WELCOME TO BELIZE

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WELCOME TO SUNSAIL BELIZE

“Welcome to Belize where you can follow the wake of buccaneers of the past, exploring the hidden coves and isolated cayes of this jewel of the Caribbean. Snorkel the world’s largest living barrier reef, or enjoy an exhilarating sail in the Inner Channel, before tucking into your secluded anchorage to watch the sun set over the distant Maya Mountains”

Renee Brown, Base Manager

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LARU BEYA MARINA

Tucked away on the lush Placencia Peninsula in southern Belize, Laru Beya is a Belizean all inclusive boutique resort and the perfect place to both do it all or do nothing at all, making it a perfect choice for our Sunsail base. We are just a short walk from the Garifuna village of Seine Bight and three miles from the restaurant and nightlife filled town of Placencia.

LARU BEYA MARINA FACILITIES

Showers and restrooms
Wifi
Boutique

LARU BEYA RESORT FACILITIES

Restaurant
Beach
Swimming Pool

PLACENCIA VILLAGE FACILITIES ACCOMMODATION

Banks
Restaurants
Supermarkets
Accomodation

Reception Office Hours
7 days a week
08.00 - 17.00

If you arrive after our office closes, a security guard or staff member will meet you and guide you to your yacht.

Looking for convenient pre- or post-charter accommodation?
We recommend Blue Reef Beach Resort Belize, located just across the road from our base. Book directly through the Blue Reef Beach Resort website and use our exclusive discount code MOORINGSBZE to enjoy special rates, with no minimum stay requirements.

With its beautiful beachfront setting and unbeatable location just steps from our base, Blue Reef Beach Resort is the perfect place to relax before or after your charter adventure.

TEAM CONTACT NUMBERS

Customer Service	00 501 523 3351	(within working hours)
Technical Support	00 501 615 6667	(24/7)
Renee Brown, *Base Manager*	00 501 610 1178	rbrown@thlmarine.com
VHF	ch. 74	(within working hours)

AIRPORT ARRIVAL

Arrival to our base is usually from the international airport in Belize City, or local airstrip in Placencia- 2 miles away. Please remember that face masks and social distancing are obligatory in Belize.

TRANSFER

Transfers from the airport to the base are not included. Taxi fares are $3 USD per person from the airstrip to the base with a minimum charge of $6 USD. From the village it is usually $10 USD PER TAXI - not per person. Transfers cannot be pre-booked.

CAR RENTAL

If you are planning to tour the country, spending a few days in the mountains and a few days at the beach, you might want to rent a car. However, if you are just coming to the base, we suggest that you fly to Placencia. The scenery driving down is quite lovely, but chances are, once you make the drive down, you won't feel like driving back (and if you are renting a car in Belize, you must return your vehicle to where you picked it up otherwise the one way drop off fee in Placencia of $140 USD will be charged). Car rentals in Belize range from $75 USD to $85 USD per day.

Budget Car Rental:	Tel.	00 501 223 2435	jmagroup@btl.net www.budget-belize.com
Crystal Auto:	Tel.	00 501 223 1600	crystal@btl.net www.crystal-belize.com

Car rental agencies that allow one-ways from Placencia to Belize City: Their prices range from $75 - $158 USD per day for the vehicle, depending on what type of vehicle, $15 USD for insurance per day and then the pick up fee if the vehicle is dropped off at the Intenational airport in Belize City would be $100 USD. No mileage fees.

TIME DIFFERENCE

UTC/GMT -6 hours (Belize doesn't utilize daylight saving time)

UPON ARRIVAL

CHECK IN PROCEDURE

Charters can start and finish on any day of the week and all charters commence at 5pm on the first day (or 12pm for **early boarding**) and finish at 11am on the last day. However, we are happy for clients to contact the base prior to arrival as the yacht may be available earlier so that they may board early.

Please come to our Reception with these things ready:

- Complete Crew List
- Main Charterer's Passport, for entry in the Belize Tourist Board Guest Register
- Credit card for the Deposit

BOAT BRIEFINGS

A technician at the base will give you detailed, technical explanations and advice about the boat. Take advantage of his presence by going over all of the boat's equipment.

The boat briefings are done at 8am the morning after your arrival (or after noon for early boarding clients). If the yacht is available and ready for boarding earlier, a briefing can be scheduled for the afternoon but no briefings will be done after 4.00pm except by special advance arrangement.

Please ensure only the skipper and co-skipper participate.

CHART BRIEFING

Chart briefings are available online on the youtube link. In case you haven't watched it, local area orientation is obligatory and scheduled upon your arrival at reception. Briefings are lengthy and will not commence after 4.00pm.

WHAT TO DO WHILST WAITING FOR YOUR BOAT

- Provisioning
- Have your Cruising Area briefing
- Try local cuisine
- Sightsee in Placencia village
- Relax at Laru Beya swimming pool

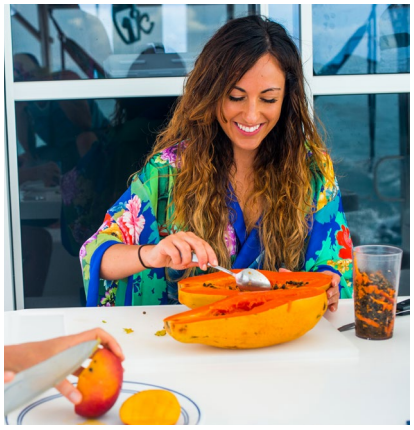
PROVISIONING

If you have pre-ordered provisioning for your boat, please check your order is complete. You can order here: store.sunsail.com, please note that it should be done at least a week prior to your embarkation and make sure you have selected the right Sunsail base..

You can also stock up in Placencia; there are various supermarkets and open markets. The best way to get there is by taxi, you can ask for one at reception.

COOL BOXES

Coolers are available at the base, one for every yacht. Larger coolers are available for rental.



BARBECUE

All our boats are equipped with a charcoal barbecue, but their use in the marina is strictly prohibited, so please be mindful.

MUSIC

While most of our newer boats have Bluetooth capability, we cannot guarantee all boats are outfitted with this equipment. For your convenience, we highly recommend you bring an AUX cable so you can listen to music from your mobile devices.

ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage on all yachts is 12 volts. In order to use electronic equipment that is 220 volts you will need an inverter suitable for use in a cigarette lighter. The yacht's 110V AC outlets are standard USA 3 pin outlets (can also take 2 pin USA plugs).

All our catamarans are equipped with generators, so 110V AC is available while plugged into shore power, and while the generator is running.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE AND CREDIT CARDS

The local currency is the Belizean Dollar (BZD). Visa and Mastercard are accepted at most places except small cays which do not have wifi. US currency (bills) are accepted everywhere at 2:1 exchange rate ($2 BZD : $1 USD).

SKIPPERED CHARTER

Skipper's time with you on the boat is as per your contract, so from 6pm, or at 12 noon for an early boarding, and ends at 11am on your last day. If you have a skipper ordered for less than full duration of your charter, guests are advised to complete all the briefings before sailing out.

The tip for the skipper is at a client's discretion, usually between 10 - 20% of the charter price.

DINGHY SAFETY

Don't overload your dinghy. Make sure every passenger in the dinghy has a PFD (they should be wearing them); ensure you have a dinghy anchor and a paddle.
At night time, use your flashlight when moving around in the dinghy to make yourselves visible to other boating traffic in the area.
Secure your dinghy on the davits after you have settled down for the night, or use the dinghy cable and padlock when tied up ashore.
When navigating through very shallow water with coral heads around, switch off the engine and use your paddle to spare the reef.

YACHT DAMAGE WAIVER AND SECURITY DEPOSIT

Forgot to get YDW before you departed? We've got you covered! Purchase it at reception and don't worry about possible damage! Inquire at the reception for further details.

Please be aware that in case of damage to the boat or loss of equipment onboard, Sunsail maintains the right to retain a correspondent amount of the security deposit.

FUEL

Fuel is not included on bareboat charters. Your yacht will be delivered with a full tank of fuel. At the end of your charter, simply return your yacht with a full tank or pay for the fuel used at the local marina price. Please refer to your destination-specific refuelling instructions for details.
Exceptions: Fuel is included for crewed charters/flotilla charters.

RE-FUELLING

Fuel is not included on bareboat charters. (Exceptions: Fuel is included for crewed charters/flotilla charters.)

Your yacht will be delivered with a full tank of fuel and should be returned with a full tank at the end of your charter. If the yacht is not returned full, fuel used will be charged at the local marina price. Refuelling arrangements vary by destination. In some locations, you will refuel before returning to base, while in others our team will assist with refuelling and returning the yacht to her berth. Full details will be provided during your yacht briefing.

**One full tank suffices for any holiday, however, to fuel up, please ask at the base for advice, as we like to keep contaminated fuel away from our tanks.*

In Belize:

- Where possible, refuel at the fuel station in the lagoon before returning to base.
- The fuel station is marked on the chart plotter and is located en route to the marina.
- If you are unable to refuel due to arrival time or queues, the base can refuel the yacht after your return. Fuel charges will be collected after refuelling.

BEFORE SAILING OUT OF THE BASE

- Please ensure you have all the galley equipment and bedding you require, extra bedding and some cooking utensils are available upon request.
- Collect fins from the deckbox on the veranda. equipment at reception.
- Make sure the fuel/water tanks are full.
- Make sure you have your boat papers.
- Make sure you are provisioned.
- Make sure you have enough cash.
- Ensure you have children's life jackets, as we have a limited supply. If you have your own children's life jacket we would encourage you to bring it along.
- We suggest that children who are not strong swimmers should not be allowed in a dinghy without a life jacket or buoyancy aid and that they should wear a buoyancy aid or harness when on deck.

WHEN YOU RETURN TO THE BASE

RETURN TO BASE PROCEDURE

- Please empty all holding tanks and bilges before returning to base.
- Refuel at Thunderbird marine on the way back if you have not prepaid for fuel.
- Call Sunsail base on VHF 74 about 15 mins before arriving to arrange for berthing assistance
- Please remember the last arrivals daily are before 4.30pm and the first arrival in the morning is after 8am.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR BOAT

Please ensure:

- Your questionnaire has been completed and left in the chart table.
- Before disembarkation you will be met with a technician for debriefing. This will let us know if you have encountered any problems with the boat or broken anything during the trip, so we can rectify any problems for the next charter.
- Sheets and towels are placed in pillow cases and left inside the boat.
- All rubbish has been bagged and left on transom of yacht or at bins located near the dock.
- You have washed fins and leave any lifejackets borrowed from reception.
- All personal possessions have been removed; please check thoroughly as items are often left onboard.
- All hatches are closed.
- The keys have been left in the chart table.
- Your transfer has been arranged with reception.

Optional Extras

IF YOU DIDN'T PRE-ORDER YOUR OPTIONAL EXTRAS, PLEASE ASK AT THE RECEPTION

TWO PERSON KAYAKS

Our double kayaks provide the freedom to explore our bays and beaches.

STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS (SUPs)

SUPs are a great way to explore our coastline and beaches. They are light and easy to manouver which makes them the ideal tool to find your very own private spots.

ENJOY A CAREFREE HOLIDAY... ON THE WATER

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USEFUL INFORMATION

NON-SAILING ACTIVITIES

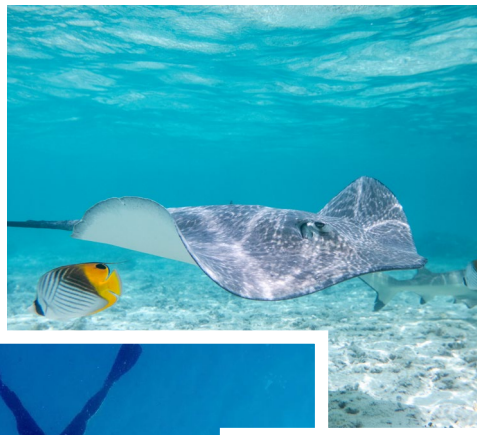
Restaurants and Tipping

Tipping is standard and expected in all restaurants / bars and for other services undertaken during your vacation. The rule of thumb is generally 10-15% of the amount charged. Some establishments automatically add this onto the bill.

Fishing

Game fishing and local inner reef charter services are available. Fish life abounds within the main reef. When trolling, you can catch Spanish Mackerel and Barracuda. Bottom fishing has rewards of Snapper and Grouper. We have local suppliers who can rent a good quality rod, reel and lures for $10 USD per day. Hand lines are also available.

Note: Due to Belize fishing laws, charterers who are interested in fishing for leisure or sport must hold a sport fishing license. The fees are $25 USD per week per person. You can purchase these licenses online from the Belize Coastal Zone Management Association.



Spear fishing guns are legal only when free-diving and no tanks allowed when using spear guns.

The lobster closed season runs from midnight February 14 to midnight June 15.

Diving and Snorkeling

Scuba diving packages are available through several dive operations in the area. Go Sea Tours is a reputable local dive operator. Please note that dive rental gear is subject to availability during the season.

Due to the current situation, we are no longer providing snorkel masks on board.

Trips and Excursions

Spend a day exploring this beautiful country. Belize will mesmerize you with its hikes and trails, adrenalin-filled zipline rides, mysterious history of the Mayas and sustainable cocoa plantations. Our team can easily recommend some day trips that you will love and never forget. Please remember your masks in all public places.

Nim Lin Punit

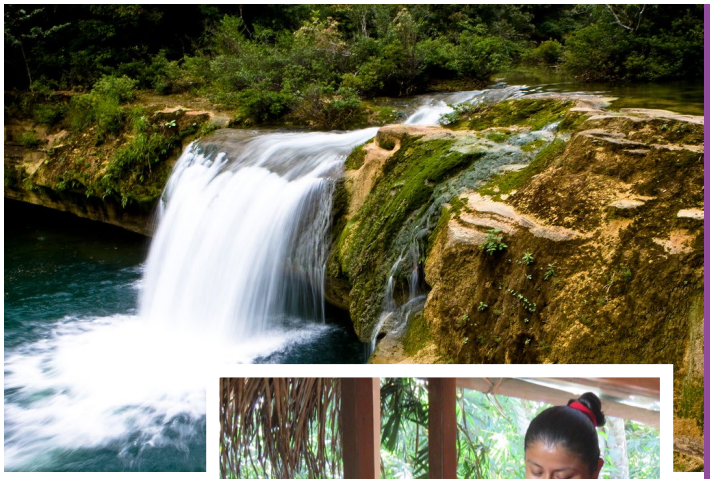
Visit a Mayan ruin in Southern Belize – Nim Lin Punit is a 1.5 hour drive away with a small museum on site and is home to the largest stelae found in Belize. While discovering history, enjoy the breathtaking views over the hills and jungles of Southern Belize.

Lubaantun

This Late Classic ceremonial center dating back to 700 – 900 CE is renowned for the discovery of the famous crystal skull in 1924 under a collapsed altar inside a temple.

Pair a ruin visit with an adventurous cave swim at Blue Creek and immerse yourself in the perfect Belizean day!

Visit the beautiful **Rio Blanco Waterfall** and jump off a cliff into the deep rock pool below. This part of Belize is thick with tropical jungle interspersed with quaint traditional Mayan villages.



This is also the premium growing area for cacao and a cultural tour can be arranged where you can visit a **Mayan family** and learn how to make chocolate on a volcanic grindstone, enjoy a delicious traditional meal of cahune cabbage and tortillas, followed by a hands on experience of making a woven basket using the fine fibers of a jippi jappa palm.

If you prefer to spend your day filled with adrenaline rush, like hiking through the jungle or zip-lining through the canopy, there are many options from which you can choose.

MONKEY RIVER TOUR

The Monkey River tour is not to be missed while in Belize, either on your first or last day on board your yacht. Make a stop at No Name Point, about two miles north of Monkey River. This anchorage is in a lagoon, with excellent protection from any wind, the small island in the anchorage area being a nesting home to herons, frigate birds and ospreys.

The guide picks you up in a skiff from the yacht and takes you on the tour, up the river, where you will see interesting flora and fauna – black howler monkeys, crocodiles, birds, river turtles, bats...Part of the tour includes a walk into the jungle and ends with a tour of Monkey River village and local lunch in the village. Recommended anchorage is at No Name Point about two miles north of Monkey River.

SAILING LICENCE

All bareboat charters are required to stay inside the barrier reef. Local skippers must be on board for any excursions outside the barrier reef.

To sail in Belize without a skipper, you must fill out an application to obtain a temporary **Certificate of Competency**. Our pre-departure team will reach out to you to help you navigate this process.

This temporary Certificate of Competency is required for all bareboat charters in Belize.

CRUISING AREA

Belize region is classified as Level 3, which equates to 20 days sailing, 400 miles on an equivalent yacht or RYA Day Skipper qualification with experience to a higher level.

- Wind/Weather: 10-25 knots.
- Navigation: understand tidal flow, ability to navigate in open waters, cope with strong currents and be able to make a passage plan.
- Anchor/mooring: primarily anchoring, some slightly more exposed anchorages with poor anchor holding ground.

Please note that sailing outside the barrier reef is not allowed except with a local skipper on board.

Several of the reserves require **guides** for entry and have a daily fee. Our Belize base will go over these requirements during the chart briefing and will explain how you can make arrangements to enter those reserves and where you can pick up a tour guide. The base will also suggest alternative snorkel sites to avoid the cost of a guide. Please be aware that a tour guide will not take responsibility for the safe navigation of the yacht.

While the base can assist in securing a guide for your yacht, this will be an additional expense that the charterer must pay. The cost of a guide will vary depending on how we get him/her out to the yacht. If they accompany a boat going out to the reserve and we can arrange a minimal cost for the transport to and from the reserve, the guide is going to cost about US$100; if we have to arrange transport to the reserve, it will cost in the region of US$150 for the guide.

SAILING AREA RESTRICTIONS

The Belize authorities take the protection of their reefs very seriously and you must ensure you are aware of and understand the strict sailing area restrictions and regulations of where sailing is prohibited, and ensure you stay well clear of the reefs at all times during your charter. Please be aware that should you damage the reef during your charter the Belize authorities have the option of imposing fines and/or confiscating your passport, with potential criminal implications, until such time as any fine or resolution is achieved.

Restricted Zones: Glover's reef, Turneffe reef and Lighthouse reef, Laughing Bird Cay World Heritage Site; Gladden Split/Silk Cayes Marine Reserve

Charterers will receive a sailing chart that outlines red zones for the cruising ground.

It is strictly forbidden to sail alone, we require two persons minimum on board.

NIGHT SAILING

You are not permitted to sail at night in this region.

PREVAILING WINDS

Tradewinds are the prevailing winds in the region. They are predominantly easterlies between 10 and 20 knots. In the winter season (November to March) winds can back to the northwest, varying in strength from 20 to 25 knots.

In the summer there are also **Bayamas**, short lived intense storms from the South. They are preceeded by black Southern horizon with intense lightning, and can reach up to 60 knots strength, usually occurring in the summer months.

TIDAL STREAMS

Tidal range is minimal – around 18 inches.

WEATHER FORECASTS

You will be given a two-day forecast at the beginning of your charter. Additionally you can also check it here:

Internet	windy.com or hydromet.gov.bz
VHF Radio	Channel 74, daily between 9.00 and 9.30am

MOORING TIPS, FUEL AND WATER

In the Belizean region the best way to spend a night is either on anchor or on a mooring buoy. There are few marinas along the coastline where one can fill up on water and have electricity:

- The Placencia Marina,
- Cucumber Beach Marina.
- Thunderbird Marina

We encourage our guests to refuel at Thunderbird marina in case they haven't pre-paid for their fuel.

Navigational challenges

While the Belizean part of the Caribbean Sea is exciting to sail in, the charts are not very accurate (no survey has been done since 1989). There are growing reefs, moving sandbars and effects of hurricanes that are changing cayes constantly. The ability to read water depth through color changes is helpful while conquering these waters.

Belize has also taken protecting its reefs and corals very seriously, fines for damaging reefs are severe.

4 HOUR BREAKDOWN GUARANTEE

We want to make sure your sailing vacation is fun, memorable and successful. So if you have any problems during your yacht charter, please call us and we'll sort them out within 4 working hours from your call. Check out more details **online**.

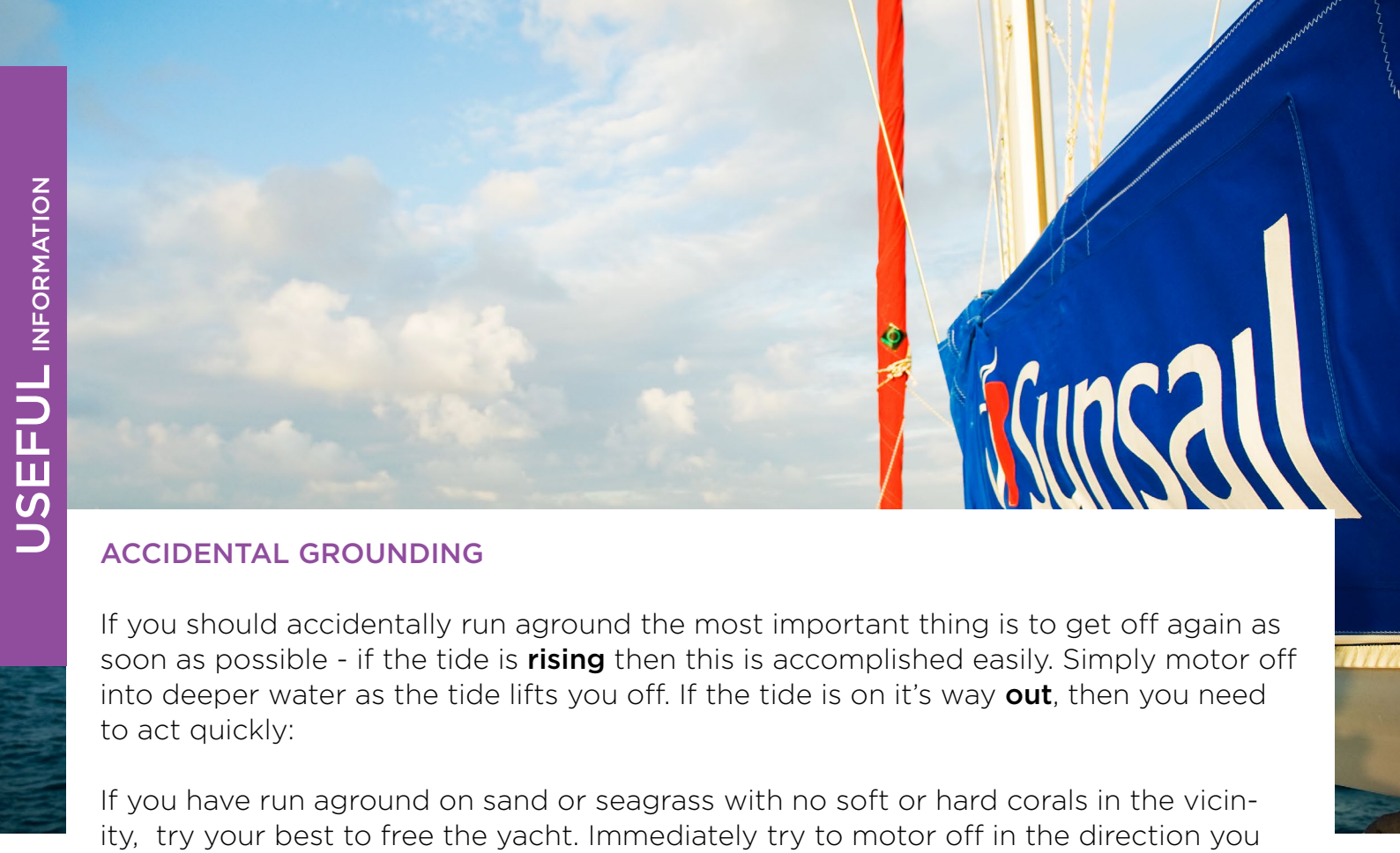
IT COVERS

Engine
Transmission
Windlass
Sails
Standing and running rigging
Battery and alternator

IT DOESN'T COVER

Electronics and Generator
VHF
Refrigeration
Air conditioning
CD player
Marine toilets
Water maker
Water pump
Dinghy and outboard
Depth and speed instruments

Note: Breakdowns outside the defined sailing area and hours (8am-5pm), problems due to user negligence, bad weather or force majeure are not covered.



ACCIDENTAL GROUNDING

If you should accidentally run aground the most important thing is to get off again as soon as possible - if the tide is **rising** then this is accomplished easily. Simply motor off into deeper water as the tide lifts you off. If the tide is on it's way **out**, then you need to act quickly:

If you have run aground on sand or seagrass with no soft or hard corals in the vicinity, try your best to free the yacht. Immediately try to motor off in the direction you went on using full engine power, it may help to have your crew stand on the transom to ease weight on the grounded hulls.

If you are unable to get off you will have to wait for the tide to go all the way out and come back in to lift you off which could take up to twelve hours. You will have to :

- Drop your bow anchor into the dinghy and lay it out towards deeper water and
- pull tight.
  Call the base

If, however, you have run aground on coral, **local regulations dictate that you are not allowed to move the yacht until the area and yacht have been inspected by local authorities**. Call the base who will then report to the Belize Port Authority, the Dept of Fisheries and the Dept of the Environment.

Grounding is not a pleasant experience so try to make sure it does not happen to you.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

We always recommend calling the base first in case of any incidents. However, there are a couple of contacts we would like our guests to keep handy.

Police	911	
Ambulance	Dr Alexis	00 501 622 7648
Coast Guard	VHF channel 16,	00 501 222 5260

SUSTAINABILITY

As passionate sailors, we want to look after the beautiful oceans and wildlife. It's all about the little things, which collectively make a big difference. Here's a few tips on how to minimise your footprint when sailing:

- Never throw anything into the sea.
- Use holding tanks in marinas and at anchorages. Empty them when at least two miles from the nearest land.
- Be careful while anchoring.
- Do not collect any shells from the beach or the sea.
- Avoid any accidental spills into the sea when refueling.
- Turn off electricity.
- Minimise plastic.
- Take short showers.
- Buy local.
- Use eco-friendly and fair-trade products.
- Recycle and reuse.
- Sail! Use less motor.

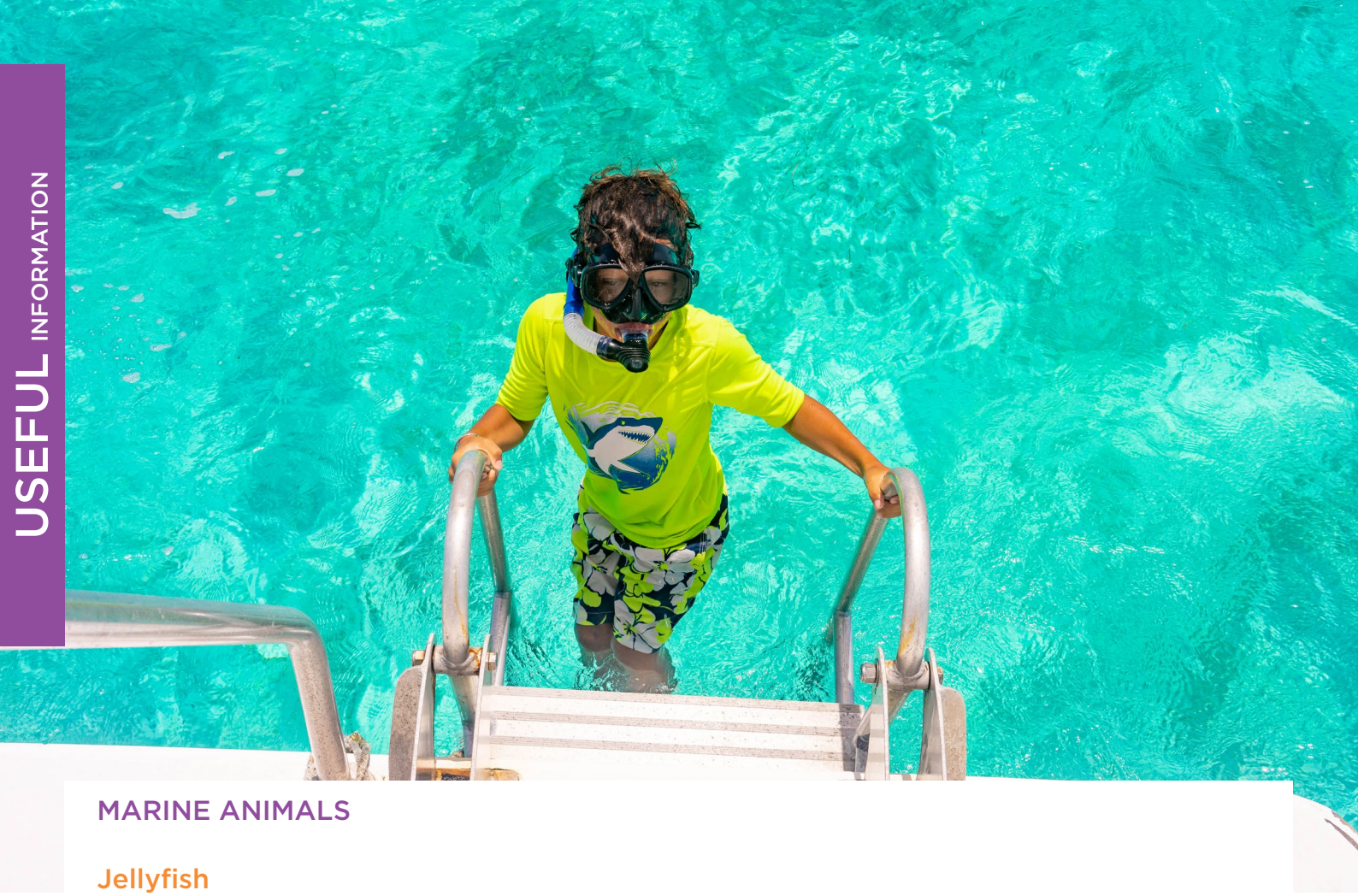
Single use plastics are illegal in Belize. Please buy responsibly – environmentally friendly biodegradable plates, cups and cutlery are sold at all supermarkets.

To learn more about our sustainability activity and work with charities around the world, from protecting the local marine life, to introducing local recycling programmes, visit sunsail.co.uk/sustainable-tourism.

YOUR SAFETY

Please locate your safety card when you get onboard & ensure that all crew read it before leaving the marina. If you cannot find it, then please contact reception who can provide a replacement. We care a lot about your personal safety, so please read more about these topics in the safety card:

- **Accidents & Illness**
- **Be Aware & Safe**
- **Swimming & Beach Safety**
- **Alcohol & Drugs**



MARINE ANIMALS

Jellyfish

There are many species of jellyfish in the cruising area and there have been several instances where clients who have been stung by jellyfish have required hospital treatment. If you have allergies, it is advised to wear stinger suits or refrain from swimming.

If you are stung

- Immediately exit the water and apply copious amounts of vinegar to the affected area.
- Pour vinegar over the tentacle before attempting to remove it with tweezers.
- Do not try to rinse it off with fresh water
- You can then immerse the affected limb in hot salt water or apply a hot compress.

Generally the affected area will usually only be a minor irritation, similar to a bee sting and the sting area is normally itchy. Should you start to experience any additional symptoms you should contact the base immediately for help and advice on where to seek medical assistance.

Coral stings and cuts

Several species of poisonous coral will have a painful sting if touched or stepped on while snorkeling. If you are stung immediately exit the water and apply copious amounts of vinegar to the affected area and then immerse the affected limb in hot water or apply a hot compress.

Cuts and abrasions caused from coral have a high risk of infection, so thoroughly clean the wound as soon as possible. Avoid swimming afterwards.

Fish

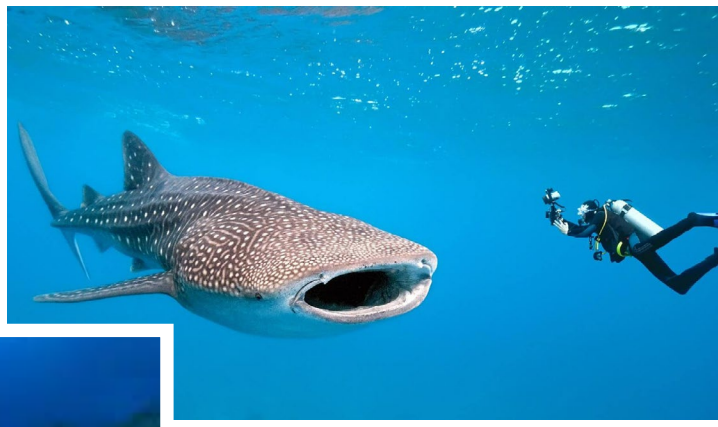
There are also several species of fish with spines which can sting if they are stepped on or touched while snorkeling. Stingrays are also poisonous and can inflict a nasty wound with their barbed stings.
If you are stung by a fish immediately exit the water and treat with hot water. You may require a tetanus injection.

Sea Urchins

Sea urchins are not poisonous but their spines are very painful if touched or stepped on and will normally break off if attempting to pull them out with tweezers.
Hot water is again the best treatment and you may also require a tetanus injection.

Sharks

There are several species of sharks in these waters.

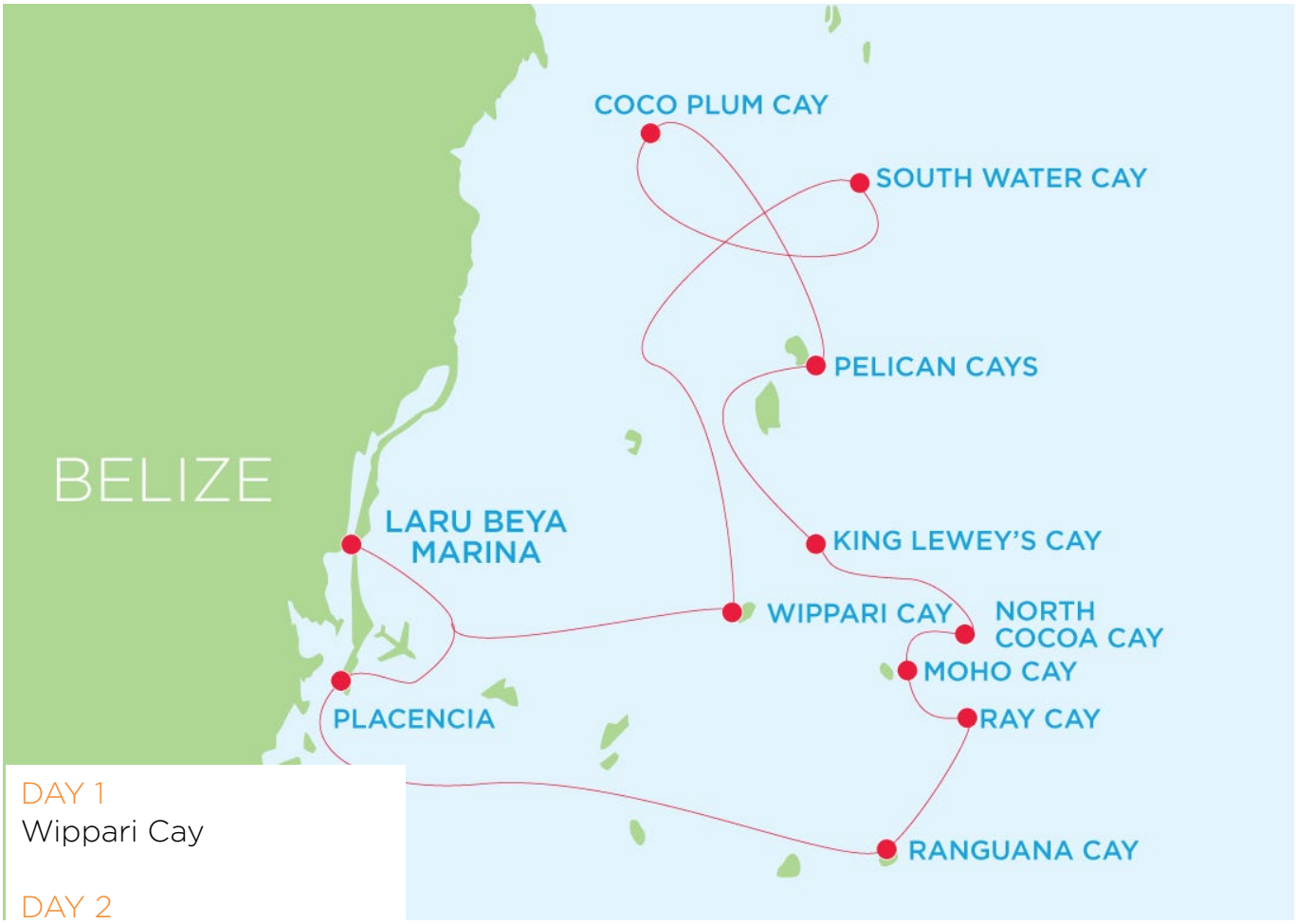


Sea Snakes

Sea snakes although highly venomous are actually very timid and avoid swimmers.

SUGGESTED ITINERARIES

ONE WEEK ROUTE



DAY 1
Wippari Cay

DAY 2
Southwater Cay

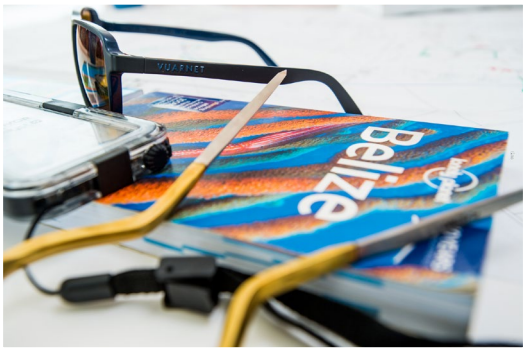
DAY 3
Coco Plum Cay

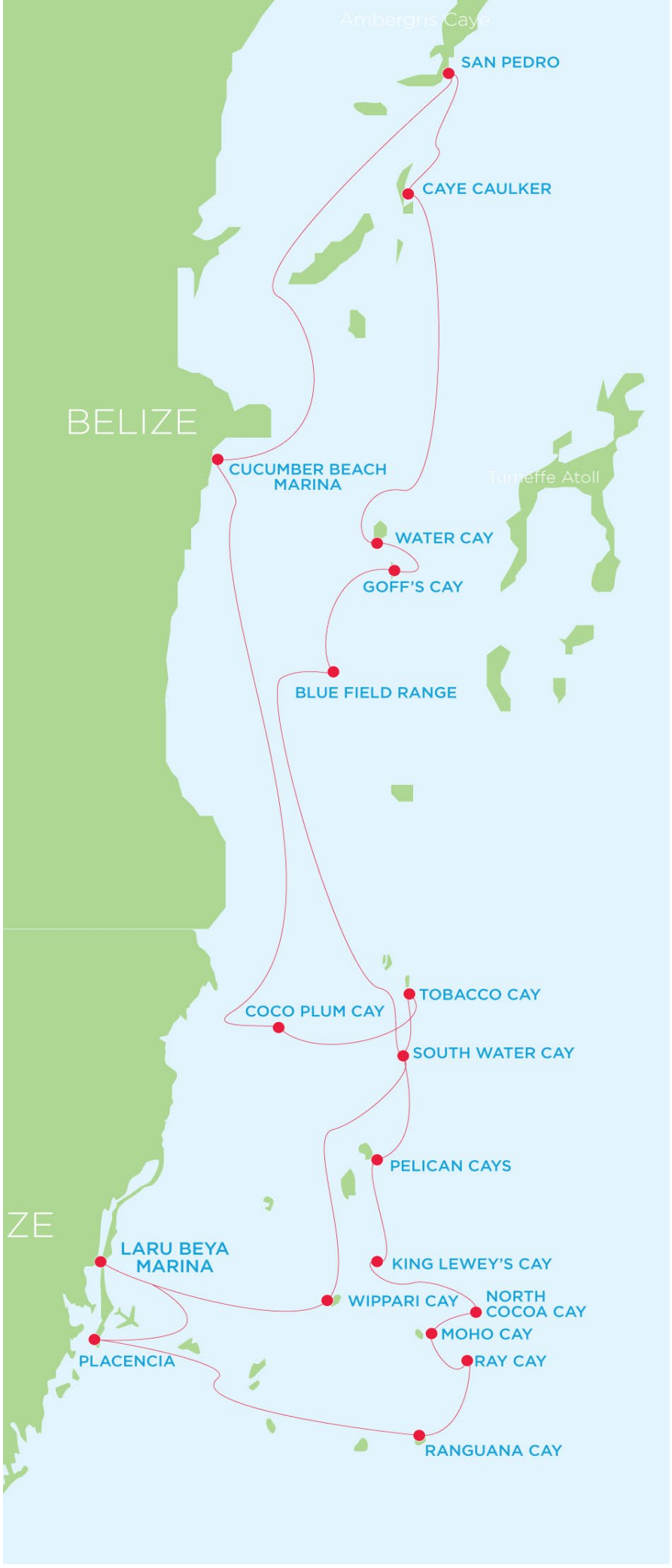
DAY 4
Pelican Cay

DAY 5
king Lewey's Cay - Lunch
North Long Cocoa Cay - Night

DAY 6
Moho Cay - Lunch
Ray Cay - Night

DAY 7
Ranguana Cay - Lunch
Placencia Harbor





TWO WEEK ROUTE

DAY 1
Wippari Cay

DAY 2
Southwater Cay

DAY 3
Bluefield Range

DAY 4
English Cay - Lunch
Water Cay - Night

DAY 5
Caye Caulker

DAY 6
San Pedro on Ambergris Cay

DAY 7
Cucumber Beach Marina,
Belize City

DAY 8
Coco Plum Cay

DAY 9
Tobacco Cay - Lunch
Southwater Cay - Night

DAY 10
Pelican Cay

DAY 11
King Lewey's Cay - Lunch
North Long Cocoa Cay- Night

DAY 12
Moho Cay - Lunch
Ray Cay - Night

DAY 13
Tour to Queen Cays

DAY 14
Ranguana - Lunch
Placencia Harbor

DESTINATION SPOTLIGHTS

PLACENCIA HARBOR

Yachting in Placencia waters brings you to a delightfully picturesque village. A lovely, crescent-shaped beach lined with a long row of palms borders the small town. Beautiful flowers, thick stands of trees, and quaint framed houses on stilts add to the idyllic tropical setting. The people of Placencia are warm and friendly, making your visit even more pleasant.

The anchorage west of Placencia Caye is excellent when winds are from the northwest to east.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗	Garbage disposad $5 USD, payment in the yellow kiosk	Mooring	Anchoring good hold in mud
WiFi	✗			Town pier
Water refill	✓	And ice from supermarkets in the village	Things to do	Explore
Provisioning	✓			Swimming
Restaurants	✓			
Bars	✓		**Exposed to S winds**	

WIPPARI CAY

A tiny 1 acre sized coral fringed cay about 8 miles from Placencia, this mangrove cay makes a good first or last night stop. The fishing lodge ashore is closed to passing traffic but for those interested in fly fishing, this is a good spot to meet with one of the famous Cabral brothers, a fly-fishing guide who can help in finding the elusive permit.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗		Mooring	Anchoring
WiFi	✗			
Water refill	✗		Things to do	Fly fishing
Provisioning	✗			Snorkeling
Restaurants	✗			
Bars	✗			

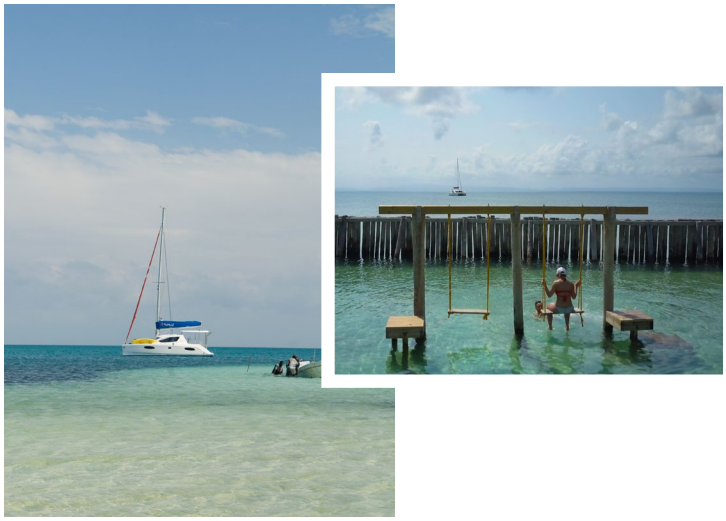
SOUTHWATER CAY

Part of Belize's World Heritage Site, South Water Caye is situated on the barrier reef on the north side of the quarter-mile-wide South Water Pass. Palms rise skyward from pristine beaches. On the east side of the caye, the barrier reef drop-off is close to the beach, providing an ideal location for some of the best snorkeling and scuba diving in Belize. South Water Caye is not to be missed!

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗		Mooring	Free Anchoring
WiFi	✗			Anchor on the west side of South Water Caye
Water refill	✗		Things to do	Visit CarrieBow Cay Research Station linked to Smithsonian Institute
Provisioning	✗			Explore the pathways
Restaurants	✓	Pelican Pouch, Blue Marlin Lodge, Ize		Diving excursions
Bars	✓		**Protection only good from easterlies**	

COCOA PLUM CAY

Cruising in Cocoa Plum Caye waters brings you to the northern boundary of the protected South Water Marine Reserve, in the Coco Plum Range of islands. Scenic, remote, and breathtakingly beautiful, a visit to these waters is a highlight of a cruise in Belize. The beaches are superb, and there's a restaurant and two bars at Thatch Caye Resort, making a trip ashore even more appealing.



FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✓	$20 USD per night	Mooring	2 on west side in inner channel
WiFi	✓			2 on east side
Water refill	✓	$2 USD per gallon	Note	Ice available for $20 USD for 20 Pounds
Provisioning	✗			Garbage disposal $5 USD per bag
Restaurants	✓			
Bars	✓			

PELICAN CAY

Deep water anchorage in the middle of Pelican Range, with three moorings.

Surrounded by mangrove cays, the fishing in the shallows between the cays is excellent. Tiny Hideaway Cay, in the centre of the circle of cays, with a quaint tiny restaurant and bar, is a well known spot to spend the night. Fresh bread can be delivered daily by prior arrangement, and meals ashore must be booked in advance to ensure space. Owner Dustin will help find a good spot to drop the hook if all the moorings are taken. Areas between the cays ensure for some great snorkeling.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗		Mooring	Three heavy duty anchors provide secure mooring
WiFi	✗			Plenty anchoring place, deep with good hold
Water refill	✗		Things to do	Snorkeling
Provisioning	✓	Only fresh bread		Fishing
Restaurants	✓	Hideaway Cay		Swimming
Bars	✓			

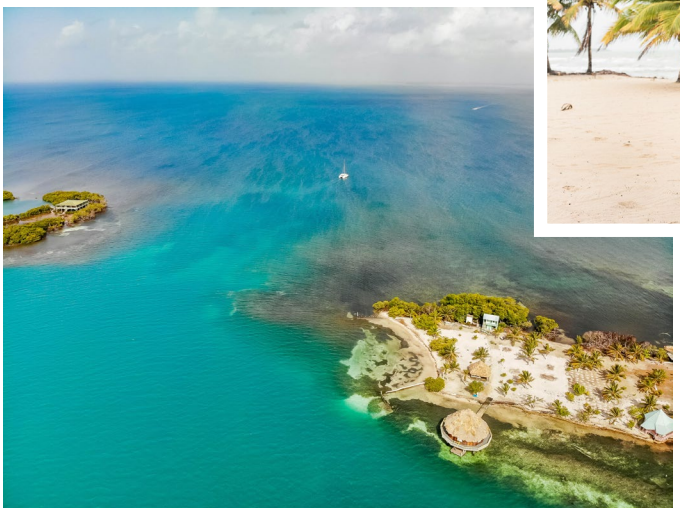
KING LEWEY'S CAY

Located on the Slasher Sandbore, this pirate-themed island resort located about 12 miles from Placencia is a fun stop for lunch. Spending a night in this anchorage is recommended only in very settled conditions.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✓	$40 USD / free if using Restaurant	Mooring	Island entrance fee of $10 USD per person / free if using Restaurant
WiFi	✓			Free if using Restaurant and Bar
Water refill	✗		Things to do	Kayaking, Paddleboarding, Snorkeling, Fishing
Provisioning	✗			Water trampoline
Restaurants	✓	Serves fresh lobster in season		Live Lobster Trap
Bars	✓		**Overnight only in calm conditions**	

NORTH LONG COCOA CAY

Located about 15 miles from Placencia , this anchorage is protected in prevailing easterly winds. A string of patch reefs extend off the southwest point with a deep drop off on the eastern side. Fishing is very good over the sandbars extending east of the cay.



FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗		Mooring	No Moorings
WiFi	✗			
Water refill	✗		Things to do	Snorkeling
Provisioning	✗			Fishing
Restaurants	✗			Beach combing
Bars	✗			

MOHO CAY

The sparkling waters of tiny Moho Caye, an idyllic white sand, palm tree-covered island nestled in the heart of clear blue turquoise water. Relax in a hammock ashore or use one of the BBQ's to cook lunch. Picnic tables and benches, beach loungers – beautiful clean raked beach and great snorkeling make this a popular spot.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✓	$10 USD per night. $10 USD per person entrance	Mooring	3 mooring buoys, uncomfortable in windy conditions
WiFi	✗			No space to anchor between moorings
Water refill	✗		Things to do	Beach BBQ, Snorkeling, Fishing
Provisioning	✗			Hermit crab races
Restaurants	✗			Beach games
Bars	✗		**Very exposed, overnight in settled cond.**	

RAY CAY

Formerly known as Hatchet Caye, Ray Caye has moorings, a restaurant, bar and dive shop. Moorings are usually well maintained.
Lionfish grill specializes in lionfish, an invasive fish species in the Caribbean, but also has a varied menu. Arrange for a dive or snorkel trip to the nearby Queen Cays knowing that the yacht will be safe on the mooring at Ray Caye.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✓	$15 USD per night	Mooring	Mooring buoys on both SE and NW sides of the cay
WiFi	✓			No anchoring
Water refill	✓	Jerry can only	Things to do	Tour the Queen cays
Provisioning	✗			Whale Shark Tours in season
Restaurants	✓			Enjoy the restaurant
Bars	✓		**Somewhat exposed**	

QUEEN / SILK CAY

Situated in the Gladden Spit/Silk Cay Marine Reserve, a local skipper or tour guide must accompany the yacht into this tricky anchorage. The tiny isles boast shimmering white-sand beaches and stunning reefs with superb snorkeling. The reef in Queen Caye Pass also offers good scuba diving.

This Marine reserve charges a park fee of $10 USD per person.

RANGUANA CAY

A beautiful cay with white powdery sand beach, about 20 miles south-east of Placencia. Moorings are available, but it is not a good overnight anchorage. Can only safely be used in settled conditions with prevailing trades out of the ENE. Ranguana Cay offers some great snorkeling, fishing and diving experience.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✓	$20 USD per night	Mooring	Very close to reef and not safe in SW, W and NW-N winds
WiFi	✗			$10 USD entrance fee on cay if not on mooring
Water refill	✗	Ice available $5 USD per bag	Things to do	Snorkeling
Provisioning	✗			Fishing
Restaurants	✓	Reservations essential		Diving
Bars	✓		**Exposed**	

BLUEFIELD RANGE

Bluefield Range is a harbor between three mangrove cayes with a lobster and fishing camp. Normally it is used as an overnight anchorage for yachts traveling to or from San Pedro. The Range is a quiet, lagoon-like anchorage, where the possibility of seeing manatees is good, and you can buy fresh fish or lobster from the fishing camps.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗	Mooring	Anchorage
WiFi	✗		
Water refill	✗	Things to do	Kayaking
Provisioning	✗		Paddleboarding
Restaurants	✗		Manatee- watching
Bars	✗		

GOFF AND ENGLISH CAYS

Two small cayes at the entrance to the main shipping channel to Belize City are to be visited as a day stop only. English Cay on the southern side of the ships channel has a lighthouse and some good snorkeling to the north-east. Goffs Cay, on the northern side of the ship's channel, is on a reef patch. Beautiful powdery white sand beach and tall palms mark both places, with excellent snorkeling all around.

FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗	Mooring	Anchoring – some small snack stands ashore
WiFi	✗		
Water refill	✗	Things to do	Snorkeling
Provisioning	✗		
Restaurants	✗		
Bars	✗	**Day stop only.**	

CAYE CAULKER

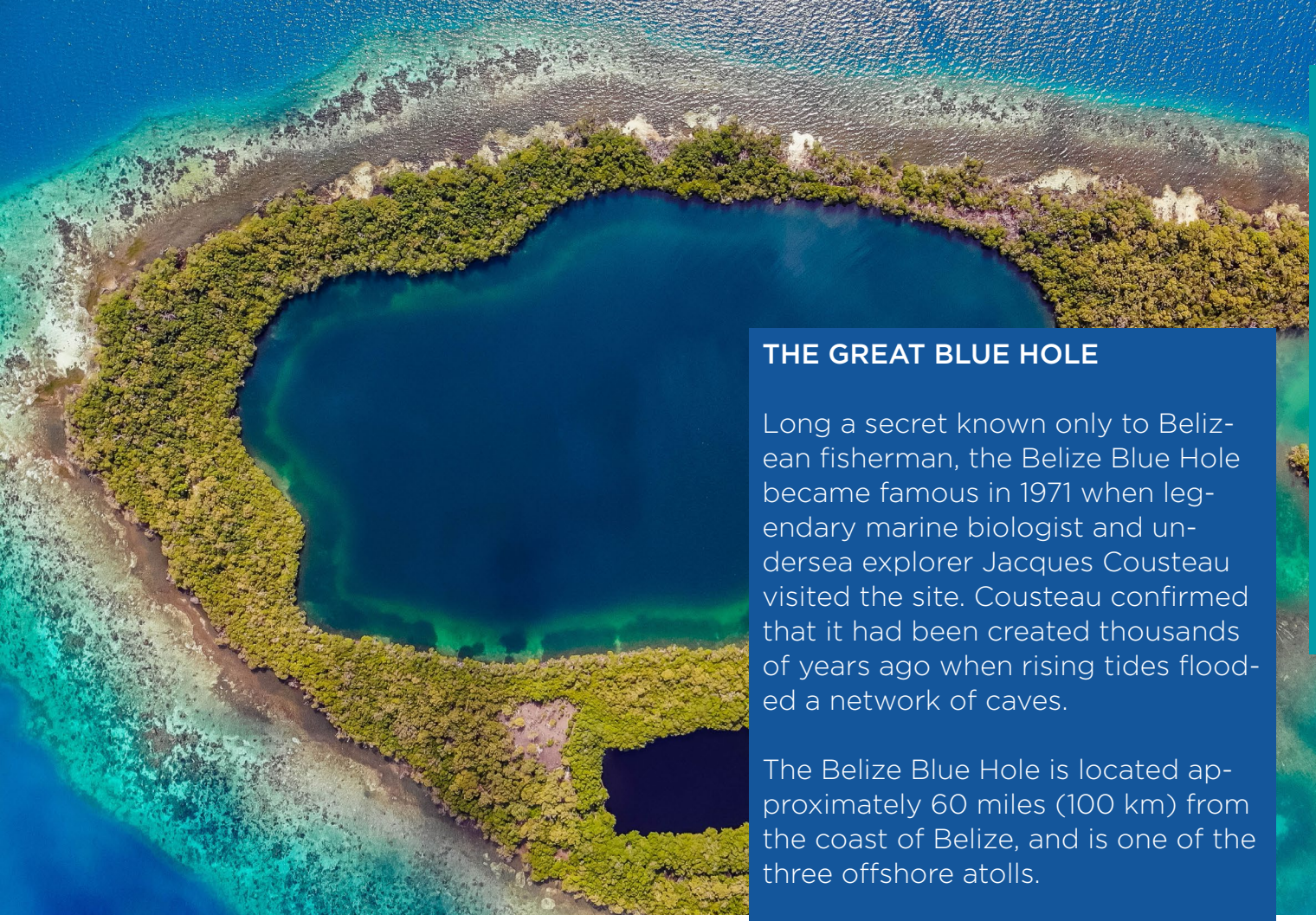
One of the largest islands, Caye Caulker is laid back and casual, offering plenty of restaurants and night life. It is a place to rent a windsurfer- or kite-board to enjoy the breezy conditions, or rent a bicycle ashore to explore this big sandspit. Use the opportunity to feed the tarpons near the split or snorkel in Shark Ray Alley in the Caye Caulker marine reserve.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗		Mooring	Anchorage
WiFi	✓	At various restaurants/bars		Best anchorage is near the split to take advantage of sea breezes.
Water refill	✓	Jerry can	Things to do	Snorkeling, Diving
Provisioning	✓			Windsurfing, Kayaking
Restaurants	✓			Kite surfing
Bars	✓			

SAN PEDRO, AMBERGRIS CAY

Ambergris Cay is the largest island in Belize, very close to the barrier reef., home to Hol Chan Marine Reserve and National Park. San Pedro is a good spot to take a tour to the iconic Blue Hole and Lighthouse Reef. Enjoy the multiple restaurants and vibrant night life of this popular tourist destination.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✗		Mooring	Anchorage between the E side of San Pedro and the barrier reef.
WiFi	✓	Ashore at various restaurants/ resorts		
Water refill	✓		Things to do	Plentiful night life.
Provisioning	✓	Supermarkets		Take a dive boat to visit Hol Chan Marine Reserve
Restaurants	✓			Visit the Blue Hole on Lighthouse Reef with a dive boat.
Bars	✓			**Can be breezy.**



THE GREAT BLUE HOLE

Long a secret known only to Belizean fisherman, the Belize Blue Hole became famous in 1971 when legendary marine biologist and undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau visited the site. Cousteau confirmed that it had been created thousands of years ago when rising tides flooded a network of caves.

The Belize Blue Hole is located approximately 60 miles (100 km) from the coast of Belize, and is one of the three offshore atolls.

The nearly perfectly circular body of water of the hole is surrounded by the Lighthouse Reef Atoll.

BELIZE CITY

Cucumber Beach Marina south of Belize city is equipped with a restaurant, shore power, a coin operated laundromat, restroom / showers and a small museum. A big seawater pool with 90' long waterslide, poolside loungers and shaded areas for your enjoyment. Located about 5 miles southwest of the city, a taxi can take you to the old capital for provisioning shopping at one of the large supermarkets.

FACILITIES & SERVICES		COMMENTS	FACILITIES & SERVICES	COMMENTS
Mooring fee	✓	Marina fees	Mooring	Marina
WiFi	✓			
Water refill	✓		Things to do	Large seawater pool with waterslide.
Provisioning	✓	Need to take a taxi into the city.		Visit Old Belize museum
Restaurants	✓			
Bars	✓			

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