



Along the Great Southern Route

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Overview

The proceeding route charts have been made to demonstrate the best rally/race routes for boats travelling westward from Bundaberg Australia to Indonesia and on to Phuket Thailand and Malaysia.

They consider the official cyclone season in Northern Australia making the best use of the south east trade winds across Australasia and South East Asia.

We bear in mind choosing safe anchorages with the largest distance being 500 NM between anchorages that is along the south east of Jawa and the fastest way to reach the final destination which ties into boats wanting to complete their circumnavigation to Europe which begins in February the following year via the Suez Canal and Cape town Africa and the seasonal winds of the South Pacific Ocean from Panama.

Marina Del Ray Sailing Route Australia - Indonesia - Thailand - Malaysia

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1400 km



Cruising Route Australia Indonesia Thailand Malayasia

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Sailing Route Australia to South East Asia

2250 NM Leaving Bundaberg May 1st arriving Roti Island Indonesia
1st August 2023. Clearance Ports, Darwin Australia & Kupang Indonesia

Legend

 Darwin to Indonesia starting line



Google Earth

Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO

Image Landsat / Copernicus

1300 km

Bundaberg is considered the safest cyclone region on the east coast of Australia, protected by the famous and largest sand island in the world, Fraser Island provides a natural barrier if yachts need to arrive early than the official cyclone seasons end on the 1st of May.

Sailing northwards at that time of year the southeast trades are establishing themselves. Sea breezes during daylight hours switching to light offshore at night it is the ideal time to travel the 1040 NM to the tip of northern Australia, Cape York while visiting the Whitsundays Islands, Port Douglas and Lizard Island being your main stopovers as well as Cairns.

Turning to port from Cape York your next journey is to a long sand spit that reaches out from the Northern Territory of Australia known as Cape Wessel which lee shore is very protected from the southeast trades and the distance is a comfortable 325 NM.

The region is highly desirable and known as the Marchinbar Islands and well worth a visit, the fishing and wild life is amazing, its about as remote that you can get and is known as Arnhem Land see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arnhem_Land

There is an option to avoid Cape Wessel the most northern tip of the Northern Territory, affectionately known as the whole in the wall, the Cumberland strait but its tidal and should be researched.

From Lagoon Bay on the west coast of Marchinbar Island its 380 NM to Darwin Australia, your last Clearance Port from Australia.

This Route removes all the risks of fishing nets and debris found in the northern parts of the Arafura Sea that so many cruisers complains about and also keeps you close enough to the Australian continent to use its offshore winds at night if the trades slow during daylight hours.



Go West to Indonesia

Start Line from Darwin to Indonesia

Legend

Darwin 380 NM



Darwin to Indonesia starting line



Dinah Beach Cruising Yacht Squadron



Anchorage to Yacht Club 1 NM

Google Earth

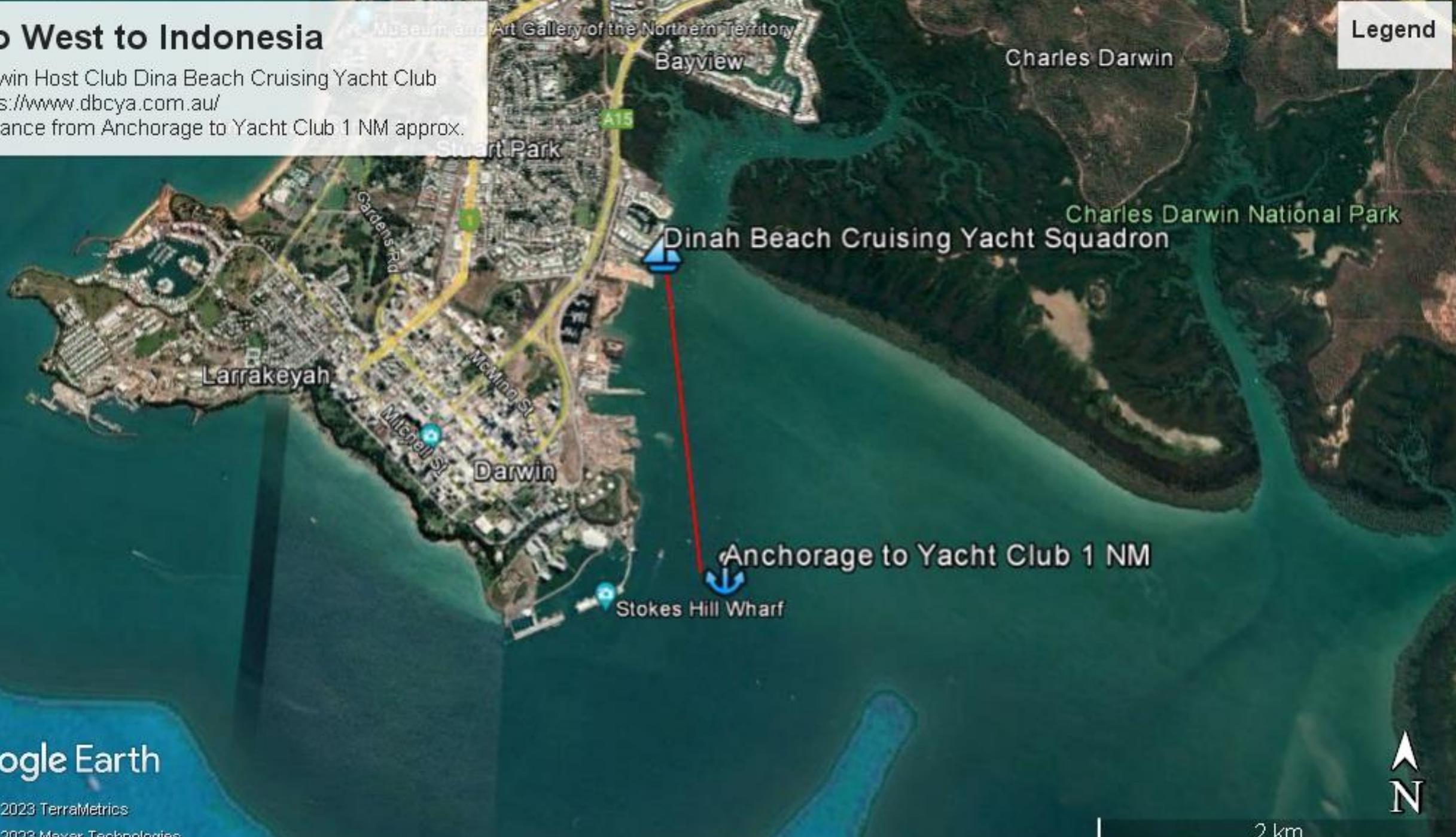
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Go West to Indonesia

Darwin Host Club Dina Beach Cruising Yacht Club
<https://www.dbcya.com.au/>
Distance from Anchorage to Yacht Club 1 NM approx.

Legend



Google Earth

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2 km

We have proposed the Cruising Club as an assembly point <https://www.dbcya.com.au> for the week the yachts are there when we will arrange for clearance formalities before the fleet begins its 438 NM journey to Roti Island which is 438 NM.

Clearance in Indonesia will be on location at 10,43.446" & S 122,49.424" E this is located on Eastern Shore of Roti Island where visibility in 15 meters of water is incredible in very good sand holding. The proposed anchorage is on the lee shore from the prevailing southeast trades.

Ferry Transfers can be arranged to visit Kupung which is 45 NM north where there is an international airport and a large city however fresh produce can be supplied from Pulau Roti which has spectacular scenery and an amazing coastline with smaller islands scattered around while Sawu lays 60 NM west and Sumba Island a further 70 NM west therefore avoiding the south coast of East Nusa Tenggara but arriving at its western end where you will find Flores and Komodo.

We have selected Roti so as to avoid anchoring in Kupung bay which is poor at the best of times. Pulau meaning Island in Indonesian is one of the most authentic islands in Indonesia and is just if not more desirable to see than dirty and busy Kupung and the overcrowded and expensive areas of Komodo for yachties by far.

Rote Island is an island of Indonesia, part of the East Nusa Tenggara province of the Lesser Sunda Islands. According to legend, this island got its name accidentally when a lost Portuguese sailor arrived and asked a farmer where he was. The surprised farmer, who could not speak Portuguese, introduced himself, "Rote".





A wide-angle photograph of a vast blue ocean under a clear sky. A single sailboat with two masts is visible on the horizon line. The water is a deep, vibrant blue with gentle ripples. The sky is a lighter blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon.

MARINDO

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Indonesia is the largest archipelago in the world, over 17600 islands that lay between eight degrees North and south of the equator you would take a lifetime to see everything. We have designed this route which specifically keeps you as far as possible from the equatorial zone where the southeast trades are strongest.

Therefore, allowing you to experience as many islands as possible before arriving in Thailand or Malaysia for the next leg crossing the western Indian Ocean around the Cape of good hope or the Suez Canal while avoid the significant maritime traffic of the Malaka straight that suffers serious Sumatran electrical tropical storms the later part of the year and the significant domestic shipping and fishing fleet in the Jawa Sea.

The route allows you to travel from your clearance in port in Roti Island east Indonesia and travel the 2450 NM to either Phuket Thailand or Langkawi Malaysia where there is significant haul out and boat repair facilities.

Nonstop its 18 days sailing yet you sail past some of the best islands and diverse cultures in the world with the following proposed route.

You can decide the main regions you wish to discover with the longest leg being 500 NM the average being 300 NM along your journey.

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MARINDO which is short for Marina Indonesia is an Indonesian company founded by Captain Raymond La Fontaine who was part of the 2007 Sail Indonesia who owns and developed Marina Del Ray on the beautiful island of Southeast Lombok which is the largest of the 28-world famous Gili Islands. The marina is 55 NM east of world-famous Bali where the company runs a daily ferry service to Bali.

Due to the lack of space in Bali for yachts there is only one small Marina in Benowa harbour. The other being serangan harbour which is always full and is dirty which was the reason why Marina Del Ray was built for sailors like you.

MARINDO plans to complete 3 more Marinas along this route, the first being in Roti Island on the eastern border, the second Sabang Banda Aceh on the western border and the last on another beautiful Island 20 NM north of Manado which will feed the Philippines, Vietnam, China, and Hawaii.

These Marinas have been strategically located to make the best use of the most ideal route above and as well providing safe and fast clearance while offering provisioning repairs and rest for weary Ocean sailors.

We are proposing a month lay over at Marina Del Ray Lombok and open our beautiful Marina, Yacht club and facilities while show casing the incredible islands coast line from Sumbawa to Lombok while allowing those who wish to enjoy the hotels and nightlife in Bali peace of mind for their boats to be berthed or moored in our ideal year round protected Marina and Bay.

Please visit www.marinadelray.co for handy tips and procedures and don't hesitate to send us an email at operations@marinadelray.co

Has the Marina is a Indonesian company we are available to provide visa sponsorship and clearance and will be assisted by the Republic of Indonesia.