p> <p>Entry: coming from S you can pass one of the channels left free between the floating lines (arranged like rectangles) of the mussel farm. Or you pass the mussel farm on E facing to Isla Linlinao until the way to W is clear. Coming from N or E keep close to Isla Linlinao's S coast and enter directly. Depths are sufficient.</p> <p>Tie to a mooring. The mooring bouys are fitted with two short drifting lines to fix the boat.</p> <p>There are pontoons too, but they seem to be weak, specially for bigger boats in bad conditions. Prefer the mooring.</p> <p>Call the marina on channel 16 before entering.</p> <p>The marina is small but has a good service. Comfortable showers, free internet, W-Lan, free washing machine, little repairs can be made. The owner, Willy, will carry your Diesel jerry-cans to the fuel station for free. Special rates for a taxi ride to Castro. Ask Willy. If necessary you can beach on the beach which connects Isla Quincehd to the mainland at low water.</p> <p>5.000 Pesos / day</p> | New item to<br>the Italian<br>guide | good |
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| 10.04.07 | Caleta Rilán  | <p>Anchor at the pos. suggested by the guide.<br/> Anchor at 8 / 12 m (Remember the tidal range)<br/> 42°31,69 S - 073°37,92 W<br/> Bottom: good, sand<br/> Easy approach<br/> Good shelter if a front is coming</p>   | 2.11 | good |
| 11.04.07 | Caleta Añihué | <p>There are salmoneras between Isla Mechugge and Isla Añihué. In the entrance to Caleta Añihué is another salmonera which can be passed on both sides.</p> <p>The GPS-anchorage-position given by the guide is occupied by a raft, set the anchor more to the W.</p> <p>We were at 42°19,4 S - 073°15,4 W what means more to the W at the beginning of the small westward bay opening there. This bay is more shallow in the S and W flacher, deep in its N. We set the anchor at 10/15 m (tide). Bottom: very good, shelter not good. The anchor holds in gusts of 40 kn and wild movements of the boat. This small bay gives shelter against SW-NW winds, not to wind from other directions. Wind from NW was turned to N.</p> <p>May be it is better to go deeper in this bay and use shorelines. Fishermen beach here.</p> <p>Alternative, enter the continuing waters at high tide, for example to the S or enter the next tiny branch off to the W (in this case make a dingi trip before to check the depths and rocks in the narrow passage). Both locations seem to be absolutely safe, but you may touch the bottom at low water.</p> <p>Finally, if you expect bad conditions, the easiest way is change to Caleta Mechuque.</p> | 2.8  | good |



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| 13.04.07  | Puerto Quemchi | <p>Though there is a big tide you can go relatively close to the shore. We drop the anchor in front of the town close to the mouth of the little creek, E of the mouth (look for the bridge) at 5 m at low water. With 50 m chain out we were swinging at 18 m! Good bottom.</p> <p>In our opinion you can anchor in the whole area from the town, starting at the bridge (which is named iron wharf in the guide) until W of the salmonera which is located W of the town. A lot of place and good shelter against winds from N- and W. Set your anchorlight. There is some traffic of big ships in the night going to and coming from the salmonera.</p> | 2.5 | Good |
| <p><b>Canal Chacao</b> – we reached the E-entrance of Canal Chacao one hour before high water. Had spring tide. The ebbtide had just started! Expect strong currents. We had a current pushing us with 4-5 knots at the narrow and up to 6 knots some miles W of the narrow! For some time we run with 12,5 kn over bottom. The eddies did not harm. But be carfeul because of drifting kelp. Follow the course suggested by the Chilean charts! At the W end of Canal Chacao a very rough sea can show up even on weak westerly winds: Wind against current. Short, steep, extremely high, breaking. The tracks of the Chilean charts show the shortest way through this difficult area. We had a forecast of W 12 kn, the reality showed W 15 kn. This was enough to create an extremely confuse and unpleasant sea. In doupt go to Puerto Ingles (2.1 im guide). But you have to decide this early because the ebbtide will push you away.</p> |                |  |     |      |
| <p><b>Rio Valdivia</b> – The Rio can create strong tidal currents, specialls the ebbtide is running with some 3 – 4 kn on spring tide. Temporarily strong side setting currents in the estuary of Rio Valdivia close to Isla Mancera. The buoys which mark the fairway and the submerged walls have lights (every second) and are pretty visiblein the radar. There are shallow passages but with 2 m or less draft there should be no problems even at low tide. The submerged walls don´t cause a problem as long you keep the fairway.</p>   |                |  |     |      |



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| 20.04.07 | Alwoplast               | <p>When entering the side-arm of the river keep close to the western shore to avoid an shallow and some submerged poles more to the open water area.</p> <p>Dephts are sufficient at the marina. Boxes with stern poles, two ropes to the stern, two to the Pontoon in front. Limited berths. Alwoplast can be closed because of the needs of the boatyard.</p> <p>Travellift: Alwoplast will charge 1.000 US-#! including seven free days ashore. The rate is because they have to mount a special structure to lift monohulls. The travellift is designed for catamaranes only.</p> <p>All kinds of boatworks: Steel, inox, aluminium, fiber. Actual rate: 25 US-\$ / hour. You may have to wait, due to the needs of the boatyard. Very helpful to cruising people. <b>No</b> sailmakery.</p> <p>Regular bus service to town. Take the No. 20</p>                                      | 1.28 in<br>RCC-guide | bad |
| 23.04.07 | Club de Yates, Valdivia | <p>Approach: Follow buoyed fairway. Near the city of Valdivia, just behind a smaller kay you have the choice, keep right and follow the channel or turn to the left to round a small island. The latter passage is bouyed. We took the channel and had nor problems.</p> <p>The marina of the Club is small. Place is limited. 6 foreign boats can tie up at the outside pontoons of the marina in rafts of two, three boats can enter, according to the draft and length. The best is to enter Estancilla first and go by bus to check the place in the Club. There is one toilette and one shower for all guests, but new showers are in construction. Staff is very helpful. Use of the slipway around 300 US-\$ including 3 free days ashore.</p> <p>If you have to do some repairs or you have to fit some equipment we recommend to prefer Puerto Montt or probably Valparaiso.</p> |                      |     |

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