

# Base Guide

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION** 





# **BASE ADDRESS**

The Conch Inn Marina

700 Bay Street

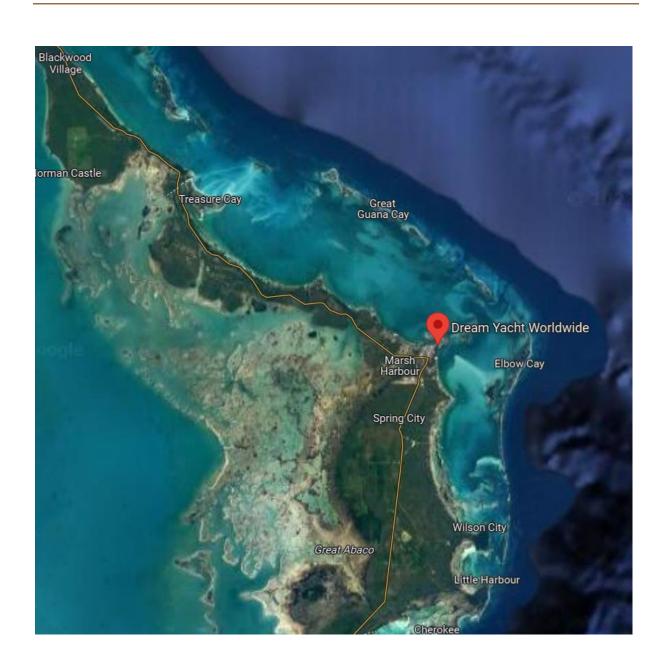
Marsh Harbour

Abaco

GPS POSITION: 26.54674° N, 77.05222° W

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 6pm

# **BASE MAP**





## **BASE CONTACTS**

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**

☑ Electricity	⊠ Wi-Fi
Water	☑ Luggage storage
☑ Toilets	⊠ Restaurant
⊠ Showers	⊠ Bar
	$\square$ Supermarket / Grocery store
☐ Swimming pool	□ATM
<b>.</b>	☐ Post Office

## BASE INFORMATION ABACOS DREAM PREMIUM

#### **EMBARKATION TIME**

Boarding time is 6pm.

#### **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is at 9am on the last day of the charter.

## HOW TO GET THERE?

#### **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, Delta Airlines, Westeran Air 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 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.

## **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **PAYMENT**

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

#### **BAGGAGE**

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

**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, which you can use on your Abaco yacht charter. You'll also find Wi-Fi available in some marinas, cafes and restaurants.

#### **HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:**

- Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina
- Abaco Inn

#### **RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:**

- Snappas Bar and Grill
- Jib Room



Colors Bahamian restaurant

#### **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

### 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 .

## .WHAT TO PACK

- Soft luggage that you can fold away or roll up hard suitcases are hard to fit in your cabin and there is nowhere to store them onboard
- Reef-friendly sunblock and sun cream
- Dry bags or zip lock bags to protect your money, cameras and mobiles
- Seasickness bands and tablets are good for novice sailors
- Earplugs and eyeshades are great for light sleepers
- Keep clothing light and remember you will be around water a lot! Don't forget several swimsuits, hat, sunglasses and an extra beach towel (even though towels are provided)
- When it comes to shoes, you're likely to be barefoot onboard so pack just one pair for going ashore and some water shoes for reefs
- Leave expensive jewelry, make-up and hair straighteners behind it's time to relax!