



**DREAM YACHT**  
WORLDWIDE

# Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



ABACO | BAHAMAS

## BASE ADDRESS

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The Conch Inn Marina

700 Bay Street

Marsh Harbour

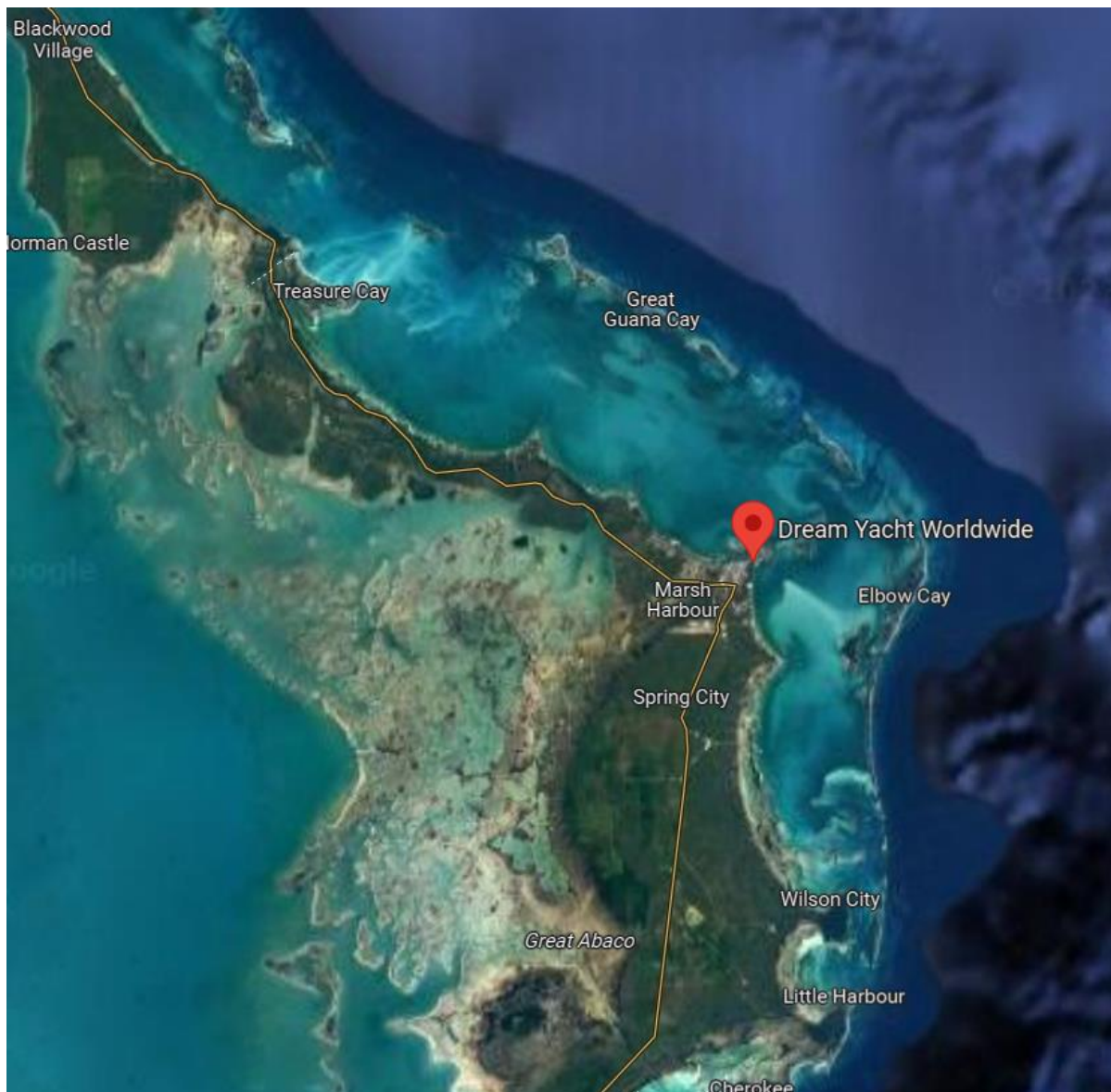
Abaco

GPS POSITION: 26.54674° N, 77.05222° W

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 6pm

## BASE MAP

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## BASE CONTACTS

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If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

### BASE MANAGER:

Base Manager: Ryan Penn

Phone: 1-242-439-0804

## BASE FACILITIES

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☒ Electricity

☒ Water

☒ Toilets

☒ Showers

☒ Laundry

☐ Swimming pool

☒ Wi-Fi

☒ Luggage storage

☒ Restaurant

☒ Bar

☐ Supermarket / Grocery store

☐ ATM

☐ Post Office

## BASE INFORMATION

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### LICENSE

Sailing license required: ☒ No ☐ Yes

### PAYMENT

The base can accept: ☒ Visa ☒ MasterCard ☐ Amex ☐ Cash

### EMBARKATION TIME

Boarding time is 5pm.

Chart and technical briefing will take approximately 1 hour each the following morning.

### YACHT BRIEFING

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience.

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as

mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

You can depart from the marina before 11am.

## **STOP OVERS**

Stopovers are free for first and last nights of the charter.

## **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is at 10am on the last day of the charter.

To assist in making checkout as smooth as possible, we ask that you arrive back at the base with a refueled tank. The vessel's equipment, along with a general visual check of its interior and exterior will be thoroughly conducted. A diver will be present and have a check of its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. Our diver checks the state of the hull on the Saturday at 8.30am - 10am. The general inspection will take approximately one hour.

## **BAGGAGE**

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: 1-242-439-0804
- Marina emergency telephone number: 1-242-367-4000
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: 1-242-325-8864
- VHF base channel: 16
- VHF marina channel: 16
- VHF emergency channel: 16

## **HOW TO GET THERE?**

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### **ACCESS BY PLANE**

Leonard M. Thompson International Airport (MHH): The airport is 5.1km from the base, which is a 12-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from Florida, Georgia and Nassau, Bahamas American Airlines, Silver Airways, Bahamasair, Western Air, Delta Airlines and United Airways. Please check the schedule on the airport website.

### **TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE**

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact our customer service manager. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info,



working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport terminal buildings.

## ACCESS BY ROAD

From Leonard M. Thompson International Airport, head southeast for 600m. At the roundabout, take the second exit to onto Great Abaco Hwy. Stay on Great Abaco Hwy for 2.3 km. Continue straight on to Don Mackay Blvd for 1.0 km. Turn right onto Queen Elizabeth Dr and then turn right onto Bay St. The Conch Inn Marina will be on the left.

## PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: ☐ Yes ☒ No

### LOCAL SUPERMARKET

#### Maxwell's

Stratton Dr, Marsh Harbour  
Phone: 1-242-367-7283

Monday to Thursday – 8am-7pm  
Friday to Saturday – 8am-8pm  
Sunday – 8am-4pm

#### Abaco Groceries

Marsh Harbour  
Phone: 1-242-577-2014

Monday to Saturday – 7.30am-7pm  
Sunday – 9am-3pm

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

### FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently located at the base and all nearby marinas.

### HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina
- Abaco Inn

### RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- Snappas Bar and Grill
- Jib Room
- Colors Bahamian restaurant

## AREA GUIDE

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### LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

The Bahamas' Abaco island chain is a true vacation paradise and makes for a wonderful sailing vacation. Enjoy calm, electric-blue waters, warm breezes and friendly locals, all of which lure visitors to this destination time and again.

Unlike some islands in the Bahamas, the Abaco Out Islands are still largely unspoiled by crowds and tourism. Fishing and diving are world-class and snorkelers should head to the impressive Pelican Cays Sea Park, off Sandy Cay.

While sailing in the Abacos, head to Elbow Cay. The most well-known of the small colonial townships on the outer cays, it's popular for its colorful architecture and 130-year-old lighthouse that is visible for miles. You can climb the steps of the candy-striped lighthouse, visit the small museum and then eat at one of the many restaurants lining the harbor.

### TOP THINGS TO DO IN ABACOS:

1. Relax at Treasure Cay Beach: Head for Treasure Cay, which is listed in National Geographic's Top 10 Beaches in the World! The sand on this long stretch of beach is incredible and it has every convenience you could want, including excellent bars and restaurants as well as tennis, golf, swimming and a few shops, making it one of the most popular things to do in Abaco.
2. Visit Hope Town: Sail to Hope Town, one of the prettiest harbors in the Bahamas. Dominating the town is the well-photographed red and white striped lighthouse – one of only three kerosene-lit, manned lighthouses in the world, and still relied upon by sailors in the Bahamas. Climb the stairs for an amazing panoramic view of your cruising ground.
3. Snorkel at Pelican Cays Sea Park: For a daytime anchorage, head for the west side of Sandy Cay. From here you can dinghy to the reefs on the east side, which form part of the Pelican Cays Sea Park with its protected coral and sea life. One of the top things to do in Abaco, there are some small moorings for you to tie the dinghy to when diving or snorkeling this beautiful underwater area.
4. Swim with inquisitive pigs: Drop anchor at No Name Cay, dinghy to shore and visit the famous swimming pigs. These island-bound hogs welcome visitors by wading into the water to greet them – especially visitors who bring along some vegetable scraps from their lunch.

5. Enjoy dinner at Green Turtle Club Resort & Marina: Enjoy the menu curated by Michael Howell, from gourmet dining to the full Abaco experience. Treat yourself to a cocktail in the Dollar Bar, which has been visited by many film stars.

**CURRENCY:** The Bahamian dollar (BSD). US dollars (USD) are also widely accepted.

**VOLTAGE:** 110V

**DIALING CODE:** +242

## **CUSTOMS CLEARANCE**

You will need to clear customs before entering the country. Talk to us to make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.

## **INTERNET**

There is free Wi-Fi in our marina. You'll also find Wi-Fi available in some marinas, cafes and restaurants.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

## **REGULATIONS**

Fishing regulations are strict. A fishing permit, issued at the time of inbound clearance, is included in the cruising permit fee, and valid for three months.

Spearfishing is restricted to Hawaiian sling only. Spears, fish traps, nets (excluding landing nets) and spearguns are prohibited. No marine life at all may be captured in the national marine parks or reserve areas.

Visiting sailors are expected to do their best to cause as little damage as possible, both ashore and afloat. In particular, avoid anchoring in coral, which is easily destroyed. Mooring buoys have been installed at some locations and these should be used in preference to anchors.

## DELIMITED SUPPORT AREAS FOR THE BAHAMAS

For your yacht reservation in the Bahamas please note the following:

- Coverage includes the Exumas (Nassau to Georgetown) and Marsh Harbour (Green Turtle Cay to Little Harbour), with technician support available.
- Eleuthera, Andros and the Berry Islands are beyond our coverage zone.

### Coverage map



Information subject to change without notice.

## SAILING CONDITIONS

### SAILING AREA

The Abacos offer 130 miles of cays and islands, including the famous Walkers Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Great Guana, Man-O-War and Elbow Cay, to name a few. The boomerang-shaped





Abaco Islands span from Walkers Cay in the north to Hole-in-the-Wall in the south, just 175 miles east of Florida's Palm Beach and 55 miles north of Nassau.

Snorkel along Great Guana Cay's seven-mile beach and enjoy a cocktail at Nipper's Bar. Relax at Treasure Cay, often voted one of the most beautiful beaches in the world (there is no marina, only the mooring balls), or take in the relaxed atmosphere at Man-O-War Cay. Animal lovers will want to visit the swimming pigs at No Name Cay.

Green Turtle Cay is not to be missed on any Abaco yacht charter. Rent a golf cart to explore the entire island, including the tiny settlement of New Plymouth, and several idyllic beaches including Gilliam Bay and Ocean Beach. The lovely Green Turtle Club and Bluff House resorts make nice stops for dinner or drinks.

## **WEATHER**

The best time to visit the Bahamas is from December to April, when temperatures cool slightly to between 82-87°F. It's a great place to visit year-round as the temperatures are comfortable and rarely dip below 60°F.

The hottest months in the Bahamas are July and August, and the wettest months are May and June. The islands fall within the hurricane belt, so hurricanes may be a factor between June and November (the Atlantic hurricane season).

## **TEMPERATURE**

Climate in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas:

- Summer high: The August high is around 88°F
- Winter low: The January low is 66°F

## **WIND SYSTEMS**

Sailing conditions in the Bahamas include easterly winds between 10 and 15 knots and care is needed as the water can have shallow depths. The tidal range is up to 3.5ft.

## **LOCAL FORECAST**

You can find Abacos weather forecasts on the WindFinder.com website . Cruisers Net broadcasts weather forecasts and tides each day on VHF channel 68 at 8:15am

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