

## SAILING DIRECTIONS CORRECTIONS

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Page 12—Line 53/R to Page 13—Line 8/L; read:

**Bing Bong—Offshore Bulk Cargo Loading Berths.**—Bing Bong anchorage area lies N of West Island (15°35'S., 136°33'E.). Anchorage BB1, the inner anchorage, lies in position 15°26.5'S, 136°23.8'E while Anchorage BB2, the inner anchorage, lies in position 15°25.3'S, 136°31.0'E. Both anchor berths are in a depth of about 12m with good holding ground. Vessels use the starboard anchor.

Vessels of up to 46,000 dwt are allowed to load partially, and vessels of 28,000 dwt load a full cargo of zinc/lead concentrate that is transported by a very large barge (3,300 dwt) from Bing Bong (15°36'S., 136°24'E.).

**Tides and currents.**—During local springs, low tides can cause delays of about 4 hours for the barge to leave the shore loading berth.

**Winds and weather.**—Frequent dense morning fog reduces visibility to less than 100m at the anchorage; this occurs mostly in winter, between June and September, and which cause delays of up to 5 hours.

**Directions.**—Bing Bong Anchorage BB2 is approached from position 15°20'S, 136°32'E; from this position steer S for 3 miles and anchor 16.5 miles NNE of Bing Bong Light (15°38'S., 136°23'E.) by keeping E of a 9.3m shoal.

Anchorage BB1 is approached from position 15°20'S, 136°32'E; from this position steer S for 4.5 miles by keeping E of the 9.8m patch, then alter course to 216° and steer on it for 2 miles until in position to drop the starboard anchor 13.25 miles NE of the light.

At the anchorage, vessels are required to maintain a freeboard of 9.5m at all times before, during, and at completion of loading. This freeboard is measured to the height above the bulwark or the hatch coaming, whichever is higher.

**Pilotage.**—Although not compulsory, pilots are available from (about 600 miles) Darwin, the Torres Strait, or they can be flown in from other ports and board from the barge. Pilot arrangement should be made with the port of contact.

Port clearance, customs, and quarantine formalities are handled by the Master or the Chief Officer of the barge. There are no medical facilities at Bing Bong; emergency cases may be airlifted to Darwin, 600 miles away.

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