



LOCAL INFORMATION

Local Information Contents

This chapter covers the rally activities in Las Palmas, so you can plan to make the most of your time before departure. Plus lots of useful contacts and information of local trades and suppliers who can support your preparations and time in the city.

Local information for rally destinations will be provided during check-in, and are available on the Members' Area of the website.

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Resources

Useful Books

Atlantic Spain and Portugal

ISBN 9781846239649

Canary Islands Cruising Companion

ISBN 9781912621460

Atlantic Pilot Atlas

ISBN 9781408122471

Chart 100 North Atlantic Ocean Passage Chart

ISBN 9781846234675

Atlantic Islands

ISBN 9781786790705

Atlantic Crossing Guide

ISBN 9781472947666

Caribbean Cruising

ISBN 9780713654318

(or ISBN 1574091727 for US-version)

Grenada to the Virgin Islands

ISBN 9781846235818

Cruising Guide to the Virgin Islands

ISBN 9780997854008

Chris Doyle's Sailors Guides

Courtesy Flags

You will need to purchase the following courtesy flags:

- Spain
- Saint Lucia
- Q Flag (for flying before clearing Customs)

There is a Gran Canaria courtesy flag that can be flown below the Spanish courtesy flag.

Suggested Charts

Imray

E2 Canary Islands

E3 Madeira

E4 Cape Verde

B1 St. Lucia

100 North Atlantic Ocean Passage Chart

C18 Western Approaches to the English Channel and Biscay

C19 A Coruña to Gibraltar

C20 Strait of Gibraltar to Archipelago Des Acores & Islas Canarias (combine with E3 & E2)

British Admiralty

4012 North Atlantic Ocean, Southern Part

1861 Gran Canaria to El Hierro

1273 Saint Lucia

1042 Monserrat to Saint Lucia

1043 Saint Lucia to Grenada and Barbados

197 NW Approaches to Saint Lucia

NV Caribbean Chart folios

12.3 Windward Islands, Martinique To Grenada

Rally in Las Palmas Check-In



Check-in in Las Palmas

When you arrive in Las Palmas, please visit the front desk to book a check-in appointment. We aim to check-in all yachts as soon as possible after they arrive.

At check-in, we will make sure that we have all the correct information about your boat and crew, and explain everything you need to know about your time in Las Palmas before the start of the rally. You will be given:

- A welcome pack
- Your rally identification passes
- A Rally number for your boat
- The programme of activities
- Local information on Las Palmas

Our check-in staff are multilingual, so please inform our staff if you think you would be more comfortable speaking your own language.

At check-in, a time is arranged for the onboard safety inspection - which is scheduled for 24 to 48 hours after checking in.

Yachts entered in the Racing Division will be inspected using World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 1 (see ARC Notice of Race).

Please allow up to two hours for these inspections. The most recent version of these regulations can be found on the World Sailing website: [sailing.org/offshorespecial-regulations/](https://www.sailing.org/offshorespecial-regulations/)

Safety Equipment Inspection

Safety Equipment Inspections are carried out by a Safety Inspector onboard your boat. If the boat is prepared for the inspection, this should not take more than 1 hour.

Details of the safety equipment required, as well as lots of useful advice on how to prepare for the rally, are given in the **Preparations** section pages 5-11.

Many of our Safety Inspectors are multilingual, so please inform the staff at check-in if you think you would be more comfortable completing the safety check in your own language.

Equipping your boat well in advance will save valuable time, and allow you to enjoy the many other activities going on in Las Palmas during the build up to the start. Even the most organised crews are surprised at how much time is taken up by last minute preparations!

Crew Passes

At check-in, skippers are given crew passes for the named individuals registered to crew on the boat (where fees have been paid and all required personal information is complete on the Members Area of the website). Participants must bring a passport sized photo for their pass.

They must also have their crew pass on them at all times for access to rally events.

Passes for Friends and Family

Extra passes for friends and family who wish to take part in the rally social events in Las Palmas, can be bought from the Information Centre & Shop by the skipper using their own crew pass, priced from €50.

Replacing Passes

If you lose your crew pass, replacements are available from the Information Centre & Shop for €50. You may need ID to prove you are a rally participant.

Exchanging Passes

We do not charge to exchange a pass. However, we will only issue a new pass for free if you bring us the other pass to exchange it with.

Information Centre & Shop

Information Centre & Shop

Opening Hours

Mon-Sat 0900-1330 and 1430-1745

Sun: 0900-1200

Located in the 'Rally Hub', half way along the western side of the marina (opposite the Sailor's Bay Bar).

Our knowledgeable and multilingual staff are on hand to answer your questions.

There are also representatives from the local tourist board and hire car company on hand to help you make the most of your time in Gran Canaria.

Official Merchandise

The shop sells a range of rally merchandise including t-shirts, postcards, teddy bears, bags, cups, and hats.

Official rally polo shirts and technical clothing are available for order in advance in a variety of colours and sizes, and can be embroidered with your yacht name.

Only a limited number of clothing styles and sizes will be available in Las Palmas, so order in advance to avoid disappointment at worldcruising.com

Our online shop closes for orders in early September.

Programme in Las Palmas

The Rally is not just about sailing! There is a comprehensive programme of pre-departure activities for participants in Las Palmas.

Activities include:

- Welcome party
- Official Opening Ceremony
- Informative seminars
- Safety demonstrations
- Skipper Briefing
- Costume party
- Farewell party
- Sundowners
- Crew dinners
- Local tours
- Planting trees in the ARC Forest
- Kids' club for children aged 6-16
- Kids' Beach Party
- Family BBQ

We recommend that you arrive in Las Palmas in plenty of time to make the most of the great activities on offer and get the most out of the rally experience.

Most activities are included in the entry fee, and participants will be sent a provisional programme of activities with the email Rally Updates. It will also be posted in the Members Area of the website.

Tickets need to be purchased in advance, either online, or in the Information Centre & Shop.

Crew passes are required for all activities.



The Information Centre & Shop



The crew of Heartbeat² in their ARC Merchandise

Programme Highlights

Welcome Party

An evening reception to welcome participants to Las Palmas in style. With beautiful local tapas and plenty of local wine, in a stunning local venue.

Official Opening Ceremony

Rally participants are joined by local brass bands and samba bands to make a colourful, noisy and fun procession around the perimeter of the marina during the much-loved official opening ceremony.

Participants group together in their different nationalities before the procession begins.

You can volunteer to be the flag bearer for your country at the Information Centre & Shop (flags and poles provided!).

Following speeches by local dignitaries, the many flags are raised simultaneously to stand proud until the start day.

Safety Demonstrations

Run by World Cruising Club in association with Hamble School of Yachting, the safety demonstrations play an important part in preparing you for the crossing. They are an invaluable refresher for all skippers and crew.

The safety demonstrations start with a supervised flare firing demonstration; tips on emergency evacuation and boarding a liferaft; with guided practical sessions in the Club Varadero Maritimo swimming pool.



Have a go in the pool with a liferaft and survival techniques

Sundowners

These 'happy hour' drinks gatherings are held most evenings during the two-week programme of activities. Join us and meet fellow participants.

Costume Party

Every year there is a themed costume party which always delivers an evening of laughter that you won't forget. Let your imagination run away with you and have some fun in disguise! There are prizes to be won for best costume in various categories, it's a fun evening's entertainment for all the crew.

Closer to the date of the Rally you will be informed what costume theme has been chosen.

Seminars

A full programme of specialised seminars is organised in Las Palmas, designed to offer practical and informative advice for your Atlantic crossing.

These are free of charge and exclusively for rally participants.

Seminar topics covered typically include:

Downwind sailing: Setting up your boat for downwind sailing, use of preventers, guys, hull speeds and VMG.

Management of emergencies: An opportunity to think about what might go wrong and how you would handle it.

Provisioning: Advice on planning, what to buy, where to shop in Las Palmas and stowage.

Returning to Europe: Looking at all the different options for getting your boat back to Europe.

Rigging: Top tips on daily maintenance, common problems, and how to look after your rigging.

Visiting Saint Lucia: Saint Lucia Tourism Authority talk about what Saint Lucia has to offer, from beautiful bays and sandy beaches to zip wire tours, the Pitons and even a drive in volcano.

Route and Weather: Top tips from our resident meteorologist about what conditions to expect during the crossing.

Double handed sailing: A workshop for yachts with only two crew members. A great opportunity to swap ideas and discuss the logistics and apprehensions of sailing short handed. The workshop is followed by lunch.

Farewell Party

Held on the night before the start, this party is a great send-off for all crews. Drinks and beautiful local tapas served will be served during the evening.

Crew Dinners

Several crew dinners are organised at a restaurant in the Marina, a great way to enjoy a meal and meeting people from boats you may not have yet met. Booking required.

Local Information Rally Handbook



ARC Foresta Project

Since 2010, almost 3,000 native trees have been planted by rally sailors on the mountains above Las Palmas.

Managing the project is the Canaries based environmental charity Foresta. They ensure that the small trees planted by crews, will grow to become a true sustainable forest, linking areas of historic indigenous woodland to make a 'green cordon' around the mountain tops and restoring the native cloud forest eco-system.

Volunteers spend a fun half-day with Foresta, learning about the natural environment of Gran Canaria, and getting their hands dirty planting tree saplings.

The forest trip is suitable for adults and children and must be booked in advance.

Family Fun

Kids' Beach Party

An afternoon of fun games on the beach for all children under 16. A nice opportunity for children and parents to get to know each other.

Snacks and refreshments are provided. Children under 6 must be accompanied by a parent.

Family BBQ

An informal evening for all the family boats to get together, enjoy great food and chat about the adventures ahead! There's space for the kids to play and even a bouncy castle! Booking required.

Kids' Club (for children aged 6-16)

Kids' Club runs 09:00-13:30 during the week before departure, giving parents the chance to get boat jobs done.

The Club is run by a local youth activities group, who provide supervised visits to places of interest, and fun activities like paddleboarding.

Children must be registered for Kids' Club before arrival in Las Palmas - look out for details in the Rally Update emails.

Rock Painting

Although not in the official programme, rock painting has become a pre departure tradition in Las Palmas.

Get all the crew involved and leave a lasting memory of your time in Las Palmas on the rocks surrounding the marina!

Dinghy Race

The iconic ARC Dinghy Race returned to the ARC programme last year bringing scenes of joy and laughter to the marina in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

Go head-to-head with other crews in a light-hearted paddle race across the marina. Costumes are encouraged!



The crew of Perdika in the ARC 2025 Dinghy Race

Check-Out

Every boat must check out at the rally office before leaving Las Palmas.

Boats are given an allocated time and the process only takes a few minutes. It takes place before the Skippers' Briefing on the day before departure.

Yachts still waiting for crew to arrive can check-out on the morning of the start.

Skippers should come to the Rally check-out with the passports of everyone on the boat.



Rally Check-Out



Border Police

Crew may need to visit the Border Police before they depart, to be stamped out of the EU. This usually applies to crew with Non-Schengen passports (except Republic of Ireland) and is applicable whether they arrived by air or yacht.

Special arrangements are made for the Border Police to attend the marina at set times during the rally.

As requirements can change, we will confirm the latest procedures during the programme in Las Palmas.

Skippers' Briefing

The briefing is held in a large venue a short walk from the marina.

At the Skippers' Briefing, we cover all the details you need to know about:

- The start line location and timings
- Up to date weather forecasts
- Sailing instructions
- Rally communications & Radio Net
- What to do when you arrive
- Final lists of all the participating yachts, their communications details, and final handicap ratings are also given out at the Skippers' Briefing.

The Start - What to Expect

The rally start is one of the most spectacular sights in the world of sailing, so make sure you look around and enjoy it!

Details of the start line and timings are explained in full at the Skippers' Briefing.

A lot of planning goes into ensuring the start goes well, with the following measures being put into place each year:

- The start line is long enough for all boats to cross safely.
- Divisions have separate start times - multihulls start separately from cruising monohulls.
- The commercial port of Las Palmas is closed for movement of all other shipping.
- The start is strictly coordinated with the full support of the Spanish Navy, the Port Authority of Las Palmas and all the emergency services.
- A very large sailing area is clearly marked with spectator boats kept at a safe distance by a fleet of RIBs.
- The whole fleet listens on one dedicated VHF channel to avoid confusion.

**All skippers must attend the skippers' briefing.
One other person from the crew may accompany the skipper.**

Final week Checklist

Don't leave refuelling to the start day!
Fill up your water tanks when you get to your berth, and top them up every day rather than waiting until the last day

Sunday

Join in the Opening Ceremony flag parade.

Monday

Order all water and drinks, using the simple pre-order drinks service.

Order cold/frozen vacuum packed meat and cheese for delivery or collection on Saturday.
Buy or refill gas bottles (see Shop).

Tuesday

Buy and store all non-fresh food.
Buy or order medicines.

Wednesday

Leave your mark in Las Palmas with a rock painting.

Thursday

Last minute boat jobs and wash down.
Pre-prepare boat meals.

Friday

Early, buy fruit and vegetables at market; wash, dry and stow carefully.
Buy other fresh produce (cheese, eggs, etc.).
Prepare fridge/freezer for tomorrow's delivery.

Saturday

Delivery or collect cold/frozen produce.
Start seasick tablets or patches.
Check-out at the allotted time.
Attend the Skippers' Briefing.
Prepare meals for the start day.
Have a relaxing evening.

Sunday

Final check-out if crew have just arrived.
Top up the water tanks.
Final crew pictures.
Have a good sail and enjoy the adventure!



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Las Palmas Information

Local Information

Dialling Code: +34

Time zone: UTC (UTC+1 Summer)

Currency: € Euro

Emergency: 112

Useful Websites:

grancanaria.com

hellocanaryislands.com

lpavisit.com

Las Palmas Marina

Muelle Deportivo

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

Canary Islands, Spain

Location: 28°07'N 015°25'W

Open: Mon-Fri: 09:00-14:00, 16:00-19:00

Sat-Sun: 09:00-14:00

VHF: Channel 11 (07:00-22:00)

T: +34 928 214 750

Email: marina@palmasport.es

Website: marina.palmasport.es

Water: Potable

Power: See page 12

Book your berth in Las Palmas Marina

All boats need to email to book a berth in Las Palmas Marina, informing them of your estimated date of arrival (ETA). Please include your boat's length overall (LOA) and beam/width.

To book your berth, please email as follows:

Email To: marina@palmasport.es

Email CC: mail@worldcruising.com

Subject: ARC (or ARC+) Berth Reservation for [your boat name]

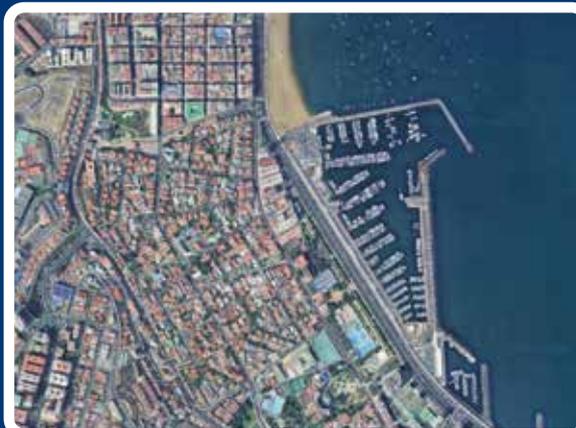
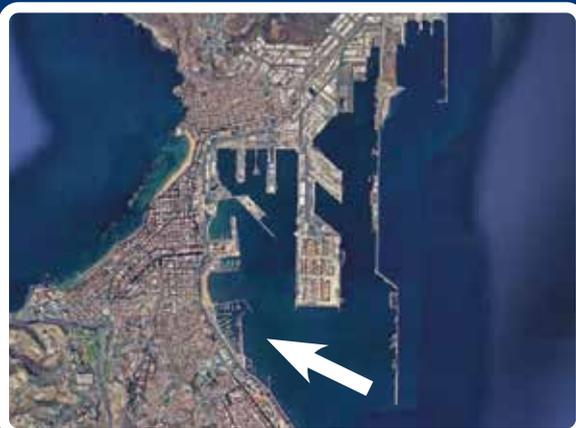
If you do not know your exact date of arrival you must email an approximate ETA to reserve your berth. We recommend that you reserve your berth well in advance and can do so anytime after **1st of July**. Any changes to your berth reservation must be notified to the marina without delay. The marina will charge berthing fees from the ETA date if they are not informed of a change in good time ahead of the previously notified ETA. Please also confirm your berth reservation including ETA one week before arriving.

All skippers should upload a copy of the following documents to the Members' Area of the World Cruising Club website:

1. Skipper's passport
2. Boat registration document
3. Boat insurance certificate

These will be supplied to Las Palmas Marina on your behalf. All documents must be uploaded by **30th of June**. See the **Preparations** section for further information.

Note: If you withdraw from the rally after arriving in Las Palmas, your boat will be required to vacate the marina. Berths are in high demand and not available for non-rally boats.



Approaching Las Palmas

Las Palmas Port Control:

VHF Channel 16 or 12 (monitored 24 hours)

Las Palmas Marina lies within the main commercial port of Las Palmas. For yachts approaching Gran Canaria from the north or north East, the first land to come into view is Las Isleta. The entrance to the port lies about two NM due south, and is protected by a 4km+ long breakwater.

The end of the breakwater only becomes clear when fairly close. The entrance to the port is marked by a green navigation mark which is located 500m to the south of the breakwater. You must pass to the south of this mark.

NOTE: Be aware of a smaller breakwater close to the shore, south of the marina entrance, which is well marked and lit.

There are often large commercial vessels at anchor or manoeuvring to the south and east of the port, which help to mark the position of the port, particularly when arriving from the south.

Yachts are required to make contact with Las Palmas Port Control on VHF Channel 12 at least one hour prior to arrival.

Yachts need to be aware of commercial traffic. High speed ferries also operate from the interior port. After leaving to starboard both the green flashing light at the end of long breakwater (called the 'Dique Reina Sofia') and the green flashing light on Muelle Leon y Castillo, which divides the exterior port from the interior port, yachts should make their way to the marina on the south-western side, which is protected by its own breakwaters.

The movement of all boats in the port is carefully monitored by radar and video surveillance by the Port Authority control tower, if you are in any doubt, contact Port Control on VHF Channel 12.

Entering the marina

Las Palmas Marina:

VHF Channel 11 (07:00- 22:00)

The marina entrance can be surprisingly difficult to pick out on approach, with the opening not becoming obvious until quite close in.

Before you enter the marina, you should call on VHF Channel 11. If no response proceed to the arrivals pontoon or fuel dock.

As you enter the marina, the Port Office and arrival pontoon are immediately on your port side. All yachts need to stop here and check-in at reception.

If arriving at night, come in to the marina, and tie up alongside the reception pontoon. Be aware that there may already be other boats on the pontoon and you may have to raft alongside overnight. Alternatively, yachts can anchor in the area just north of the marina entrance.

Towing

If you require a tow, contact Port Control on VHF Channel 12 when you are 2 miles off.

Assistance is only likely to be given if your position and situation is a danger to other shipping in the area. There may be a charge for this service.

Alternatively, sail to the anchorage by the entrance to Las Palmas Marina and arrange a tow in with Marina staff (during office hours.)

Entry Formalities

European Union regulations apply.

It is the skippers responsibility that immigration formalities are completed as soon as possible after arrival. Take your crew passports, boat and insurance papers to the Marina Office.

See Noonsite.com for full information on immigration and clearance formalities.

Arriving with Pets

You must declare your cat/dog or other pet when you arrive in Las Palmas.

Spain is a member of the EU-wide Pet Travel scheme (PETS). This requires all animals to have a pet passport, a current health certificate, valid rabies vaccination certificate, be microchipped for identification and to have been blood tested by a recognised veterinarian prior to arrival. For information on PETS, see europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/carry/animal-plant/index_en.htm

Also see Sailing with Pets in the 01. **Preparations** section page 73.

IMPORTANT - You will need to see a vet for a health certificate (export license) for taking your pet to Saint Lucia or Grenada, visit

Oficina de Sanidad Animal

C.Unión Castle Line s/n, Edificio FRIGOLUZ.
+34 928 9991 67/68.

sanimal.laspalmas@correo.gob.es

Open: Mon-Fri 0900-1400

You will need to take along your sanitary certificate issued by the vet. Please ensure you are aware of the requirements of this BEFORE arriving in Las Palmas.

Arrival Checklist

1. Report to the Marina Office on arrival. Check in at the marina reception where you will be allocated your berth.
2. Fill up with fuel. The fuel dock is located near the reception pontoon. Don't wait until start day to fill your tanks.
3. Make your way to your allocated berth. Most berths up to 24m have permanent sinker lines taken to the pontoons and these can be picked up with a boat hook when approaching the berth. Boats over 24m may need to use their own anchor.
4. Complete required clearance formalities. If arriving from outside the EU visit immigration and port authorities to obtain clearance.
5. Book a check-in at the ARC Office. The ARC Offices are located half way along the western side of the marina opposite Sailors Bar.

More information about rally check-in is given in on page 3.

Fuel Dock Opening Hours

Mon-Sat:0800-1800 / Sun: 08:00-14:00.



Sea dog Benji with his paperwork

Las Palmas Marina

marina
LAS PALMAS
Puerto Deportivo

Reception Opening Hours

Mon-Fri: 0900-1400 and 1600-1900

Sat-Sun: 0900-1400

Marina Facilities

Las Palmas Marina (or Muelle Deportivo) is completely separate from the commercial harbour, and within walking distance to the city centre. Many services are available on-site, including chandleries, boat yard and small grocery stores. (see A to Z of Marine Services).

It is important to remember that Las Palmas Marina is a public marina, and berth owners do not generally live on their boats. This means that facilities, although sufficient and clean, are not of the high standard found in many private European marinas.

There are several good quality bars and restaurants located along the western wall of the marina.

The marina charges all visitors for pontoon access cards. These are 5€ for stays <1 month, and 10€ per month for longer stays 1-6 months and are issued by the marina office.

Power

Dique Este (The wall):

With counter: 320V/220V, 64A/32A

Without counter: 220V, 32A

East side of T pontoon: 220V 32A

Pontoons K/L/Q/R/S & west side of T: 220V,16A

ARC Shuttle Bus

A free shuttle bus service around the marina operates Mon-Sat during the programme, simply flag it down.

Marina Charges Explained

Las Palmas is a public marina, affected by several local and national pricing laws, which might result in you getting three separate invoices (Berth Tax, Navigation Aids Tax, and Water/Electricity).

The amount charged to you is calculated using the area of your boat in square metres (length x width), multiplied by the stern-to or alongside rate. The fee is charged by day, not by night. This means that one night stay may be charged at two days. Prices are significantly less than those charged by many privately owned marinas. To calculate your rates see: marina.palmasport.es/calculator

Current rates (at February 2025):

Berth Tax and Navigation Tax:

Stern-to berths: €0.17 / day / m²

Alongside berths: €0.418 / day / m²

Daily Water & Electricity charges:

LOA 10-15m: €1.55

LOA 15-20m: €2.31 + 7% IGIC

LOA 20-25m: €3.08

Monthly Water & Electricity charges:

LOA 10-15m: €15.42

LOA 15-20m: €23.13 + 7% IGIC

LOA 20-25m: €30.83

Larger yachts (normally those over 65ft) berthing along the Eastern Wall ('Dique Este') are charged by usage:

Water: €4.62 x m³ & Electricity: €0,18 x kw/h + 3% IGIC

Example cost:

14m monohull with 3.5m width (= 49m² area), staying for 2 weeks berthed stern-to:

Berth Tax + Navigation Tax: 49m² x 14 days x €0.17 = €116.62

Water & Electricity: €1.55 x 14 days = 21.70 + 7% IGIC = €23.22

Total cost = €139.48



Showers

The permanent shower and toilet facilities in the marina are open 24 hours and can be accessed with magnetic key cards available from the marina office. Showers are serviced regularly every day, but, please advise the Marina Office staff immediately if the toilets or showers require attention.

Showers are located next to the fuel dock, opposite the Information Centre & Shop, in the Vela Latina area, and near to the northern exit ramp.

Dressing Your Boat

All rally yachts are asked to dress their boat with flags whilst in harbour, to create a festive atmosphere! Use a set of code flags and any special boat flags and your rally flag. Code flags can be purchased from worldcruising.com

Don't forget to fly your rally and Gran Canaria flags too!

Marina Security

Las Palmas Marina is a public marina with security provided by Las Palmas Port Police. The pontoons have lockable gates, but these are often left open by crew, so do not rely on this for security.

Lock your boat, and do not leave anything of value on deck or on the pontoon. If you have dinghies/ bicycles/scooters etc. ensure they are padlocked to the boat.

At the northern end of the Muelle Deportivo is an exit ramp, which is closed overnight. The main exit at the southern end of the marina is open 24 hours. Security patrols are normally more frequent at night.

Leaving your Boat

If you intend to leave your boat unattended in Las Palmas for a period of time, please make this clear to the marina staff and include details in your email to the marina reserving your berth.

We strongly recommend you explore the guardinage services available locally via chandleries and live-aboards. Also consider fitting an alarm, movement detector and light; and if possible, pull your boat away from the dock making it more difficult to board. We would also recommend telling the neighbouring boats of your plans.

Las Palmas Marina FAQs

Can I book a berth in advance?

Yes. You MUST contact the marina in advance with your ETA and requirements following the process outlined on page 9.

How are berths allocated in Las Palmas?

Berthing is allocated by the marina by size and arrival date. The largest monohulls (20m+ in length) are normally assigned berths stern-to, on the wall (Dique Este). The remaining fleet are berthed throughout the marina. Multihulls can be berthed in the Vela Latina basin, at the southern end of the marina.

Will I be rafted onto another boat?

This is a large marina, and each year room is made for the arrival of the whole fleet. Rafting up is not normally needed.

I have children onboard. Will families be berthed together?

As much as possible yes, depending on the size of boat and date of arrival. Multihulls with families cannot always be berthed with monohulls.

Is the water on the docks in Las Palmas Marina safe to drink?

Yes - tap water on Gran Canaria is desalinated and considered safe to drink.

If I want to go day sailing after I arrive, will my pontoon place be reserved?

Yes.

What happens if I withdraw from the rally?

If you withdraw from the rally after arriving in Las Palmas, your boat will be required to vacate the marina.

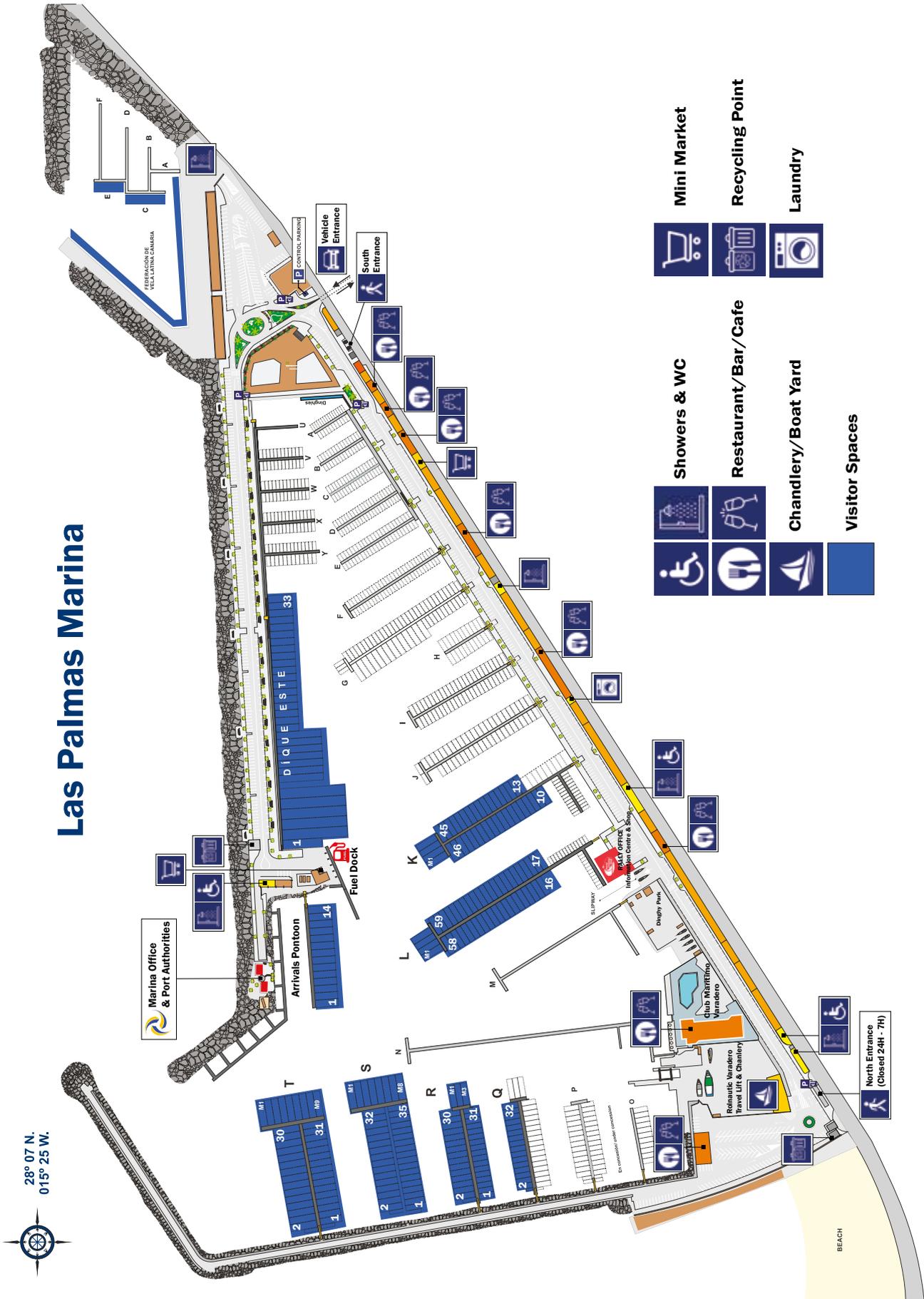
Do the pontoons have security gates?

Yes - you will need to purchase magnetic marina access card from the marina office - 5€ for stays <1 month, and 10€ per month for longer stays

How do you access the shower and toilets?

You will need to use your marina access card to access the facilities.

Las Palmas Marina



A to Z of Boat Services

Repair facilities on Gran Canaria are the best to be found in the Canary Islands, and most work can be carried out here. As local workshops are used to dealing with foreign yachts, some have been tempted to overcharge: Always insist on an estimate before any work is started and agree on the price and scope of work in writing.

The biggest concentration of workshops is in Urbanizacion El Sebadal, a large industrial estate on the peninsula north of the commercial harbour. There is normally a call out fee for any specialist called to a yacht, however large or small the job.

Keep us updated

The companies listed here have all been discoveries and recommendations of former ARC+ and ARC participants.

We try to keep the list updated as much as possible, but if you find new services in the city which you can recommend, or are disappointed by the service or level of work from any company listed here, please help future participants and let us know.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Plan Ahead

The repair services in Las Palmas are under a great deal of pressure during the rally and on the whole are slow to respond once the marina starts filling up with boats.

To get a job done promptly and efficiently we strongly recommend you arrive in plenty of time and book services in advance.

Rogue Traders

World Cruising Club does not share your details with third party companies.

From past experience we know that traders, with no authorisation to work in the marina, do offer their services to yachts on the dock. If you are approached by a company you think may not be licensed to operate in the marina, please report the details to the Information Centre & Shop.

Batteries

Rolnautic

rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811
Agents for Mastervolt and Vetus. Some held in stock, others can be ordered.



Flick Comercial y Maquinaria

grupoflick.com +34 928 289 088
Agents for Bosch. Excellent service.

Varta Canarias Euro Baterias

canariaseurobaterias.com +34 928 420 218

Outside of Las Palmas

Tudor

gbbaterias.es +34 928 133 89

Boatyards and Haulout

Rolnautic Varadero

rolnauticvaradero.com +34 928 296 811
70 ton lift for boats to 25m LOA in the marina and 150 ton travelift in the port. Full maintenance and repair facilities.

Astican Darsena Exterior

astican.es +34 928 479 211
Normally only haul out larger vessels (over 60 tons) and are therefore more expensive, those who have used this service found it excellent.

Outside of Las Palmas:

Marina Puerto Rico

puertoricosa.com +34 928 561 141
531 berth full service marina with fuel dock, eastern dock used mainly by visitors. Wide range of repair facilities, travelift and boatyard.

Arguineguin Cofradia

puertoscanarios.es +34 928 735 956
70 ton lift for boats to 20m. As a working port, Arguineguin has better repair facilities than similar places on other islands, and there are good mechanics available.

Pasito Blanco Marina

pasitoblanco.com +34 928 142 194
Travelift up to 64 tons and 22m long, plus full maintenance, repair facilities and very large hard standing with caretaker service.

Puerto de Mogan

puertomogan.es +34 928 565 668
70 ton travelift, owned by the fishermen's cooperative.



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Official ARC supplier 10% discount for rally boats with the Rolnautic Discount Card (given at check-in). Rolnautic stock a large range of yacht parts and equipment, including most of the required safety equipment. Agents for Ocean Safety, Echomax, Plastimo, Jabsco, Vetus, Magellan, Lewmar, ACR Beacon and Liros Ropes. Rolnautic are also the only authorised Yanmar dealers in Las Palmas.

Alisios Sailing Center

alisios.es +34 928 233 171

Opposite Club Varadero. Official dealer for Beneteau, B&G, Simrad, North Sails. Selden, Blue wave, Sta-lok, Harken, Lowrance, Armare Ropes, Alpha ropes. Blocks and other onboard items, rigging service, sail making & repair, electrician and electronics services.

AD Nautic

ad-nautic.com +34 928 243 994

In the city

AGB Almacenes

graubassas.com +34 928 460 044

Specialising in iron and steel, you can call to order so items are ready to collect.

Anidia

anidia.com +34 928 467 304

Wide range of INOX products, ropes, chains, anchors, fenders, fishing gear, general tools etc.

Outside of Las Palmas

APS Motor Center Warehouse

canarias.apsmotor.es +34 828 051 978

Volvo Penta dealer.

Leroy Merlin

leroymerlin.es +34 928 13 80 00

Obramat

obramat.es +34 928 853 000

Charts and Pilot Books

Mar Mare

marmare.es +34 928 296 352.

Suisca

suiscagroup.com +34 928 220 000

Dive Services & Underwater Work

Due to licencing conditions, only a limited number of companies are able to carry out hull cleaning or underwater work in Las Palmas Marina.

Ask in the Information Centre & Shop or online at:

marina.palmasport.es/directorio

Acosta Sub

acostasub.com Info@acosta-group.com

Electrical & Electronics

Alisios Sailing Centre

alisios.es +34 928 233 171

Agents for Simrad, Lowrance and B&G.

Electronic Anesco

anesco.es +34 928 369 444

Excellent stock of electrical and radio parts.

Electronica Naval Bridgecom

bridgecom.com.es +34 928 224 022

Agents for ICOM, Skanti, Koden, JRC, Neco, Navitron.

Etel SL

service@etelsl.com +34 928 463513

Agents for Yaesu, C.Plath, Hokushin & JRC. Autopilot, radar, radio, satcom, GPS repair.

Incosat (LED)

servicios@incosat.es +34 928 291 151

Jon Crouch Yacht Services

yachtserviceslaspalmas.com +34 609 388 355

Lopacan Electronics

lopacan.com +34 928 29 06 58

Nautical

nautical.es +34 928 474 020

Agents for Furuno, JRC, Robertson, Sailor, Trane & Trane. In the main port.

Radiopesca Muelle Pesquero

radiopesca.es +34 928 463 308

Agents for Icom, Motorola, Entel, Furuno, JRC, Koden, Sailor, T&T, Skanti, Neco, Navitron, Samyung, Simrad, Netwave, Rutter, Headway, AMI, Robertson, Scanmar.

Rodritol

rodritol.com +34 928 461 384

Rolnautic

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Agents for Garmin, Iridium, Raymarine & Simrad.

Servicio Electronico

servicioselectronicos.es +34 928 248 150

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Bentex

Luis Morode 42. Pare St. Catalina +34 685 384 684
Marine Audio

Engines - Diesel

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Only Authorised YANMAR Dealer

Mecanica Y Recambios Nauticos (M.R.N)

recambiosnauticos@gmail.com +34 605 975 107
Agents for Honda Marina, Highfield and Beta Marina.
Spare parts & accessories.

Nautica Motor

nauticamotor.com +34 620 410 782
English and German spoken. Agents for Yamaha.

Feroher

feroher.com +34 928 462683
Volvo Penta dealer. General engine repair, general
metalwork and rigging.

Jon Crouch Yacht Services

yachtserviceslaspalmas.com +34 609 388 355

Engines - Outboards

Rolnautic

rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811

Mecanica Y Recambios Nauticos (M.R.N)

recambiosnauticos@gmail.com +34 605 975 107
Agents for Honda Marina, Highfield and Beta Marina.
Spare parts & accessories.

Fernando Ruiz

sermenautic@gmail.com +34 649 204 019

Motonáutica Las Palmas

motonauticalaspalmas.com +34 928 180 694
Agents for Mercury.

Fibreglass

Pedro Medina

+34 928 461 480
Agent for Hempel Paints. Suppliers of fibres, resin,
painting tools, zinc anodes.

Alisios Sailing Center

alisios.es +34 928 233 171

Shipkeeper

shipkeepercanarias.es/ +34 611 738 831
General maintenance, tool hire and fibreglassing
services.

Fire Extinguishers

Inprecasa

inprecasa.com +34 627 575 272
Installation, inspection and maintenance of
firesafety equipment.



Communications systems

Gas (Propane and Butane)

There is no local filling service near to the marina. However, subject to local permissions, World Cruising Club plan to offer a 'drop off & collect service' in the week before departure for all suitable cylinders (see Note: below). Further information will be available in the pre-Rally updates and at the Information Centre and Shop.

DISA Logística

+34 928 136 400

Gas bottles can be refilled 09:00-11:00 on any weekday

Note: The only bottles that can be refilled are ones that can be connected without a fitting or adapter. Compliant bottles are French, Portuguese, Scandinavian, Nu-b and Jumbo as they all have a straight tab. Taxis will not take you to the DISA Logística depot (located behind IKEA, close to the airport), so you will need to arrange to hire a car for the day.

DISA - Escaleritas

disagrupo.es +34 682 256 109
Sell propane and butane.

Moeve Fuel Dock

Sells new Camping Gaz and 3.7kg Butane. Camping Gaz canisters can be exchanged at approximately €16.95 and €7.50 depending on canister size.

Rolnautic

Offer Camping Gas refill and exchange service during the ARC & ARC+. Exchanges are €18.50 and new canisters are €55.

Gas Technician

Francisco Delgado
pamedasa@yahoo.es +34 637 761 48

Gas Valves

Hidraulica Basilio
hidraulicabasilio.es +34 928 467024

Gas valves, hydraulic products and pumps.

Guardinage

Changes annually. Ask around, and check noticeboards in the marina for live-aboards who may offer this service.

Jon Crouch Yacht Services
yachtserviceslaspalmas.com +34 609 388 355

Generators

Rolnautic
rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811
Agents for Mastervolt, Westerbeke and Vetus.

Hydraulic Systems

Hidraulica Basilio
hidraulicabasilio.es +34 928 467024
Gas valves, hydraulic products and pumps.

Hydrogenerators

Ask in the Information Centre & Shop for support available in Las Palmas.

Liferafts and Inflatables



Liferaft Demonstration in Las Palmas

Rolnautic
rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811
Liferafts sale and service. If you require a service, plan ahead and book early.

Inprecasa
inprecasa.com +34 627 575 272

Tonogami Canarias

info@tonogamicanarias.es +34 625 086 295

Agents for Zodiac and Avon. Also supply Bombard and ACR. Offer discounts to rally participants.

Ocean Products Española

oceanproducts.es +34 928706672

Service agents for RFD, DSB, Viking, AFG and Plastimo. Inflatable repair. Good service but replacement items are expensive. Will collect and deliver in marina.

Metalwork and Welding

Sunny Yacht Service

sunnyqueen@abv.bg +34 654 125 558

Stainless steel & aluminium welding, biminis, sprayhoods & solar panel constructions, sail making, repairs, canvas, upholstery, wind generators, second hand items.

Feroher

feroher.com +34 928 462683

Contratas Metalurgicas

contratasmetalurgicas.com +34 928 465919

Specialist in nautical welding.

Paraffin

Ferreteria Dominguez Hijos

ferreteriadominguezhijos.com +34 928 260326

Plumbing

Central de Representaciones Canarias

centralderepresentaciones.com +34 928 240 638

Plumbing merchants and very friendly.

Pumps

Rolnautic

rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811

Agents for Flojet, Henderson, Jabsco, LVM, Rule, Shurflo.

Rodritol

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Agents for Jabsco.

Hidraulica Basilio

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Gas valves, hydraulic products and pumps.

Refrigeration

Rolnautic

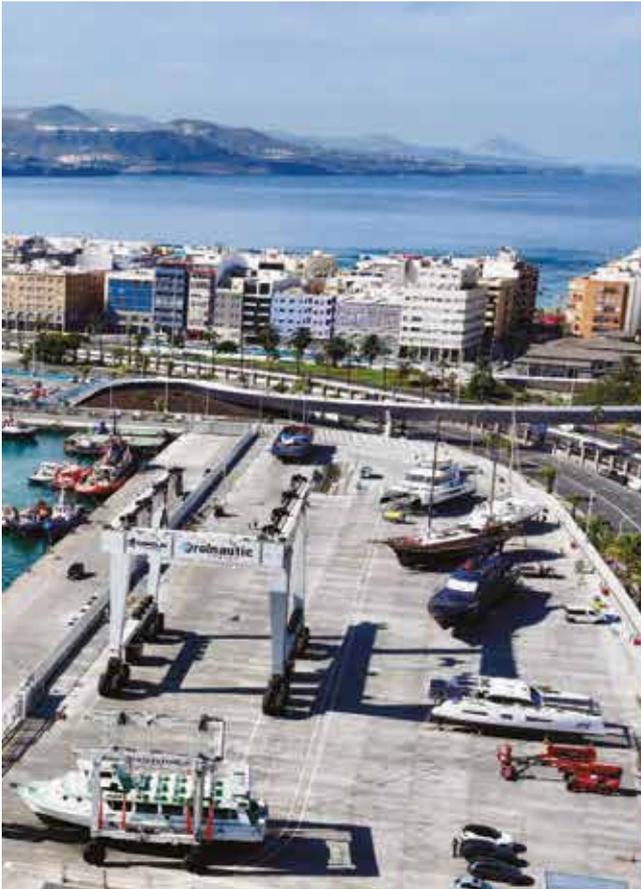
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Agents for Waeco.

Rodritol

rodritol.com +34 928 461 384

Frigoboat agent.



Services

Scaffolding and work towers - Anti-fouling - Boiler making with aluminum and stainless steel - Diesel - Electricity - Electronics - Plumbing - GRP and composites - Osmosis treatment - Hydraulic - Rigging - Water blasting - Mechanics - Metal - Sanding - Technical office - Painting - Polishing



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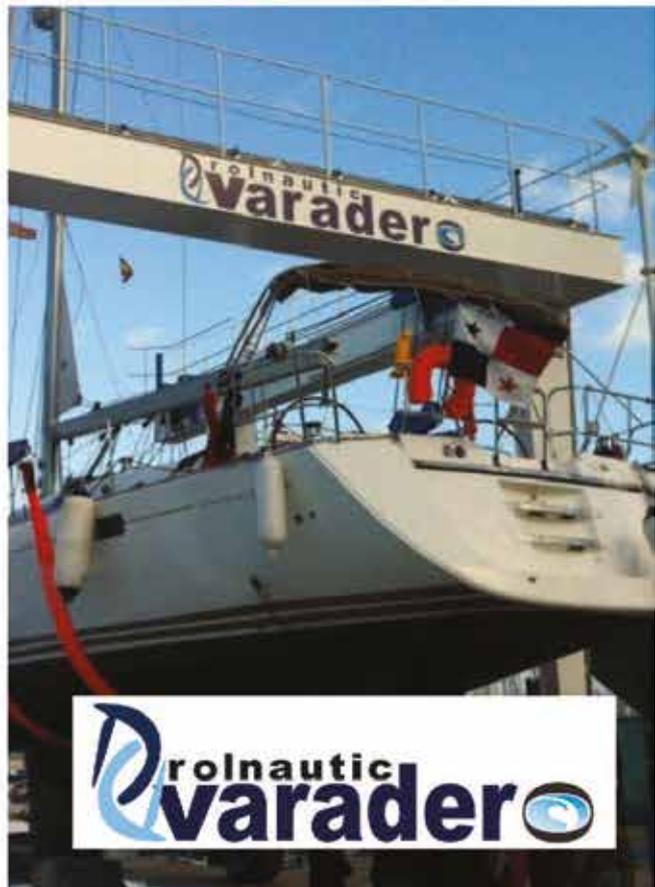
CIMOLAI 70
70T Travelift
Boats up to approx. 24 m
Precision handling & safe lifting



CIMOLAI 110
110T Travelift
Boats up to approx. 30 m
Heavy-duty & high stability



CIMOLAI 850
850T Super Travelift
Large yachts & commercial vessels
Maximum power & precision control



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Rigging

Alisios Sailing Center

alisios.es +34 928 233 171

The experienced rigging team from Alisios will be in the marina and available to visit your boat to give rig checks and advice during the build up to the start of the Rally. There is also a very informative Rigging Seminar during the two-week build up to the start. Alisios Sailing Center in the marina opposite Club Varadero. Alisios get very busy during the rally - we recommend contacting them in advance of your arrival if you require a rig check. See Rally Newsletters for details.



Alisios Sail Loft

Ocean Products Española

oceanproducts.es +34 928706672

Press for cables 4-32mm diameter, also swaged and Norseman terminals. Splicing, both wire to wire and wire to rope.

Sails

Alisios Sailing Center

alisios.es +34 928 233 171

Sunny Yacht Service

sunnyqueen@abv.bg +34 654 125 558

Sail making, sail repairs, canvas, upholstery, stainless steel & aluminium welding, biminis, sprayhoods & solar panel constructions, wind generators, second hand items.

Satellite Communications

Ask in the Information Centre & Shop for support available in Las Palmas.

SSB Radio

No installation services in Las Palmas.

Electronica Naval Bridgecom

bridgecom.com.es +34 928 224 022

Agents for ICOM, Skanti, Koden, JRC, Neco, Navitron.

Etel SL

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Agents for Yaesu, C.Plath, Hokushin & JRC. Autopilot, radar, radio, satcom, GPS repair.

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Agents for Icom, Motorola, Entel, Furuno, JRC, Koden, Sailor, T&T, Skanti, Neco, Navitron, Samyung, Simrad, Netwave, Rutter, Headway, AMI, Robertson, Scanmar.

Watermakers

Service technicians from Schenker (represented by Mactra Marine) will be in the marina and available to visit your boat. See the Information Centre & Shop for details.

Rolnautic

rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811

Agents for Spectra.

Windvane Self-Steering

Hydrovane are often represented in Las Palmas before the start of the rally. Contact head office:

will@hydrovane.com

Winches and Deck Equipment

Rolnautic

rolnautic.com +34 928 296 811

Agents for Lewmar

Alisios Sailing Center

alisios.es +34 928 233 171

Agents for Harken and Selden.

Technical Help and Support in Las Palmas

Several technical and service companies, as well as some of the yacht manufacturers, send a support crew to Las Palmas to help participants prepare their boat for the crossing.

Details of the companies who will be in Las Palmas ahead of the start will be published in the monthly rally updates and available in the Information Centre and Shop.

Check with the service provider in each instance before they commence work if there is a cost for their service, and if so, how much.

Correct Information

At the time of going to press (March 2026) all information published given was correct. However, businesses do close down, or move, and if you find any of the information has changed, please inform us at mail@worldcruising.com. Thank you.

A to Z of What's on Shore

Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation available in Las Palmas with several large hotels close to the marina, and a good choice of hotels throughout the city. Many apartments, villas and hotels are also available in the main tourist areas in the south of the island, about 50 minutes drive from the marina. November is still high season thanks to Gran Canaria's temperate climate - so we recommend booking in advance.

Hotels within walking distance of the marina:

Hotel Santa Catalina barcelo.com

Hotel Occidental barcelo.com

Hotel Fataga hotelfataga.com

AC Hotel Gran Canaria marriott.com

AC Hotel Iberia marriott.com

Casa Mozart myboutiquehotel.com

Alcaravaneras Hostel canaryhostel.com

Local Tourist Information staff are available in the Information Centre & Shop to help give you advice.

Also try international booking sites like booking.com and airbnb.

Bicycle Rental

Moxsi

moxsi.es

Offering convenient short-term bike rental around Las Palmas.

Cycle Gran Canaria

cyclegrancanaria.com +34 928 769 508

Offer longer rentals

Buses

See Travel Information on page 31.

Car Rental

See Travel Information on page 31.

Caterers

La Cocotte

comidaslacocotte.com +34 928 369 961

Gourmet catering service offering preprepared meals and can deep freeze.

FitFood Canarias

fitfoodcanarias.com +34 676 085 134

offer prepared, diet focused meals. Contact for order and delivery.

Chandleries

See A to Z of Boat Services page 15.

Computer Services

Atlantist Informatica

atlantistecnologia.com +34 928 292000

Very helpful and Luis Martin speaks English.

Banana Computers

tienda.bananacomputer.com +34 928 242 828

Beep Computers

beep.es +34 902 602 902

Batch PC

batch-pc.es +34 928 232 581

Manhattan Computer

manhattancomputer.es +34 928 240 090

Redes System

redessystem.com +34 928 240 155

Courier Companies

See pages 27-30 - Sending mail and packages to Las Palmas.

Customs Agents

See pages 27-30 - Sending mail and packages to Las Palmas.

Dentist

Dr Dario Castro Dental Clinic

Calle Pio XII No.67 (Rated 5 Stars 2025)

drcastro.es +34 928 246 854

Open: Mon-Thur 09:00-13:00 & 16:00-20:00

Fri 09:00-13:00 & 16:00-19:00

Dr Wafic Yactine

Clinica Dental +34 928 260 651

English and French, payment by cash only in advance of treatment.

Open: Mon-Fri 09:30-19:00.

Sat 10:30-13:30 (Emergencies only)

José Fernando

Larena-Avellaneda Mesa +34 928 24 72 29

Diving

For Hull Cleaning, see Dive Services & Underwater Work on page 17.

Buceo Canarias

buceocanarias.com +34 928 232 985

Recreational dive trips. Based in the marina near dock H.

LavySub

lavysub.com +34 928 232 530

Based in the marina, next to Sailor's Bay.

Fifo Diving Shop

fifodivingshop.com +34 928 300 194

Located in Sotavento Centre at the southern end of the Marina.

7 Mares

7mares.es +34 928 460 035

PADI courses, dive trips, spares, repairs and tank fills. Based near Hotel Melia on Las Canteras Beach.



Dressmaker / Embroiderers

Arregloss de Ropa

C.Alemania 28 Mon-Fri 08:00-13:00 & 16:00-19:00 .

Eating Out

Eating out in Las Palmas is enjoyable and inexpensive. There are hundreds of restaurants ranging from tapas bars and bodegas to Indian, Chinese, Japanese, pizza and pasta.

The majority of the restaurants are located near to Playa de Las Canteras in the north west of the City, a great place to people watch as you stroll along the seafront. In 'Vegueta', the old part of the City south of the marina, you can wander the narrow streets and sample a multitude of local cuisine amongst old palaces and wonderful traditional Canarian architecture. Visit the Information Centre and Shop for recommendations and directions.

The Canarians eat late. So if you want atmosphere, head out for dinner around 21:30-22:00.

Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency Ambulance: 112

EU nationals need a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to qualify for free medical treatment.

British nationals need a Global Health Insurance Card, available from the NHS.

Vithas Hospital Santa Catalina

vithas.es +34 928 297 151

The nearest to the marina, A good private hospital with translators available who offer 24hr service and work with most health insurance providers and accept the European Health Card.

Perpetuo Socorro Clinica de Urgencia

hposhospitales.com +34 928 499 900

Emergency Private hospital.

Inter Clinic

interclinic@telefonica.net

Private medical clinic with doctors that speak English, German, French and all Scandinavian languages. Will do yacht visits.

+34 928 278 826

Clinica Roca

hospiten.com +34 928 761 292

Based in San Agustin, on the south coast of Gran Canaria. The best-equipped medical centre for the treatment of foreign visitors, recognised by all major insurance companies.

Rally Office VHF Channel 77

Take-Out & Deliveries

Many restaurants are listed on food delivery apps, Glovo and UberEats, or order directly from their websites.

In and around the marina

Most of the marina's bars and restaurants are located along the western side.

ARC Sundowners most evenings in the dinghy park near the Information Centre & Shop.

Club Maritimo Varadero Private club with discounted temporary membership for rally participants. Enjoy a relaxing drink by the rooftop swimming pool. Club Varadero also houses

Restaurant Embarcadero, one of the best places to eat in the marina.

Pier 19 Probably the most stylish bar/restaurant in the marina, open from 08:30 serving food until late. Good coffee!

Sailor's Bay Participants' most popular bar, opposite the Information Centre and Shop. Value food and perfect Italian coffee at this 'no fuss' bar. Free WiFi if you buy something!

Barracuda Restaurant Always welcoming of rally participants. Specialising in seafood rices and paellas.

Barlovento 326 Café/Bar serving breakfast and lunchtime food.

Fishing Equipment

Distrimar

distrimarsl.es +34 928 295 674

Well stocked shop in the marina which will likely have everything you need.

BattleFish

battlefish.es +34 928 269 010

Gyms and Health Clubs

Club Maritimo Varadero

clubmaritimovaradero.com +34 928 24 99 19

In the marina, have a swimming pool, small gym, showers and sometimes offers spinning and aerobic classes. Discounted temporary membership available.

Hairdressers

South of the marina on C.Luís Doreste Silva and León y Castillo there are several hairdressers just a 10 minute walk away. El Corte Inglés (see Shopping) has a good, but more expensive salon.

Hardware shops

Several on n C.Luís Doreste Silva and León y Castillo.

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Internet and WiFi

Las Palmas Marina has WiFi, but the service is limited. It is better to enjoy a coffee and use the free WiFi at one of the marina bars:

Sailors Bay

Opposite the Information Centre and Shop. Free WiFi if you buy a coffee.

Club Marítimo Varadero

Discounted temporary membership available.

CanariasSmart

traveler.canariassmart.com +34 633 966 911
Mobile 4G & WiFi services, routers, modems and sim cards.

Knife Sharpening

Ferretería Mercado Central

C. Néstor de la Torre, 32, 35006 +34 828 190552

Laundry

Self-service laundry in the marina, opposite pontoon J, near Pier 19 restaurant. 4 machines and 3 dryers. Coins required. Washing machine €8 per 18kg & €4 per 11 kg wash. Dryer €1 for 6 min. Open 24 hours.

Self-service Canary Laundry

C. Montevideo, 81. Washing Machine: €7 per 18kg wash and €5 per 11kg wash. Dryer: €3 (18 kg). 20 minute walk from the northern exit of the marina.

Mobile Phones

There are many shops phone shops in the city, or visit El Corte Ingles (see Shopping). The main providers in the Canary Islands are Movistar and Vodafone. Orange also have some shops.

CanariasSmart

traveler.canariassmart.com +34 633 966 911
Mobile 4G & WiFi services, routers, modems and sim cards.

Phone Repairs

There are a number of phone repair shops in the central shopping district including the Phone Service Center in El Corte Inglés.

Money

City Money Exchange

citymoney.io +34 928 504 650

Passport Photographs

All crew will need to bring a passport-sized photograph for their crew pass. In Spanish, a Passport Photo is a "Foto Carnet" (pronounced 'foto karnay').

Photo booth Luis Doreste Silva, in the wall next to the Police Headquarters outside southern marina exit.

3D Copia is located opposite.

Photo Express

fotoexpresslaspalmas.es +34 928 231 144
Located behind the central market - 4 photos = €4.50

Pharmacies

Pharmacies operate on a rota system, so there will always be one nearby open 24 hours. The weekly rota is displayed on the door of every pharmacy.

Farmacia Valido Sanromán

+34928249091

South of marina on corner of Avenida Juan XIII and Alcalde Ramirez Bethencourt. Offer vaccinations, and can be contacted in advance to pre-arrange prescriptions.

Farmacia

+34 928 244 882

North of marina on Leon y Castillo 266 just before the swimming pool complex on the left.

El Corte Ingles

+34 928 272 600

See Shopping - has a pharmacy in the basement, Avenida Mesa y Lopez, 18

Play Areas

Parc Doramas behind the Hotel Santa Catalina, 5 minutes from the southern exit of the marina.

Playa de las Alcaravaneras at the northern end of the beach next to the marina.

Post Offices

For important information on how to send mail and packages to Las Palmas, see page 27-30.

The Spanish Post Office is called Correos. The closest post box (yellow) is near the southern exit of the marina.

Oficina de Correos

correos.es

Paseo Cayetano de Lugo, 21. +34 928 245 656
Open Mon-Fri 08:30-14:30

Bernardo de la Torre, 30-32 +34 928 263 372
Open Mon-Fri 08:30-20:30
(Inside El Corte Inglés)

Rubbish/Garbage and Recycling

Most items can be recycled in Gran Canaria, and there are many containers positioned around the marina. All other refuse should be securely tied in plastic bags and placed in the general waste containers near every pontoon.

Gas bottle and oil recycling containers are situated on the sea side of the roundabout by the fuel dock.

Shopping

Panaderia Levain

C. Pío XII, 84. Artisan bakery
Open Mon-Fri 0700-21:00, Sat-Sun 09:00-15:00/

In the Marina

Marina Minimarket on the western side of the marina stocks a basic selection of everyday goods, beers and wine, plus international newspapers, fresh bread & croissants.

Cepsa Fuel Dock in the marina. Fresh bread, milk, cold drinks, ice cream etc.

Markets

There are three markets selling fresh produce, open Mon-Sat 07:00-14:30.

Mercado Central

Avenida Nestor de la Torre. Open Mon-Sat 08:00-14:00. The best selection of fresh fruit and vegetables; as well as meat, fish, eggs, cheese and cured meats; bread and general groceries. There is a stall on the ground floor selling freshly ground coffee; on the first floor a stall selling fresh spices and herbs and an excellent Chinese stall. There is also a butcher (JP Rosper) who can vacuum-pack your meat as you wait. Several stands offer free delivery to your boat. Remember to get there early for the best buys. There is a Mercadona Supermarket on the second floor.



Fruiteria Chira is well worth a visit for organic produce

Mercado de Las Palmas

Mendizabal Street, 1 35001. On the edge of the historic Vegueta district. There is a section for fruit and vegetables and one for meat and cheeses.

Mercado del Puerto

C. Albareda, 76, 35008 next to commercial port.

Supermarkets

All the large supermarkets deliver free to yachts.

Alcampo

compraonline.alcampo.es +34 928 13 40 00
15 minutes drive from the marina, there is a large hypermarket with an excellent selection of durable fresh fruit and vegetables. Open 09:00-22:00.

Carrefour

carrefour.es +34 914 908 900
10 minutes drive from the marina, or catch bus 17 from the stop outside the marina entrance. Hypermarket offers free next day delivery if you spend at least €300. Good for bulkier items but not for chilled/frozen goods.
Open Mon-Sat 09:30-21:30.

El Corte Ingles

elcorteingles.es +34 928 263 000.
15 minute walk from the northern exit of the marina on the main shopping street Avenida Mesa y Lopez. Best quality and selection with many international brands. They provide free delivery to the marina (for orders over €100). Open 09:30-21:30.

El Corte Ingles Hipercor

elcorteingles.es +34 928 423 000
10 minute drive from marina on Avenida Pintor Felo Monzón. Much larger El Corte Ingles hypermarket with all of the same services as above but, bigger choice.

Hiper Dino

hiperdino.es
The closest are on Calle Luis Doreste Silva, 5 minute walk from the southern exit of the marina.

Lidl

lidil.es +34 900 958 311
15 minute drive from the marina. Av. Juan Carlos I next to Hospital GC. Open Mon-Sat 09:00-22:00.

Mercadona

mercadona.es
The nearest to Marina is Republica Dominicana, 8 (parallel to Mesa y Lopez). Or on the 2nd floor of Mercado Central, Avenida Nestor de la Torre. Open 09:00-21:30.

Spar

spargrancanaria.es
Calle Mas de Gaminde, 31 +34 928 234 604
Avenida Mesa y Lopez, 58. +34 928 472 932.
Open 08:30-21:00.

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Storage

Mudanzas Duparcq

mudanzasduparcq.es +34 928 278 714
Various sizes of containers available for storage.

Vermin Control / Fumigation

Faycanes

faycanes.es +34 627 173 558
Will deal with any type of infestation. Check call out charges before committing.

Swimming Pools

Club Maritimo Varadero

clubmaritimovaradero.com +34 928 24 99 19
Discounted temporary membership available for rally participants.

Club Metropole

cnmetropole.com +34 928 244 346
Located a short walk away from the marina, is a large sports complex with multiple outdoor pools. You will need to become a member of the club to access the facilities.

Veterinarians/Pet Doctor

Please also see page 11.

Clinica Veterinaria

+34 928 584850
Mesa y Lopez C.el Cid, 47. Speak English.
Open: Mon-Fri 10:00-13:30 & 17:00-20:30
Sat 10:00-13:30.

(Animal transport available +34 653 885 974)

Clínica Can

+34 928 240 773
C.Barcelona,10. 24h Clinic next to the market (5-10 minute walk from Northern end of the Marina).

Clinica Veterinaria De La Torre

clinicaveterinariadelatorre.com +34 928 248 008
Paseo Tomás Morales 94 (esquina con Carvajal).
Open Mon-Fri: 10:00-14:00 & Sat 17:00-20:00.



Sailing dog on ARC 2025

Yacht Clubs

Club Maritimo Varadero

clubmaritimovaradero.com +34 928 24 99 19
Discounted temporary membership available for rally participants.. A small club and a great place to relax. WiFi and great outdoor pool, gym and sauna.

Real Club Nautico

(Royal Yacht Club of Gran Canaria)

rcngc.com +34 928 234 566
10 minutes walk from the northern exit of the marina. The Club kindly open their restaurant to participants during the two weeks before the start. Crew passes must be shown to gain entry and participants are respectfully reminded that this is a private club and smart attire is necessary. No shorts or sandals are permitted to be worn by men in the evening. Children and pets are not allowed for dinner and must be supervised at all times. Regrettably, leisure areas of the club are not open to participants.



ARC 2025 Farewell Party at Real Club Nautico

Tourist Information

Representatives from the local tourist board are available everyday in the Information Centre and Shop to give you top tips on places to go, and things to do!

Visit Las Palmas

lpavisit.com

Gran Canaria Tourist Board

grancanaria.com

Tourist Information

Office +34 928 264 623
Parque Santa Catalina (20 minutes walk from the northern exit of the marina)

Sending Mail and Packages to Las Palmas

IMPORTANT - Please read the following information carefully before considering getting parcels or mail delivered to you in Las Palmas. It is vitally important you follow these instructions to select the most suitable method of post to minimise delays and prevent unexpected costs.

Import Regulations

Sending packages to Las Palmas takes more time than sending to other parts of Europe. It can also be more expensive, because you may have to pay additional customs payments.

The Canary Islands are part of Spain and a part of the European Union customs territory, but are subject to a different tax system (IGIC), which means all items are subject to customs clearances. This means that the sender **MUST** attach a Customs Invoice for ALL items shipped to the Canary Islands.

To ensure parcels are delivered correctly the Customs Invoice **MUST** contain the following information and be clearly displayed on the parcel:

- Description of the item/s being shipped
- The value of the shipped goods
- Full, correct delivery address
- Recipients email address
- Recipients telephone number
- Mark for 'Yacht in Transit'
- Included yacht registration number.

Ensure the person/company sending the parcel puts the correct address and information on the package.

Incorrect details on an item's address, invoice, or other paperwork will delay its release from customs, or it may not reach Gran Canaria at all.

Dangerous Goods

Items that are classed as IATA dangerous goods can't be sent to Las Palmas. These include but not limited to: aerosols, batteries of any kind, lifesaving equipment, fuels of any kind, cleaning products, parts containing oils or fuels, or used parts, flares, paint and pharmaceuticals.

Medical kits and medical devices cannot be accepted as they require Import Permits. Items such as these will need to be purchased in Las Palmas, see Local Information from page 24 for pharmacies, or ensure you buy items before leaving your home port.

IMPORTANT - The Marina Office will NOT accept goods on behalf of visiting yachts.

Size

Parts over 200cm long, 100cm wide, or over 65cm high cannot be accepted on the flights into Las Palmas, as they are too big for the aircraft operating.

If you send an item to the marina office using a regular post service or courier, it will be sent back to their local office in Las Palmas for a period (typically up to 30 days).

You will then have to make contact with them and chase it – which will be complicated and time-consuming. For regular post, items may be held at the Oficina de Correos P.º Cayetano de Lugo, 21. The closest post office to the marina.



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Las Palmas de Gran Canaria,
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FOR THE ARC**



Items arriving AFTER 28 October 2026

The following address can only be used when the rally office opens in Las Palmas:

Atlantic Rally For Cruisers (ARC)
EORI NR. ESN8266034A
[Yacht Registration Number]
[Boat name] – YATE EN TRANSITO
[Skipper's Name]*
Muelle Deportivo
C/ Joaquin Blanco Torrent
35005 Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
ESPAÑA

*This person will have to sign for and collect the package in Las Palmas and provide ID.

The ARC EORI NR. is ESN8266034A - this can only be used when there is a physical presence in the office in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria from 28 October 2026.

IMPORTANT - Any items sent that use this EORI number that arrive before the ARC Office opens will be returned to origin at the sender's expense by the courier.

Using a regular post service (Royal Mail, Correos, Deutsche Post etc)

If the mail is small, light, or not urgent - You can use the normal mail system ensuring the item is labelled correctly and is accompanied by a completed electronic CN22/CN23 document (These forms are available for you to download on the website of the national postal service in your country).

You will need to include the following information on your package:

- Contents
- Value
- Recipient contact telephone number
- Return address
- Details of sender/exporter
- Description and value of product in the invoice

Plus any additional information requested by the mail service you are using.

When you print out the shipping labels and customs documents, both will need to be secured to the parcel. Place the customs documents in a clear envelope or plastic wallet and attach them to the outside of the box, so that they can easily be checked upon arrival into the Canary Islands.

If an item requires additional customs clearance processing, the recipient will be contacted to authorise the Spanish Post (Correos) to carry out the import of the item on their behalf (or nominate a customs agent).

Make sure the details on the invoice reflect the true value of the item. The taxes and management charges will be calculated from this value, so avoid unnecessarily rounding up the value.

Courier Companies

Most global courier companies are managed locally by franchise businesses, which means their service can be inconsistent in different parts of the world. Our recommendations - based on recent experience and feedback from our staff and participants are:

DHL have been the most reliable courier.

FedEx process Customs clearance in Madrid, which can make deliveries complicated and delayed.

UPS least reliable in recent years.

Courier companies do not manage the Customs process and therefore may give you an (often expensive and unexpected) invoice to pay when you collect your item in Las Palmas.

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Customs Agents

If the item you are sending is heavy, large, valuable or urgent, a customs agent should be used.

Agencia de Aduanas Pedro Lopez

agenciaapl.es +34 928 277 500 or 658 789 536
administracion@agenciaapl.com

Agencia de Aduanas Pedro Lopez has been assisting rally participants for many years as a local customs agent in Las Palmas. They will manage the Customs delivery process so that you may not have to pay expensive Customs import taxes - which regular courier companies will not do, avoiding an unexpected invoice to pay when you collect your item.

Agencia de Aduanas Pedro Lopez should be contacted in advance of sending the package and will provide detailed guidance on how the accompanying paperwork should be completed. For the majority of parcels, you will need to prepare a commercial invoice describing the contents, which should include origin country and value, and then attach it to your consignment required by Canary Islands' Customs Authorities.

If you fail to do so, then they will return the consignment. Make sure the details on the invoice reflect the true value of the item.

Agencia de Aduanas Pedro Lopez typically charge a minimum of €60 as the cost of endorsement and payment must be made in cash.

Shipping Agents

Peters & May

petersandmay.com/arc +44 (0)2380 480 480
airfreight@petersandmay.com

For sending valuable/large items from the UK, consult Peters & May for advice. They can provide a tailor-made dedicated personal service, which will incur significant costs giving the rise in global logistics fees, but will provide reassurance. Items will still need to comply with IATA guidelines.

Peters & May work with Agencia de Aduanas Pedro Lopez in Las Palmas to ensure delivery.

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Autoridad Portuaria de Las Palmas

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Puerto Deportivo

www.marina.palmasport.es

Tlf.: +34 928 214 750
VHF: Ch11
marina@palmasport.es

Travel Information

Airport and Airlines

Many airlines fly direct to Gran Canaria from all over Europe. The island's only airport is about 20kms (30 minutes drive) south from Las Palmas city centre and Las Palmas Marina.

Gran Canaria Airport (LPA)

ena.es/en/gran-canaria-airport

Main	+34 928 579 130 (multi-lingual)
Flight Information	+34 928 579 538
Reservations	+34 928 360 111

Airlines flying to Gran Canaria include scheduled and charter operators.

Aer Lingus	aerlingus.com
Air Europa	aireuropa.com
British Airways	britishairways.com
Easyjet	easyjet.com
Iberia	iberia.com
Jet2	jet2.com
Lufthansa	lufthansa.com
Norwegian Air	norwegian.com
Ryanair	ryanair.com
SAS	flysas.com
Transavia	transavia.com
TUI	tui.com

Binter, Canary Fly & AirEuropa operate flights between the Canary Islands - see page 33.

Buses

The city bus service provides several bus routes to take you from one end of Las Palmas to the other, whilst the Global (Utinsa and Salcai) bus lines have routes covering the whole of the island guaguasglobal.com

From the airport there are regular buses to the marina which will take about half an hour (longer at peak traffic times). Use Bus No 60 and alight at Juan XXIII. Bus No 12 (fast) and No 1 (stopping) link the two parts of Las Palmas. The nearest bus stop is on the main road outside the marina and the routes run all the way into the city centre, while in the other direction (south) it stops near the Central Bus Station (Estación de Guaguas Municipales).

Ask in the Information Centre & Shop for a timetable and route map.

Tickets for city buses can be bought from the driver at a flat rate of €1.40 approx for a single ticket. Or you can buy a ticket valid for one journey ("Bono guagua"), at a reduced price, available from local kiosks and supermarkets.

Car Rental

Approximate cost for daily car hire: €40.

Dolar Rent a Car

info@dolarcar.es

+34 928 228 165

As the official vehicle rental supplier for the ARC, local supporters Dolar Rent a Car are the only company that are permitted to operate from Las Palmas Marina during the rally, and you'll find their helpful staff positioned in the Information Centre & Shop every day. Their vehicles can be collected from the airport on arrival, and you can conveniently leave your car in the marina at the end of your rental.

Driving Directions from Las Palmas Airport to the marina

It is a fairly easy 35 minute drive from the airport to the marina. Leaving the airport, follow signs north for Las Palmas. The main highway follows the coast all the way up. Turn off when you see a green sign saying 'Avda Juan XXIII'. You will see the marina directly below you on your right – As you turn off, turn immediately west (round the white monument roundabout, then after 100m or so, follow the one way system back round to your right. The main entrance to the marina (Muelle Deportivo) is just ahead, on the right at the T-junction.

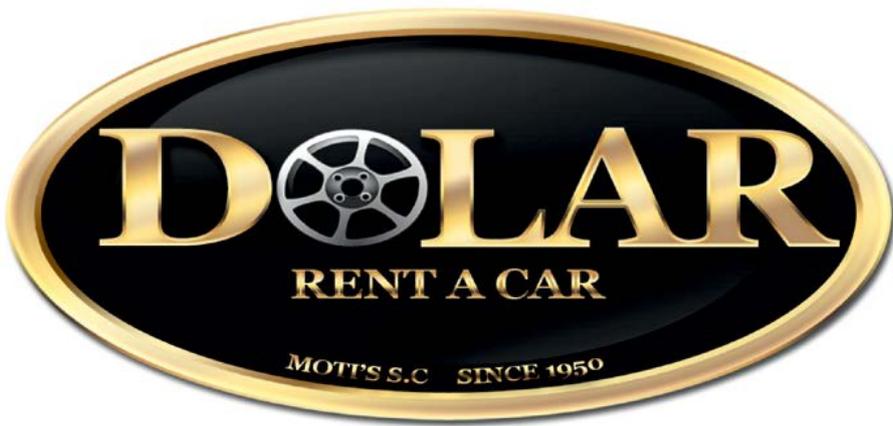


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Avis avis.es	+34 928 265 572
Cicar cicar.com	+34 928 277 213
Hertz hertz.es	+34 929 463 738

Airport car rental companies

Avis avis.es	+34 928 579 578
Cicar cicar.com	+34 928 579 378
Europcar europcar.es	+34 928 574 292
Hert hertz.es	+34 928 579 577

Car Parking in the marina

Only park in designated parking spaces, even if you are just unloading, or you risk your car being towed away.

If you have a rental car take your ticket to the attendant in the container by the tunnel before trying to exit i-n your car.

Taxi

Taxi Airport	+34 626 848 484
Radio Taxi Insular	+34 928 460 000
Eurotaxi	+34 928 469 000

A taxi ride from the airport into Las Palmas costs around €35 depending on the time of day.

Uber is not yet available in Las Palmas, but taxis are cheap and easy to find. Vacant taxis have a green light on the roof, and a sign in the windscreen saying 'Libre'. During the rally, you will often find them available within the marina.

The marina is known locally as the Muelle Deportivo (pronounced 'mwee-ay deporteevo').

Travel Agencies (Local)

Viajes El Corte Ingles +34 928 272250
Mesa y Lopez 18 – 2nd floor. Open Mon-Fri: 09:30–21:30. English, French and German spoken and can help with local Canarian travel bookings, international travel and local accommodation.

Travel between the Canary Islands Airlines

Inter-island flights are reasonably-priced and frequent.

Binter bintercanarias.es	+34 902 391 392
Canary Fly canaryfly.es	
AirEuropa aireuropa.com	

Note that Tenerife is the only Canary Island with two airports – one in the south, where most inbound International flights arrive, and a smaller airport in the north, from where most inter-island and domestic flights depart. Travel between the two airports is easiest by bus, but takes time!

Inter-island Ferries

Frequent and reliable ferry services operate amongst the islands. Ferry timetables vary and they are often more expensive than flying.

Fred Olsen fredolsen.es	+34 902 100 107
Armas navieraarmas.com	+34 928 300 600

Ferries from Mainland Spain

Trans Mediterranea
trasmediterranea.es
Operate from Cadiz, Spain to Las Palmas.

Sailing

Sailing between the islands is a great way to get some overnight practice in before the rally starts if you have time! Winds are generally from the northeast, making it a relatively smooth overnight run down to Las Palmas from Fuerteventura or Lanzarote (about 110 miles).

Useful Spanish Words

Advice for speaking Spanish

In general, Spanish words are all pronounced phonetically - exactly as they look. The accent falls on the second-to-last syllable, unless there are accented letters in the word. Double L (ll) is always pronounced 'y', and the letter 'j' sounds more like the English 'g', said from the back of the throat.

The Canarian accent sounds almost more Cuban than it does the Spanish of mainland Spain, and you will be loved by the locals for saying the word for 'thank you' ('gracias'), pronouncing the 'c' more like a 'z', instead of saying it 'grathias'. The Canarians are very patient and appreciative of people who try to speak a few words of their language, so take it slowly and give it a go. Many of the ARC staff in Las Palmas are multi-lingual, and several are fluent in Spanish, so if you need help don't hesitate to ask.

Nautical Terms

Anchorage	Fondeadero
Berth	Atraque
Boatyard	Astillero / varadero
Bottled gas	Cilindro / Botella de gas
Breakwater	Muelle / Rompeolas
Broken	Averiado/a
Buoy	Boya
Chandlery	Proveedor de buques
Charts	Cartas náuticas
Customs	Aduana
Depth	Profundidad
Diesel	Diesel / Gasóil
Electricity	Electricidad
Gale warning	Aviso de temporal
Harbourmaster	Director del puerto
Marina	Puerto Deportivo
Mechanic	Mecánico
Petrol	Gasolina
Pontoon	Pantalán
Port Office	Capitania
Repairs	Reparaciones
Sailmaker	Fabricante de vela
Storm	Temporal

Travel lift	Grua
Weather forecast	Boletín meteorológico
Wind	Viento

Parts of the boat

Beam	Manga
Boom	Botavara
Bow	Proa
Cabin	Camarote
Catamaran	Catamarán
Cockpit	Bañera
Crew	Tripulante(s)
Deck	Cubierta
Draught	Calado
Flares	Bengala(s)
Genoa / Foresail	Genova / Foque
Halyard	Driza
Hull	Casco
Keel	Quilla
Length (overall)	Eslora (total)
Lifeboat	Bote salvavidas
Lifejacket	Chaleco salvavidas
Mainsail	(Vela) mayor
Mast	Palo
Monohull	Monocasco
Multihull	Multicasco
Port	Babor
Rope	Cabo
Rudder	Timón
Sail	Vela
Sailing boat	Barco de vela / yate
Shackle	Grillete
Sheet (rope)	Escota
Spinnaker	Espinaquer ('espi')
Starboard	Estrabor
Stern	Popa
Tools	Herramienta(s)
Kicker / Vang	Vang
Winch	Winch



Emergencies

Mayday.....	Mayday
Pan Pan.....	Pan Pan
Emergency.....	Urgéncia
Present position.....	Situación actual
(Very) urgent.....	(Muy) urgente
Not understood.....	No comprendido
Collision.....	Colisión
Man overboard.....	Hombre al agua
Holed.....	Desfondado
Fire.....	Fuego
Dismasted.....	Desarbolado
Broken rudder.....	Timón averiado
Broken keel.....	Quilla averiado
Engine failure.....	Fallo de motor
Electrical failure.....	Fallo eléctrico

Greetings

Good morning.....	Buenos días
Good afternoon.....	Buenas tardes
Good evening.....	Buenas noches
Hello.....	Hola
Goodbye.....	Adiós
How are you?.....	Qué tal / Cómo estás?
Very well.....	Muy bien
Please.....	Por favor
Thank you.....	Gracias
See you later.....	Hasta luego
See you tomorrow.....	Hasta mañana

Questions

How much.....	Cuanto cuesta / vale?
Do you speak English?.....	Hablas Ingles?
Yes, I do/No, I don't.....	Si puedo / No puedo
I speak a bit/a little bit.....	Hablo un poco/un poquito
I understand a bit.....	Entiendo un poco
Pardon? I did not get it....	Como? No entiendo
Speak more slowly, please.....	Puedes hablar más despacio, por favor
Say it again, please.....	Lo puedes repetir, por favor
Excuse-me, where is the?.....	Por favor, donde esta el?
Where is the toilet?.....	Donde estan los servicios?
Where is there a pharmacy?.....	Donde hay una farmacia?
Where is the post office?.....	Donde esta la oficina de correos?

Places and Things

Beach.....	Playa
Bus.....	Autobús/Guagua
Car Hire.....	Alquiler de coches
Laundry.....	Lavandería
Lavatory / Toilet.....	Servicios / baños
Post Office.....	Correos
Shops.....	Tiendas
Showers (washing).....	Duchas
Supermarket.....	Supermercado
Water (drinking).....	Agua (potable)
Yacht Club.....	Club náutico
Yes / No.....	Si / No
Left / right.....	Izquierda / Derecha



Supporting the shores that welcome us

The **Positive Impact Fund**, launched by World Cruising Club in 2025, was created with a simple but powerful goal: **to support communities and local charities in the destinations visited by our rallies around the world.**

As sailors, we are privileged to experience some of the most beautiful and remote places on the planet. The Positive Impact Fund ensures that, wherever our fleets arrive, they leave behind more than memories — they leave a meaningful and lasting contribution.

During the **2025–26 Caribbean sailing season** alone, **approximately £15,000** have been raised through generous contributions from World Cruising Club, past and present rally participants, and valued industry partners.

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