

Puerto de Palma de Mallorca

39°33'5N 2°38'E

Charts	Approach	Harbour
Admiralty	2832, 3036	3036
Spanish	970, 421, 421A, 4211	4212
French	7115, 7118	6775

Lights**Approach**

- 0330 **Punta de Cala Figuera** 39°27'5N 2°31'4E
Fl(4)20s45m15M Siren(2)12s Aero RC
White round tower, black diagonal
stripes, on building 24m
- 0316 **Cabo Blanco** 39°21'9E 2°47'3E
Oc.5s95m15M White tower and building 12m
296°-vis-115°
- 0318·8 **Puerto de Palma** 39°33'N 2°37'5E
Fl(2)15s41m22M Square brown stone tower,
visible outside Bahía de Palma 327°-040°
Racon Mo(M)22M

Entrance

- 0318 **South breakwater, head**
39°33'2N 2°38'4E Fl.R.3s19m7M
Red column on white hut displaying red ■
13m F.R. on radio masts 4·5M east
and east-southeast
- 0318·3 **South breakwater, outer elbow**
39°33'1N 2°38'4E Q(3)10s16m5M
East cardinal tower 10m
Obscured inside harbour Siren Mo(P)30s
- 0318·6 **South breakwater, inner elbow**
39°32'8N 2°38'E Q(6)+LFl.15s16m5M
South cardinal tower 8m 231°-vis-092°
- 0319 **Muelles de Poniente** 39°33'3N 2°38'0E
Fl(2+1)R.12s5m2M Red pyramidal column, green
band

- 0320 **West mole, north elbow**
39°33'3N 2°37'8E Fl(2)R.7s7m1M
Red metal column 5m
- 0328·42 **Club de Mar central mole, south head**
39°33'4N 2°37'8E Fl(2+1)R.15s5m1M
Yellow metal column 4m
- 0328·39 **Club de Mar north mole, south head**
39°33'5N 2°37'8E Fl(4)R.11s5m3M
Red column 4m
- 0322 **Northeast breakwater, southwest corner**
39°33'6N 2°38'1E Fl.G.3s17m5M
Green column on white hut displaying green ▲ 15m
- 0322·2 **Northeast breakwater, northwest corner**
39°33'7N 2°38'1E
Fl.G.3s8m2M Green column 6m
- 0328·38 **Club de Mar north mole, north head**
39°33'7N 2°37'8E
Fl(4)R.11s5m3M Red metal column 4m
- 0328·36 **Pantalán del Mediterraneo, south head**
39°33'7N 2°37'8E
Fl.R.3s5m1M Red column
- 0328·34 **Pantalán del Mediterraneo, north head**
39°33'8N 2°37'8E
Fl.R.3s5m1M Red metal column 4m
- 0328·08 **Réal Club Náutico, south extremity**
39°33'9N 2°38'1E Fl(2+1)R.12s6m2M
Red support, green band 5m
- 0323 **Northeast breakwater spur, west corner**
39°33'9N 2°38'2E Fl(2)G.7s7m2M
Green metal column 5m

Numerous other lights exist in the northeast of the harbour.

Radiobeacons

- 1031 **Punta de Cala Figuera Lt**
39°27'5N 2°31'4E
Radiobeacon FI, 286·5kHz 50M (A1A)



Puerto de Palma seen from the northeast. The pontoons of the Réal Club Náutico can be seen on the right with the northeast breakwater in the centre. The commanding position of Palma Cathedral is particularly emphasised.



The entrance to Puerto de Palma looking slightly north of west, with the Club de Mar in the centre. The two Port Authority jetties can be seen on the right, behind the tip of the northeast breakwater.

Port Communications

VHF – Pilots (*Palma Prácticos*), Ch 6, 14, 16; Marinas, Ch 9, 16.

☎/Fax – Pilots ☎ 971 711937; Port Authority ☎ 971 715100, Fax 971 726948; Club de Mar ☎ 971 403611, Fax 971 403618; Réal Club Náutico de Palma ☎ 971 726848, Fax 971 718636; Pier 46 ☎ 971 724949, Fax 971 725208.

General

Puerto de Palma is a very large, clean, naval, commercial, fishing and yachting harbour which can be entered in all weathers and will provide good shelter. Facilities are excellent and there is an attractive town nearby with extensive shops and markets. There are two large yacht harbours, both with palatial clubhouses and all facilities, together with the smaller Pier 46 and a Port Authority quay where berthing is considerably cheaper. The harbour becomes very crowded in the season and vacant berths may be difficult to find but there are six other yacht harbours in the Bahía de Palma where berths are usually available, and many possible anchorages can be found.

The city of Palma is thought to have been founded by the Romans, who knew it as *Palmaria* and built its first city walls during the 4th century. It flourished under the Moors, who renamed it *Medina Mayurqa* and whose legacy includes the Arabian Baths and the Almudaina arch. Subsequently it became the Spanish capital of the islands and the centre of a Mediterranean trading empire, giving rise to the first proper harbour works some time in the 14th century.

First amongst Palma's treasures must be its soaring Gothic cathedral, begun in 1230 and still able to dominate the eastern part of the city. Opposite is the Almudaina palace, built by the Moors but swiftly taken over by their Christian conquerors, and behind and slightly inland the oldest – and most fascinating – part of the city, where narrow flagged alleyways lined by shops, bars and restaurants can only be explored on foot. All are within comfortable walking distance of the harbour.

Further out of the city on a hillside to the northwest stands the Castillo de Bellver, also built in the 13th century and entered by a drawbridge across the moat. As with any major city there are museums, churches and historic buildings by the score, and unless very much 'passing through' a general guide book (Appendix II, page 227) or some of the tourist information leaflets available from several offices in the city (page 11) are next to essential if much is not to be missed.

Fiestas are held on 5 January with the Procession of the Three Kings and on 17 January to celebrate the Blessing of St Anthony. Two days later are the Revels of St Sebastian. February sees Carnival week and March or April the Fair of Ramos. Religious processions are held during Easter Week, with the *fiesta* of the Angel on the first Sunday after Easter. The *fiesta* of Sta Catalina Tomás, the island's own saint, is held on the first Sunday after 28 July, with the Procession of Sta Beateta on 28 October. On 31 December the old year is rounded off with the *fiesta* of the Standard.

Approach

From west Round the very prominent Punta de Cala Figuera which has a lighthouse (Fl(4)20s45m15M, white round tower with black diagonal stripes on building 24m) and radio masts on its steep cliffs. Cross the Bahía de Palma heading northeast towards Palma Cathedral, a very large building with small twin spires. Castillo de Bellver (140m) is also conspicuous. The breakwaters will be seen on closer approach.

From east Round Cabo Blanco, which is high with steep light brown cliffs topped by a lighthouse (Oc.5s95m15M, white tower and building 12m) and an old watchtower. Follow the coast northwest until the buildings of Palma, including the Cathedral and Castillo de Bellver, described above, come into view. The breakwaters will be seen on closer approach.

At night Should present no problems, though the various navigational lights can be difficult to identify against the mass of town lights.

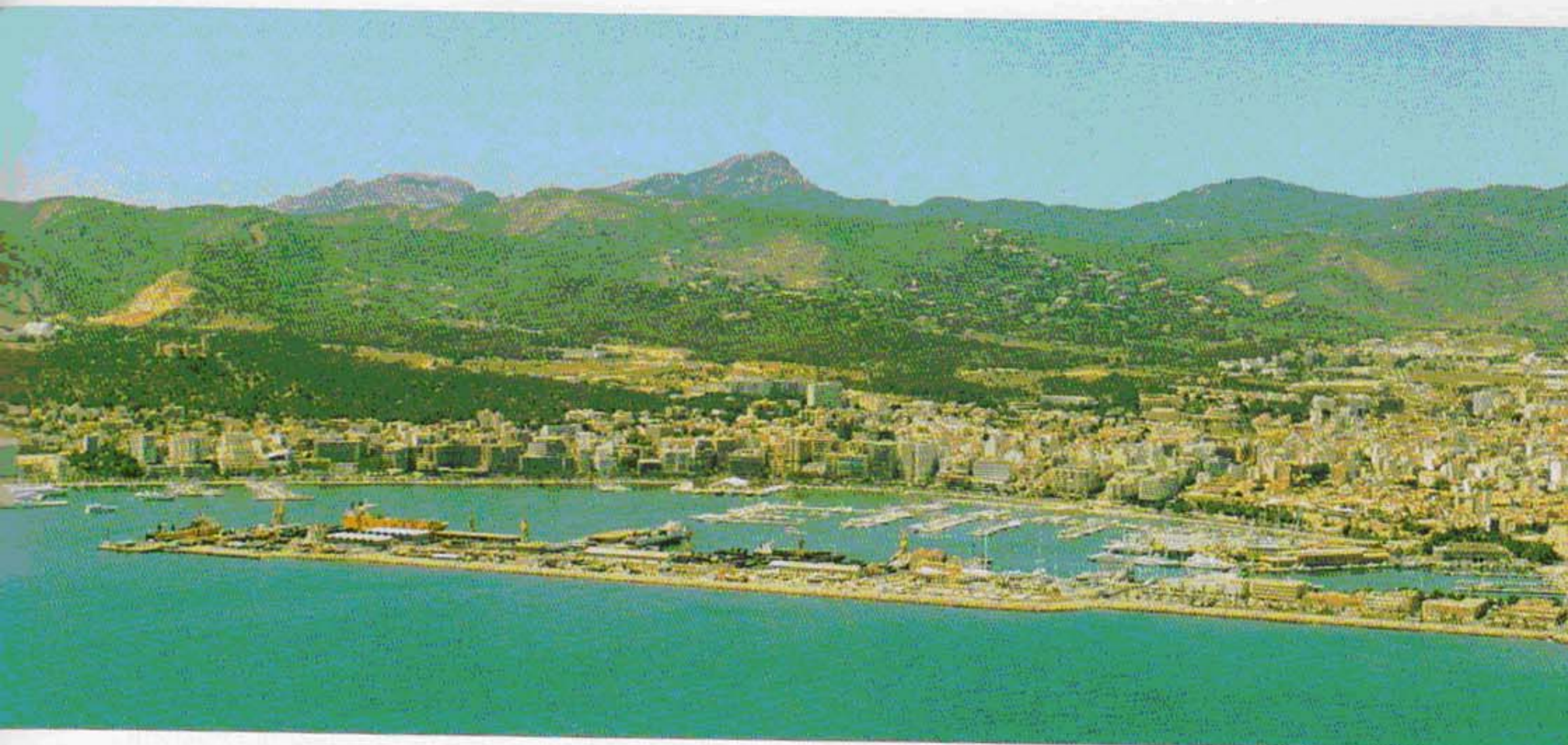
In fog If navigating without GPS or the equivalent, the radiobeacon and siren on Punta de Cala Figuera, the siren at the outer elbow of the south breakwater and the racon at Puerto de Palma lighthouse may be of assistance.

Anchorage in the approach

Anchor in 10–12m over mud and sand south of the northeast breakwater, exposed to the southerly quadrant. Keep well out of the channel, and display an anchor light at night.

Entrance

Puerto de Palma is a busy harbour in which ferries and other commercial vessels have right of way. Round the end of the south breakwater with an offing of at least 100m. The Club de Mar will be



Looking over the northeast breakwater towards the pontoons of the Réal Club Náutico, seen from the southeast. Pier 46's base is on the extreme right of the picture.

seen ahead with the Réal Club Náutico de Palma to starboard behind the northeast breakwater (which should be given a similar offing).

There is a 5-knot speed limit in the harbour, decreasing to 3 knots in the marinas.

Berthing

There are five, soon to be six, places where yachts may berth. Even so the harbour becomes very crowded in high season and it is essential to book ahead.

- *Club de Mar* A very large and well equipped marina ☎ 971 403611, Fax 971 403618 directly opposite the entrance, offering more than 600 berths ranging in size from 8m up to 120m. Facilities are excellent, with charges to match. There is no reception pontoon as such – call on VHF Ch 9 to be allocated a berth. Note that the marina is divided into two sections with separate entrances (see plan).
- *Réal Club Náutico de Palma* ☎ 971 726848, Fax 971 718636, situated in the northeast of the harbour at the root of a long mole with many side spurs berthing 250 yachts from 8m to 20m. There is a reception quay on the outside of the southwest arm (see plan), and visitors usually lie alongside or stern-to on one of the fingers in the basin to the north.
- *Pier 46* ☎ 971 724949, Fax 971 725208 is a relatively new concern, with offices and limited berths on the Muelle Viejo at the root of the northeast breakwater, and another 75 berths on the Pantalán Mediterraneo off the Paseo Marítimo. Both give convenient access to the old city, and have security gates and night watchmen.

- *Port Authority jetty* The Pantalán de la Cuarentena, just south of the Pantalán Mediterraneo, is administered by the Port Authority (like the Paseo Marítimo berths below) but with mooring lines and a security gate provided. An official usually visits the yacht, otherwise call at their offices at 19 Muelle Viejo. In strong east or southeast winds the jetty can become untenable.
- *Paseo Marítimo* For many years yachts have moored bow or stern-to within yards of Palma's main thoroughfare. Although convenient for the town and relatively cheap, the area is noisy, dusty and without any form of security – if the crew can get aboard, so can thieves. There are no facilities and a trip line on the anchor is essential. In strong east or southeast winds the area becomes dangerous and should be vacated.
- *New marina* During the March 2000 visit work had just started on a new marina for about 150 vessels from 15 to 25 metres. It is situated just north of Pantalán Mediterraneo (see plan on page 64) and is funded by a private consortium which has leased the space from the Port Authority. This will radically reduce the number of yachts able to moor at the Paseo Marítimo and will not help the visitor as all berths are to be sold on a 15 year lease. Apparently, to quote one local source, 'this will be a first class marina with first class prices!' although it is not presently clear where the infrastructure of office, showers, parking etc will be housed. Completion date is hoped for by end of 2000, and the first phase of one pier is planned to be ready by August 2000.

Anchoring

Anchoring is not permitted inside the harbour.

Charges (see page 6)

- *Club de Mar* High season daily rate – Band A (15m), Band B (10m); low season daily rate – Band B. Water and electricity extra.
- *Réal Club Náutico de Palma* High season daily rate – Band C; low season daily rate – Band C. Water and electricity included.
- *Pier 46* High season daily rate – Band C; low season daily rate – Muelle Viejo, Band B; Pantalán Mediterraneo, Band C. Water and electricity included.
- *Paseo Marítimo* and *Port Authority jetty* High season daily rate – Band D; low season daily rate – Band D. Water and electricity extra (if available).

Facilities

Palma de Mallorca has by far the best facilities for yachts in the Islas Baleares and many of the services listed below are not readily available elsewhere in the islands. Companies are normally listed alphabetically. All telephone and fax numbers have a prefix of 971.

Boatyards Astilleros de Mallorca ☎ 710645, Fax 721368, a shipyard with four slipways able to take yachts up to 100m, on the Contramuelle Mollet opposite the Réal Club Náutico. Boat Yard Palma ☎ 718302 Fax 718611 and Carpinser ☎ 725079 on the Muelles Viejo and Nuevo near the root of the northeast breakwater, and several others.

Travel-lifts 150-tonne lift at Boat Yard Palma, 90 and 30-tonne lifts on the Muelle Viejo, 60-tonne lift at Réal Club Náutico.

Cranes 9-tonne crane at the Réal Club Náutico, 5-tonne crane at Club de Mar, plus many others in the commercial areas of the port.

Slipways Commercial slipway in the Dársena de Porto Pi able to handle 350 tonnes, for which a docking plan is required. Several in the shipyard east of the Réal Club Náutico.

Engineers C-Tec SA ☎ 405712, Marine Machine ☎ 462660, Fax 463693 and Talleres Guidet ☎ 718643, Fax 720577 can handle most types of work.

Official service agents include: C-Tec SA (see above) – Caterpillar, Man; Comercial Morey ☎ 753333, Fax 756149 – Mercury/MerCruiser, Suzuki; Ecosse Diesels ☎ 733957 – Ecosse Diesels; Finanzauto SA ☎ 971 756600, Fax 758966 – Caterpillar; Harald Schmidt ☎/Fax 780042 – Mercedes, Sole Diesel, Yanmar; Juan Frau Navarro ☎ 260599 – Yanmar; Magic Boats ☎ 757426 – Ecosse Diesels; Marine Machine (see above) – Ford/Lehman, Perkins, Sabre, Volvo Penta; Mecanautica ☎ 971 281929 – Sole Diesel; Euroservice Mallorca ☎/Fax 719376 – Caterpillar, Volvo Penta; Náutica Seameermar ☎ 737092 Fax 450382 – Volvo Penta; Pressure Marine ☎ 753272, Fax 201316 – Mariner; Salva ☎ 730303, Fax 453910 – Bukh, Caterpillar, Cummins, Man; Talleres Noray ☎/Fax 723839 – Mercedes; Volvo Penta España SA ☎ 971 430343 – Volvo Penta.

Metalwork Ruben Doñaque ☎ 760796, Fax 202313 and Talleres Guidet (see above).

Hydraulics Yachtech ☎ 458942, Fax 732478.

Refrigeration, air conditioning and pumps Palma Yachts SL ☎ 450366, Fax 289099 and Anfra Tecnica SL ☎ 242626, Fax 271210.

Electronic & radio repairs, autopilots, watermakers etc.

C-Tec SA ☎ 405712, Dahlberg SA ☎ 469961, Fax 469469, Yacht Electronic Services

☎ 400213, 700427, Fax 405873, Vetus

Mallorca ☎ 713050, Fax 713054 and

DanBrit ☎ 677201 web site

<http://www.danbrit.com>, www.danbrit.com.

Generators Salva ☎ 730303, Fax 453910.

Sailmakers and canvaswork North Sails España SA

☎ 725752, Fax 718374, Sails & Canvas

☎/Fax 733937, Velas Ferrá SA ☎ 467413, Fax

463982, Velería Orion ☎ 757688, 757781,

Velera J Matheu ☎ 273887.

Ropes and rigging Lliñas ☎ 466686), Parts Palma

SL ☎ 732040, Fax 450718, Sails & Canvas

☎/Fax 733937) and Yachtech ☎ 458942, Fax

732478.

Chandleries Yacht Centre Palma ☎ 715612, Fax

711246 at the Club de Mar, also Nautica

Seameermar ☎ 737092, Fax 450382,

La Central ☎ 731838 and others. Merca Nautic

☎ 736563, 288521, Fax 735081 sells

secondhand (as well as new) equipment.

Liferaft servicing GDR ☎ 760798, Fax 759688.

Charts Admiralty – Rapid Transit Service

☎ 403703, 403903 Fax 400216; Spanish –

Librería Fondevila ☎ 725616, Fax 713326;

Casa del Mapa ☎ 466061, Fax 771616.

Water Water points at all yacht berthing locations including the Port Authority jetties and intervals along the Paseo Marítimo.

Showers At both marinas and Pier 46. No showers on public jetties.

Electricity 220v and 380v AC available at both marinas and the two Pier 46 berthing areas. Some power points on the Port Authority jetty.

Fuel Diesel and petrol pumps at the Club de Mar and on the quay opposite Pier 46. The Réal Club Náutico does not have a fuel berth. Pier 46 has no fuel berth but can supply diesel fuel by tanker if requested.

Bottled gas It is understood that, as of 2000, CAMPSA will not now fill any gas bottles, even with a current test certificate. *Camping Gaz* is widely available however.

Ice Cube ice from the Réal Club Náutico, the fuel berth at the Club de Mar and many supermarkets. Block ice (not for use in drinks) from *la lonja*.

Yacht clubs The Réal Club Náutico de Palma was founded nearly fifty years ago and has bars, a restaurant, bedrooms, a swimming pool, showers, repair workshops etc. The Club de Mar is a much newer 'marina' yacht club with similar facilities. Apply to the secretary before using either club.

Banks One in the Club de Mar complex, with many more throughout the city. Most (including the Club de Mar unit) have credit card facilities.