

# Base Guide

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





# **BASE ADDRESS**

Phuket Yacht Haven Marina

141/2 Moo 2

Mai Khao, Thalang

Phuket 83110 (access the pontoon using a magnetic card after check in)

GPS POSITION: 8°10'12"N 98°20'16"E

OPENING HOURS: 8am - 5pm

# **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.  |                                       |  |
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| BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE  | <b>≣</b> :                            |  |
| Base Manager: John-Grant Jacobs  |                                       |  |
| Phone: +66 819 70 40 20  |                                       |  |
| CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER:  |                                       |  |
| Nancy Vattanapong  |                                       |  |
| Phone: +66 935 80 85 88  |                                       |  |
| BASE FACILITIES  |                                       |  |
| ⊠ Electricity  | □ Luggage storage                     |  |
| ⊠ Water  | ⊠ Restaurant                          |  |
| ⊠ Toilets  | ⊠ Bar                                 |  |
| ⊠ Showers  | $\square$ Supermarket / Grocery store |  |
| ⊠ Laundry  | ⊠ ATM                                 |  |
| ⊠ Swimming pool  | ☐ Post Office                         |  |
| ⊠ Wi-Fi  |                                       |  |
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| BASE INFORMATION   |                                       |  |
| LICENSE Sailing license required: A sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities is preferred, or you can hire a skipper |                                       |  |
| PAYMENT  |                                       |  |
| The base can accept: ⊠ Visa ⊠ MasterCard □ Amex □ Cash   |                                       |  |

# **EMBARKATION TIME**

Boarding time is 05:00pm.



# **YACHT BRIEFING**

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 60-120 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.

# **STOP OVERS**

First night and last night of charter is free of charge in the marina.

Your charter will end at 10am on the last day of your trip, so schedule to dock your boat on the last night before 4pm or stay outside on anchor then come to the dock by 8am on the day of disembarkation.

Allow sufficient time in the morning to ensure the boat is in excellent condition; your baggage is out, linens are bagged in pillowcases and garbage has been removed.

The debriefing will take place at 9am and will check the inventory and cover the final invoice at the DYW office.

# **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is at 10am and debriefing at 9am. All boats have to return to base on no later than 4pm on the last evening of charter if you want to stay in the marina or, if you want to anchor outside the marina, you can return at 8am on the last day of charter.

The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

Please make sure your baggage is off the boat, linens are bagged in pillowcases and the garbage has been removed.

# **CAR PARK**

Street parking is available.

### **BAGGAGE**

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



# **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

Base emergency telephone number: +66 819 70 40 20

Marina emergency telephone number: +66 630 79 15 59

Coastguard emergency telephone number: +66 630 79 15 59

VHF marina channel: 68

VHF emergency channel: 16

# **HOW TO GET THERE?**

# **ACCESS BY PLANE**

Phuket International Airport (HKT): The airport is 15km from the base, which is a 20-minute journey by car/shuttle. Fly via regular connecting flights from Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore and others. 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 your aftersales team. 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 the airport, follow Route 4031 and Route 402 to your destination.

Information subject to change without notice.

# PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

# BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:  $\square$  Yes  $\square$  No

# LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Tesco Lotus, Makro

Thalang District, Phuket (15 minutes by taxi)

| Day             | Time       |
|-----------------|------------|
| Monday - Sunday | 7am – 11pm |



\*Alcohol is sold between 11am-2pm and 5pm-midnight and is not sold or served on Buddhist holidays.

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

# **FUEL AND WATER**

Fuel and water are conveniently available at the following locations:

- Ao Po
- Phuket Royal Marina
- Phuket Boat Lagoon
- Ao Chalong
- Krabi River Marina
- Port Takola Marina

# **HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:**

- Naiyang Sonwa Resort
  - 76/21 Soi Bangmalao 6, Sakhu, Phuket
- JW Marriott Phuket Resort & Spa
  - 231, Moo 3, Phuket, Mai Khao, Phuket
- Chamil House
  - -141/3 Moo 2 Thepkrasatri Road, Mai Khao, Phuket

# **RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:**

- Papas and Mamas (local food)
- The Deck (Thai and European food)
- Woodfired Grill Bar (Turkish and Steak house)

# **AREA GUIDE**

# LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

For the adventurous sailor in search of an unforgettable vacation, Thailand is among the finest, most interesting and beautiful places to sail in the world. Where else can you sail among spectacular limestone peaks that jut up above the waters, such as you can in Phang Nga Bay? The rock formations are just the start of the wonders you can find in Thailand.



Many of the islands in this region are ringed with dazzling coral reefs so rich in marine life that you'll be tempted to spend all of your time in the water.

To sail in Thailand you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper.

# TOP THINGS TO DO IN THAILAND:

- Lunch at a floating fishing village: The hundreds of huts, restaurants and houses where
  the Koh Panyi villagers live are built on stilts over the surrounding sea. It's a fascinating
  place to visit, where you can enjoy a freshly-caught fish lunch, shop and visit with the
  friendly locals.
- 2. Visit James Bond Island: Excellent anchorages are to be found at the prestigious Phang Nga Bay, where you will also find the famed James Bond Island. Secret lagoons and crystal clear waters highlight the unspoiled beauty of this magical bay recognizable for the sheer limestone karsts that jut straight up from the water.
- 3. Hong Lagoon: Koh Hong, off the coast of Krabi is part of the Than Bok Khorani National Park and features one of the more recognizable lagoons in Thailand. Visit early to enjoy the stunning beach and walking trail before the tour visitors arrive.
- 4. Explore Koh Phi Phi Don: Koh Phi Phi Don is a popular tourist attraction and while it may not be the place to visit for solitude, it retains an appeal to visitors looking for a lively scene. Enjoy its beachfront restaurants, bars and shops at Tonsai Bay, blending in with the stunning scenery.

**CURRENCY: Thai baht (THB)** 

**VOLTAGE: 220V** 

**DIALING CODE: +66** 

# **CUSTOMS CLEARANCE**

Clearance can take five hours during working hours, so be sure to allow time in your itinerary.

# **INTERNET**

Internet is available at the marina, and aboard our cabin charters. There is also internet access via cafes and Wi-Fi hotspots, but you may need to pay. Cell phones can work depending on zones but don't forget the roaming fees while sailing Thailand's islands!



# **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

Night sailing is prohibited in Thailand and Malaysia waters. Plan your sailing trip to reach your night anchorage by 4pm and ensure you don't sail when visibility is poor.

Navigation channels are marked as in Europe, red on the port side and green on starboard when entering harbors. In Thailand, mooring buoys are rarely checked or maintained. If you use them, it is your responsibility.

In some areas you cannot anchor and must use a government mooring buoy. In this case please dive and inspect the buoy and the rope. These areas include: Koh Racha Yai, Koh Racha Noi, Koh Mai Thon, Koh Kai Nai, Koh Kai Nok, Maya Bay (Koh Phiphi Le).

Please note, to show respect, never touch a local's head or point at a local with your foot when seated.

# **SAILING AREA LIMITATIONS**

### North:

• Similan Islands & Surin Islands

Chartered boats are no longer permitted in this area by government decree from 2022.

# South:

# Langkawi

Due to stringent regulations upon exiting Thai waters with a Thai-flagged vessel, extensive paperwork and the presence of a Thai skipper on board are mandatory.

However, sailing remains possible around the surrounding Thai islands like Koh Lipe and Koh Tarutao, which are within Thai waters.)

Please be aware that Thai laws change frequently and without notice. The base team will update you during your briefing.



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# SAILING CONDITIONS

# **SAILING AREA**

Among the popular itinerary stops during any Phuket yacht charter is Koh Khai Nai, better known as James Bond Island, where "The Man With the Golden Gun" was filmed. Nearby Koh Panyi is a floating village where hundreds of fishermen live. Buy local souvenirs and seafood, then prepare a locally-caught fish dinner on board.

Sailing approximately 28nm southeast of Phuket brings you to the Phi Phi Islands, one of southern Thailand's favorite tourist destinations. You'll find stunning anchorages suitable for overnight stays and charming villages that are perfect for lunchtime stops.

### **WEATHER**

The best time for a Thailand sailing charter is from mid-October to mid-April, when the rainy season is finished and all national parks are open. The monsoon season is May through early October, with hot, humid weather and heavy rains.

March is the hottest month in Phuket with an average temperature of 83°F and the coldest is January at 81°F. The most sunshine hours are in April with nine hours of sun each day.

# **TEMPERATURE**

# Climate in Phuket:

Summer high: The March high is around 93°F

Winter low: The January low is 72°F

# **WIND SYSTEMS**

Winds during the high season, between October and mid-April, are typically from the southwest. From May to October, the tropical monsoon season begins with a northeast wind. Knowledge of tide systems is required.

# **LOCAL FORECAST**

You can find weather forecasts on the <u>Windguru</u> website both ahead of and during your sailing vacation in Thailand.