

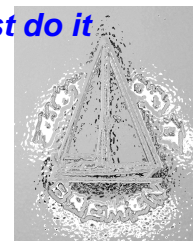
Anchorage in Chile: Valdivia - Arica

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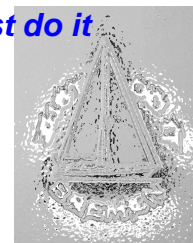
The following list shows our experiences with the anchorages we have visited. According to the yacht, its size and its characteristics, age and number of the crew, equipment, weather conditions and season the experience of other crews will be different to ours. But we hope that our reports will give some helpful device. Our list is thought to be in addition to the RCC-guide. The numbers of the anchorages are corresponding to the first edition of the guide (1998).

At the end you will find 2 sketches and 11 fotos of special places.

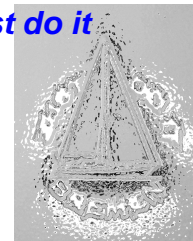
Date of arrival	Anchorage	Remarks	No. in RCC-Guide (1. ed.)	Pactor (pocket radio)
20.04.07	Río Valdivia – Alwoplast Marina/ Shipyard	<p>When entering the side-arm of the river keep close to the western shore to avoid a shallow area and some submerged poles more to the open water area.</p> <p>Dephts are 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.</p> <p>Actual work fee: 25 US-\$ / hour.</p> <p>You may have to wait, due to the needs of the boatyard. Very helpful to cruising people. No sailmakery.</p> <p>Regular bus service to town. Take No. 20</p>	1.28	bad
23.04.07	Club de Yates Valdivia	<p>Approach: follow buoyed fairway. Near the city of Valdivia, just behind a smaller quay (timberyard) 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 no problems.</p> <p>The marina of the club is small. Places are</p>	1.28	bad



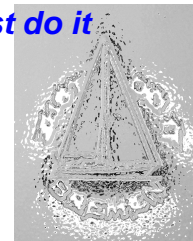
		<p>limited. 6 boats can tie up at the outside jetty of the marina in rafts of two, three boats can enter, according to their draft and length. The best is to enter Estancilla first and go by bus to check the place in the club.</p> <p>Staff is very helpful. Use of the slipway around 300 US-\$ including 3 free days ashore.</p> <p>If you have to do some greater repairs or you have to fit some equipment we recommend to prefer Puerto Montt or Valparaíso.</p> <p>Manager Club de Yates: Edgardo Ojeda 063-528263 fees: 1 month for 39feet-boat 160 US-\$ (2007)</p>		
26.05.07	Club de Yates Higuierillas	<p>Easy approach, but the final entrance is very small. You will find a series of little buoys. Go in between the bouys and the breakwater. Nightly approach is possible.</p> <p>There is only one white light at the head of the breakwater. The marina is bigger than shown in the RCC-guide, see sketch. Visiting yachts go to the first pontoon, outer side. There are mooringlines. The conditions regarding swell and surge are much better since the enlargement of the marina.</p> <p>7 days free, then 25 USD per day for all sizes of boats. Good facilities. Excellent restaurant.</p> <p>Travel-lift up to 40.000 lbs. 2 good sailmakeries in the neighbouring cities (Viña del Mar and Concón).</p> <p>Good possibilities for repairs and stock up because of the neighbourhood to Viña del Maar, Valparaíso and Santiago. In Valparaiso many pickpockets.</p> <p>The last possibility to fill your gas-cylinders (lipigas only) if on the way to the north. If you need help ask for Mauricio.</p> <p>Club is listening channel 66</p>	1.21	medium



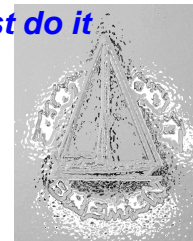
28.06.07	La Herradura / Coquimbo	<p>Easy approach at day and night. Excellent leading lights to enter the bay. The fish farm mentioned in the RCC-guide does not exist any more. Drop your anchor in front of the yacht clubs pontoon on 6-7 m. Don't go too close to the club and the restaurant building left to it, there the bottom is rocky. Close to the club pontoon some rocks are fitted with "giant tire shock absorbers"! Water at a bouy with sufficient depth.</p> <p>5 days free, then 2.000 Pesos/ day for the use of the facilities. Mostly hot showers. Good club restaurant with resonable prices. Only fresh cooking. Ask if they can serve Pichihuen (a local fish), or Machas (seafood) fried with Parmesan.</p> <p>Tel: 051-261625 Fax: 051-264616 The Club listens to channel 09 and 16</p>	1.17	good
27.07.07	Caleta Totoralillo Norte	<p>There is a Caleta Totoralillo Sur south of the bay of Coquimbo. Don't mix them up.</p> <p>The submerged rocks in the entrance are not visible. So make a big loop and enter the bay close to the eastern shore or keep some 200 m distance (0,12 NM) east to the most northerly Islote of the Los Farallones group and proceed slowly into the bay (radar helps keeping the distance). Start the approach from: 29°28,40 S and 071°20,08 W. From there follow a line in the bay keeping the 200 m-distance to the Islote and head to the well visible walls (dark green) over the beach.</p> <p>Our anchorage was at 29°29,32 S and 071°19,44 W on 10 m in the center of the beach. Bottom gravel and small scree. Good holding (we had little problems to lif the anchor). W from our anchorage is a shallower area of 5-6 m depth, try there. We could not localize the wreck marked in the chart.</p> <p>Vivid swell. Good hikes. Small settlement at the western end of the bay.</p>	1.16	good



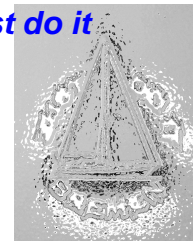
28.07.07	Caleta Lynch, Isla Damas	<p>The anchorage is in the bigger, more SE lying bay. Easy approach but keep some distance from the points with their reefs. Anchorage in front of the beach on 5 – 8 m. Bottom sand, good holding.</p> <p>We set the anchor at 7 m in pos. 29°14,21 S and 071°31,27 W</p> <p>To go ashore with your dinghi the next bay (NW) is better because of less breaking waters. There is a little jetty too, but it is used by local tour boats in the touristic season and on weekends.</p> <p>CONAF-station (the Chilean forest and nature conservation authority). There is some day tourism from the mainland, sometimes the people camp on the island. Good hikes. Lots of birds, dolphins.</p>	no number	good
31.07.07	Puerto Huasco	<p>In our opinion a safe port which you can enter under all conditions and in the night. The few dangerous places (a point and an islet) are marked with lights. In the night you can see the little town and the power plant from very far. C-Map-charts are accurate including the two mooring-buoys for the bigger ships.</p> <p>Anchor in the second, somehow bigger bay in front of the town on 4 to 8 m. Bottom is soft mud. So set the anchor properly and give a lot of chain. We were on 28°27,57 S and 071°13,25 W in 7 m. Some swell, but better than in Cta. Totalillo.</p>	1.15	good
01.08.07	Puerto Carrizal Bajo	<p>Small hidden bay. Good shelter if you creep in. But some swell and the wind can enter because of the low land.</p> <p>The bearing-posts given in the charts and the RCC-guide don't exist any more. You have to round Islote Carrizal which is marked with a light (blk. w (3) 7 s.).</p> <p>Approach: from the W steer to 28° 04,15' S / 071° 09,37' W, then give a wide berth to Isla Carrizal (shallows N of this island) and steer in midst of the estuary. We set the anchor at 28°04,69 S and 071°08,79 W on 4,5 m in W of the anchorage</p>	1.14	gut



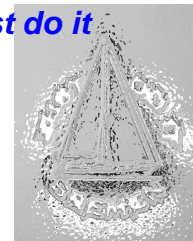
		<p>fishermen-moorings. Nightly approach possible but difficult. Radar will help. Bottom sand, very good holding. You can sneak into the estuary up to 3 m near the ruined quay where you will find calmer conditions.</p> <p>Puerto Carrizal is a small village. Two small grocery stores, two restaurants. Fresh vegetables available! Unlimited hikes in the surroundings (Parque Nacional Llanos de Challe). If it rains in August/ September you may enjoy the “flowering desert”.</p>		
05.08.07	Cta. Pan de Azúcar Norte	<p>Sheltered bay N of Pan de Azúcar and the island Pan de Azúcar. Easy approach, even in the night.</p> <p>Coming from the S you can round the island on the W side but you can take the shortcut between island and mainland. Stay in the midst, sufficient depths. We found about 9m minimum.</p> <p>Our anchorage: 26°08,3 S / 070°39,5 W over 10 m. Bottom sand, very good holding. The best to go ashore with the dinghi is at the village</p> <p>This Cta. is part of the Pan de Azúcar National Park. A small museum and an office of the CONAF is at the next beach to the S. There small cactario (Cactus-garden) is in its beginning. The national park is famous due to the richness of cacacees. Excellent hikes. At the anchorage small fishermen’s village including one restaurant.</p> <p>On the island Pan de Azúcar breed Humboldt-penguins (march/april). These animals are very shy if you compare to Magellan-penguins, so please keep the right distance.</p>	1.12	good
06.08.07	Caleta Cifuncho / Bahía Lavata	<p>Well sheltered anchorage. Easy approach, even in the night.</p> <p>A small conspicuous hill, Punta Molina, marks the anchorage at day. The anchorages lies E of this hill next to the fischermens moorings.</p>	1.11	good



		<p>Our anchorage: 25°39,11 S und 070°38,68 W in 11 m, quite close to the fishing boats. Bottom: sand, very good holding. Quite swelly (at least when its blowing outside) especially close to the beach because the waves are reflected from the steep beach. New jetty at the village/fishermens camp!</p> <p>The landscape in this bay is one of the most impressive at the whole coast of Chile as well as to the north and south – pure desert. Good hiking.</p>		
08.08.07	Puerto Taltal	<p>Well sheltered anchorage by high mountains in the SW corner of the bay of Puerto Taltal. Easy approach even in the night. You can set your anchor on both sides of the fishermen´s moorings on some 10 m water. W of the moorings the shelter is better but the space is limited. We could not localize the wreck sketched in the charts.</p> <p>We set our anchor at 25°24,43 S and 070°29,54 W close SW of the last fishermens boats. Bottom: sand, good holding.</p> <p>There is a fishermen´s bridge with free (give him a tip from time to time), „shuttleservice“. You has to tie your dingi to a mooring next to the bridge because it is not thought to be a dingi pontoon.</p> <p>Taltal is a nice, green city in the desert. Several grocery stores. Good vegetables in the main road (1. parallel to the costanera, S of the main square). Small boat yard. Good hikes in the surrounding mountains.</p> <p>Good restaurant „La Brisa“ S of the fishermen´s bridge at the costanera.</p>	1.10	good



10.08.07	Club de Yates Antofagasta	<p>Easy approach under normal wheather conditions but due to the reefs on both sides of the entrance looking dangerous. Call the club via VHF on channel 16 or 73 – they will send a lancha to lead you in.</p> <p>Waypoint for the approach: 23°38,35´S und 070°24,14´W, from there head to the western side of the well visible old cargo bridge. After passing the breakwaters you can turn to starbord to enter the marina. Caution: there is a small mooring-buoy in front of the bridge (the guest buoy).</p> <p>Limited berths for visiting yachts. One single visitors-mooring, space at the pontoons if not occupied by club members. So do a phone call before your arrival and ask if there is a berth free. Boats are fixed with two mooring lines and lines to the pontoon. The marina is subject to strong swell and surge in heavy weather, specially in winter and spring. So train your nerves before. (So we fled after the „worst night of the year“.) The pontoons are somehow special and can be unsafe to dangerous in bad conditions. Usual facilities, W-Lan, travellift up to 20 tons. Water quality is good (nowadays Antofagasta gets its water by a long distance pipeline.) Big supermarkets, fuel station and rental cars close to the club.</p> <p>Rates: per day = 20 US\$, staying a month 15 US\$, staying two month 10 US\$/day, the first three days free</p> <p>Tel: 055-789530 Fax: 055-789532 Club listens channel 16 and 73</p>	1.07	bad
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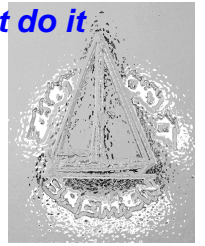


09.09.07	Isla Santa Maria, Caleta Constitución	<p>There is a basic anchorage NE of Isla Santa Maria. Limited shelter against S-winds, funneled in the passage between mainland and island. Sheltered against swell. Two possibilities to anchor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In front of a cliff on 5,0 – 6,0 m water, be careful, kelp and reefs (we did not test this place) or 2. in front of a gravel nose and an continuing beach at 5,0 m depths. Bottom: sand, good hold <p>We swung at 23°26,17 S and 070°35,98 W, the anchor we set more or less 35 m more S.</p> <p>Position to approach the passage N of Isla Santa Maria: 23°25,4 S and 070°36,2 W. Good hikes on the island. The bay is frequented by windsurfers and kite-surfers. Small settlements on the mainland.</p> <p>Alternative: Caleta Errazúriz at the southern end of the bay. May be you will find better shelter against the prevailing winds there. Test it and give information!</p>	not listed in the guide	good
11.09.07	Caleta Patillo	<p>There is a second huge bridge in the caleta, some quarter of a mile to the east of the old one. Around the bridge several mooring buoys. Actually they enlarge the old bridge.</p> <p>Obviously the anchorage is close NE to the old bridge but space is limited and we found it occupied by local boats. The rocky coast didn't look welcoming, so we preferred to continue our trip.</p>	1.04	.?.
12.09.07	Club de Yates Iquique	<p>Different to the sketch in the RCC-guide Isla Serrano is the main port of Iquique. Round the entrance of the harbour and enter the bay between island and mainland carefully (lots of fishing vessels are anchoring there). Pick up the bearing of two small leading lights (two orange triangles in daytime, lighted in the night) positioned on the dam. Do not mix them up with the caps of all the street lights which have similar caps. Let the red buoy on portside! Enter slowly because it is</p>	1.03	bad



		<p>very shallow and the bottom is rocky. Try to call the harbourmaster on channel 80 to pilot you in.</p> <p>Limited berths for visiting yachts. It may happen that you have to use one or two anchors additional to the mooring lines. Limited facilities. Cold but no warm showers. WiFi. Three days free, than 20 US-\$/day for a 39 feet yacht. No discount for a long time stay. Try to get the last five days free too if you plan a long time stay.</p> <p>Electric power on the pontoons, water actually limited due to a leakage in the water system. Water quality good. Town center nearby.</p> <p>Tel.: 057-413385 (Patricio) Club listens to channel 80</p>		
-/-	Club de Yates Arica	<p>We did not visit this place, but we got the following informations per telephone:</p> <p>Club Manager: Carlos Millega Tel.: 058-413385 clubnauticoarica@tie.cl</p> <p>fees: 20 US-\$/day for a 39-feet yacht, no discount for long time stay Boats a moored to a bow and a stern buoy. 24 h-lancha-service</p>	1.01	

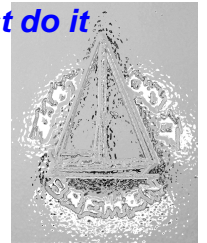
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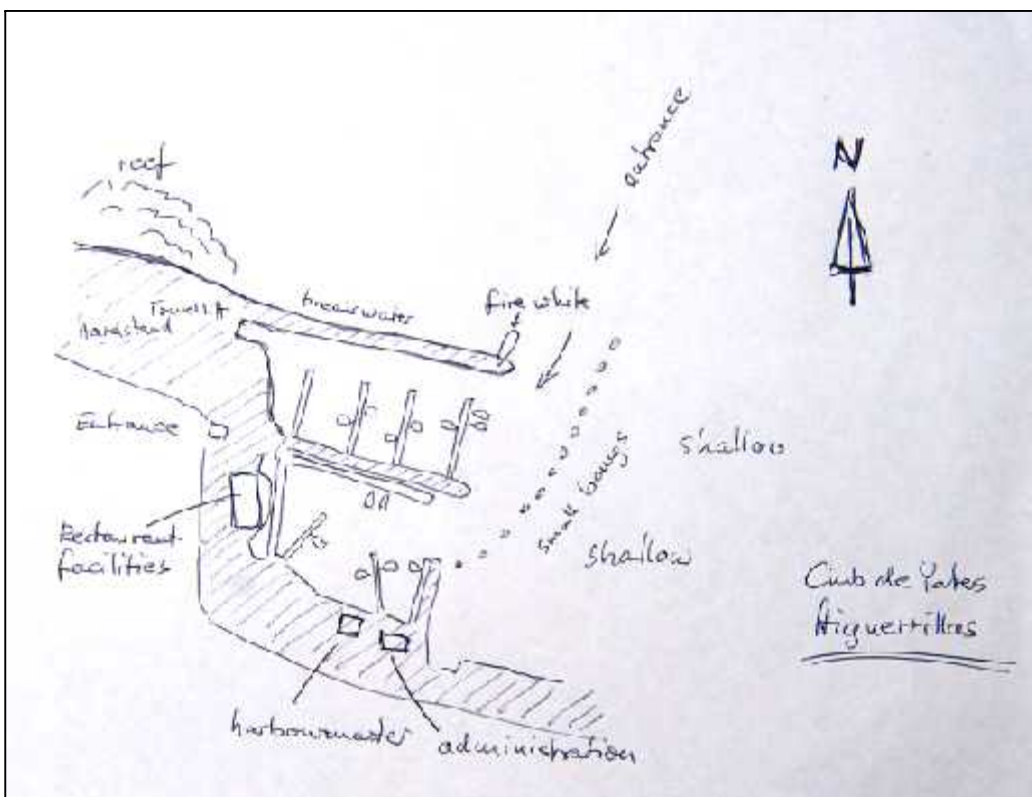
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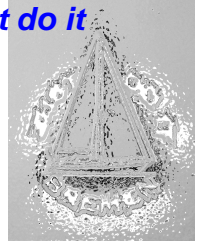
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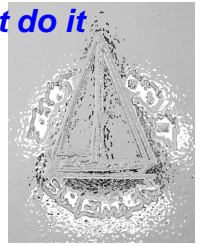
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Bahia de La Herradura (Coquimbo), Club de Yates in the background



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Caleta Lynch, Isla Damas



Puerto Carrizal Bajo
Two views from the east



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Caleta Pan de Azúcar Norte



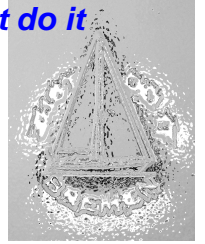
Left: best place to beach your Dingi, close to the settlement (Caleta Pan de Azúcar Norte)



Caleta Cifuncho



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