

Notice

20 May 2016

Anchoring in Loch Creran Special Area of Conservation (SAC)/ Marine Protected Area (MPA)

Please note that the sign at the entrance to Loch Creran notifying mariners of the four designated anchorages in the loch has been removed.

Mariners should continue to use the following designated anchorages as identified in the Clyde Cruising Club Sailing Directions and Admiralty chart 2379 to avoid damaging the sensitive protected habitats of the Loch Creran SAC and MPA

- Glaceriska Bay**
- Creagan**
- Head of Loch**
- South Shian Bay**

Further information

Loch Creran is designated as a Special Area of Conservation and a Marine Protected Area to protect fragile biogenic reef habitat. Four anchorages have been designated within the loch, where anchoring will not impact the sensitive protected habitats.

In 1996 a large metal sign was installed at the entrance of the loch to notify mariners of the four designated anchorages which at that time were not fully included on the Admiralty Chart or Sailing Guides. Following updates to Sailing Guides and the recent issue by the UKHO of a Notice to Mariners inserting the Glaceriska Bay and Creagan anchorages on Admiralty chart 2379, the sign at the entrance of the loch is no longer considered necessary and has now been removed.

