



# LOCAL INFORMATION

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## Sint Maarten

### Local Information

Dialling Code: +1 721

Time zone: UTC -4

Currency: Caribbean Guilder (XCG),  
USD and EUR accepted

Police and Fire: 911 and 919

Ambulance: 912

Useful Websites:

[vacationstmaarten.com](http://vacationstmaarten.com)

[st-martin.org](http://st-martin.org)

[yachtingstmaarten.com](http://yachtingstmaarten.com)

## Approaches to Sint Maarten

The entrance to Simpson Bay lagoon is located on the South West coast of Sint Maarten. Ensure you give Pelican Pt. a wide berth to clear the reef off it's SE side. Entrance to the lagoon is via a narrow passage spanned by a bridge.

Both sides of the island use the IALA-B (red right returning) buoyage system.

### Simpson Bay Bridge Pilotage Information

Note bridge times when planning entrance and exit of the lagoon - [portstmaarten.com](http://portstmaarten.com)

- Bridge width max 55ft (16.75m)
- Bridge clearance when closed 8ft (2.4m) – varies with tide
- Water depth at entrance channel is 19.5ft (6m)

The police station, immigration, and the port clearance facility are based at the bridge.

There is also a bridge fee, for entering and leaving the lagoon. This starts at US\$7 (depending on LOA).

### Simpson Bay Bridge

VHF Ch12

+1 721 545 5230 or +1 721 545 3183

## Entry Formalities

After docking/anchoring in the lagoon, skippers should immediately come to the free clearance dinghy dock Simpson Bay Bridge, adjacent to the channel into Simpson Bay Lagoon.

Immigration and Port Clearance are located in the Police Station adjacent to the channel into Simpson Bay Lagoon. In high season it is open 08:00-16:00, 7 days a week. Take bridge clearance and mooring fees receipts and your crew list, passports and vessel registration.

Once done at Immigration proceed to the SLAC office to pay the required fees. For anchoring or mooring in Simpson Bay or inside the Dutch side of the Lagoon there is a weekly fee to be paid, starting at US\$20 for boats up to 13mt. There is a minimum of one week to be paid.

Note: All vessels must clear in/out with Customs & Immigration when sailing between the Dutch & French sides of the island.

## Visas

The majority of nationalities do not require a visa to enter St Maarten. EU, USA, Canadian, British and Australian nationals do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days within a 180-day period.

Dutch and US nationals can stay up to 180 days within a year without a visa. A list of visa exempt countries is available at [embassies.net](http://embassies.net)

## Customs & Immigration

The Immigration Department is in the Police Station located adjacent to the channel into the Simpson Bay Lagoon. In order to clear in and out of the Sint Maarten, you will need the following:

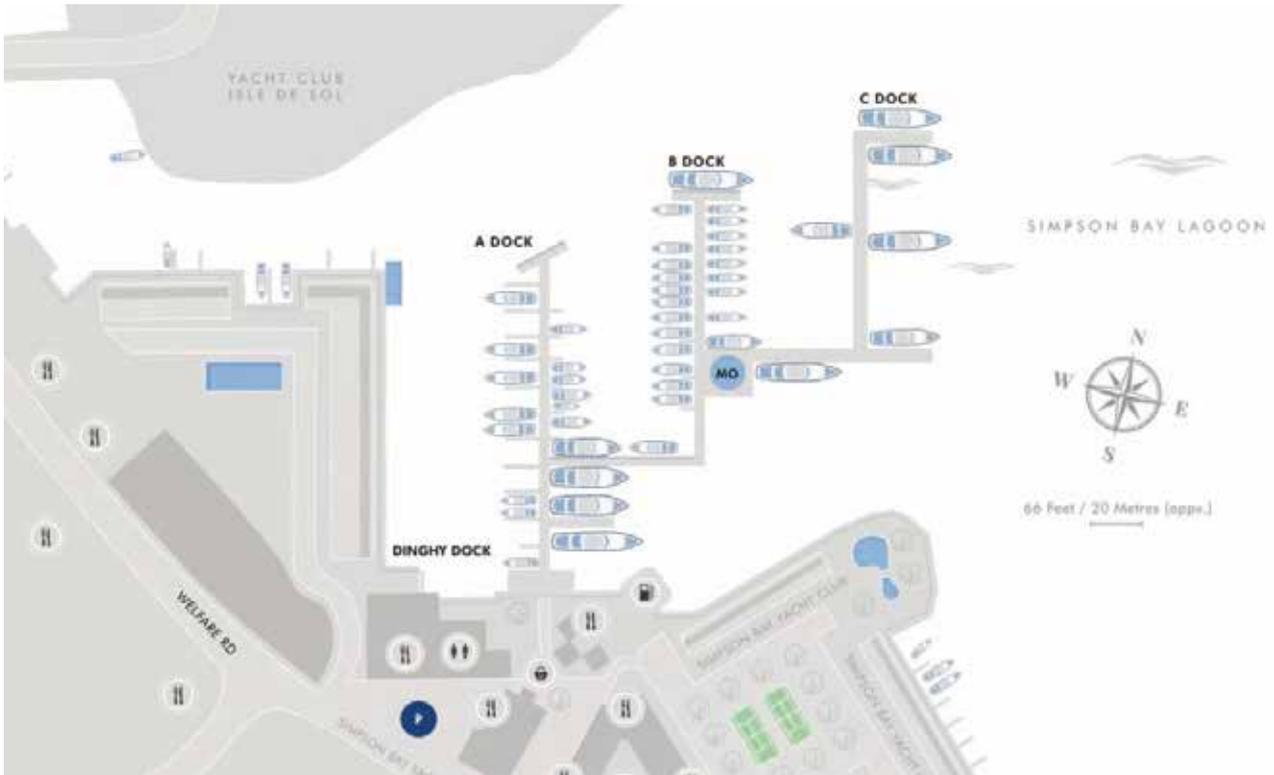
- Three (3) copies of the Immigration Form
- Three (3) copies of the Crew List
- One (1) Copy of the Customs Declaration Form
- One (1) Customs Monetary Declaration if in possession of funds in excess of \$9,999USD
- Valid Ship's Registry
- Clearance document from last port

Customs opening hours: Mon-Fri 08:00 to 18:30  
(Closed from 11:45 to 14:00) +1 721 542 1000  
Immigration Opening hours: Mon-Sun 07:00 to 20:00.

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## IGY Simpson Bay Marina **A**



## IGY Yacht Club Isle de Sol **B**





### Arriving with Pets

When entering Sint Maarten with your pet(s) you will need an import permit prior to traveling to St. Maarten. See [noonsite.com](http://noonsite.com) for further details. Also see Sailing with Pets in the O1. Preparations section page 73.

### ARC Europe in Sint Maarten

IGY Marinas offer specially discounted rates for ARC Europe participants in Simpson Bay Marina (A) which is located just behind the Isle de Sol Marina (B), which is on your starboard side as you enter the lagoon.

Simpson Bay Marina is conveniently positioned just inside the Simpson Bay Bridge. Yachts will moor alongside a floating pontoon. Complimentary access to gym, pool and tennis court. Shore power at is USA 60Hz.

Other marinas are also available within the bay which ARC Europe participants may wish to utilise (Yacht Club Port de Plaisance, Lagoon Marina, Island Water World Marina and Palapa Marina).

### Reservations

Simpson Bay Marina has asked that you email your ETA in advance of your arrival to ensure your berth is ready. Please email them on [sbm@igymarinas.com](mailto:sbm@igymarinas.com), and include "ARC Europe - Boat Name" in the subject line of your email.

### Contacting the Marina

The IGY Marina team will pick up from the bridge call on VHF Ch16 and ask boats to switch to a working channel. You will then be escorted by the IGY RIB to Simpson Bay Marina.

### IGY Simpson Bay Marina A

**Welfare Road #68, Simpson Bay,  
St.Maarten, Dutch Caribbean**

**Location: 18°02'N 63°05'W**

**Open: Mon-Fri: 07:00-18:00  
Sat-Sun: 07:00-19:00**

**VHF Ch16 / 79A**

**+1 721 544 2309**

**Email: [SBM@IGYMarinas.com](mailto:SBM@IGYMarinas.com)**

**Website: [igymarinas.com](http://igymarinas.com)**

**Water: Potable**

**Power: 30/50/100 amp SP, 100 amp 3P**

### IGY Yacht Club Isle de Sol B

### Fuel on arrival

Yachts are advised to take fuel on arrival at Island Water World, as re-fuelling is not available at Simpson Bay Marina, and is at too high pressure at Isle de Sol.

### Deliveries

Mail and packages can be sent care of the marina office. Items sent to yachts should be addressed to the yacht and clearly marked 'Yacht in Transit'. There is no postcode, so if you are required to provide one this should be 0000.

[Boat Name] Yacht in Transit  
Yacht Club at Isle de Sol  
Airport Road, Simpson Bay  
St Maarten, Dutch Caribbean

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyards

#### IMM – International Marine Management

[imm-yachting.com](http://imm-yachting.com) +1 202 255 7488

Based at Isle de Sol. Full range of services available including painting, composite/carbon, teak, electric, hydraulic, metalwork, refrigeration/HVAC.

#### Bobby's MegaYard

[bobbysmarina.com](http://bobbysmarina.com) +1 721 542 2366

Professional full service shipyard providing well recommended haul out services in Sint Maarten. Located just beyond Island Water World in Cole Bay.

### Chandlery

#### Budget Marine

[budgetmarine.com](http://budgetmarine.com) +1 721 544 3134

Carries the largest selection of marine products in the Caribbean. Located in Cole Bay at the far eastern end of the Simpson Bay Lagoon you can visit by land or sea. Duty free pricing for visiting yachts.

#### Island Water World

[islandwaterworld.com](http://islandwaterworld.com) +1 721 581 8461

Island Water World have a store in Cole Bay and in Phillipsburg on the Dutch side. They also have a store on the French side in Marigot (+590690711160). Duty free pricing for visiting yachts.

### Diesel Engines & Service

#### Caraibes Diesel Services +590 690 76 96 52

Located in Marigot for Volvo Penta, Northern Lights & Caterpillar.

### Dive Services

#### Cylipso Diving

[cylipsodiving.com](http://cylipsodiving.com) +1721 527 9959

Hull cleaning, small underwater repairs, anode changes, anchor retrieval etc.

### Electrical and Electronics

#### Atlantis Marine

[atlantismarinecarib.com](http://atlantismarinecarib.com) +1 721 544 3788

Located near Budget Marine in Cole Bay. Agents for Raymarine.

#### Electec

[electec.info/](http://electec.info/) +1 721 544 2051

Sell electric and electronic products, parts and services for land and marine in Cole Bay. Marine electrical services and repair, water makers and wind generators.

#### FD Marine Services

[contact@fdmarineservices.com](mailto:contact@fdmarineservices.com) +1 721 523 06 91

Electrical and electronic installations, marine systems maintenance.

#### Nomad Marine Solutions

[info@nomadsxm.com](mailto:info@nomadsxm.com) +1 721 527 3494

From marine electrical, to solar and lithium upgrades, to refit management of your summer haul out, the team at Nomad will work with you to achieve the best possible result.

#### Necol Marine Electronics

[necolelectronics@gmail.com](mailto:necolelectronics@gmail.com)

Necol provides service and sales for marine navigation and communication equipment. Serving the Caribbean for over 35 years.

#### Tradewind Marine Electric

[tradewindmarineelectric.com](http://tradewindmarineelectric.com) +1 721 524 1907

Batteries, solar panels, custom fabrications, alternators, inverters and air conditioning. Based in Blue Pearl Marina.

### Fuel

#### Island Water World

Call VHF Ch.74 in advance. Open Monday to Saturday. Fuel delivery by vehicle is available in the marina for boats unable to visit IWW fuel dock due to draft constraints (8ft/2.43mt). This will be coordinated by IGY marina office at an extra fee.

### Gas (Cooking)

#### Budget Marine (see Chandlery)

#### Island Water World (see Chandlery)

For Camping Gas, Island Water World store on the French side, provides bottles exchange.

#### Gas King

+1 721 542 0355

Sells LPG Tanks, regulators and fittings and valves. Based in Philipsburg.

### Liferafts

#### Life Rafts Etc.

[lifteraftsetc.com](http://lifteraftsetc.com) +590 690 744 330 (French)

+1 721 586 0660 (Dutch)

Sales and servicing of liferafts, lifejackets, RIBO, immersion suits, EPIRB, Jon buoys, pyrotechnics. Based in Marigot, Saint Martin (French). For servicing, we recommend to book in advance.



## Outboards

**Yamaha Outdoorworld** +1 721 544 5138  
Blue Pearl Marina, Cole Bay.

**Island Water World** (see Chandlery on page 6)  
Honda NS Marine and Yamaha

**Budget Marine** (see Chandlery on page 6)  
Tohatsu

**SAD/Madco** +590 590 51 05 40  
Mercury. In Colebay (next to Island Water World)

**FKG** (see Rigging on page 7)  
Suzuki

## Refrigeration and air-conditioning

**Titan Marine**  
[titanmarineair.com](http://titanmarineair.com) +1 721 550 2853  
Refrigeration, airconditioning and watermakers.  
Located in Lagoon Marina.

## Rigging

**F.K.G. Yacht Rigging & Marine Fabrication**  
[fkymarine.com](http://fkymarine.com) +1 721 544 4733  
FKG are agents for every rigging hardware manufacturer in the world and have a machine shop which can produce any custom fabrication request.

**IMM – International Marine Management**  
- see Boatyards on page 6.

## Sail & Canvas Repairs

**Tropical Sail Loft**  
[tropicalsailloft.com](http://tropicalsailloft.com) +1 721 544 5472  
Based in Cole Bay Lagoon Marina. Sales, servicing and repairs. North Sails agent.

**St. Maarten Sails & Canvas** +1 721 544 5231  
Can undertake all canvas work and repairs. Located opposite Island Water World.

**Sew Nauty – canvas**  
[sewnautisxm@gmail.com](mailto:sewnautisxm@gmail.com)  
Specialises in custom upholstery for yachts, weather and crew covers, repairs and alterations. Batiment 89, Rue Charles Tondou, ZA du Lagon St Martin.

## Water

Metered water on the dock.

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

There are many new and older hotels and resorts around and across the island, offering accommodation to suit all budgets.

### Banks / ATM

Closest ATM is 500 meters from the marina on Welfare Road.

Republik Bank is the closest bank to the marina, just over the Simpson Bay Bridge.

US Dollars and Euros are widely accepted as well as visa credit/debit card.

### Dentist

**Simpson Bay Dental Clinic** +17215443208  
68 Welfare Rd, Simpson Bay, Sint Maarten (across from Simpson Bay Marina)

**Dr Halley's Dental Clinic** +1 721 544 3080  
The Corner Road 7. Simpson Bay.

**Dr. Davy Implant & Dental Center**  
[drdavy.sx](http://drdavy.sx) +1 721 543 1656  
Located in Philipsburg. Closed on Sunday.

### Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: **912**

#### St Maarten Medical Clinic & General Hospital

[smmc.sx](http://smmc.sx) +1 721 543 1111  
Open 24hrs a day

#### Simpson Bay Medical Clinic

[simpsonbayclinic.com](http://simpsonbayclinic.com) +1 721 544 5312

Conveniently located at the Simpson Bay Yacht Club (Lago del Plaza), just behind the pharmacy, walking distance from the marina. Available for walk-in patients, but appointments can also be made. Cash only.

Open: Mon-Fri: 08:00-18:00, Sat: 09:00-12:00

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### Internet

WiFi throughout the marina and Yacht Club.

### Laundry

Contact the marina office for a pick-up service and 24 hours turn around. Alternatively, laundry can be dropped off at the laundry that is located at Lagoon Marina / Lagoones Bistro, opposite IGY Marina.

### Pharmacy

#### Simpson Bay Pharmacy

[sxmpharmacy.com](http://sxmpharmacy.com)

+1 721 544 3653

Walking distance from the marina. Open 7 days a week.

### Restaurants

There is a good selection of restaurants within the marina and around the lagoon on both the Dutch and French sides – accessible by dinghy.

Visit [visitstmaarten.com/dining](http://visitstmaarten.com/dining) for a thorough overview of options.

### Rubbish / Garbage

Disposal points shore side in the marina. For engine oil disposal, and against a small fee, Island Water World in Colebay,

### Supermarkets

#### Island Food Market

+1 721 587 7111

Opposite Kim Sha Beach parking lot.

Open: Mon-Thu & Sun 06:30-21:00; Fri-Sat until 22:00.

#### Market Garden Supermarket

[marketgardensxm.com](http://marketgardensxm.com)

+1 721 544 4489

Enquire for deliveries.

Open daily: 06:00-21:00.

#### Carrefour

[cmsxm.net](http://cmsxm.net)

+1 721 542 4400

Good selection of French and deli products. Free deliveries for a minimum of US\$250. Open: 08:00-20:00, Sun 09:00-14:00.

#### Island Water World (see Chandlery on page 6)

Arranges a shopping bus during the season that departs from their Colebay store on Fridays, it departs at 09.30 and returns around noon. It will visit the Carrefour and Cost-U-Less in Phillipsburg. Costs \$6 a person for the return trip with all your groceries (pay the driver).

## Don't Miss

**Scuba Diving** Even if you are not a certified diver, you can experience the next best thing. You are tethered to an air tank and able to dive and explore underwater adventures.

**Fort Louis** Visit the home of the "World's Best Tasting Rhum" handmade in St. Maarten. A tour guide will show you around the 6000 square foot distillery teaching about rum making process.

**Maho Beach** Visit this famous beach at the end of Princess Juliana International Airport runway, where you can watch (and feel!) the jets come into land!

**Beaches** There are 37 beaches in Saint Maarten/ Sint Martin. For more ideas of things to see and do in Sint Maarten visit [vacationstmaarten.com](http://vacationstmaarten.com)

## Travel Information

### Airport & Airlines

#### Princess Juliana International Airport (SXM)

[sxmairport.com](http://sxmairport.com)

Flying directly from USA are American and Delta Airlines, US Airways, Continental Airlines and JetBlue.

Flying from Europe with Air France, Corsair and KLM; Inter-islands with Liat and Winair.

### Buses

Run daily from 05:00 to midnight and serve most major locations on both sides of the island. The most popular run is from Philipsburg on the Dutch side to Marigot on the French side. Privately owned and operated, minibuses tend to follow specific routes; the fare is \$2 (\$2.50 20:00 - midnight). Buses accept both US Dollars and Euros.

### Car Rental

Hiring a car is straightforward, reasonably priced and a good way to see the island. Rates start at around \$30 or €21 a day, with unlimited mileage, and short distances between towns.

#### Affordable Car Rental

+1 721 522 3839

#### Avis

[avis-sxm.com](http://avis-sxm.com)

#### Dollar Thrifty Car Rental

[dollar-office.slue.io](http://dollar-office.slue.io)

#### Empress

[empressrentacar.com](http://empressrentacar.com)

#### SAX Car Rental

[saxcarrental.com](http://saxcarrental.com)

### Taxis

There is a taxi stand just outside the marina. Taxis are unmetered so always confirm price before start of your journey. Sint Maarten taxis have minimum fares for two passengers, and each additional passenger pays extra \$4. One piece of luggage per person is allowed free; each additional piece is \$1 extra.

## Bermuda

### Local Information

Dialling Code: +1 441

Time zone: UTC -3 (ADT)

Currency: Bermudan \$  
- linked to US \$

Emergency: 911

Useful Websites:

[bermuda.com](http://bermuda.com)

### Approaches to Bermuda

Bermuda is a low-lying set of islands that are difficult to identify. To protect sailors going onto the reefs to the north and west of the islands there is a large restricted area that prohibits approach from this direction. **Bermuda Radio** monitors the waters around Bermuda as well as controlling the harbour traffic. They will put a radar tag onto your vessel as soon as the boat is within approximately 50 miles of the reefs, and will keep an eye on the course during the approach to the islands. **Contact Bermuda Radio on VHF 16 when you are 25NM away and tell them who you are and that you are with the rally.** They should be expecting you. If you require a tow into St George's, this can be arranged through Bermuda Yacht Services (see Boatyard in A to Z of Repair Facilities).

### Entry Formalities

All vessels travelling to Bermuda are required to file details of their voyage, vessel description, safety equipment and crew information with RCC Bermuda (better known as 'Bermuda Radio') prior to commencing their voyage. All data on the vessel and crew is captured in a database held by Bermuda Radio.

Maritime pre-arrival notification through [sailclear.com](http://sailclear.com) is a requirement for ALL Boats.

### Pre-arrival information - Yachts starting in St. Maarten

World Cruising Club will complete the online yacht pre-arrival form on behalf of yachts starting the rally in St. Maarten. As such there is no need for skippers to complete this form.

### Pre-arrival information - Yachts joining in Bermuda:

A Yacht Pre-Arrival Information Questionnaire needs to be completed online at:

[marineandports.bm/of\\_visitingyacht.aspx](http://marineandports.bm/of_visitingyacht.aspx)

or downloaded and emailed to:

[dutyofficer@arops.bm](mailto:dutyofficer@arops.bm)

### Customs and Immigration

St. George's is the only port of entry to Bermuda. On arrival, after crossing the finish line, all yachts must follow instructions from Bermuda Radio. Usually, yachts will be asked to proceed to the Customs Dock and Yacht Reporting Centre on Ordnance Island (located on the right-hand side of the main channel approx. 500m after entering the Town Cut).

Note: The dock is on the northeast corner behind the cream building with green shutters. The fixed wooden customs dock only has posts and no cleats, so for ease of docking make large bowlines in your mooring lines and be prepared to tighten them onboard.

At the customs dock you will be able to clear into Bermuda and meet the rally representative. Once cleared you may proceed to your berthing that dependent on arrangements might be at the St George's Dinghy and Sports Club (SGDSC) or at the Town Docks. Anchoring is always an alternative. Customs and Immigration is open 8am-midnight. Rally boats arriving outside of these times will be asked to anchor for the night and clear customs in the morning.

### Visas

Passport-holders from many countries require a Visa before arriving in Bermuda. For more information see: [embassies.net](http://embassies.net)

US, Canadian and British citizens do not need a visa for Bermuda.

### Pets

All animals (this includes birds and fish) arriving in Bermuda are required to be accompanied by health documents as well as an import permit issued in advance by the Bermuda Department of Environment and Natural Resources. See: [gov.bm/importing-animals-bermuda](http://gov.bm/importing-animals-bermuda) for full details.

### Crew Flying in

If you have crew arriving by air, they will need a Skipper's Letter and to be signed onto the boat by Customs and Immigration on Ordnance Island.



### St George's Dinghy & Sports Club A

**24 Cut Road; St George's GE03, Bermuda**

**Location:** 32°22'N 64°40'W

**VHF Ch16 / 68**

**+1 441 297 1612**

**Email:** [gilbertpitcher@gmail.com](mailto:gilbertpitcher@gmail.com)

**Website:** [stgdsc.com](http://stgdsc.com)

### St George's Marina & Superyacht Dock (BYS) B

**9 Ordnance Island, 102034, St George's GE05, Bermuda**

**Location:** 32°22'N 64°40'W

**VHF Ch14**

**+1 441 297-2798**

**Email:** [info@bdayacht.com](mailto:info@bdayacht.com)

**Website:** [stgeorgesmarina.com](http://stgeorgesmarina.com)

Welcome from Lacey Rance, Commodore of SGDSC: *"The St George's Dinghy & Sports Club is a members' owned club. The club has numerous facilities for the use of its members and their guests. There is a sports bar with big screen TV, dart board, pool table, free wifi, and a balcony with the best views in St George's, especially at sunset. We are pleased to welcome the rally fleet to Bermuda."*

### Docking

Space is a premium on the SGDSC dock, and there won't be room for the whole fleet, but alternatives are available. Docking at SGDSC is stern-to the concrete dock, using a long bow line to penants on mooring balls. If you don't have a passarelle, there are wooden boards available to borrow on the dock to help you get on and off the boat. The depth inside the basin at the SGDSC is very limiting so only small (up to 38') boats can use their 'pontoons'. Power is available on some berths.

It is also possible to moor up in the main Town Dock in St George's which is managed by St George's Marina - located along from the Customs office behind Ordnance Island. Space is limited and not all the fleet can fit into the Dock. Rafting is an option and has worked well in previous years. Depending on the arrival of superyachts, and only by prior agreement, it may be possible to Mediterranean moor larger yachts in the fleet on the harbour side of the Dock outside the BYS office building. There are some power and water points on the Town Docks.

### St. George's Overview

St. George's Marina and Superyacht Dock, part of Bermuda Yacht Services (BYS), have an office conveniently located on Ordnance Island just along from the Customs office. ARC Europe participants are welcome to make use of their lounge area which includes complimentary WiFi.

Staint George's Dinghy and Sports Club (SGDSC), have also welcomed ARC Europe for many years. The club has a great family feel, and you will soon come to know the staff well. With a balcony overlooking the yachts and the beautiful waters of St George's Harbour, the club has a bar and good WiFi and is only a 15 minute walk from the historic town of St George's.



## 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.

**These funds directly support local initiatives, helping strengthen communities and create a positive legacy in the wake of each rally.**



**TO FIND OUT MORE  
OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO DONATE**

**PLEASE VISIT:**

**[worldcruising.com/positive-impact-fund](http://worldcruising.com/positive-impact-fund)**

**The Positive Impact Fund gives participants the opportunity to give back to the destinations that welcome them — reinforcing the spirit of responsible cruising and ensuring that our adventures have a lasting, positive impact long after the sails are lowered.**

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### Anchoring

There are free of charge safe anchoring areas (Convict Bay & Powder Hole) in between St. George's Town and SGDSC and there is a dinghy dock at the Town Dock and SGDSC. Should the wind be blowing or forecast to blow hard from a south-westerly direction, anchoring in the shelter at the top of St. George's Bay can be more comfortable.

### Other Options

Captain Smokes Marina located just west of the St George's ferry dock has limited space for med-style mooring. This small marina has fresh water, power (110 and 220 volts), bathroom and shower block. The historic town of St. George's is a ten-minute walk.

St George's Marina also manages areas along the front of St. George's. There are limited spaces for alongside mooring but no water / power is available.

### Marina Charges

Berthing is expensive in Bermuda, and the island is generally more expensive than the USA or Europe. The docking rate at Town Dock in 2025 was \$2.50/m/night.

More details on berthing prices and other fees are explained on the booking form that needs to be sent in advance of your arrival.

### Water

The water quality is good and tap water is safe to drink. There is limited supply of water inside the Town Docks but only by long hose and those boats berthed further out will not reach the taps. Boats that are not berthed at the Club can arrange to come alongside for a short time to take on water. A good time to arrange water refills is when taking on diesel (duty paid) which is privately arranged for the fleet a few days prior to your departure. This typically takes place on the outer dock by the St George's Marina office building or Pennos Wharf.

### Marina Security

The Town Docks are not gated and are open to the public however crime in Bermuda is virtually non-existent. You are still advised to lock your boat when not onboard, and secure your dinghy at all times.

### Deliveries

All imports are subject to varying rates of duty up to 33.5%. Imports entering Bermuda on a temporary basis will not be subject to duty. Items sent to yachts should be addressed to the yacht and any larger items should be clearly marked 'Yacht in Transit'. Please allow plenty of time for deliveries.

[Boat Name] Yacht in Transit  
c/o St George's Marina  
#9 Ordnance Island  
St George's GE 05, Bermuda



Boats exiting The Cut



### A to Z of Boat Services

#### Alternators & Starters

**DC Electrics** +1 441 292 8566

#### Batteries

**TBA Wholesalers Ltd**  
[tba.bm](http://tba.bm) +1 441 236 2447

**E&B Trading Co. Ltd**  
[ebtrading.bm](http://ebtrading.bm) +1 441 292 8016

**QTS Bermuda Ltd** +1 441 297 4787

#### Boatyards

**Bermuda Yacht Services**  
[bermudayachtservices.com](http://bermudayachtservices.com) +1 441 297 2798  
Yacht repairs, welding and fabrication, parts and materials.

**Mills Creek Marine**  
[sparyard.bm](http://sparyard.bm) +1 441 234 2235

The main service and repair facilities for boats and engines. Based in Hamilton, they have a lift which can haul vessels up to 55ft long and up to 25 tons. Agents for Caterpillar, Northern Lights, Kohler, Dometic.

**Offshore Yachting and Maintenance**  
[oymbermuda.com](http://oymbermuda.com) +1 441 236 9464  
Agents for Caterpillar.

**Sparyard Marine Solutions**  
[sparyard.bm](http://sparyard.bm) +1 441 234 2235

The main service and repair facilities for boats and engines. Based in Hamilton, they have a lift which can haul vessels up to 55ft long and up to 25 tons. Agents for Caterpillar, Northern Lights, Kohler, Dometic.

**St. George's Boatyard** +1 441 297 0877  
For minor outboard repairs.

#### Chandlery & Hardware Stores

**Godet & Young** +1 441 297 1940  
Hardware items and tools. Opposite Captain Smokes Marina, St George's. Open Mon-Sat 0800-1700.

**Gorhams**  
[gorhams.bm](http://gorhams.bm) +1 441-295-1550  
Hardware store on 62 St John's Road.  
Opening hours: 8:00-18:00 (Monday-Saturday),  
10:00-17:00 (Sunday).

**PW's Marine Centre**  
[pwmarine.bm](http://pwmarine.bm) +1 441 295 3232  
Extensively stocked chandlers.

**Marine Locker**  
[marinelocker.com](http://marinelocker.com) +1 441 295 9950

**A&P Marine**  
[apmarine.bm](http://apmarine.bm) +1 441 295 3333  
A&P Marine are Yamaha agents

#### Electricity

Shore power in Bermuda is 110/220v, 60Hz.

#### Diving

**Bermuda Yacht Services**  
(see Boatyards)

#### Fuel (gasoline and diesel)

The World Cruising Club team will organise a day for duty free refuelling in Bermuda. Yachts will be refuelled from a road-tanker. More details on location, timings and prices will be available from the Rally Office on your arrival.

**Rubis Dowling's Marine Gas Station**  
On the dock in the centre of St. George's. Open daily. (NOT duty free).

#### Fibreglass/GRP Repair

**Sparyard Marine Solutions** (see Boatyards)  
**Bermuda Yacht Services** (see Boatyards)

#### Gas (propane for cooking)

Note: there is no butane available in Bermuda. Only propane gas containers can be filled in Bermuda. Approx. price \$3 per lb plus delivery charge. Please have your boat name clearly marked on the bottle.

**Godet & Young** (see Chandlery)  
sell 20lb propane bottles.

**Dowling Marine & Auto Service Station**  
[rubis-bermuda.com/service-stations](http://rubis-bermuda.com/service-stations) +1 441 207 1914  
1 Penno's Drive, St. George's, Bermuda

**Godet & Young** +1 441 297 1940  
(See Chandlery) They sell 20lb propane bottles.

#### Liferaft Service

There are no yacht liferaft service agents in Bermuda.

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### Mechanical

**Harrison's Marine Repair** +1 441 295 1781  
Will undertake hydraulics and transmission repair and are Yanmar agents. Always very busy, best to call ahead.

**Mills Creek Marine Solutions**  
[millscreekmarine.bm](http://millscreekmarine.bm) +1 441 292 6094

### Refrigeration and A/C Temperature Control

**Temperature Control and Plumbing** +1 441 295 1811  
48 Par-La-Ville Road, City of Hamilton, Bermuda, Hamilton 11.

**Sparyard Marine Solutions**  
(see Boatyards on page 13)

### Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 911

**Lamb Foggo Urgent Care Center**  
+1 441 298 7700

For the treatment of minor illnesses and injuries. Open 9am to 9pm Saturday and Sunday

Closed Monday to Friday

**King Edward VII Memorial Hospital**  
+1 441 236 2345

Includes accident and emergency department, open 24/7.

### Rigging

**Ocean Sails** (see **Sail Repairs**)

### Sail Repairs

**Ocean Sails**  
[oceansails.com](http://oceansails.com) +1 441 297 1008  
Also do rigging repairs.

### Welding / Metalwork

**Outerbridges Machining & Welding Services** +1 441 297 0390  
**Mid Atlantic Steel Supply (MASS Ltd)**  
[massltdsteel.com](http://massltdsteel.com) +1 441 595 8078  
Adjacent to St. George's Boatyard.

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### Accommodation

**Grotto Bay Beach Resort Hamilton Parish**  
[grottobay.com](http://grottobay.com) +1 441 293 8333

[gotobermuda.com](http://gotobermuda.com) have a directory of places to stay in Bermuda, from hotels and resorts, to cottages and guest houses.  
A selection of vacation rentals are also available through Airbnb.

### Couriers

**DHL** +1 441 294 4848  
**FedEx** +1 441 295 3854  
Both carriers will collect from and drop to the St. George's Dinghy and Sports Club.

### Dentist

**ReNew Dental Care**  
[renewdentalcare.com](http://renewdentalcare.com) +1 441 400 5858

### Diving

Bermuda has great reef diving as well as some of the most accessible wrecks in the world.

**Dive Bermuda**  
[divebermuda.com](http://divebermuda.com) +1 441 236 1300

**Bermuda Scuba Grotto Bay**  
[bermudascubagrottobay.com](http://bermudascubagrottobay.com) +1 441 293 7319

**Hartley's Helmet Diving**  
[hartleybermuda.com](http://hartleybermuda.com) +1 441 234 3535  
Underwater walks in 10 feet of water.

### Golf

Bermuda has some incredible courses. If you are keen on playing golf in Bermuda we recommend you book a Tee before arrival as it can be very busy. Visit the tourist office [gotobermuda.com](http://gotobermuda.com) for recommendations.

**Bermuda Fun Golf**  
[fungolf.bm](http://fungolf.bm) +1 441 400 7888

Based in the Naval Dockyard this is unique mini golf course based on 18 famous holes from championship courses around the world!

### Internet

Free WiFi at the yacht club bar and balcony. For boats moored in Town Docks, free WiFi is available in the Bermuda Yacht Services lounge and the Town Square. Also, most restaurants and cafes have WiFi for customers.



### Laundry

**St George's Marina** have self-service laundry machines and dryers available within their office building. Approx. \$5 per cycle.

**Finish Line Laundromat** +1 441 297 3006

Self-service laundry, situated in the lime green building on the right at the bottom of the hill on the way into St. George's. Pre-paid cards of will need to be purchased in the laundry shop. \$5 for a small wash.

### Money

Bermudan \$ is linked to US\$

**HSBC** +1 441 295 4000

Banking hours are Mon-Fri 09:00-16:30.

**Bank of Butterfield** +1 441 295 1111

Banking hours are Mon-Fri 09:00-16:00.

Both banks are located in St George's Square and have a 24hr ATM for Visa, MasterCard and Cirrus issuing Bermuda \$ only.

### Pharmacy

**Robertson's Drug Store** +1 441 297 1828

24 York Street. Upstairs, opposite the Post Office in Customs House Square. Well stocked pharmacy and household sundry items.

Open: Mon-Sat 08:00-19:30, Sunday 16:00-18:00.

### Post Office

Situated on Customs House Square just west of the main King's Square. Open Mon-Fri 08:00- 17:00. Sells stamps and bus tickets. At the weekend you will need to purchase bus tickets from the convenience store around the corner on Duke of York Street.

### Restaurants

**Wahoo Bistro & Patio**

[wahoos.bm](http://wahoos.bm) +1 441 297 1307

Decked area overlooking the harbour. Good for local seafood, salads, and burgers.

**The Wharf**

[wharf.bm](http://wharf.bm) +1 441 297 3305

Specialities include sushi and local fish. Great fish & chips.

**The White Horse Pub**

[whitehorsebermuda.com](http://whitehorsebermuda.com) +1 441 297 1838

Fresh, seasonal food with locally sourced ingredients, sushi, seafood, pizzas, salad and pub classics. Lively atmosphere.

**The Three Kings Restaurant** +1 441 543 9900

Offers varied menus with seating upstairs or a takeaway option.

**Wong's Golden Dragon Chinese**

[wongsgoldendragon.com](http://wongsgoldendragon.com) +1 441 297 0408

(Takeaway only) Open Mon to Sat from 11:30.

**Munchies**

[munchies.bm/](http://munchies.bm/) +1 441 261 5641

Across from Customs. Good fish sandwiches.

**Temptations**

+1 441 297 1368

Good breakfast and lunch spot. A short walk from the end of Penno's Wharf.

**Frequency Café**

+1 441 261 5388

Good coffee and lunch. Located at Somers Warf.

**Mama Angies**

+1 441-297-0959

Breakfast and lunch, greasy spoon.

**Tobacco Bay Beach Bar & Grill**

[tobaccobay.bm](http://tobaccobay.bm) +1 441 707 337

Approximately 25-minute walk from St. George's and located overlooking the beautiful sandy cove of Tobacco Bay. Open daily for lunch 10:00-17:00. There is a wider variety of restaurants, cafes, and bars in the capital town of Hamilton.

### Rubbish

Large rubbish bins are available on the northern side of the Town Docks near to the dinghy dock. Boats at anchor may also use these facilities.

### Showers and Restrooms

There are toilet facilities in the St George's Marina office building and boats staying in the Town Docks will also have access to the shower. Public Toilet facilities located behind St. George's Town Hall, blue building. Open daily from 08:00-19:00

### Shopping

As is the way with islands, the supermarkets on Bermuda are expensive compared to mainland USA or Europe. It is not possible to buy UHT milk in Bermuda.

**Somers Supermart St George's**

[supermart.bm](http://supermart.bm) +1 441 297 1177

Good for stocking up on smaller quantities, fresh salads, and breads. Excellent takeaway buffet inside the store serving hot breakfast, prepared salads and local hot dishes and sides.

**Supermart**

[supermart.bm](http://supermart.bm) +1 441 292 2064

Larger version of the St George's Somers Supermart located in Hamilton.

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### Market Place Supermarket

[marketplace.bm](http://marketplace.bm) +1 441 293 0966  
Large supermarket situated approximately 15 minutes away. Stocks a much larger range of goods than the St. George's stores and is easily accessed via minibus or regular bus service.

### Gosling Bros

[goslingslimited.com](http://goslingslimited.com) +1 441 295 1123  
Order from the store in Hamilton (or during the tasting evening) for delivery to Customs. You will be allowed to collect it on clearing out. Order at least 48 hours before departure.

### Tourist Office

[gotobermuda.com/](http://gotobermuda.com/)

### Bermuda Visitor Service Centre

[bermudavsc.com](http://bermudavsc.com) +1 441 297 0556  
Book tours and tickets to local attractions, details on bus tickets and generally getting around. They also have a good selection of Bermuda clothing and merchandise.

### Yacht Club

#### St George's Dinghy and Sports Club

[stgdsc.com](http://stgdsc.com) +1 441 297 1612

#### Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

[rbyc.bm](http://rbyc.bm) +1 441 295 2214  
If you visit Hamilton, RBYC extend a warm welcome to Rally crews in their restaurant & bar. Located next to the ferry terminal.

## Travel Information

### Airports

#### Bermuda International Airport

[bermudaairport.com](http://bermudaairport.com)

Around a 15-20 minute drive (Approx. \$25 by taxi) from St. George's. There are daily flights to Miami, New York and the UK.

#### Delta

[delta.com](http://delta.com)

#### British Airways

[britishairways.com](http://britishairways.com)

#### American Airlines

[aa.com](http://aa.com)

#### Continental

[continental.com](http://continental.com)

### Buses

[forms.gov.bm/Shorelink](http://forms.gov.bm/Shorelink)

An excellent way to see Bermuda. Bus timetables can be viewed online or obtained from the Visitor Centre in St. George's. Buses stop running at 11pm. Tickets can be purchased with cash onboard (exact change needed), via the Shorelink app, or from the Central Terminal on Washington Street and the Visitor Centres in the Royal Naval Dockyard and the Town of St. George, as well as at other authorised outlets.

### Car/Bike/Scooter Rental

There are options to hire small electric cars, E-bikes, scooters on the island. Please note the relatively low, and widely enforced, speed limit of 25mph.

#### Bermuda Rental Car Ltd

[bermudarentalcar.com](http://bermudarentalcar.com) +1 441 236 2453  
Multiple locations. Small 2-seater electric cars.

#### Current Vehichles

[currentvehicles.com](http://currentvehicles.com) +1 441 296 8949  
2-seater electric cars.

#### Elbow Beach Cycles

[elbowbeachcycles.bm](http://elbowbeachcycles.bm) +1 441 296 2300  
Mopeds.

#### Oleander Cycles

[oleandercycles.bm](http://oleandercycles.bm)

Bike and scooter rentals. Multiple locations. The closest to St. George's is beyond the airport at Grotto Bay Beach.

#### Pedego electric bikes

[pedegoelectricbikes.com](http://pedegoelectricbikes.com) +1 441 533 8687  
Regularly offer discounts to ARC Europe participants.

#### Rugged Rentals

[ruggedrentalsbda.com](http://ruggedrentalsbda.com) +1 441 705 7368  
Multiple locations. Small 2-seater electric cars.

#### Smatt's Cycle Livery Ltd.

[smattscyclelivery.com](http://smattscyclelivery.com) +1 441 295 1180  
Mopeds.

### Taxis

Taxis can be located waiting in King's Square (St. George's). But it is advisable to book in advance as there are not that many taxis. Approx. fares: Airport \$25, Market Place Supermarket in St. George's \$10 and Hamilton \$40.

#### Bermuda Island Taxi

[ridebermuda.com](http://ridebermuda.com) +1 441 295 4141

#### BTA Dispatching

+1 441 296 2121

#### Hitch Ltd

[www.hitch.bm](http://www.hitch.bm) +1 441 234 4824

#### Mr P

+1 441 704 8867

## Azores, Portugal

### Local Information

Time zone: UTC time

Dialling Code: +351

plus each island has a local code:

Faial: + 351 292

Terceira: +351 295

São Miguel: +351 296

Santa Maria: +351 296

Currency: Euro €

Language: Portuguese

Emergency: 112

Useful websites:

[www.visitazores.com](http://www.visitazores.com)

[www.azores.com](http://www.azores.com)

[www.azores.gov.pt](http://www.azores.gov.pt)

### Entry Formalities

You will have to check in and out with Customs (Alfândega) and Immigration (SEF) on each island you visit in the Azores. These are usually located within the marinas offices, or nearby. Locations and opening times of each island's Customs and Immigration offices will be covered in later sections.

### Customs and Immigration

All ARC Europe boats need to clear in and out of each island on arrival and departure. The rally team will provide advice for each island.

### Visas

Some nationals will require a visa for Portugal. For more information see: [embassies.net](http://embassies.net)

Anyone holding a Schengen visa can travel freely within the Schengen area for up to 90 days within a 6-month period. Please note that the Schengen area is not the same as the European Union, and you may need a visa for any other countries you want to visit in Europe.

For more information on Schengen, see [schengenvisa.info](http://schengenvisa.info) The Schengen visa must be obtained **before** arriving in country – contact the Portuguese Embassy or Consulate in your home country.

For British citizens you should have at least 3 months left on your UK passport when you depart and must have been in the EU for less than 90 days in a 180-day period.

### Pets

You must declare your cat/dog or other pet when you arrive in the Azores, Portugal.

Portugal 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](http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/carry/animal-plant/index_en.htm)

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

If you are travelling on to the UK or Ireland, it is worth noting that these countries have additional requirements, including certification of treatment for tapeworm and ticks. For UK see: <https://www.gov.uk/bring-pet-to-great-britain>



Horta Marina

## European Taxes

All non-EU flagged yachts are automatically granted an 18 month stay free of tax. This period starts when the vessel clears into the first EU port (Horta, Faial for ARC Europe yachts) and runs for a maximum of 18 consecutive months.

### VAT for Non-EU Boats

VAT is an EU (European Union) wide sales tax levied at the point of sale at rates varying from 15% - 25% depending on the country.

The regulations only apply if a pleasure craft has been brought into the EU for private use and the following conditions apply:

- The person responsible for the vessel is normally resident outside the EU;
- The vessel will leave EU waters before it has spent 18 months there;
- It will be used only by the persons responsible for bringing it into the EU and their immediate family who are also resident outside the EU;

If the person to whom temporary importation relief has been granted wishes to leave the EU temporarily, but keep the vessel in the EU until their return, they will need to get prior authorisation from Customs and comply with any additional conditions which may be imposed;

- If the boat is "laid up" (put in bond) for a time the possibility exists for not counting the period of non-use, however, the maximum overall period during which the yacht can remain in the EU is 24 months; and the vessel will not be lent, hired, chartered or sold while in the EU.

While the rules are EU wide, they are not always applied evenly. Most nations' customs officers are courteous and helpful towards visiting yachtsmen and will endeavour to assist in explaining the rules, but some are more zealous and less friendly than others.

For more information on EU-wide regulations, see [taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2018-04/rules\\_for\\_private\\_boats-faq\\_en.pdf](https://taxation-customs.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2018-04/rules_for_private_boats-faq_en.pdf)

## Non-VAT Paid EU Flagged Yachts

EU flagged yachts which do not have VAT paid status are liable for tax when they arrive in the EU. It is worth noting that the tax can be paid in any member state, and the tax status is then valid throughout the EU.

A taxable valuation on the current value of a yacht (e.g. the second hand value) can be made with the tax authorities in The Azores, and tax paid at the local rate. The Azores has one of the lowest VAT rates in the EU (Azores 18%; Portugal 23%). If you need to pay VAT in the Azores contact:

### Mid Atlantic Yacht Services

[midatlanticyachtservices.com](http://midatlanticyachtservices.com)

+351 292 391 616

## Additional Taxes

Circulation Tax (Imposto único de circulação) is payable by boat owners who keep their boat in Portugal for a continuous period of 183 days in any tax year, and must be paid every year. The tax is based upon the size of the boat engine(s) in KW. For more information on other European countries, see [noonsite.com](http://noonsite.com)



Faial Marina, Horta

## Faial, Azores



### Approaches to Horta, Faial

Arriving from the west in daylight, the island of Pico superimposes itself over Faial, and until you get closer it is difficult to separate the two. The Vale Formoso lighthouse stands close to Ponta dos Capelinhos, the western extremity of Faial. Monte da Guia, the extinct crater that forms the south east point of Faial, will be passed to the east to enter the channel between Faial and Pico.

There are charted off lying rocks, but the harbour can be entered day and night. The tidal currents are strong in the Faial Channel. The high tide flows to the north and the low tide throws it forcefully into the bay.

Marina da Horta, is located on the south-east side of Faial Island which gives it excellent shelter from winds from all directions. The marina is located inside the port, which is protected by a breakwater with a lighthouse.

**Welcome from harbour master Bruno Goncalves:**  
*"Horta, the Azores main marina, is very proud to receive ARC Europe for more than 20 years, making this one of the oldest rallies at our berths every year. The idea behind ARC Europe is to cross the Atlantic from west to east, which naturally makes Horta Marina the ideal stopover due to our location. Our town's welcoming spirit is well-known to sailors around the world. Don't forget to leave a painting on our marina walls!"*

### Marina da Horta

**Cais de Santa Cruz, 9900-017 Horta, Faial, Azores, Portugal**

**Location: 28°42'N 38°35'W**

**Open: Summer 08:00-12:00 13:00-2000**

**VHF Ch9**

**+351 292 391 693**

**Email: [marinahorta@portosdosacores.pt](mailto:marinahorta@portosdosacores.pt)**

**Website: [portosdosacores.pt/marinas/marina-da-horta/](http://portosdosacores.pt/marinas/marina-da-horta/)**

### Entry Formalities

After crossing the finish line, all boats must dock alongside the fuel dock, if available in front of the marina office building, which is the small, white, square building. Alternatively, if busy boats must anchor and then dinghy in for clearances. First see the Marina office followed by Immigration (SEF) then Customs (Alfândega). The office is open every day from 08:00-20:00 but closes at lunch for one hour.

Yachts arriving outside of these times must not enter the marina, but can come alongside the fuel dock if available or anchor off until open. The fuel dock is usually very busy, so expect to be rafted to a maximum of five yachts.

In the Azores you will have to check-in and out with Customs (Alfândega) and Immigration (SEF) at each island you visit.

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### Docking

Horta is the first port of call in the Azores for most yachts crossing the Atlantic and the fourth most visited marina in the world. The ARC Europe fleet will be arriving during peak season. As a result, berthing is extremely crowded. Although the marina is expecting and prepared for the arrival of the ARC Europe fleet, it is not possible to reserve slips in the marina and as such, space is at a premium.

There are two marina basins, north and south. ARC Europe yachts must expect to raft up against the marina wall in the northern basin; however, pontoon berths will be allocated if possible. Due to the turnover of yacht traffic, new places on the pontoons and wall become available daily, so expect to move during your stay. Long mooring lines are useful when rafted out.

### Marina Security

The Marina da Horta inner breakwater is open to the public. However crime is very low in the Azores and there are security guards that patrol the marina at night and monitor yacht movements. You are advised to lock your yacht when not onboard and to secure your dinghy if it is in the water.

### Deliveries

Mail and parcels can be sent by prior arrangement care of Mid Atlantic Yacht Services (MAYS) or the Marina da Horta. Ensure parcels are clearly marked 'Yacht in Transit' to avoid paying import duties.

[Boat Name] Yacht in Transit  
Marina da Horta  
9900-017 Horta,  
Faial, Açores, Portugal

- or -

[Boat Name] Yacht in Transit  
Mid Atlantic Yacht Services  
Rua Conselheiro Miguel da Silveira  
9900-144 Horta,  
Faial, Açores, Portugal



Artwork on Horta Pontoon

### My Notes

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### Chandlery

**Mid Atlantic Yacht Services** (see Repairs)

#### USHIP AÇORES

[uship.fr](mailto:uship.fr) +351 292 293 003  
Guillaume Helfer. First floor of Club Navale building, overlooking the marina.

#### Yacht Service Horta

[yachtservicehorta.com](http://yachtservicehorta.com) +351 926 327 772

### Electricity

Available on the pontoons and also the harbour wall, 220/240v, 50Hz. Yachts on the harbour wall must expect to share the power supply and not be connected 24 hours a day. As yachts are rafted on the wall to possibly four yachts deep, you may need a long cable to get to the power pod. The pods take three pin European plugs.

### Fuel

Fuel is available at the fuelling pontoon outside of the marina office, and it is a very good idea to fuel up at the same time as checking in with the marina Customs and Immigration. The fuel pontoon is busy with arriving yachts at all times of the day, however, there is usually a lull at the end of the morning when all the overnight arrivals have been processed. Fuel can only be purchased with cash (Euros) or credit card. Opens Mon-Sun 08:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 20:00.

### Garbage/Rubbish

There are plenty of large dustbins and waste disposal containers around the port. Recycling bins and waste oil containers are also provided behind the marina office.

### Gas (Propane/Butane)

Two places to fill bottles. Camping gas bottles will be filled with propane.

#### Mid Atlantic Yacht Services

€11.06 for 1kg, €18.56 for 3kg. Drop off before 11:00 and collect after 16:00.

#### USHIP

€7 for 1kg, €20 for 3kg

### Haul Out

A haul out facility is available in the port - arrange via the marina office. Travelift max. capacity 15 tons.

### Repairs

#### Mid Atlantic Yacht Services (MAYS)

[midatlanticyachtservices.com](http://midatlanticyachtservices.com)

[mays@mail.telepac.pt](mailto:mays@mail.telepac.pt)

+351 292 391 616

VHF: 77 or WhatsApp: +351 968 468 856

MAYS can provide for most electrical and mechanical repairs and parts. They are always busy so contact them on arrival, or before, so they can plan their work. Their service is fast and efficient.

#### Yacht Service Horta

[yachtservicehorta.com](http://yachtservicehorta.com)

+351 926 327 772

Services for electric, mechanical and hydraulic systems. Offer offshore support for diagnostics and repair.

#### Manuel Fernando Lopes

+351 966226344

Specializes in mechanical and engine repairs with great feedback from ARC Europe skippers.

#### Daniel & Fernando Mechanical engineers

[midreis@sapo.pt](mailto:midreis@sapo.pt)

+351 926 590 306

#### Good@Wood Shipwrights

[goodatwood.eu](http://goodatwood.eu)

+351 922 169 233

Specialise in deck and hull polishing, fibreglass work, teak deck restoring, welding, stainless steel repair, and custom-made parts.

### Sail Repair

#### Azores Sails

[azoresails.com](http://azoresails.com)

+351 926 890 202

Sofia and Luis are the only sailmakers on the island, and they collect and drop off sails in the marina.

### Water

Potable water is available on the pontoons and the marina wall. A hose and attachments are needed. Do not leave your hose attached as there are many people trying to use a limited number of taps.



*The town of Horta with Monte da Guia in the distance*

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### Accommodation

Accommodation in Horta is usually very busy and it is advisable to book early.

#### Azoris Faial Garden

[azorishotels.com](http://azorishotels.com) +351 292 207 400

#### Hotel do Canal

[bensaude.pt](http://bensaude.pt) +351 292 202 120

#### Pousada da Horta

[pousadas.pt](http://pousadas.pt) +351 292 114 433

#### Casa da Baía

[casadabaia.com](http://casadabaia.com) +351 292 293 105

#### Nereida

[geral@nereida.pt](mailto:geral@nereida.pt) +351 963 360 330

#### Vila Bélgica

[azoresvilabelgica.com](http://azoresvilabelgica.com) +351 292 392 614

#### International Azores Boutique

[internacionalazores.com](http://internacionalazores.com) +351 292 292 216

### Books & Newspapers

**Book swap** Mid Atlantic Yacht Services chandlery and Base Peter Zee.

**International newspapers** Tabacaria da Sorte Rua Conselheiro Medeiros. Library Rua Walter Bensaúde. Has copies of international newspapers and magazines and worth a visit for the art and culture exhibitions.

### Internet

Free WiFi is available throughout the marina but the service can be patchy. Many of the local bars/cafes offer free WiFi to their customers.

### Laundry

**Lavandaria de Rosa** +351 292 391 557

Drop off and collect with 24hours turn around. €4/kg wash and fold. Rua Comendador Fernando Costa, 11.

**Lavandaria Horta** +351 925 378 601.

Rua Conselheiro de Medeiros, 24A (located close to the marina) €3.50/kg. You have to drop it off yourself. Open: Mon-Fri 08:30-12:30/14:00-18:00 Sat 09:00-13:00.

#### Self-service at Marina building

Wash & Dry tokens €6 each with a max. capacity of 5kg. Open: Mon-Sun 08:00-11:30/13:00-19:00.

### Money

Cash and credit cards are all accepted. ATM cash machines widely available.

**Balcão Santander** +351 292 241 310

Largo do Infante D. Henrique, walking distance from the marina.

#### Base Peter Zee

(Two doors up from Peter Café Sport) also offers out of hour's money changing at bank rates.

### Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 112

#### Hospital da Horta

[hospitalhorta.pai.pt](http://hospitalhorta.pai.pt) +351 292 201 000

Estrada Príncipe Alberto do Mónaco  
9900-038 Horta

### Pharmacy

Several pharmacies (Farmácia) are situated in the town centre and are marked with green crosses. Most are open Mon-Fri 09:00-13:00 and 15:00-19:00 and Sat 09:00-13:00.

### Post Office

Situated on Largo Duque d'Ávila e Bolama the Post Office opens 08:30-17:30.

### Restaurants

**Restaurant Canto da Doca** +351 292 292 444

Situated close to the boatyard. Cook your food on large volcanic stones. Great fun but gets booked up early.

**Restaurant Medalhas** +351 292 391 026

A short walk into town - look for the red and white chequered tablecloths. Great traditional Azorean dishes and wines.

#### Peter Café Sport

[petercafesport.com](http://petercafesport.com) +351 292 292 027

A must-do for all visiting yachtsmen, all the best sailors in the world have eaten and drunk here.

**Papa Pizza** +351 292 293 585

Largo do Infante, close to marina. Eat in or takeaway pizza, quick, easy and cheap.



## **O Esconderijo** +351 292 946 505

Tucked into the hills of Cedros, approx. 30 minutes from Horta. Reservations essential. A fixed price can be arranged to include minibus taxi tour en-route, followed by a superb meal, and return taxi to Horta.

## **Oceanic Bar and Restaurant** +351 969 142 699

Oceanic Café, located at the top of the ramp from the marina, restaurant and bar in the evening.

## **Genuíno Restaurante** +351 919 282 423

Located at Porto Pim, a 10-minute walk from the marina. Owned by the Azorean who sailed around the world twice. Good fish, shellfish and meat.

## **Showers & Toilets**

Shower blocks are located in the northern corner of the marina and on the western wall near Club Naval. There is a small charge (€3). Open Mon-Sun 08:00-11:30 & 12:00-19:00 & 20:00 – 07:00.

## **Shopping**

### **Bakery**

There is an excellent bakery on the corner of Rua Cônsul Dabney. Collection in the morning is recommended as they are very popular and do sell out. Opens 07:00.

### **Market**

Daily market on Rua Serpa Pinto next to the Praça da República stocks a wide range of fresh fruit, vegetables and meats. Open Mon-Sat 06:30–14:00.

### **Supermarkets**

#### **Continente Modelo Horta**

[cartaocontinente.pt](http://cartaocontinente.pt) +351 292 208 150

Large supermarket 15 minute walk (uphill) from the marina. Offer free delivery to the marina, they require name of yacht and owner and will arrange a time.



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## **Tourist Information**

You will receive tourist information in your welcome pack when you arrive in the Azores, however, if you require further information the tourist information office is situated on the Rua Vasco da Gama behind the Pousada Santa Cruz. Open Mon-Fri 09:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:30.

### **Peter Café Sport Experiences**

+351 292 292 327

These can range from whale watching and guided tours, including a guide for Pico.

### **Pico Mountain**

[info@ourisland-azores.com](mailto:info@ourisland-azores.com)

+351 967 172 754

[ourisland-azores.com](http://ourisland-azores.com)

Bookings must be made in advance to climb Pico, tour guides can be booked from Horta.Yacht Club

## **Yacht Club**

### **Clube Naval da Horta**

[cnhorta.org](http://cnhorta.org)

+351 292 200 680

Welcomes all the sailors from ARC Europe to use their facilities during their stay in Horta. The club has a bar, explored by USHIP, which has a great balcony with spectacular views of Pico and serves good, inexpensive bar food and has free WiFi.



Skippers Briefing

## Terceira, Azores



### Approaches to Angra, Terceira

Monte Brasil is the extinct volcano and headland that must be rounded in order to approach Angra do Heroísmo. With 70 NM distance, it is a day sail from Horta and you should arrive during daylight, and Monte Brasil is easily identified from a distance. Once rounded the narrow entrance to the marina is easily navigable.

The approach is made along the 342° line formed by the front and back lighthouses of Angra do Heroísmo. After passing the lighthouse on the breakwater on the starboard side, turn to starboard and head towards the entrance to the marina.

The marina is sheltered from the prevailing north and north-westerly winds by high land from all directions other than southeast. However, a swell setting in from the south and east can still sneak in the narrow entrance.

Welcome from harbour master Roldão Duarte:  
*"Angra Marina happily welcomes ARC Europe boats on their Azores cruise, providing them with our marina's excellent facilities and our staff's cheerful disposition. Angra is known both for its history and for its party mood, so whether you are looking for some archaeological diving or some bull running, we have it! Be sure not to miss us."*

### Marina d'Angra

**Porto das Pipas, 9700-154 Angra do Heroísmo, Terceira, Azores, Portugal**

**Location: 38°39'N 27°13'W**

**Open: Summer 08:00-12:00 13:00-20:00**

**VHF Ch9 / 16**

**+351 295 216 304**

**Email: [marinaangra@portosdosacores.pt](mailto:marinaangra@portosdosacores.pt)**

**Website: [portosdosacores.pt/marinas/marina-de-angra-do-heroismo](http://portosdosacores.pt/marinas/marina-de-angra-do-heroismo)**

### Entry Formalities

All yachts on approach must radio the marina office on VHF Ch16 or 09 and proceed to the reception and fuel pontoon. Once formalities have been completed you will be given instructions on where to berth. Berths will be allocated inside the marina; the maximum draft allowed in the marina is 3.5m. The marina office is open daily 08:00-20:00.

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure you leave Horta early enough to reach Marina d'Angra before the marina office closes at 20:00.

In the Azores you will have to check in and out with Customs (Alfândega) and Immigration (SEF) at each island you visit.

### Docking

Docking will be alongside half-length finger pontoons. Swell can pick up in the marina and often many mooring lines will be required and plenty of fenders. The marina is not as busy as Horta, making it more relaxed and quiet. Anchoring is also an option, especially for larger/heavier boats.

### Marina Charges

ARC Europe boats will be charged per m per night with water and electricity included.

### Marina Security

Marina d'Angra has security gates to each pontoon which require a keycard available against a small deposit from the marina office. You are still advised to lock your yacht when not onboard and to secure your dinghy if it is in the water.

### Deliveries

We do not recommend that deliveries are sent to Terceira.



Terceira overlooking Angra with Monte Brasil in the distance

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boat Yard

The port has a secure hardstanding with a travel-lift with a 50 tonne capacity and cranes for larger yachts. Speak to the marina office.

### Chandlery

#### Parreira Azor

[parreiraazor.com](http://parreiraazor.com)

+351 295 401 280

Owner Pedro Parreira is the local 'Mr Fix It' he has lots of contacts and works well with the marina. Can help with GRP repairs, hull cleaning, minor sail repairs and installation of electronics.

#### Porta Do Mar

+351 295 628 399

Located within walking distance of the marina.

#### Maré d'Angra

+351 295 218 900

### Electricity

Available on the pontoons. The voltage is European with 220V, 50Hz

### Fuel (gasoline & diesel)

It is recommended to refuel here rather than in Ponta Delgada due to the often uncomfortable swell. Ask the Marina Office for assistance from the fuel attendant.

### Garbage/Rubbish

The Azores are very clean and that is how the Azoreans would like to keep them. Large waste bins are located at the entrance to each pontoon.

### Gas (propane for cooking)

It is recommended to take on extra gas in Horta or Ponta Delgada due to the short time in Angra.

### Metal Work

#### Gil Sousa & Filhos

+351 295 213629

Located 10 meters outside the marina.

Open 08:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00.

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

#### Angra Garden Hotel

[azorishotels.com/anragarden](http://azorishotels.com/anragarden) +351 295 206 600

#### Terceira Mar Hotel

[bensaudehotels.com](http://bensaudehotels.com) +351 295 402 280

#### Hotel a Ilha

[www.hotelailha.com/](http://www.hotelailha.com/) +351 295 628 180

#### Hotel Beira Mar

[hotelbeiramar.com](http://hotelbeiramar.com) +351 295 215 188/9

### Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: **112**

#### Hospital De Santo Espírito Canada Barreiro

+351 295 403 200

### Internet

There is currently no free WiFi access in the marina, but it is available to customers at cafes in town. There are 3 computers available in the shower block free of charge.

### Laundry

In the shower block of the marina - can get quite busy as only 2 washers and 2 dryers are available. Tokens available from the desk €4. Washers add their own detergent.

### Money

There are two main banks in Angra, situated near the main square. Both banks have ATMs.

**Banco Montepio** +351 295 240 970

**Caixa Geral de Depósitos** +351 295 204 900

### Post Office

Located on the Rua da Sé, opposite the cathedral.

### Pharmacy

There are many pharmacies in Angra, however, the nearest to the marina are:

**Farmácia Lisboa, Rua Direita.** +351 295 213 233

**Farmácia Sousa, Rue da Sé.** +351 295 214724

### Restaurants

There are many pastelarias (cafes) and restaurants to choose from.

#### Marina Grill

[quintadosacores.com](http://quintadosacores.com)

Located in the marina.

### Showers and Toilets

Very large facilities located in marina building in the northwest corner of the marina closest to town. The showers cost €2 and get charged to your boat account for payment at the end of your stay. The shower building includes a jacuzzi and spa (extra charge).

Open from 08:30-12:00 and 13:00-20:00.

### Shopping

The nearest supermarket to the marina is the Modelo Supermarket located on Ladeira S.Bento, a taxi ride away from the marina. It is easier to provision in Horta or Ponta Delgada.

### Tourist Office

The main tourist office is situated on the Rua Direita (the right hand side of the main road out of the marina).

Open Mon-Fri 09:00-18:00, Sat 09:00-12:00.

### Yacht Club

#### Angra Iate Clube

+351 295 216 530

Close to the boatyard on the opposite side of the marina, has a great little café and welcomes visiting yachtsmen.

### Water

Potable water available on the pontoons.



Marina de d'Angra

## São Miguel, Azores



### Marina de Ponta Delgada

**Apartado 113, Avenida Infante D Henrique,  
9500 Ponta Delgada, São Miguel, Azores**

**Location:** 37°44'N 25°39'W

**Open:** Summer 08:00-12:00 13:00-18:30

**VHF Ch16 / 62**

**+351 296 281 510**

**Email:** [marinapdl@portosdosacores.pt](mailto:marinapdl@portosdosacores.pt)

**Website:** [portosdosacores.pt/marinas/marina-ponta-delgada/](http://portosdosacores.pt/marinas/marina-ponta-delgada/)

### Approaches to Ponta Delgada

Ponta Delgada is located on the south coast of S. Miguel island, the largest island of the Azores group. As the capital of the Azores, Ponta Delgada is a major trading port for the islands and it's busy harbour is sheltered by a massive 1500m outer breakwater.

The orientation of the entrance to the port is 321°. Once past the tip of the pier, turn slightly to port, heading towards the entrance to the marina. The cardinal buoy should be left on the starboard side. The pier projects underwater for about 50 - 100 meters in line with the seawall, so should be given a wide berth.

Special arrangements are made for ARC Europe fleet who will be berthed in the west basin. There is no need to go alongside the concrete welcome pontoon unless fuel is required.

Welcome from Manager, Vitória Nunes: *"Marina de Ponta Delgada is located in a bustling city surrounded by a magnificent untouched island which is worth visiting. Our aim is to make sure you leave the Azores with a deep wish to come back!"*

### Formalities

After mooring in the west basin, skippers should visit Customs to complete check in.

Open Mon-Sun 09:00-12:30 and 14:00-17:30.

If you hold a non-Schengen passport, make sure you receive a passport stamp before leaving S. Miguel.

### Docking

Every yacht will be docked alongside a floating finger pontoon with power and water. Marina de Ponta Delgada has electronically controlled secure gates for which you will need a keycard, which will be supplied when you check in.

### Marina Charges

ARC Europe boats will be charged per metre per night with water and electricity included.

### Marina Security

The pontoons are secured with gates controlled with a key card. These are available from the marina office. You are however still advised to lock your yacht when not onboard and to secure your dinghy if it is in the water.

### Deliveries

Mail and parcels can be sent by prior arrangement care of the marina. As our time in São Miguel is limited, be sure that your delivery arrives before you need to depart.

[Boat Name] Yacht in Transit  
Marina de Ponta Delgada  
Apartado 113, Avenida Infante D Henrique  
9500-770 Ponta Delgada, São Miguel  
Azores, Portugal

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Chandlery

#### Boat & Sail Service Workshop

It's worth to plan in advance and just ordered items from either Sopromar (Lagos, Portugal) or SVB24 (Germany). Both are able to deliver to the marina with no problems and takes around 2 weeks to arrive with DHL regardless of what the shipping says!

#### MAP

[mapazores.pt](http://mapazores.pt) +351 296 285 635

Located in the west (new) marina, chandlery, fishing tackle, boat sales and tuition.

### Electrical Engineers

#### JB Electronica +351 296 283781

Repairs, service and installation of Autohelm, Magellan, Koden, JRC, Raytheon, Apelco, Icom, Sailor.

#### Auto Marine +351 918 064 525

Mechanical and Electrical repairs.

### Electricity

All boats will be docked on pontoons with European 220V 50hz electricity.

### Fuel (gasoline & diesel)

The fuelling station is on a concrete wall located on the east basin of the marina. Fuel can be paid for with cash and credit card.

The fuel pump is owned and run by the Clube Naval. Call on VHF Ch.09 and if no reply call Clube Naval +351 918 491 218. Opens: Mon-Sun 09:00-18:00.

### Garbage/Rubbish

The Azores are very clean and that is how the Azoreans would like to keep them. Large waste bins are located near the entrance to the pontoons. Recycling is encouraged, and special bins are available for this.

### Gas (propane/butane)

#### Boat & Sail Service (see Chandlery)

Be aware that our visit to Ponta Delgada often coincides with a series of public holidays, in which case the refill service is likely to take longer. Camping gas refill with MAP €14 (2025).

### GRP Repairs

#### Boat & Sail Service Workshop (see Chandlery)

### Haul Out

A travel hoist facility is available in the marina and can be arranged at the marina office. Travel lift - although it is rated at 25tons, it is actually very small.

### Sail Repair

#### Velame

[velameazores@gmail.com](mailto:velameazores@gmail.com) +351 966 451161  
Sail and canvas repair work.

### Water

Potable water is available from taps on the pontoons, but you will need your own hose and adaptors.



Lagoa das Sete Cidades

## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

Ponta Delgada is the tourist centre of the Azores and there are many hotels and places to stay.

#### **The Lince Hotel**

[thelince-azores.com](http://thelince-azores.com)

+351 296 630 000

#### **Hotel Açores Atlântico**

[bensaudehotels.com](http://bensaudehotels.com)

+351 296 302 200

### Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 112

#### **Hospital do Divino Espirito Santo**

[hdes.pt](http://hdes.pt)

+351 295 403 200

#### **Hospital CUF**

[cuf.pt](http://cuf.pt)

+351 296 248 000

Private hospital in Lagoa, 10 minutes drive from Ponta Delgada

### Internet

There is free WiFi available in the marina and from most bars in the marina complex, at the Clube Naval de Ponta Delgada and in the Solmar Shopping Centre.

### Laundry

There is a collect and return laundry service, operated from the Marina office. Drop-off in the morning, pick up the following afternoon. (€3.65/Kg in 2025).

There is also a self-service laundry near the toilets and showers. The machines administer their own powder and conditioner so no need to take your own. Wash and drying tokens are available from the marina office €6 each (5kg washer, 8kg dryer).

### Money

There are ATMs a short walk from the marina in town.

#### **Banco Montepio**

Avenida Infante Dom Henrique

### Showers and Toilets

There are washroom facilities with toilets, showers and laundry located near the entrance to the pontoons. A keycard is required for access.

### Pharmacy

There are many pharmacies in Ponta Delgada – look out for the green cross signs.

### Restaurants

There is a wide choice of restaurants and cafes in Ponta Delgada, both in the marina complex and in the old city.

### Post Office

The central post office is located on Praça Vasco De Gama and is open Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00.

### Shopping

#### **Solmar Shopping Centre**

[solmaravenidacenter.com](http://solmaravenidacenter.com)

Situated close to the marina on the way into the centre of town. Includes a small supermarket, laundry, pharmacy, a range of shops, restaurants and gym.

#### **Pingo Doce**

[pingodoce.pt](http://pingodoce.pt)

Very close to the marina on Avenida Ponta Delgada

#### **Solmar Shopping Centre**

[solmaravenidacenter.com/](http://solmaravenidacenter.com/)

A much larger supermarket situated further out of town and is more of a taxi ride away.

#### **Parque Atlântico Rua da Juventude**

[parqueatlanticoshopping.pt](http://parqueatlanticoshopping.pt)

A large shopping centre containing a range of shops, cinemas and restaurants including a Continente supermarket.

### Swimming

#### **São Pedro Swimming Pool**

Located right in the marina complex is a public swimming pool. Small entry fee charged. Opens June to September.

### Tourist Office

The main tourist office is situated on the west side of the Praça G.V.Cabral (main square) on Av. Infante D. Henrique. The office is large and will be able to help with any of your tourism needs.

### Yacht Club

#### **Clube Naval Ponta Delgada**

[cnpdl.pt](http://cnpdl.pt)

+351 296 308 380

Located on the east side of the marina. ARC Europe participants are welcome to use the excellent facilities, including the bar (with free WiFi) and swimming pool.

## Azores Travel Information

### Airports

Direct flights are available from across Europe and North America to Ponta Delgada airport on São Miguel, Lajes on Terceira or Horta on Faial.

Flights are often delayed or cancelled, even in midsummer. Connecting flights via Lisbon often have very short turn-around times, so baggage may arrive on a different flight.

### Airlines - International Flights

<b>SATA International</b>	<a href="http://sata.pt">sata.pt</a>
<b>TAP Air Portugal</b>	<a href="http://flytap.com">flytap.com</a>
<b>Ryanair</b>	<a href="http://ryanair.com">ryanair.com</a>

### Airlines - Inter Island Connections

<b>SATA</b>	
<a href="http://sata.pt">sata.pt</a>	+351 292 202 315

### Azores Travel Agents

<b>Abreu</b>	
<a href="http://abreu.pt">abreu.pt</a>	+351 292 208490
<b>Top Atlantico</b>	
<a href="http://topatlantico.pt">topatlantico.pt</a>	+351 292 208140

### Tourist Office

<b>Direcção Regional de Turismo</b>	
<a href="http://visitazores.com">visitazores.com</a>	+351 292 200500

## Horta Travel Information

### Horta Airport

[hortaairport.pt](http://hortaairport.pt)

10 minutes from the marina in a taxi costing approx. €15.

### Bicycles

<b>Peter Café Sport Experiences</b>	
<a href="http://petercafesport.com">petercafesport.com</a>	+351 292 391 83

### Car Rental

<b>Hertz</b>	+351 292 208 130
<b>Rentacar</b>	+351 292 292 308
<b>Ilha Verde</b>	+351 292 392 786 or 918 611 766

### Taxis

Taxis can be found at the Taxi Rank on Rua Vasco da Gama above the Clube Naval da Horta.

<b>Terry's Cab</b>	+351 292 293 337
English spoken, 6 and 4 passenger vehicles.	

## Terceira Travel Information

### Lajes Airport

[aerogarelajes.azores.gov.pt](http://aerogarelajes.azores.gov.pt)

Situated in the north east of the island 20 minutes from the marina.

### Car Rental

<b>Rent a Car Cruzeiro</b>	+351 295 206360
<b>Escobar Rent a Car</b>	+351 295 214222
<b>Ilha 3 Rent a Car</b>	+351 295 213115
<b>P&amp;P Rent a Car</b>	+351 295 628700

### Taxis

The marina office can arrange taxis. Alternatively use the taxi rank at the Praça Velha (main square).

## São Miguel Travel Information

### Ponta Delgada Airport

[pontadelgadaairport.pt](http://pontadelgadaairport.pt)

15 minutes by taxi from the marina – the cost is approximately €13.

### Car Rental

<b>Micauto Rent a Car</b>	+351 296 284382
<b>Ilha Verde Rent a Car</b>	+351 296 304 891
<b>Auto Ramalhence</b>	+351 296 281 104

### Taxis

The marina office can arrange taxis. Alternatively use the taxi rank at the Praça G.V.Cabral (main square) or the Hotel Neat opposite the marina.

## Lagos, Portugal

### Local Information

Time zone:	UTC
Dialling Code:	+351 282
Currency:	Euro €
Language:	Portuguese
Emergency:	112
Police	+351 282 762930
Fire	+351 282 770790
Useful websites:	<a href="http://visitportugal.com">visitportugal.com</a>

### Marina de Lagos (Marlagos)

**Edifício Administração**  
**8600-315 Lagos, Portugal**  
**Location: 37°44'N 25°39'W**  
**Open: Summer 08:00-21:00**  
**VHF Ch9**  
**+351 282 770 210**  
**Email: [marina@marlagos.pt](mailto:marina@marlagos.pt)**  
**Website: [marinadelagos.pt](http://marinadelagos.pt)**

Marina de Lagos, located just a few minutes upriver, is the final Rally destination. The onsite facilities at the marina are superb. All types of boat repairs can be undertaken at the adjacent boatyard, where you will also find a large chandlery and various equipment suppliers. A pedestrian bridge gives easy access from the marina to the nearby town centre.

Marina de Lagos is also the last stopover for boats on ARC Europe and ARC Portugal, and with many southbound ARC & ARC+ boats also choosing to stop off here for summer, there is always a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Martinho and Ingrid Fortunato run the marina and are both always on hand to answer any queries. The Rally arrives at high season, so email your berthing requests in advance.

### Approaches to Lagos

Lagos lies 1.5 miles north of Ponta da Piedade, 17 miles East of Cape St. Vincent and 7 miles West of Portimão. Ponta da Piedade lighthouse 37°04'8N/8°40'.1W (FL 7s 56m 20M), is a yellow light house tower, with 2 palm trees either side.

The entrance to the harbour is between two harbour moles which are lit.

- West mole 37°05'8N/8°39'9W
- White tower red bands, Fl(2) R.6s 5,5M
- East mole 37°05'8N/8°39'.9W
- White tower green bands, Fl(2) G.6s 6,5M

Access to the marina from the sea is permanent, with a well protected and lit harbour entrance. Follow the river up to marina waiting pontoon to starboard, immediately before the metal bridge.

Welcome from Ingrid Fortunato, Marlagos: "ARC Europe participants' arrival to Marina de Lagos marks the beginning of the season every year, and it is with great pleasure we welcome you after 6 weeks of sailing and social activities! Marina de Lagos is strategically located for those arriving from the north, the Med or the Atlantic, so we are a sailors' hub, and proud of it. We hope you feel very welcome here, being assured that our staff will do their best to make your stay unforgettable and that your yacht will be in one of the safest marinas in the world."



## Local Information Rally Handbook



### Entry Formalities

After the finishing line has been crossed yachts should proceed into harbour and berth at the Marina Reception Pontoon to clear Customs and Immigration, before being allocated a berth in the Marina. Yachts arriving after 22:00 will have to wait on the reception pontoon to be cleared the following morning.

### Docking

After clearing Customs and Immigration and registering with the Marina Office, call the bridge on VHF Ch 09 to arrange an opening. The bridge operates between 08:30 and 20:30.

### Marina Charges

Yachts arriving with ARC Europe will have three nights berthing included from the day of their arrival.

Discounts are available for yachts staying longer: Before 10 November: 10% (5% if card) discount on 1-29 nights, and 15% (10% if card) discount on 30 + nights. Free access to marina club pool. Discounts are valid for continuous stays starting on the Rally arrival date, subject to availability and must be arranged directly with the marina office.

### Marina Security

Marina de Lagos has security gates for each pontoon, operated with a key card, which also opens the shower block. There is a €10 refundable deposit for the card. It is a good idea to take the usual security precautions when you are not onboard.

### Deliveries

Mail and packages can be sent care of the marina office. To avoid paying import duty, items sent to yachts should be addressed to the yacht and clearly marked 'Yacht in Transit'.

[Boat Name] Yacht in Transit  
Marina de Lagos  
Edifício Administração  
8600-315 Lagos, Portugal

## A to Z of Boat Services

### Boatyard

#### Sopromar

[sopromar.com](http://sopromar.com)

+351 282 763889

Operate the boatyard a short walk from Marina de Lagos toward the beach, which includes a 36-ton travel lift. They can service most of your marine repairs and have an excellent chandlery.

Open Mon-Sat 09:00-12:00 and 13:00-18:00.



Lagos Marina Reception Pontoon

### Chandleries & Hardware Stores

#### Sopromar (See Boatyard)

#### USHIP Lagos - Southwest Boats

[southwestboats.pt](http://southwestboats.pt)

+351 913 002 001

Based in Marina de Lagos.

### Divers

#### Wedive SSI Dive Centre

[wedive.pt](http://wedive.pt)

+351 916 959 233

Based in Marina de Lagos.

### Electrical and Electronics

#### Sopromar (See Boatyard)

Agents for Raymarine, and trained in Simrad, Garmin, and ICOM.

### Electricity

220v, 50Hz electricity is available on all the pontoons.

### Fuel

Available on seaward end of waiting pontoon. Open the same hours as the Marina Office. Credit cards accepted (except American Express).



### Gas

Exchange bottles at Sopromar (see Boatyard)

### Rigging

**Sopromar** (see Boatyard)  
Rigging workshop can handle wire to 20mm and usually hold stock of Harken, Lewmar and Ronstan.

**Fofovelas**  
[fofovelas@sapo.pt](mailto:fofovelas@sapo.pt) +351 917 550 960  
Rigging service, authorised Fulex dealer and installer.

**Pete Keeping**  
[rigging@petekeeping.com](mailto:rigging@petekeeping.com) +351 937 021 343

### Sail Repairs

**Fofovelas** (see Rigging)  
Good repairs including canvas, plus rigging services.

**Dune Sailmakers**  
[dunesailmakers.com](http://dunesailmakers.com) +351 289 321155  
Based at Marina Vilamoura but will collect from Lagos.

### Water

Potable water available on all the pontoons.



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### Accommodation

There are a wide range of styles of accommodation in Lagos and the surrounding area.

**Marina Club**  
[marinaclub.pt](http://marinaclub.pt) +351 282 790 600  
4\* excellent, modern aparthotel located right in the marina.

**HI Lagos - Youth Hostel**  
[pousadasjuventude.pt](http://pousadasjuventude.pt) +351 282 761 970  
A tidy youth hostel 15 minutes walk from the marina.

### Doctors / Hospitals

Emergency ambulance: 112

There are public and private hospitals in Lagos. Ask at the marina office.

### Diving

**Wedive SSI Dive Centre**  
[wedive.pt](http://wedive.pt) +351 916 959 233

### Health Club/Gym

The Marina Club Hotel has a health club and gym with a swimming pool and spa that is available to marina guests. Rally participants can use the facilities for free for the first three days, after that weekly or monthly membership is available.  
[marinaclub.pt](http://marinaclub.pt)

### Internet

Free WiFi is available throughout the marina. Ask in the marina office for the access code which will operate on up to two devices. Most of the bars around the marina offer free WiFi to customers.

### Laundry

There are good laundry facilities in the marina, with tokens available from reception (€6 wash and €6 dry).

**Lavandaria da Avenida** +351 282 098 811  
Located over the marina bridge and turn left provides a reasonably priced service wash .  
There is also a service wash at the Pingo Doce supermarket, near the north end of the marina.

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### Pharmacy

#### Farmácia Ribeiro Lopes

Rua Garrett 22 +351 282 762830

#### Farmácia Silva

Rua 25 de Abril +351 282 762859

#### Farmácia Neves

Rua Porta Pequena 3-5 +351 282 769966

### Post Office

#### CTT

Rua Portas de Portugal +351 282 770251.

Cross the river and walk down Avenida dos Descobrimentos.

### Restaurants

There are plenty of restaurants in the marina complex, and it is only a short walk across the pedestrian footbridge to the town centre. Another option is some of the beach front restaurants, walk past the Sopromar boatyard.

### Shopping

#### Markets

**Mercado Municipal** Avenida dos Descobrimentos  
Fish market downstairs with fruit and vegetables upstairs. Also has a restaurant with views over the bay. Open Mon-Sat 06:00-15:00.

#### Saturday farmers' market

Near the bus station opposite the marina footbridge – go early and take lots of small change.

#### Supermarkets

#### Pingo Doce

[pingodoce.pt](http://pingodoce.pt) +351 938 875 853  
Located close to pontoons LMN and O at the north end of the marina.

#### Intermarché

[intermarche.pt](http://intermarche.pt) +351 282 780 760  
Major hypermarket short distance out of the town centre – take a taxi.

#### Continente

[continente.pt](http://continente.pt) +351 282 770 270

#### LIDL

[lidl.pt](http://lidl.pt) +351 210 207 000

### Tourist Information

#### Posto de Turismo de Lagos

[visitalgarve.pt](http://visitalgarve.pt) +351 282 763 031  
Just around the corner from the post office. Continue down the Rua das Portas de Portugal, into the square take the third avenue on the left.

## Lagos Travel Information

### Airport

#### Faro Airport

[faroairport.pt](http://faroairport.pt)

Approximately 90km (1 hour) east of Lagos. A taxi will cost approximately €100 (Uber approximately €60) or take the train, costing approximately €7 and taking 2 hours. There is a short taxi ride from Faro railway station to Faro airport.

### Airlines

Faro is served by many charter and international airlines, as it is the hub airport for the popular Algarve tourist region. See [faroairportsguide.com](http://faroairportsguide.com) or [ana.pt](http://ana.pt)

### Buses

Local buses leave from the main bus station on Avenida dos Descobrimentos, just across the footbridge. The marina office has timetables and routes. Coaches also leave from here to Faro and Lisbon.

[eva-bus.com](http://eva-bus.com)

### Car Rental

#### Autojardim Car Hire

[auto-jardim.com](http://auto-jardim.com)

Special prices available, enquire at Marina Office.

#### Europcar

[Europcar.pt](http://Europcar.pt) +351 282 763 203

#### Luzcar

[luzcar.com](http://luzcar.com) +351 282 761 016

### Railway/Trains

Located just behind the marina. Irregular trains to Faro, cost €7, (plus taxi cost from station to airport).

Trains can also be taken to Lisbon. The journey takes around 4 hours and costs €25 one-way. Change at Tunes.

[cp.pt](http://cp.pt)

### Taxis

**Marina Club Hotel** has an 8 seater minibus you can book at reception, costs €100 to Faro Airport (same price as 4 seater taxi). Allow 1 hour.

**Taxi Company** +351 282 763 587

**Minibus do Sul** +351 282 426 045

## Resources

### Useful Books

#### Waterway Guide - Chesapeake Bay

ISBN: 9798986652573

#### Grenada to the Virgin Islands

ISBN 9781846235818

#### Chris Doyle: The Cruising Guide to the Northern Leeward Islands

ISBN 9781733305303

#### Chris Doyle: The Cruising Guide to the Southern Leeward Islands.

ISBN: 9781733305310

#### Atlantic Pilot Atlas

ISBN 9781408122471

#### Chart 100 North Atlantic Ocean Passage Chart

ISBN 9781846234675

#### Atlantic Islands

ISBN 9781786790705

#### Atlantic Crossing Guide

ISBN 9781472947666

#### Atlantic Spain and Portugal

ISBN 9781846239649

#### Waterway Guide Chesapeake Bay (2025 edition)

ISBN 9781846239649

## Courtesy Flags

You will need to purchase the following courtesy flags:

- St. Maarten (or other departure port)
- Bermuda
- Portugal
- Azores courtesy flag can be flown below the Portuguese courtesy flag
- Q Flag (for flying before clearing Customs)

## Suggested Charts

### USA

#### USHO/NGA/NOAA

121 North Atlantic Ocean Northern Sheet

124 North Atlantic Ocean Southwestern

125 North Atlantic Ocean Southeastern

126 North Atlantic Ocean Northeastern

11009 Cape Hatteras to Straits of Florida

13003 Cape Sable to Cape Hatteras

12208 Approaches to Chesapeake Bay

#### British Admiralty

2710 Delaware Bay to Straits of Florida

4011 North Atlantic Ocean Northern Part

4403 Southeast Coast of North America, including Bahamas & Greater Antilles

#### Maptech Chartkit

Region 4: Chesapeake & Delaware Bay

Region 6: Norfolk, VA to Florida & the ICW

Region 7: Florida East Coast & the Keys

### Sint Maarten

#### British Admiralty

4012 North Atlantic Ocean Southern Part

4400 The West Indies

2079 Ports and Anchorages in Anguilla, Sint Maarten (St. Martin) and St. Barthelemy

#### Imray

A24 Anquilla, Sint Maarten (St. Martin) and St. Barthelemy

### Bermuda

#### British Admiralty

360 Approaches to Bermuda

334 Bermuda

1315 Five Fathom Hole, the Narrows & St. George's Harbour

#### NGA

26340 Approaches to Bermuda Islands

26341 Bermuda Islands

26342 The Narrows to Grassy Bay

26343 St. George's Harbour

26344 Great Sound (Bermuda Islands)

26345 Hamilton Harbour (Bermuda Islands)

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## Imray

E5 Bermuda

## Azores

### British Admiralty

1950 Arquipélago dos Açores

1956 Arquipélago dos Açores (central group)

1957 Harbours in the Arquipélago dos Açores

4103 English channel to the Strait of Gibraltar

### Imray

E1 Arquipélago dos Açores

C20 Strait of Gibraltar to Arquipélago dos Açores & Islas Canarias.

## Azores to UK

### British Admiralty

2675 English Channel

### Imray

C18 Western Approaches to the English Channel & Biscay

C10 Western English Channel Passage Chart

## Azores to Lagos

### British Admiralty

3132 Strait of Gibraltar to Arquipélago do Madeira

89 Cabo de São Vicente to Faro (Rio de Las Piedras)

### Imray

C19 Capo Finisterre to Gibraltar

C20 Strait of Gibraltar to Arquipélago dos Açores & Islas Canarias (as above)

C50 Sines to Gibraltar

## My Notes