

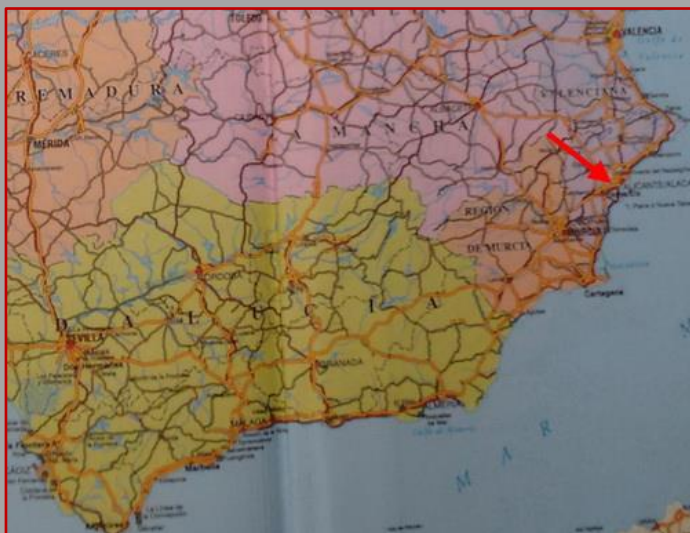
Mainland Spain Mediterranean Coast and Gibraltar (UK)



Information of the anchorages starts in Torrevieja. We have not been further north along the coast.

Torrevieja anchorage, 37° 58'.0N 0°41'.2W

Inside the harbour breakwaters is plenty of space to anchor. Holding over sand is good. Drinking water (shower) is at the beach. (Its potable water). Nice town; a good chandler (English) and many big supermarkets. The dinghy is save at the far end in the corner to a concrete quay (with a fence) left of all the marina pontoons.* *There is a marina but we haven't been there. You can fill up with water and gasoline at the fuel pontoon.*



Mar Menor anchorage, 37° 44'.4N 0° 43'.9W

Holding over hard sand is OK after 2 attempts. It's inside the breakwater to portside (use C-map or other an electronic chart program) to see where to make the turn and to drop the hook). Nice place to anchor. After the bridge and inside the lake are several marinas and anchorage's (we haven't been there) * *take care of the big concrete blocks used when there were once, fish farms in the bay.*

Cartagena marina, 37° 35'.78N 0° 59'.16W

The marina has all facilities (like showers, washing- and drying machines, free Wi-Fi) but its in **2010** not as cheap as it was in **2004**, for Zeezwaluw it was €38,30/night. The town is in walking distance and several museums are around the marina. This town is worth a visit, it's an old naval town and there is much to see from those old days. Big supermarkets such as; Lidl and Carrefour are a 30 min walk away.

Garrucha (free) quay side opposite marina, 37° 10'.97N 01° 48'.98W

Garrucha has is a tiny marina, but we entered at night in **2004** and it seemed full. We moored at the quayside where normally the merchant ships go to load and unload. We had no problem for 1 night. In **2010** we entered during the afternoon and were send to the marina' fuel pontoon. We were able to spent the night here for € 16,-. Electricity, water and showers are available. The guard is very friendly * *The pilot mentions: anchor inside the harbour at two spots. Well it's not possible anymore 2004 of 2010 there are yellow swimming boys in summer and fishing ships now.*

Cabo da Gato anchorage, 36° 44'.80N 2° 13'.21W

Holding is good. Nice anchorage, good protection against the eastern winds.

* *We sheltered here in 6-7 Bft winds from the east and it was perfect, no swell. Ashore are a few tiny shops, landing with the dinghy is a little tricky because the steep rise of the sand ground.*

Aquadulce marina, 36° 48'.8N 2° 33'.77W

Aquadulce marina is nice substitute for Almerimar marina, it has a town nearby, is not as large and the staff is very friendly and helpful. June **2010** we paid €13,70/n incl. all the facilities except laundrette. **Wi-Fi** is available but not for free, from 1 day-30 days available, 30 days is €30,- no restriction in time or bites, signal is strong and speed perfect. Many restaurants around the marina premises and

the town is in walking distance. Mercadona at 30 min walk, 2 smaller supermarkets a 10 min walk. Nice beach with crystal clear water next to the marina. The bus stop is at the main road in town; busses to Almeria and Almerimar pass frequently.

Almerimar anchorage, 36° 42'.02N 2° 48'.50W

Holding is good, off the coast a little west of the marina entrance. The anchorage is often full so we anchored more to the west. There is always some swell so it's a little uncomfortable. In **2010**, at the marina grounds was a very well stocked chandler of UK origin so the language is not a problem here!

* We were told that the marina should be cheap even in **2010** especial in wintertime there are many live-aboards to winter.

Motril marina, 36° 43'.2N 03° 31'.3W

The marina is expensive and has only a few places for foreigners, not a friendly staff. Marina is next to commercial quay where they loading fertiliser in big ships. Heikel's pilot says it is a cheap place, that's not true anymore we paid for one night €36,- in **2004** and friends told us it was well over €50,- a night in **2010**.

Motril anchorage, 36° 43'.20N 03° 31'.08W

The anchorage (**2004**) is inside the breakwaters to starboard opposite a small beach, holding good. The situation is different than C-maps shows. They have extended the outer breakwater lately so there is more protection now. We were told (**2010**) anchoring opposite the marina might be a problem or not allowed anymore. The town next to the marina was awful in 2004, hardly any shops, it might be a little better in 2010 but we haven't been there. Bus to a real town stops outside marina.

Herradura Bay, anchorage 36° 42'.8N 03° 35'.7W

Furengurola marina, 36° 32'.6N 04° 36'.9W

Not an expensive marina (junta) in **2004** but in **2010** it was €30,50/a night. It is small but they have a few places for visitors alongside the hammerhead of the second pontoon, water and electricity available. We don't know anything about the rest of the facilities, because both times we only spent one night.

Bajadilla marina, 36° 30'.37N 04° 53'.6W

Not an expensive marina (junta) in 2004 is small but they have a few places for visitors. The marina is equipped with all facilities. It's near Marbella the big holiday town.

Estepona anchorage, 36° 24'.8N 05° 09'.2W

Anchor just off the coast east of the breakwater and entrance to marina. Holding (sand) good
A little swell is always there. Town???

Gibraltar (UK), 36° 08'.1N 05° 21'.8W

2004 [Marina Queensway Quay Marina](#), has all facilities, not extreme expensive, water (exp.) **2010**, the prices have gone up due to the upgrading of the marina with all the expensive houses build around. The town is nearby.

2010 [Marina Bay Marina](#), water and electricity at the berth, showers in the shower block underneath the office, no free Wi-Fi. For 14m we paid €25,-/night. A laundrette is at the end of the pontoon near the restaurants. Wi-Fi is obtainable near the marina, you pay per hour.

Only 1 chandler survived in [Gibraltar](#), Sheppard's where the old Sheppard's marina was. In 2010 it is not as well stocked as we expected while ordering is hardy possible.

Only one huge supermarket in Gibraltar, called Morrison, fresh food but much more expensive as it is in Spain.