

## Río Paraná and Río Paraguay

### Paraná – Paraguay: Anchorages

#### Río Paraguay:

In general: good hold in sand and mud, no rocks

Entrance of a Riacho = upstream entrance

Exit of a Riacho = downstream entrance

Right side (*margen derecho*) = right hand coast seen from the spring to the mouth with the current

Left side (*margen izquierda*) = left hand side seen with the current

Río Paraná and Río Paraguay are very dynamic rivers with only few corrections, pure nature. Therefore the situation is changing very quickly: islands are disappearing or new ones appear within weeks, riachos deepen or close, sandbanks are moving. Therefore there is no guarantee that the following anchorages are still useable. But there are a lot of possibilities and with care you always can find safe anchorages even in bad weather (strong southerly winds which create nasty short waves together with the south setting current and you may need a stern anchor).

We give the kilometer scheme which is usually used in VHF by the Argentine authorities. The croquis give a different scheme starting at the mouth for Rio Paraguay though the authorities (PNA) use the continuing scheme you will see below.

Keep in mind the following:

**Black = own experience**

**Blue = informations from others**

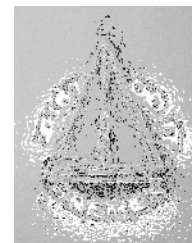
#### Río Paraná de las Palmas

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| km 53           | anchorage in riacho south of Isla Nueva   |
| km 53           | anchorage in Honda close to the western river bank. Be aware: here is much boat traffic   |
| <b>km 107,5</b> | <b>potential anchorage in Canal Colonel Martin Irigoyen. Tie to the shore. Beware of merchant ship traffic in this channel</b>                  |
| km 108,5        | it is possible to drop anchor near the western bank of the river close to a bathing area (beach), you are not far offset to the big ships canal |
| km 141          | southern outlet of <b>Río Baradero</b> which has enough water for boats of 2 m draught and more, Río Baradero means a shortcut of 90 km         |
| Km 142          | anchorage in the turn Vuelta de los Patos sheltered by a small „hook“, inner side of the vuelta   |

#### Río Paraná

In a smaller creek near San Pedro you will find the northern entrance of **Río Baradero**

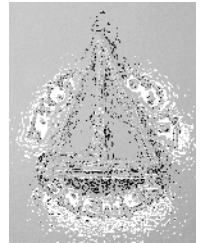
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| km 293,3       | end of the channel to (from) San Pedro, enough water for 2 m draught or more   |
| <b>km 310</b>  | <b>anchorage in the riacho continuing north</b>  |
| ca. km 317-322 | drop the anchor next to the banks of Paso abajo de las Hermanas. Keep clear of the main channel: this riacho is used as a shortcut by the professionals  |
| near km 331    | anchoring is possible in the riacho at the western side of the river. Try to enter a small well sheltered bay even there. Keep clear of the main channel: this riacho is used as a shortcut by the professionals too |
| <b>km 345</b>  | <b>southern mouth of an sheltered Riacho, northside of the river</b>   |
| km 351         | more or less sheltered anchorage in a small „bay“ at the western shore   |



- km 352 northern entrance of an riacho at the eastern side of the river. Anchorage more than 200 m inside, Entrance shallow. At low waters you cannot enter here. Try from southern mouth in km 345.
- km 357 in the *Riacho* at the *Isla El Infinito*
- km 434 anchorage in front of the bar "Pirata's" on the eastern bank (beach)
- km 460 look for good places on the eastern bank
- km 502 on the right banks, open, go as far as possible in direction to *Islas Las Pencas* for shelter
- km 533 in the *Riacho* in front of *Diamante*, good shelter but ugly surroundings (port facilities)
- km 560 southern exit of the western sidearm, sheltered by the island
- km 609 in a *Riacho* sheltered by the small *Isla Vacía* (south coast of Río Paraná), sufficient depth, you can go far behind the island. Sheltered against all wind directions.
- km 640 various opportunities in the "bay" of *Capetón Arriba*
- km 654 southern exit of the same *Riacho* at *Isla Curtiembre*, good shelter, probably the *Riacho* is a shortcut
- km 661 northern entrance of a *Riacho* at *Isla Curtiembre*, good shelter
- km 689 anchorage in west of a small island in front of *Hernandarias*
- km 713 sheltered anchorage in a small *Riacho* on the eastern bank, only accessible while waterlevel is high
- km 730 potential anchorage in the exit of a greater sidearm, try
- km 794 good sheltered anchorage between *Isla Garibaldi* and eastern coast
- km 830 good sheltered anchorage in the *Riacho* on the eastern coast
- km 874 in the west of a nonamed island, relatively open, more an anchorage if you don't find a better one
- km 896 *Riacho* between *Isla Poindotí* and *Isla Del Selzo* sheltered by a sandbank, strong currents in the *Riacho* (the landscape barely correspondent with the *croquis*)
- km 898 side arm on the eastern coast of the Río Paraná, access from "new route"
- km 935 in the old channel in the *Riacho* that divides the *Isla Yaguareté* in two parts. Good shelter, strong currents. On the *Isla Yaguareté* bays with *Victoria regia*
- km 995 in a bay north of *Lavalle*
- km 1019 3 *Riachos*, try
- km 1046 stay in the shelter of the steep coast, deep waters very close to the shore
- km 1051 at *Puerto Ocampo*, stay in the *Riacho* north of the small island
- km 1053 between *Isla Yerbón Cue* and a smaller island to the west
- km 1080 in a western *Riacho*, select the best island depending to the weather
- km 1100 on the western banks sheltered by a small sandbank
- km 1109 in the middle between the two islands in *Riacho*, relatively exposed
- km 1140 *Empedrado*. Access only at high water level (ask the "Costanera Empedrado", Ch 12)
- km 1142 several small good *Riachos* in the north of *Isla Ercilla*
- km 1166 *Riacho Soto*, open to the north but apart from that good shelter. Stay east of the small island in the *Riacho*. Beware of driftwood (which depends on the season: melting season resp. increasing water level)!
- km 1215 safe bay protected by *Isla Meza* (not in main channel)
- km 1228 *Riacho cerrito*, safe anchorage protected against northerly winds

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- km 1265 anchorage on the eastern bank of the Río (*Isla Curuzú, Puerto Las Palmas*), stay close to the shore
- km 1280 potential anchorage sheltered by a sandbank
- km 1330 first *Riacho* in front of **Colonia Cano (PNA)**, possibility for clearing out of Argentina, all services (PNA: *migraciones, aduana, sanitario*)



- km 1330 in front of *Isla Ribon*, protected against notherly winds. Clearing possible for Paraguay in **Villa del Pilar** (*migraciones, aduana*) in the offices at the *lancha* terminal (also at the ferry terminal)
- km 1340 in the *Riacho Orzada Gadea*, western continuation of the old Río Paraguay
- km 1380 good and safe anchorage on 7 m at the northern entrance of *Riacho Tebicuarí Mini* (obs: the eastern part of the mouth is too shallow)
- km 1390 potential safe anchorage at the exit of *Laguna Herradura*
- km 1410 safe anchorage on 3 m in the southern exit of *Riacho Aquino*
- km 1415 potential, safe anchorage on 4 m at the nothern entrance of *Riacho Aquino*
- km 1440 potential anchorage in the SW-mouth of a small bay, eastern bank of the Río
- km 1447 **Formosa**, *Guarderia Nautica "Costa Brava"*
- km 1502 potential anchorage in the mouth of a nonamed *Laguna* on the NW-bank of the Río
- km 1507 safe anchorage on 6-8 m in the *Vuelta Sepultura*, enter from the south exit
- km 1510 potential anchorage at the northern entrance of *Vuelta Sepultura*
- km 1533 potential anchorage in the mouth of *Riacho Rio Aguapey*
- km 1554 potential anchorage at the western exit of *Riacho Santo Rosa*
- km 1560 safe anchorage on 3-4 m at the eastern entrance of the *Riacho Santo Rosa*, take the most southern (means closest to coast) part of the *Riacho* day anchorage on the eastern bank of the river, opportunity to buy fish
- km 1580 potential anchorage at the exit of an *Riacho* on the western bank of the Río (in front of *Villeta*)
- km 1594 potential anchorage at the exit of *Riacho Tororo*/east bank of Río Paraguay
- km 1614 **Asunción**, *Yacht y Golf Club*, access only from the north entrance of the riacho (except of really high water level)
- km 1615 **Asunción**, *Riacho Ita Enramada*, sheltered W of town, anchor in front of the *Prefectura* on 3 m
- km 1616 **Asunción**, *Club Caza y Pesca*, anchorage in the stream in W of town
- km 1630 **Asunción**, *Bahia*, relatively sheltered bay N of the town, close to a *villa miserior* and government area