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This sheet includes the shore line of the S. W. side of Culebra Island and part of the north coast as far as Flamingo Bay (Playa de Flamincos) and includes the line of islands or cays extending about 5 miles to the westward.

The shore has a range of hills rising to about 100 meters in height extending nearly the whole length with rocky bluffs at intervals. Several small bays afford anchorage for small boats such as are used by the native fishermen.

With the exception of two of these bays, Seine Bay (Playa de Sardinas) and Firewood Bay, there is little chance to make a landing with a boat the shore being lined with coral rock over which the heavy swell is almost constantly breaking.

The sides of the hills are mostly covered

with a dense growth of small trees & underbrush which cannot be gone through without cutting a trail. This is being cleared away here & there by the natives for purposes of cultivation.

The principal island or cay on this side is S. W. Cay (Cayo de Luis Peña) and between this cay and the main island is the principal anchorage on this side of the island. The Naval Ships Coaling here during the winter used this anchorage. It is protected from the trade winds by the main island but is entirely open to the south and south west and a pretty heavy swell sets in here from both the south & north west. The bottom is hard but fairly good holding ground. Flood tide sets from the north and ebb tide from the south with a velocity of from 1 to 3 knots.

The names given on the sheet are taken from Chart No. 2677 H.O. from an English Survey in 1852.

There has apparently been little if any change since this survey was made and the sailing directions published by the H.O. are amply sufficient for the navigation of this locality. Local names of points, bays &c. are given in brackets.

For remarks as to data see Report.

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