

0146·4 Dársena Pesquera breakwater NW head  
Fl(2)G.7s4m2M Green structure 3m  
0146·6 Club Náutico jetty E head Fl(4)R.11s4m2M Red  
column 3m

#### To the north

0148 Isla de Tabarca 38°09'·9N 0°28'·2W  
Oc(2)10s29m15M White tower 14m

#### Inland to the north

0147 Guardamar del Segura 38°04'·4N 0°39'·7W, Aero,  
Oc.R.1·5s 443m15M and 7F.R(vert).

#### Port communications

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#### General

A nice clean harbour with some good yacht berths on pontoons, a good yacht club and an excellent anchorage (rare along the coast). The yacht harbour, Marina Internacional de Torrevieja SA is on the north side of the harbour. The commercial quay, Muelle de la Sal, handles large quantities of salt. The approach and entrance are simple and there is good shelter from winds except those from S to SW which make parts of the harbour uncomfortable.

The town is of no great interest but it has several restaurants and there are shops quite close to the harbour. A visit to the saltworks, the 'Salt Cellar of the World', is of interest. Good beaches on either side of the harbour.

#### Approach

From the south Isla Grosa (95m), off the breakwater of Puerto de Tomás Maestre and near the centre of the 10M building strip separating Mar Menor from the sea, is unmistakable as is the high breakwater of Puerto San Pedro del Pinatar. The following three promontories all have yacht harbours on their S sides: Punta de la Torre de la Horadada with a tower on the point and buildings around its base; Punta El Cuervo which has a group of high-rise buildings; and the reddish-coloured Cabo Roig which has a white tower. Keep at least ½M off the coast. From Punta Prima (or Delgada) the rocky cliffs fall away to a low, flat coast near Torrevieja. The breakwaters and town of Torrevieja are visible from afar though quite well inset from Cabo Cervera.

From the north Cross the wide Bahía de Santa Pola which has cliffs in its S part. The Sierra de Callosa (547m) 1½M to WNW of the town of Guardamar and the radio mast at <sup>0147</sup>Guardamar del Segura are useful marks. Cabo Cervera is prominent but low; to S of it are several smaller rocky points with coves between. The harbour breakwaters appear when these points have been rounded.

#### Anchorage in the approach

Anchor just west of the Muelle Sal to suit draught but keeping out of the way of the harbour entrance.

#### Entrance

Straightforward but fishing boats move at speed

and, at night, often without lights. Their wash can make the outer berths at the marina uncomfortable.

#### Berths

Go the Marina Torrevieja or The Réal Club Náutico de Torrevieja on the north side of the fishing harbour. A further possibility is at the north east end of the Muelle de Sal.

#### Anchoring

In 1997 anchoring was still permitted between the Muelle de Sal and the Marina Torrevieja – but keep out of the way of the salt ships.

#### Facilities

Maximum length overall: 40m.

Repairs and technical service area, contact yacht club for advice.

Slipway alongside the yacht club and a large one near root of Dique de Levante.

80-tonne travel-lift.

Cranes up to 12 tonnes.

Chandlery in marina, outside of town on the road to Cartagena and another in the town.

Water taps on the pontoon and on the quay.

220v AC points on pontoons.

Gasoleo A and petrol.

Ice from factory near customs office or from club.

The Réal Club Náutico de Torrevieja has good facilities including bar, restaurants, lounges, terraces and showers. Visitors are made welcome.

Good shops and small market in the town.

Supermarket in street behind the garage on the N side of the main road in town.

Launderette in the marina or two streets back from the Club Náutico.

#### Communications

Rail and bus services. ☎ Area code 96. Taxi ☎ 571 22 77.

## Puerto de Guardamar

38°07'N 0°38'W

#### Charts

British Admiralty 1700

French 4719

Spanish 832

#### Lights

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is well inland

#### Buoys

A number of small buoys mark deeper water in the river.

#### General

A small harbour for small boats 500m inside the mouth of the Río Segura and on its south bank. The river has been used as a commercial harbour for small craft for many centuries. No facilities, no communications. Guardamar de la Segura, the nearest supply point, lies 2M SW over the dunes and through the trees. The walk lies through an area much used by campers.

