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The Vanuatu Cruising Guide & All Ports lead to Vanuatu has been compiled to provide a FREE, comprehensive guide to anchorages, activities & services available to cruisers in Vanuatu. The possibilities in this island archeopalego are endless, with plenty of safe anchorages, friendly people, spectacular scenery & custom, ensuring every island is a different experience. With the aim of ensuring information remains current it is recommended that this guide is read in conjunction with the Vanuatu Cruising website, www.vanuatucruising.info

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WELCUM

A warm welcome to all visitors to the islands of the Republic of Vanuatu



Vanuatu is an archipelago consisting of 83 beautiful islands, with the main islands being Efate, Espiritu Santo, Malekula and Tanna. It is a land of diversity and huge smiles, boasting coral seas, tropical islands, abundant marine life, volcanoes and rainforests. Snorkelling, scuba diving, game fishing and soft adventure are here to enjoy in a country with a colourful history, and rich, living culture.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all cruising vessels arriving in Vanuatu and thank you for choosing our country as your cruising grounds for the season. We are currently embarking on a programme to make Vanuatu the premier cruising location in the Pacific and the destination of choice for cruising vessels. We trust that you will enjoy your sailing and recommend it to other members of the cruising community. Our natural environment provides the basis of unspoilt living in villages, where life is carefree and the friendliest people are waiting to greet you. This is why Vanuatu has been voted twice as the "World's happiest Place" in the Lonely Planet's Happy index. Vanuatu is a young

nation with huge appreciation and respect for the natural and cultural environment.

We trust that your time in Vanuatu will be enjoyable and will make long lasting memories. We invite you to return again and again to experience the various wonders that this archipelago of islands provides, from the World's most accessible active volcano on the island of Tanna, to diving on one of the worlds most renowned wrecksites, the "President Coolidge" off the island of Espiritu Santo. There is so much to see and do on Vanuatu's numerous islands.

We thank you for choosing Vanuatu as your cruising destination and look forward to seeing you on our shores again. Lukim Yu Bakegen.

Linda Kalpoi,
General Manager Vanuatu Tourism Office.



DIRECTORS MESSAGE



With much excitement I present to you the Vanuatu Yachting Guide. The Guide is developed to assist our visiting friends on yachts to experience and indulge in the diversity of the culture and friendliness of Vanuatu and her people.

With the growing number of yachts visiting Vanuatu, the guide is used as a guidance to provide information and directions on what is available, where to go and what to do when you are in Vanuatu waters.

This is another achievement for the country as Vanuatu prepares and develops as a holiday destination for tourists. The friendliness of our people and abundance of cultural diversity are assets to Vanuatu that can be experienced by any tourists. Tourists visiting Vanuatu from air and cruise ships have already been providing valuable feedback on the experience that they have received and for this reason we are proud to further promote our destination, Vanuatu to our visiting yachties.

This guide has shown the range and diversity of what Vanuatu has to offer and for this, I am proud to announce to you all as one of Vanuatu's treasures.

This guide was successfully developed with the support of the New Zealand Aid Programme through their VSA volunteering programme. I take this opportunity to convey our gratitude to the Government of New Zealand for making this assistance possible to support to the country's tourism industry. This support is part of the partnership that has been established through a MOU in 2014 between the Government of Vanuatu and Government of New Zealand to develop tourism industry in Vanuatu.

I take this opportunity to thank all stakeholders, Communities in the Outer islands and Partners for their sincere and dedicated cooperation and contribution towards this guide. This guide will help us offer our future yachting visitors a warm, fulfilling and satisfying experience that can only be found in the Happiest Place on this Planet.



George Borugu
Director
Department of Tourism





VANUATU CUSTOMS & INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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CUSTOMS PORTS

The port of Lenakel on the island of Tanna, the port of Port Vila on the island of Efate, the port of Luganville on the island of Santo and the port of Sola on the island of Vanua Lava are the only official ports of entry in the Republic of Vanuatu.

ARRIVAL

All Crafts on route to Vanuatu must provide a minimum of 24 hours advance notice of arrival to Customs. Notice must be provided by e-mail or by calling stating:

- (a) the name of the vessel; and
- (b) the voyage; and
- (c) the estimated date and time of arrival in Vanuatu; and
- (d) the appointed port or other place where the craft will land or berth; and
- (e) the name of the master or skipper of the vessel; and
- (f) the name and contact details of the person providing the information.
- (g) the names of passengers on board.

According to Quarantine laws, the vessel is required to fly the yellow flag as soon as it enters Vanuatu's exclusive economic zone. Upon arrival at the port vessels can call "Customs" on VHF radio Channel 16 (only at Port Vila at the moment).

Master of all yachts entering Vanuatu from a foreign port or place must first report to the Customs, Quarantine and Immigration authorities at either the port of Lenakel or Port Vila or Luganville or Sola.

Vessels may not call at Mystery Island (Aneityum) or Port Resolution (Tanna) or any other place in Vanuatu, prior to entering one of the ports nominated above for customs clearance, unless prior written permission is granted by the Director of Customs & Inland Revenue. The Master of vessels who visit these places prior to obtaining customs clearance, being issued with an "Inter-island Cruising Permit", or obtaining written permission may be subject to fines and/or prosecution.

It is an offence to come ashore in Vanuatu unless having undergone customs clearance procedures on arrival.

Interactive Inward Reporting forms are available on the Customs website under Forms. To facilitate clearance, filled out forms can be emailed to the address provided on the form prior to arrival.

Interactive Passenger Arrival forms are available on the Customs website under Forms. To facilitate clearance, filled out forms can be emailed to the same Customs Border email address prior to arrival. The filled out form is required by Immigration to complete arrival formalities.

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

On arrival all arms and ammunition must be declared and surrendered to the Customs Officer for safe keeping. (Also refer to section 4 on prohibitions).

If Customs are satisfied that firearms and ammunition can be safely secured under seal on board the



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importing vessel this may be allowed. In cases where no suitably secure sealing arrangements exist, the goods will be detained by Customs throughout the vessel stay in Vanuatu. At least 48 hours notice of intended departure from the final port of clearance must be given in such cases.

PROHIBITED GOODS

The laws of Vanuatu prohibit the importation of narcotics, obscene publications and materials (books, magazines, DVDs, computer stored images and videos, and video cassettes), and certain firearms such as automatic weapons. These have severe penalties for any breach of these prohibitions.

PORT DUES (Ports and Harbour fees)

All visiting small crafts are liable for port dues of 7,875 Vatu for a 30 days period or any part thereof. After 30 days from the date of first arrival, the vessel is liable for an additional charge of 100 vatu per day. Port Dues are to be paid at the Ports & Harbour office, or if unavailable, at the Customs office at the final port of departure (Lenakel, Port Vila, Luganville or Sola).

QUARANTINE

Live animals, reptiles, birds of any description, fresh meat, fruit or vegetables imported by yachts must not be taken ashore. Additionally, some restriction on whether such goods will be permitted to remain on board after the arrival at a Customs port may be enforced by officers of Bio-security. No foreign garbage may be landed in Vanuatu without permission from Bio-security.

TEMPORARY ADMISSION OF VISITING YACHTS WITHOUT PAYMENT OF IMPORT DUTY

Visiting yachts may enter and remain temporarily in Vanuatu without payment of duty provided that the vessel is the property of, or has been hired by, the importer and is to be imported temporarily for a period not more than six (6) months in any period of not more than (2) years.

Vessels wishing to visit more remote and isolated destinations in Vanuatu may apply for an "Inter-island Cruising Permit" which is issued to genuine cruising small craft and is valid for a period up to six months. A copy of the cruising permit is held by the master who absolves the vessel from reporting to customs until the port of departure for overseas, or for application to extend the permit.

Vessels which are imported temporarily into Vanuatu must not be used commercially under normal circumstances. However if the vessel falls within the definition of a "super yacht", certain allowances are made (see Section 8).

If not fitting the "super yacht" criteria, use of the vessel commercially, including the chartering or hiring of the vessel or the use of the vessel for activities for which a charge is made (e.g. sailing tours) is not permitted. It is an offence to carry on such commercial activities and customs duty may be payable on the vessel in those circumstances.



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SUPER YACHTS

A super yacht is considered to be a vessel valued in excess of Vatu 200,000,000 (US\$2,000,000 approx). To enable these vessels to undertake commercial activity in Vanuatu, the following criteria must be met.

- (a) The vessel must hold current internationally recognized survey certificates permitting charter and/or carriage of passengers.
- (b) Permission to charter in Vanuatu must be provided by the Licensing section of Ports and Marine.
- (c) A local agent registered for VAT and who holds a current business licence in Vanuatu must be appointed to act as ship's agent.
- (d) The local agent must pay VAT on all purchases in Vanuatu on behalf of the vessel and on charter costs.

For further requirements for Super Yachts, please email us.

YACHTS LIABLE TO DUTY PAYMENT

A yacht will become liable to duty if :-

- a) it is disposed of in Vanuatu for financial consideration or not ; or
- b) it is put to commercial use whilst in Vanuatu ; or
- c) it remains in Vanuatu for a period or periods exceeding six (6) months in any period of two (2) years ; or
- d) it is imported by a resident of Vanuatu or a person taking up residence in Vanuatu after the 6 months concession period of obtaining residency permit as outlined in section 2(3) of schedule 3 of the Import Duties (Amendment) Act.

CUSTOMS ALLOWANCE

In the case of each crew member:-

- i) All baggage consisting of wearing apparel, toilet requisites, articles of personal adornment and similar personal effects, being apparel, articles and effects possessed and used abroad by such passenger and which are not intended for gift, sale or disposal to any other person;
- ii) 250 cigarettes, or 100 cigarillos, or 50 cigars, or 250 grams of tobacco, 2 litres of wine and 1.5 litres of spirits, ¼ litres of toilet water and 10 centilitres of perfume, these allowance being granted per person and applicable only for persons aged over 18 years;
- iii) Any other item (other than prohibited goods) up to a value of 50,000 vatu per person aged over 15 years.

INTER-ISLAND VOYAGES

On completion of Customs Quarantine and Immigration arrival formalities at the port of entry, master of any vessel wishing to visit other islands in the group, may only be allowed to do so after first declaring their intended movements to the Customs authorities and obtaining formal approval. See Section 7.



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SHIPMENT OF DUTY STORES

Duty-free goods may be shipped on board any vessel which has cleared outwards, or which is about to clear outward for a foreign port or place. Duty free fuel may also be purchased on for the outwards leg of the voyage after customs clearance for overseas has been granted. Full details of the duty-free schemes available may be obtained from the nearest Customs office.

CUSTOMS OUTWARD CLEARANCE

All yachts leaving Vanuatu for a foreign port or place are required to obtain an outward clearance from customs at the final port of departure (i.e. Lenakel, Port Vila, Luganville or Sola). No yacht is allowed to call at any place in Vanuatu once it has been given an outward International Clearance.

Vessel wishing to obtain an outward international clearance at locations other than Lenakel, Port Vila, Luganville or Sola should obtain permission for Customs and Immigration in advance and if such a request is granted may be required to pay for official attendance and travel.

Having been granted a certificate of clearance, a vessel must depart for overseas within 24 hours of its issue.

Interactive Outward Reporting forms are available on the Customs website under Forms. To facilitate clearance, filled out forms can be emailed to the address provided on the form prior to departure.

OPERATING HOURS

All attempts will be made to board vessels arriving from overseas as soon as possible after their actual arrival. Outwards clearance may be obtained within 24 hours prior to the actual departure. Customs normal operating hours are listed below.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

MORNING 07.30 Hours-12.00 Hours

AFTERNOON 13.00 Hours -16.30 Hours

Any attendances by customs outside these hours for either arriving or departing vessels will be subject to overtime attendance fees. The charges for these are as follows:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

06:00 to 07:30 and 16:30 to 18:00

Vt1000 per hour per officer with a 3 hour minimum payable

18:00 to 06:00

VT1500 per hour per officer with a 3 hour minimum.

SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

VT2000 per hour per officer with a 3 hour minimum.



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ADVANCE NOTICE OF ARRIVAL AT ANEITYUM OR PORT RESOLUTION

Should you wish to clear into Analghowat, Aneityum or Port Resolution, Tanna you will need written permission from the Director of Customs and Inland Revenue.

To do this you can use the Contact Us template on the Customs and Inland Revenue website,

<https://customsinlandrevenue.gov.vu/index.php/contact-us/advance-advice-of-arrival-for-crafts>

you will need to include the following information to ensure a prompt reply.

- (a) the name of the vessel; and
- (b) the voyage; and
- (c) the estimated date and time of arrival in Vanuatu; and
- (d) the appointed port or other place where the craft will land or berth; and
- (e) the name of the master or skipper of the vessel; and
- (f) the name and contact details of the person providing the information.
- (g) the names of passengers on board.

The Master of vessels who visit these places prior to obtaining customs clearance, being issued with an "Inter-island Cruising Permit", or obtaining written permission may be subject to fines and/or prosecution.

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Advanced Notice for Entry to Aneityum and Port Resolution

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ALLOWED STAY AND CONDITIONS

Immigration officers will issue each member of the crew with an entry permit for one month providing you live aboard and do not take up paid employment. Should you wish to extend your stay you must apply to the Immigration authorities 4 weeks in advance (e.g. when you clear in) in any of the ports of entry except Sola on Vanua Lava. The maximum stay is four months.

Anyone on board ceasing to be a crew member must obtain a return air ticket immediately. Responsibility for advising the immigration authorities when a crew member wishes to leave lies with the master who will be liable for crew member repatriation unless and until released from this obligation.

Sea-going yachts or other vessels for pleasure temporarily visiting Vanuatu may be admitted free of duty provided that in each case the vessel:

- (a) has entered Vanuatu under its own power on a voyage from a foreign port or place; and
- (b) belongs to or has been hired, chartered or otherwise loaned to a person or person travelling on board the vessel at the time of its arrival in Vanuatu; and
- (c) is intended for the personal use of the person or persons on board and shall not be used for any commercial purpose in Vanuatu; and
- (d) shall not be sold, lent, hired, pledged or otherwise disposed of and shall not be used for any commercial purpose in Vanuatu; and
- (e) shall not remain in Vanuatu for a period or periods exceeding a total of 18 months in any period of 24 months, save for reason of circumstance (including a change of residence) accepted by the Director of Customs as being of an exceptional and unavoidable nature.

Yachts will become liable for duty if it is disposed of in Vanuatu, if it is used for commercial purposes, if it remains in Vanuatu for a period exceeding 18 months in any two years, or if it is imported by a resident of Vanuatu.

If the vessel has goods, especially tobacco or alcohol, in excess of these allowances, they must be secured under customs bond until departure.

Complete your Advance Arrival Form online

<http://https://customsinlandrevenue.gov.vu/index.php/forms-top-menu>

**“SV Reflection”
St Francis 43’ Catamaran
Draught 1.2m (4’)**



We have have enjoyed our experiences in Vanuatu for more than a decade and there is no question that Vanuatu is a destination of real beauty, great adventures and friendly locals, as well as having fantastic sailing conditions and anchorages to match. With 83 islands spread over 300 nautical miles all spaced within easy day sails, it is hard to believe that you can have so much space and country to yourself without the flotillas of other cruisers surrounding you everyday. Every island has its own culture, custom and rhythm, it is like visiting a different country everyday.

Onboard our St Francis 43 catamaran we have visited hundreds of anchorages to produce this guide, with the exception of the Banks Islands, we have anchored at the GPS coordinates stated in this guide and our yacht “Reflection” draws 1.2metres. This guide is designed to help discover some of the highlights of Vanuatu and cannot possibly cover the vast number of possibilities within this amazing country. If you are prepared to go ashore at any of the hundreds of anchorages, participate and enjoy the company of the friendliest people in the world you will be staggered at the adventures you will experience. Adventures are something you discover not something the travel agents arrange so don’t expect a commercially prepared itinenary as you travel. Every interaction is a pricelist adventure that you will be able to relay to your friends and family for the rest of your life.

Vanuatu is a developing country still trying to find its own way since gaining independence in 1980. Prepare yourself well as there are few resources once you leave the capital, Port Vila or Luganville apart from fantastic fresh, organically grown seasonal fruit and vegetables and this will certainly add to the flavour of your adventure. You will encounter many wonderful people that live from day to day and struggling to make ends meet with the rapidly changing social and economics of the country. Spend a few moments reading the guide before you come to Vanuatu and make a plan, it will fail but you will be better equipped to make a new one with just as many adventures. Life is simple and uncomplicated and thats how it should be, so relax, take your time, expect the unexpected at every turn, forget any schedules and discover what truely matters in Vanuatu.

Anne & Eric Simmons “SV Reflection”

Vanuatu Customs Border Control and Enforcement

Private Mail Bag 9012, Port Vila

For all Border enquires please contact:

Tel: (+678)23593/28757 (Vila Airport), (+678)22082 (Vila

Wharf), (+678)25442 (Vila Post Office) or

(+678)88058 (Lenakel, Tanna)

Email: CustomsBorder@vanuatu.gov.vuWebsite: <http://customsinlandrevenue.gov.vu>

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INWARD REPORT (SMALL CRAFT)

PART A: REGISTRATION DETAILS

Name of small craft:Registration number:
Country of registration:Home port:
Name of person in charge:
Email contact: Phone contact:

PART B: ARRIVAL DETAILS

Port of arrival: Date of arrival:Time of arrival:
Estimated stay in Vanuatu:
Port arrived from: (provide previous customs clearance)
List previous overseas ports:
1: Date of departure:
2: Date of departure:
3: Date of departure:

FIREARMS: YES ☐ NO ☐ (Please tick)

Specify: makes, models and serial numbers:

1.
2.

CONTROLLED DRUGS/MEDICINES ON BOARD: YES ☐ NO ☐ (Please tick)

Name and quantity:

1.
2.

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CONTRIBUTIONS INDIRECTES**STORES ON BOARD:** YES ☐ NO ☐ (Please tick)

Brief description and amount of alcohol:

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Brief description and amount of cigarettes/tobacco:

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GOODS TO BE LANDED IN VANUATU: YES ☐ NO ☐ (Please tick)

Brief description of goods intended to be landed including value

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SMALL CRAFT STATUS:Visiting overseas craft: YES ☐ NO ☐ (Please tick)

(IF the craft is to stay within the limits of the arrival port then no further action is required to be taken until the craft wishes to depart for overseas. **However if** the craft wishes to visit other manned ports or any other part of Vanuatu, then an Inter-Island Cruising Permit is to be completed. The original Cruising Permit is retained by the person in charge/master and a copy attached to the inward report.

PART C: CREW AND PASSENGER DETAILS

*Person in Charge/Master first:

Surname: _____ First names: _____ Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Passport: _____

*1:

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Email: CustomsBorder@vanuatu.gov.vuWebsite: <http://customsinlandrevenue.gov.vu>**PART D: CRAFT DETAILS****Description of craft:**Sloop: Y☐/ N☐ Ketch: Y☐/ N☐ Yawl: Y☐/N☐ Schooner: Y☐/N☐ (Please tick)**Other:****Main means of propulsion:** Motor ☐ Sails ☐ (Please tick)**Superstructure colour:****Hull construction:****Hull Colour:** (Above waterline)..... (Below waterline)**Length:** (metres) **Beam:** (metres)**Radar:** Y☐/ N☐ **Dingy/Tender:** (Colour)..... **Life raft:** Y☐/ N☐**Declaration:**

I,being the person in charge/master declare that all the particulars stated in Parts A, B, C and D in this inward report are true and correct.

Signed: **Date:**

You are hereby advised that the information on this form is collected for the purpose of Customs clearance, monitoring the movement of craft and persons and border security. You must provide all information requested on the form. Failure to do so is an offence.

PORTS OF ENTRY

Officially there are only four Ports of Entry, Lenakel (Tanna), Port Vila (Efate), Luganville (Santo) and Sola (Vanua Lava) however it is accepted that yachts may temporarily check in at Anelghowhat (Aneityum) or Port Resolution (Tanna) provided that they have received written permission from the Director of Customs and Inland Revenue at least 48 hours prior to arrival.

Anelghowhat (Aneityum)

Temporary Clearance only & Advanced Notice Required

GPS: 20 14.250S - 169 46.700E

Exposed to Wind: Southwest to West

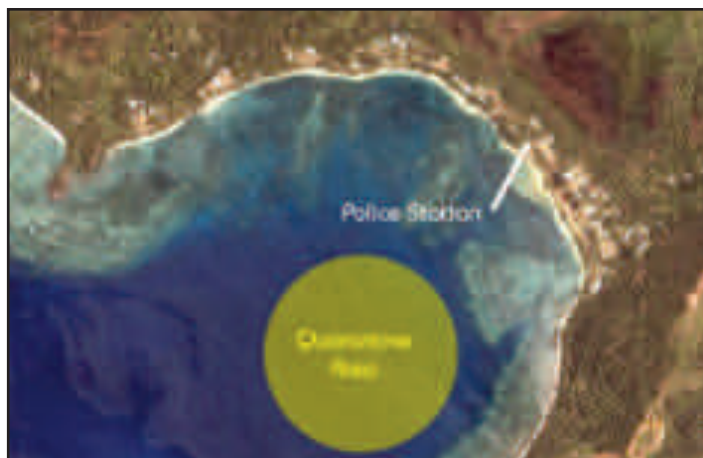
Exposed to Swell: West

Bottom Type: White sand and coral

Draft: 10metre

Anchoring Tips: 10metres deep in the centre of the bay.

Services: If you wish to clear in at Anelghowhat you will need written permission from the Director of Customs & Revenue at least 48 hours prior to arrival. You need 6000Vatu to clear in here.



Port Resolution (Tanna)

Advanced Notice Required

GPS: 19 31.560S - 169 29.756E

Exposed to Wind: Strong Southeast to NE

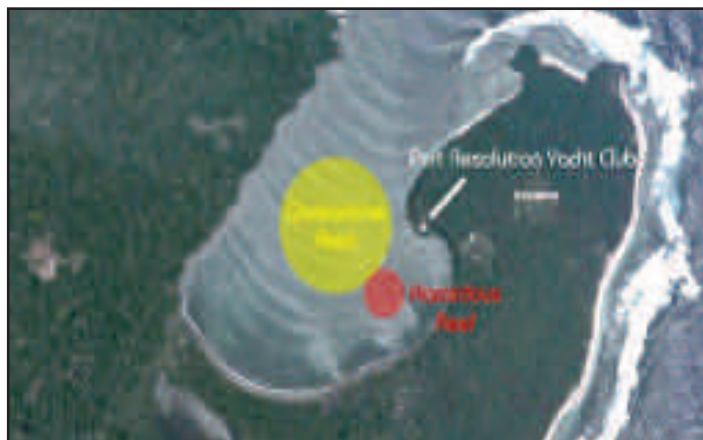
Exposed to Swell: Southeast to Northeast

Bottom Type: Fine sand

Draft: 3metre

Anchoring Tips: Anchor as far in the bay to the south as possible, beware of the shallow reef, it can be roly in here if the wind moves to the east.

Services: If you wish to clear in at Port Resolution you will need written permission from the Director of Customs & Revenue at least 48 hours prior to arrival.



Lenakel (Tanna)

GPS: 19 32.07S - 169 15.91E

Exposed to Wind: South-south east to North

Exposed to Swell: South south east to North

Bottom Type: Sand, Coral and Rock

Draft: 8m

Anchoring Tips: Anchor behind the breaking reef in 5 - 10metres of sand, it can get roly if the swell moves to the SSE.

Features: Official Port of Entry



Port Vila

GPS: 17 44.275S 168 18.607E

Exposed to wind: South-South West

Exposed to swell: South-South West

Bottom type: Broken coral

Draft: 10metre +

Anchoring tips: The wind can get up here in the afternoons and become uncomfortable but you shouldn't be here for long unless you arrive on a weekend.

Services: Full services are available

Features: Clearance, provisioning and activities Administration centre of Vanuatu

Contacts: VHF 16 Call "VANUATU CUSTOMS", Simon should be able to help you, if you have no reply call "Yachting World" & Lemara will help you. Remember they only work Office hours Monday to Friday, they will clear you outside these hours for a cost

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Customs



Officially there are only four Ports of Entry, Lenakel (Tanna), Port Vila (Efate), Luganville (Santo) and Sola (Vanua Lava) however it is accepted that yachts may temporarily check in at Anelghowhat (Aneityum) or Port Resolution (Tanna) provided that they have received written permission from the Director of Customs and Revenue at least 48 hours prior to arrival.

Luganville (Santo)

GPS: 15 30.957S 167 11.106E
Exposed to Wind: East to South East
Exposed to swell: Nil
Bottom Type: Sand, Good holding
Draft: 10metres +
Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the old wharf to the left of the aerial photograph. You will need to go to Customs and Immigration, they won't answer the VHF
Services: Clearance, provisioning and some repair facilities
Features: Official Port of Entry



Sola (Vanua Lava)

Temporarily Closed as a Port of Entry

GPS: 13 52.424S 167 33.198E
Exposed to Wind: NNE - N - NW
Exposed to Swell: SE - E - NE - N
Bottom Type: Dark sand
Draft: 5metres
Anchoring Tips: It is quite rocky here so anchor as close to the wharf as you can.
Services: Limited shopping, laundry and fresh water, seasonal fruit and vegetables
Features: Official Port of Entry



To ensure that you have the most current information please refer to the Vanuatu Customs and Inland Revenue Departments website regularly,

<http://customsinlandrevenue.gov.vu/index.php/travellers/yacht-clearance>



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INTER-ISLAND CRUISING PERMIT FOR YACHTS

FROM: Border Control Officer

TO: Border Control Officer

1.) Name of Yacht: _____ Last Port of call: _____

Nationality: _____ Home Port: _____

ID Number: _____ Net tonnage: _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____

Name of Skipper/Master: _____ Total No. Crews: _____

Type and Description of vessel of Yacht: _____

2.) Details of Master and Crew

Full Name	Date of Birth	Nationality	Passport Number

The above mention vessel has granted approval for an Inter-Island Voyage between the Port of
Aniwa/Chalut, Aniwa/Chalut, and _____ via the following islands mentioned below:

a) _____ b) _____

b) _____ d) _____

c) _____ h) _____

d) _____ i) _____

e) _____ j) _____

IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Offices aren't always the most obvious buildings and they aren't particularly well sign posted regardless of which Port of Entry you use.



Lenakel (Tanna)

19 31.90S 169 16.01E

Immigration office is a couple of hundred metres north of the market following the road, walk in the gate to the Fish Market and you will see the building. Immigration is the door behind the vehicle. It does have a sign on the entrance but is not always attended, I was at Customs in the other door which assisted you in finding a staff member.



Port Vila (Efate)

17 44.256S 168 18.808E

Immigration Office is pictured to the left, it is opposite the Vanuatu Tourism Office in the main street, climb the stairs and go to the third door on the right, it is quite often closed and is very compact inside.



Luganville (Santo)

15 30.828S 167 11.058E

The Immigration office is at the back of the building pictured, walk around to the seaward side of the building and go to the first floor up the staircase. The office may open at 8:00am and closes at 11:30am and opens around 13:30pm until 16:00. The office is regularly unmanned and may require several visits.

You will need to go ashore with your Passports to locate the Immigration Office(r) and complete the necessary paperwork after Customs & Biosecurity has cleared your vessel. Only get the normal one month visitor visa at this stage, you can apply for an extension of four months at a later date. If you apply for it now, you will only effectively get a three month extension as it starts from the date the extension is approved. At present there is no charge for people entering the country however there is a charge for the vessel of 4800vatu which you will need to take with you, take the correct money as they are reluctant to give change in this department. If you had permission from Customs to temporarily enter the country through Aneityum or Port Resolution, you will need to go to Immigration at one of the above offices to complete the process if you have not had your Passport stamped by an **IMMIGRATION OFFICER**, not the Policeman. A four month visa extension will cost 6000vatu per person (December 2014)

Telephone (678) 22354
Facsimile (678) 25492
Shipping Section



Department of Immigration
Private Mail Bag 0092
Lini Highway
Port Vila
Republic of Vanuatu

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The Master's of visiting ship's or yachts is requested to complete the following entry form.

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Nom antérieur/Former Name:

Port d'attache/Home Port:

Numero d'Immatriculation/Registration Number:

Dimension/Colour/Type:.....

Radio Indicatif/Frequencies/Radio call sign &Frequencies:.....

Dernier Port touche' et date/Last port of call & date:

Prochain port de destination et date approximative/Next Port of call & Approximate Date

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Noms et adresse des personnes a bord (Capitaine en premier) Names & address of persons on board (First Master's name).

S/No	Names/Noms	Address	Nationality

Date D'arrivee/Date of Arrival:

Clearance Fee : 4800VT

.....
Signature de Capitaine/Signature of Master

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Given or full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Country of birth: _____

Occupation or job: _____

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Home: _____

Mobile/phone number: _____

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If you are not staying permanently, what is your MAIN reason for coming to Mauritius?

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☐ conference/convention ☐ education ☐ other

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 - Dangerous accessories

1	Flight number/date of trip													Aircraft model/number
	Overseas port where you boarded THIS aircraft trip													
	Passport number													
	Nationality as shown on passport													
	Family name													
	Given or first name													
	Date of birth	day	month	year										
	Country of birth													
	Occupation or job													
	Full correct or over/under address in Vanuatu													
	Gender													
	Marital/civilian status													
2	Have you ever been away from Vanuatu?	yes	no	no										
	Which country did you spend most time in while overseas?													
	What was the MALE reason for your trip?	business	education	other										
	Which country did you mostly live in for the last 12 months?	Vanuatu	elsewhere	other										
3	How long do you intend to stay in Vanuatu?	permanently	or	days	months	years								
	If you are not staying permanently, what is your MALE reason for coming to Vanuatu?	visiting friends/relatives	business	education	other	holiday/vacation								
	in which country did you last live for 12 months or more?													
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	Big or small body													

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FISHERIES REGULATIONS



YES, there are official regulations, although due to the geography, economy and kustom these are difficult to police and enforce. BUT they are in place for a reason, so that the waters of Vanuatu are not depleted of its marine ecosystem, reefs and fisheries. Check out the Vanuatu Fisheries Regulations 2009 so you know the regulations and don't end up encouraging such to be broken. There is a great little booklet available that explains what the regulations are and the logic behind them.

It's easy for visiting yachties to remain ignorant and partake of marine delicacies or purchase shells when offered, but remember we visit such island nations to enjoy the unspoiled beauty – lets show some responsibility and not encourage the destruction of such an important ecosystem. The sea provides a major source of food for the Ni-Vanuatu people, species are becoming depleted, reefs are dying and over fishing is becoming more and more apparent. Know the rules and say NO when offered an illegal catch.

Tourism alone is putting immense pressure on many species, particularly Triton (Trumpet), Trochus and Green snails. Did you know it is illegal for any person to have in his or her possession, sell or purchase any trumpet shell from 1 January 2009 to 1 January 2019? The same goes for the Trochus shell if it is less than 9 centimetres or more than 13 centimetres in length. Think about these rules before you buy such a shell in the market, the rules have been put in place in an attempt to restore the population of these important eco system players – reefs are dying without these snails.

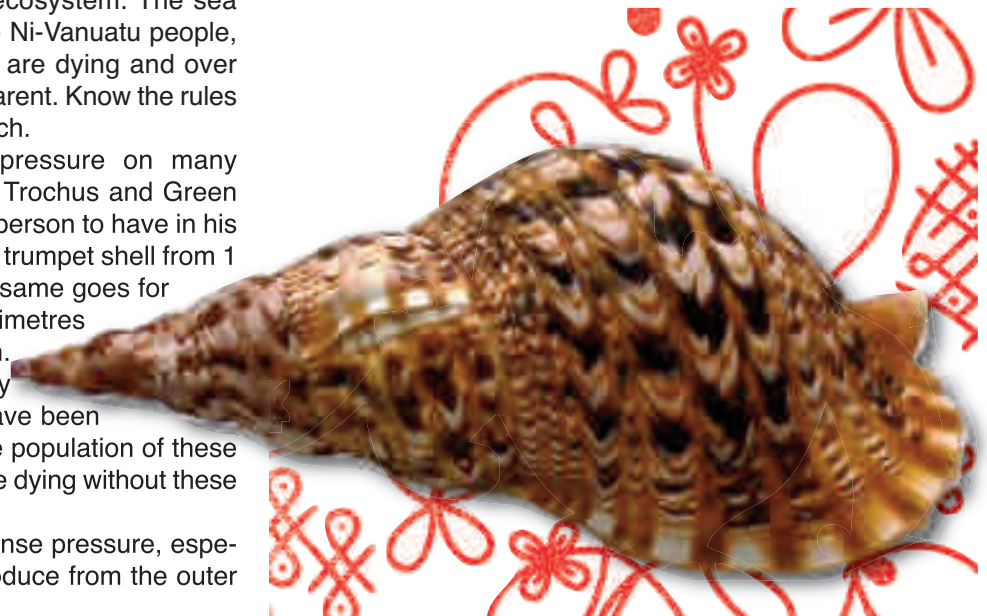
Coconut crabs are coming under immense pressure, especially with the accessibility today of produce from the outer

islands where healthy populations, previously untapped by the restaurant trade, still struggle to exist. The coconut crab is the largest of the land crabs, it can grow up to 4 kilograms, with adults living almost exclusively on land, however the larval stage is spent in the sea. They grow slowly and, if left alone, enjoy a long life – up to 60 years. In order to give the remaining coconut crab population of Vanuatu the best chances to reproduce successfully Vanuatu Fisheries Regulations aim to protect females carrying eggs and any crabs smaller than 9cm across the carapace. Also there are closed seasons in some islands when no coconut crabs can be taken ; Torba Province 30 Aug – 1 Nov, Sanma Province 1 May – 31 March (check Years), Maewo Island 1 Nov – 1 April and Erromango Island 1 Sep – 31 March. Remember when looking at your menu or being offered coconut crab that these creatures are at risk and the more tourists continue to think just one wont hurt we are encouraging their demise.

Lobsters are the reef cleaners, after mating the female release her eggs into the sea, leaving the eggs to drift for 4 – 12 months going through the various stages of development, only a tiny number of the thousands of eggs released survive to be carried back to the reef. Regulations are in place to protect both the Rock lobster and the Slipper lobster, its illegal to take any female carrying eggs and any Rock lobster less than 22 cm from head to tail or 7.5 cm in carapace length or a slipper lobster less than 15cm in total length, these guys are too small to reproduce. Its also illegal to spear any lobsters – so carefully check out the mode of dispatch before accepting any lobster – the reason is simple, the meat of a speared crustacean turns bad very quickly and becomes dangerous to consume.

All turtles, dugongs, whales and dolphins are fully protected in Vanuatu.

Help Vanuatu protect its marine environment by supporting these regulations through your own actions and examples.



USE THE TRADES



The trade winds blow from the South-east 96% of the cruising season and following the travel flow on this page can save yourself a lot of hard sailing into the wind or back tracking. The leeward side of the islands is generally well sheltered by high mountain ranges. The winds typically build throughout the day from about 7:00am reaching a peak around 19:00 so early starts are a good option especially if you are heading South East and by watching the weather you can easily pick the days that the wind is not so intense.

Timing the tides is also a critical factor when planning your route as they can greatly influence the sea state as well as your travel time. The general areas to watch are between the islands especially Maewo, Pentecost and Ambrym where the winds seem to be amplified. Key areas to be aware of are;

South Malekula, as you approach the South western corner of Malekula the sea conditions can be lively if the tide is against the wind.

Maskelynes, there are significant tidal flows between the islands in the Maskelynes that can all but stop your travels if they are not in your favour.

Malo/Aore/Santo, the channels that travel between these islands generate some amazing currents and can make travel slow and/or difficult, the tidal streams follow approximately two hours after the tide change.

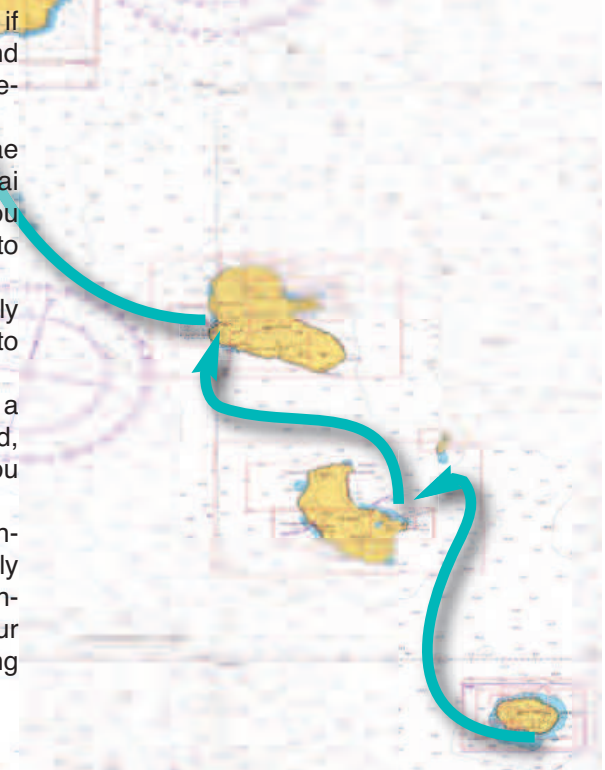
South-West Santo, it will pay to get around the headland early if you are heading to Luganville or South to Malekula as the wind against current can be uncomfortable. Timing the tide can be rewarding here

Santo to Ambae, as you travel along the North side of Ambae the wind dies dramatically until you are approaching Lolowai where it moves to the East to North East temporarily just as you feel you have a nice run to the anchorage, it doesn't amount to much besides frustration.

Ambrym to Epi, Come around the western end of Ambrym early in the morning and hug the coastline until you are off Port Vato before heading south to Epi

Epi to Efate, Staying the night before in Reveliou or Ivo Bay is a good option to get an early start before the Trade winds build, travel as far east as you can before heading to Emae where you can stop or steer for Havannah Harbour on Efate.

Havannah Harbour to Port Vila, this can be an extremely uncomfortable piece of water and picking a tidal flow with you early in the morning can make your trip so much more pleasant. If conditions are good you can stay close to the reef and shorten your trip considerably otherwise you will need to head out quite a long way.



VANUATU CRUISERS NET

8230mhz USB at 0730 local time

The Vanuatu Net operates daily at 0830UTC, which is 7:30 a.m. local time in Vanuatu. Primary frequency is 8230 kHz USB and there is an alternate frequency of 8188 if needed for clearer communication. Coverage area is normally around Vanuatu but extends to New Caledonia, Solomons and Fiji. Check-ins are about Vanuatu but can come from any of the neighbouring countries with propagation.

The purpose of the Vanuatu Net is to facilitate communication between cruisers and exchange information to get the most out of your adventure.

The Vanuatu Net is for cruisers and relies on someone starting the net at the start of May and others sharing the load through the season by volunteering to do a day or two a week. It is not difficult and we all use our radios anyway so please help out.

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- Weather
- Events, activities and general information
- Buy, sell, swap
- Trading requests for villages
- General Traffic



VHF CHANNEL 16 WARNING

At present Vanuatu does not have any VHF Repeater stations for VHF channel 16 so it is therefore only line of sight and can not be relied on as an emergency channel. We recommend that you have an alternative method of communication in case of an emergency.

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH



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A big issue for both yachts and the islands is how to deal with trash..... Yachts don't want to carry anymore rubbish than they need to but the islands simply do not have the facility to manage rubbish in an environmentally friendly manner.

The Ni-Vanuatu people are always willing to help and they don't like saying 'no', if they think they can help (or gain a few vatu) by taking your rubbish – they will, but it is likely to end up being disposed in a very non environmentally friendly. So if the offer is made please ensure you know exactly how your rubbish is going to be disposed. Burning or burying are not acceptable methods.

The best way to handle rubbish is to reduce the amount of trash you carry in the first place. Provisioning plays a huge part in controlling trash. Consider how much trash an item will generate, is it possible to get rid of some of this trash before leaving port? Or better, before taking it onboard?

REDUCE..... REUSE.....RECYCLE..... its not new news..... In Port Vila you can purchase the yellow rubbish bags from Bon Marche supermarkets and leave at various places along the road(on the tressels so the dogs don't scatter the rubbish) or Yachting World has rubbish bins behind the Waterfront near the dinghy dock and in Luganville the Beachfront & Aore Resort both provide rubbish disposal facilities for a small fee for yachts. Don't leave it in the islands. These two towns also have recycling stations for ink cartridges and aluminium cans etc so do your part and help out. When leaving your rubbish at collection points make sure anything like jars, bottles, containers that might be useful are separated so that they can be picked up by a local. For ex-

ample empty Tusker beer bottles can be taken back for a refund so keep them separate if you are disposing of them so some enterprising local can make a few vatu. A small amount of empty bottles can be useful in the villages for carrying water or other fluids, but we can't all leave our empty wine bottles there!

Think about the possible impact on the environment when gifting or trading, don't hand over something that is going to create rubbish.

Some hints for reducing trash when provisioning ;

- Buy pouches & tetrapaks when possible so that these can be flattened totally and take up less space.
- Try to buy cans that can have their bottom end removed by a can opener, this way they too can be completely flattened. Wash all empty food containers to reduce odour or infestation by bugs.
- Remove as much outer packaging as possible while still in port, Port Vila or Luganville, so it can be better disposed of correctly.
- Eat fresh fruit and veges leaving no rubbish and supporting local industry.
- If you have carried it there then you can carry it back – don't leave your rubbish in the outer islands. And don't dump it at sea.

We Can

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

SO MUCH TO DO IN VANUATU



Mount Yasur(Tanna)

The world's most accessible active volcano. An exciting 4WD trip through jungle and across stunning ash plains climbing 360m above sea level to the very edge. Yasur spurts molten rock from its fiery interior every few minutes resulting in an awesome pyrotechnic display accompanied by booming percussion reverberations from escaping gases below. Feel the energy!



Cave of Skulls (Erromango)

Dillons Bay on Erromango has plenty of adventures that may not be as organised as other places but they are just as interesting if not more. David from the village will find you on your vessel with a warm welcome and a little conversation you can arrange for him to take you to the burial cave of Cheif Mete and his wives as well as another cave used to hide the woman and children in times of war or danger. You will need to use your own tender for transport and there is a small custom fee.



Mele Falls (Efate)

Choose to either meander along the river cascading into refreshing and naturally formed limestone swimming pools until you reach the 50m cascade tumbling down the jungle lined rockface, or take the track up to the lookout at the top of the falls for amazing views across the bay before heading down to cool off in the pristine waters. Both options provide the opportunity to explore the Cascade Botanical Gardens and the lush tropical jungle beyond.



Vanua Fire (Efate)

Performed at a variety of night spots in Port Vila these young people will inspire you with their passion, enthusiasm and skills with their amazing fire dance routines. Check out where they are performing at the Tourism Office in Port Vila. Don't miss it! Awesome entertainment for all ages or visit their website for the weekly program.

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SO ALLOW PLENTY OF TIME

National Cultural Centre

Take the opportunity to see and learn about some of the amazing kustom and culture of this island nation with this vast collection of Melanesian and Pacific art and artifacts. Watch the stories unfold as master sand drawers wield their skill. A great way to get prepared for the adventures ahead of cruisers in the outer islands.



Turtle Swimming (Epi)

Lamen Bay is best known for its friendly Dugong that has swum with yachties and visitors for years however while there are still Dugongs that feed in the bay, they are fairly bashful and don't like outboard motors or large numbers swimming with them. As a consequence of looking for the Dugong you will come across one of the largest and most placid populations of Sea Turtles quietly grazing on the sea grass under the moored boats.



Maskelyne Islands

A stunning group of islands at the South Eastern tip of Malekula, beautiful sandy beaches, reefs and islets providing numerous sheltered anchorages, friendly villages and home to several dugongs. The sea faring people of the Maskelynes welcome cruisers to their own piece of paradise, taking great pride in their marine environment they have created marine protected areas and sanctuaries that offer pristine snorkelling. These waterways provide sheltered havens with their own natural beauty and history.



SW Bay (Malekula)

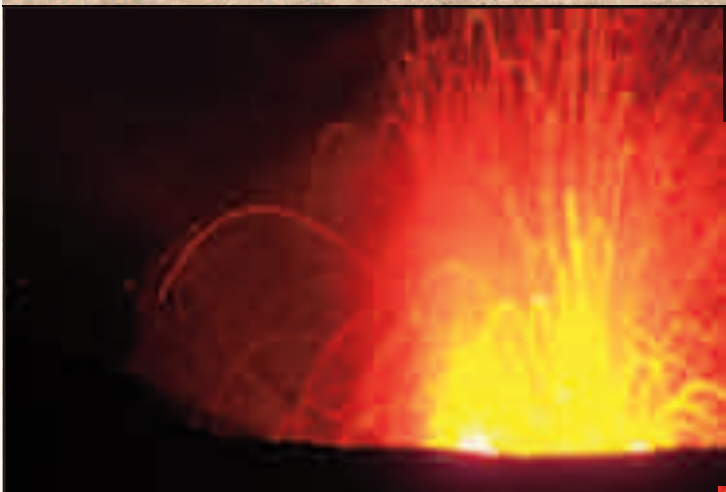
A large sheltered bay with so many options, the huge Tisiri Lagoon, waterfalls and reefs plus the Nalawan Festival in August at Labo, or experience the many kustom dances from various villages within the bay. Here many villages worship the seas from which they harvest their food and this is deeply engrained in their traditional dances and customs as well as being reflected in the creation of several marine reserves within the bay, leading to excellent snorkeling.





Mt Marum (Ambrym)

Hike through lush forest, across the ash plains and up the wild cane covered slopes of the crater to stand in awe at the boiling cauldron of lava some 200m directly below. Requiring a medium level of fitness this trip is full of adventure and natural beauty. In May and June the ash plains are a blaze of colour from the flowering trees and native orchids. The option of sleeping at the foot of the volcano is also available allowing you to see the beauty of the volcano's awesome glow at night.



ROM Dance (Ambrym)

Experience the secret and powerful Rom dance with its mystic costumes and masks held on the sacred nassaras of North Ambrym. Learn about the riveting story behind the masks and the importance they hold to the people. Feel the rhythm of the beautifully carved ceremonial tamtams that decorate the dance areas. This area is famous for the stunning carvings produced here so keep an eye out.



Land Diving(Pentecost)

Witness the amazing land diving ritual (Nagol) celebrating the yam harvest and proving manhood which is conducted in the months of April, May and June each year, though the towers remain standing for some months after and are viewable upon request. Jumpers select their own vines and construct their own platform on the jump tower that can reach 35 metres. A male orientated sport it's not uncommon to see boys jumping from lower platforms as they gain entry to the adult male world after circumcision. A spectacular event full of dignity and meaning – as well as possible loss of life or limb.

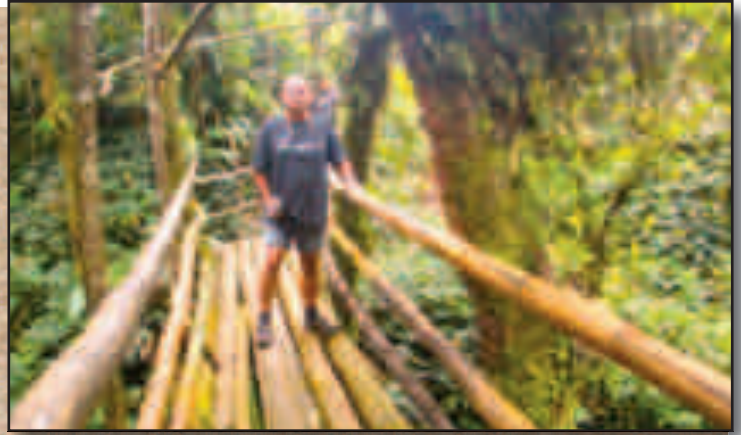


Asanvari (Maewo)

Anchor up in this delightful and sheltered bay with its lovely beaches, friendly people, beautiful weaving and cascading waterfall, where you can find the attractive Sparkling Waters Restaurant and the Fantastic Seven Dancers, a unique group of young women contemporary island dancers. Explore the pretty village of Asanvari, snorkel the beautiful reefs and enjoy some of the many tours available. The Bat Cave is a must!

Millenium Cave (Santo)

An adventure not to be missed! Visit a mountain village, trek through dense jungle, cross bamboo bridges to follow the river through this massive cave to enter a seemingly lost world of pristine jungle and river canyons. Make your way through steep moss covered canyons with cascading streams. A fun filled day with knowledgeable guides there to ensure your safety. Not for the faint hearted, or unfit!



President Coolidge (Santo)

Scuba Divers can dive the world renowned SS President Coolidge, the 200metre 1930's luxury liner converted to a troop carrier that was sunk in error in the Segond Channel in 1942. Lying just offshore in 24 – 70 metres of water she is a definite bucket-list iconic dive full of history and things to see from the ship herself with her accessories/cargo to the prolific marine life that resides in and around. Say hello to The Lady!



Million Dollar Point (Santo)

Be astounded at the vast amount of machinery dumped at this historic point by the Americans at the end of WWII, now home to a variety of marine life and an aquatic museum for snorkelers and scuba divers. The tonnes of equipment including cranes, boats, bulldozers, trucks, helmets, cutlery, form an artificial reef full of history dropping off from the beach to 40metres below, now providing shelter to schools of fish and creating its own marine ecosystem.



Blue Holes (Santo)

Kayak up jungle lined rivers to these stunning clear, deep turquoise blue, spring fed pools for a refreshing dip. Or just sit and watch the fish swim as you glide past makeshift islands of watercress. There are several of these limestone lined pools throughout the island but the most easily accessible for cruisers are located at Oyster Bay.



CULTURAL CALENDAR 2015

These dates may change closer to the date so please check the website for the most current information

	EVENT	ANCHORAGE
MAY	Pentecost Land Diving Every Wednesday, Friday & Saturday Londot Village Village Contact Luke Fargo 535 5514 Every Saturday Waterfall Bay Village Contact Silas Buli 772 7394 or 547 3071	Londot 15 54.834S 168 11.286E Waterfall Bay 15 47.169S 168 09.712E
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JULY	Ambrum Yam & Magic Festival 9/10 July Olal Village 16 05.941S 168 09.315E Village Contact Chief Sekor 590 7659 ROM Festival 16/17 July Fanla Village 16 08.036S 168 07.901E Village Contact John 779 3369 (John will arrange a guide to take you to the Village) Maskelynes Maskelyne Canoe Race & Festival 9/10 July Peskarus Village 16 31.627S 167 49.521E Village Contact Kalo 778 3524	Nopul 16 06.549S 168 07.831E Ranon 16 08.379S 168 07.142E or Ranvetlam 16 09.083S 168 06.552E Sangalai 16 31.850S 167 49.806E
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SEPTEMBER	Vanua Lava Vureas Bay Festival 1/5 Sept Vureas Village Village Contact	Vureas Bay 13 55.190S 168 26 800E

FASCINATING FESTIVALS

A photograph of a man with dark skin and short black hair, wearing a red headband. He is holding a tall, slender mask decorated with yellow and pink fringes. The mask has a long, pointed top. He is also holding a large, colorful bouquet of tropical flowers, including red and yellow blooms, in front of him. The background is a clear blue sky.

The powerful pounding reverberates over the nassara, rising dust from the men's repetitive stomping combined with the ever present smoke from the cooking fires lends the scene a sense of eeriness. The incessant chanting from the dancers and the rustle from the banana leaves worn by the masked Rom dancers, is periodically interrupted by wild whoops as a chief breaks from the tight formation of dancers to circle the group then return to his place in line. We sit mesmerized as the line of Rom dancers before us head directly towards us, brandishing their woven clubs as they seemingly float towards us with only the occasional glimpse of a hand or foot exposing the fact that there is a man underneath this amazing costume. At the last minute they veer away and the line of dancers splits to either end of the dance area and we are reminded that our presence here is peripheral, this dance is being performed for a purpose and we are merely fortunate enough to be able to be here to witness it.

Today we are seated around the nassara area at Fanla, a very traditional village in the hills of North Ambrym, our reason for being here – the annual Rom Festival where eager dancers pay for the right to display the stunning masks they have designed. These tall masks made from various “bush materials” take several months to create and the kastom chief will determine which mask is the best at the culmination of the dancing. Immensely proud of their kastom and heritage these wonderful people are willing to share some aspects with us today, as we listen to the various tabu laws politely explained to us we realize just how important kastom remains here.



Vanuatu as a country comprised of a myriad of differing islands has an immense wealth of kastom and history, as westernization influences continue to increase the importance of retaining this knowledge and respect for kastom becomes paramount, especially imparting this to the younger generations. So many other countries have lost their kastom but here in Vanuatu it is still relatively easy to be able to witness such amazing events. Many areas hold their own festivals each year, not only for the purpose of tradition but also in an attempt to share their kastom with their young people as well as those from other cultures. These festivals give an in depth insight into the real Vanuatu outside of Port Vila, allowing us to experience rare views into their kastom and village life. Visiting cruisers are fortunate to be able to access these sometime remote locations and always welcomed to such events.

We are fortunate enough to be on a mission to be covering several of the local festivals from a cruising yacht's perspective however we soon realize how easy and accessible these events are for everyone as there is always an airport nearby and a selection of guesthouses for accommodation. July and August are busy months for festivals in the Malampa area, a prime time for visiting yachties, but there are various festivals throughout the year and throughout the islands – check out the Vanuatu Tourism Office website for dates, they are published each October for the following year.

However back at Fanla, the first day of the two day festival is nearly complete, we have watched a selection of kastom

dances and magic displays along with sand drawings complete with storytelling and we have been looked after impeccably with plenty of tasty island kaekae and drinking coconuts. The village has welcomed us with open arms and the morning started with fresh gados, hot out of the pan, no plastic bags here, instead there are gathered up in a palm leave and handed to us. The weather has been drizzly today but our guide John tells us that tomorrow should be better as the chief has chewed the leaf and done the medicine to make sure there is no rain. Sure enough the second day is fine. After traipsing back up the hill and enjoying another round of gados we all gather at the nassara to watch the Pata circumcision dance, performed by a dozen or so small nambis dancers in honor of an eleven year old boy who stands nervously to one side. The reason for his nervousness soon becomes apparent as a reluctant pig is led into the clearing, his mission will be to dispatch the pig once the dancing is complete. All too soon for both boy and pig the dancing slows and everyone stands to one side waiting for the deed to be done, one of the elder chiefs hands the boy a nalnal (pigkiller club) and with one swift blow the pig knows no more and the boy has completed his entry to manhood.

After a break for kaekae, plus the opportunity to peruse and buy some of the stunning carvings created by various craftsmen here we settle down to watch bamboo flutes demonstrations and the closing Rom dances, several of the chiefs from neighboring village are joining in to celebrate the Rom and support in the selection of the best mask. Today it is a young



man from Fanla whose mask has been chosen, a great honor. The whole village has gathered to watch this important event. The sad fact is however that learning the skills of the Rom is a dying art, fewer and fewer young men are learning the tradition and consequently this dance is at risk of being lost forever as the older chiefs pass on.

A week later further north at Olal, still on Ambrym, a group of yachts and several land based guests from various parts of the world enjoy the Yam & Magic Festival. Chief Sekor puts on a tremendous two day festival that is well worth attending, dances celebrating the yam harvest, women's dances and amazing magic displays, plus the inevitable circumcision dance and further Rom dancing. Catering is done at the Olal Yacht Club and where else could you watch such amazing traditional dancing and then enjoy a cold tusker or glass of wine? Today there are several families with young children playing tourist and the youngsters are mesmerized by the different dancing, wasting no time to join in with the men and women on the final farewell dance, a rare and to be appreciated opportunity. Being allowed into the isolated nassara area alone is a thought provoking experience, heightened by the vast number of intricately carved tam tams, but combine this with the dancing, kastom stories, displays of magic and bush craft skills it leaves you with the feeling you have stepped back in time at least 75 years.

After our time on Ambrym we sailed back to Port Sandwich where the village of Dravail is preparing for their annual Arts and Culture Festival. This is a most amazing festival, involving

the entire communities from Dravail and Penap; from the young pikinini to the eldest man it showcases their kastom and traditional ways in a fun and interactive manner. Well organized and full up of activities, the women providing fantastic spreads of kaekae throughout the two day event, each day finishing with a shell of kava or a cold tusker. After being greeted by all the chiefs and personally welcomed by everyone in the village we watched a huge variety of kastom dancing, both at the men's nassara up in the bush behind the village and at the two hidden women's dance areas within the village, we were shown how copra is made and cacao prepared, we learnt how to make traps for wild chicken or pigs and watched the men construct a house while the women showed us how to make laplap. The teenage boys put on some entertaining drama shows which had us in fit of laughter and the young pikinini took great joy in showing us their games, a range of men from the eldest to young teenagers displayed their sand drawing skills and the women taught us how to weave a variety of items from baskets to hats and mats. Throughout both days the people of the villages kept us company and enjoyed showing us how they live, great friendships were formed by many as we shared our own experiences with each other.

For us the last festival in the Malampa province this year was the Nalawan Festival at South West Bay, only a few days after Port Sandwich's festival. Again yet another very different festival, supported by the community of Labo it displays some stunning dances and awesome masks. The venue is Fire



Beach and the dancers enter the nassara area from the beach providing a scenic backdrop of sparkling blue water. Chief grading ceremonies, dances to honour the newly deceased as their bodies are prepared for burial, which basically involves smoking the body on a pyre until the flesh is gone at which stage another dance honors the uplifting of said remains and burying in hidden places – of course these no longer take place in today's society. Only the men danced here, while the women displayed their weaving, provided delicious kaekae and had great fun in doing their water music, accompanied by many laughing pikinini. A small group shyly displayed a recently revived craft within the village, pottery, which used to be a well honed skill in this area many years ago. These people have a huge wealth of kastom and tradition which they are fiercely proud of and yet willing to share with us. Reef fishing with bow and arrow was enacted in the most entertaining way by Chief Ronan and the festival finished with a tour of the beautiful village and the opportunity to snorkel in the pristine and effective MPA area. Once again everyone involved had a much valued experience and went home all the richer for it.

The variety of uniqueness within the islands of Vanuatu, and indeed even from village to village in some areas, is one of the major features of this country, combine this with the innate friendliness of the people and their fascinating array of kastom and tradition it makes for a real winner of a destination. The various festivals throughout the country allow us an easy yet in depth snapshot view of traditional Ni-Vanuatu life, as well as helping these wonderful people retain their lifeline, their kastom.



DOING IT RIGHT

Cruising Vanuatu is a privilege, make your trip a positive experience for both you and the islands you visit...

Learn about the country and its culture beforehand

Remember each island in Vanuatu is unique, respect their kustom and culture

Dress and behave respectfully especially in villages, religious and cultural areas

Learn key words in Bislama – they will help!

Respect the dignity and privacy of others – ask before taking photos

Visit the Cultural Centre and the Tourism Office for local information

Minimise Your Impact on the Environment

Minimise your rubbish, provision accordingly

Never dump your rubbish or leave it on the islands, they have no way of properly disposing of it.

Take your rubbish back with you – do not burn it or dump it offshore

Be aware of coral and marine environments when anchoring

Do not buy products made from coral, endangered plants or animals, ie conch shell, clams

Support Local Initiatives

Purchase local products, arts and crafts

Eat local rather than imported food

Support local activities, ie tours, custom dances, festivals

If you want to gift money, support community projects rather than individuals

Pay a Fair Price

Remember bargaining or tipping may not be appropriate behavior

If the price is negotiable, pay a price that is fair for the seller and maker

Do not pay excessively over market price, this just sets an unjustified expectation

Entry or access fees can apply, expect them

Think About Your Impact

Remember you are a guest – always behave respectfully, this is an extremely old culture and some thing that you will find inappropriate at home are normal here, please don't judge and keep your thoughts with you until you are back on the boat.



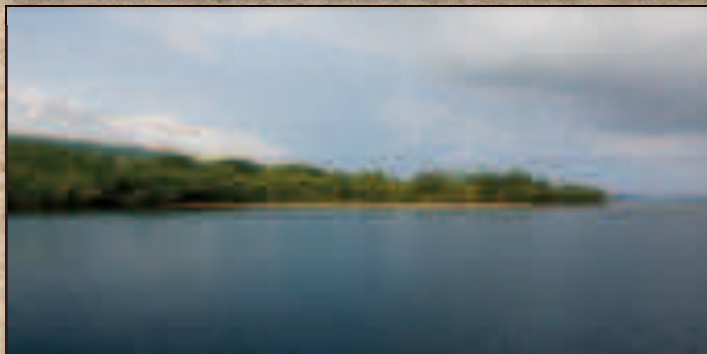
OUR FAVOURITE.....



Anelghowhat, Aneityum

20 14.410S 169 45.894E

A well protected anchorage famous for Mystery Island located within its protective reef, with its beautiful sandy beaches it makes a welcome peaceful stop after any passage. Relax at anchor and get your first taste of Vanuatu's hospitality. There is plenty of snorkelling and diving opportunities here with an old wreck nearby and superb coral at Mystery Island, it is a Marine Reserve.



Escema Bay, Efate

17 33.126S 168 16.991E

Located at the head of Havannah Harbour, Escema Bay offers protection from wind from most directions with no swell. The locals paddle past daily to tend their gardens giving you the opportunity for fresh produce and turtles constantly surface around you. This is the perfect anchorage for peace and tranquility, you will slip away in your own little world as time passes you by.



Lamen Bay, Epi

16 35.773S 168 09.893E

With good protection from the trade winds Lamen Bay is within a day's sail of Havannah Harbour providing a picturesque anchorage that gives you the opportunity to swim with turtles and dugongs. It is the ideal anchorage to start your adventure of central Vanuatu with so many options. The villagers keep to themselves although they always enjoy a good conversation and Tasso will look after you at the local Yacht club.



Sangalai, Maskelynes

16 35.773S 168 09.893E

Not the easiest anchorage to get into but the villagers make up for the stress of entry. Lutes offers a fantastic opportunity to visit villages and experience their way of life in a relaxed friendly atmosphere as well as enjoy a wonderful clam sanctuary and small island restaurant. There are a few Dugongs that swim in the anchorage at high tide but the water isn't as clear as Lamen Bay to swim with them.



Crab Bay, Malekula

16 10.074S 167 31.959E

Quiet secluded anchorage with excellent holding once you have navigated your way in. No villages nearby, but a camping/picnic area is being developed on the small peninsular. The area is a marine reserve and the fish life, including dugongs and turtles is prolific, plenty of snorkelling and diving opportunities. The wreckage of the Ponto lies on the outer reef marked by a buoy. Nice white sandy beaches for walking.

.....ANCHORAGES

Wala/Rano Island, Malekula

Rano Island 15 59.194S 167 23.001E

Wala Island 15 58.597S 167 22.443E

Sheltered anchorage in front of the village. The villagers go to the mainland to tend their gardens and often stop to trade fruit and vegetables or invite you ashore. The P&O cruise ship stops here a few times each year so the island is well set up with walking trails to the many nassaras and other kustom areas. A very good small nambas dance (Wala Culture Club) can be seen on the mainland.



Port Latour, Ratua Island

15 36.697S 167 10.570E

Tranquil, beautiful and sheltered anchorage outside the resort, two moorings available for yachts. With the SDA mission on the Aore Island side and the resort on the other this is a peaceful and scenic anchorage, great for relaxing in. Snorkelling and diving on the reef is stunning while exploring the small channel between Ratua and Aore by kayak shouldn't be missed. Fresh vegetables can be sourced from the SDA mission. Turtles abound here.

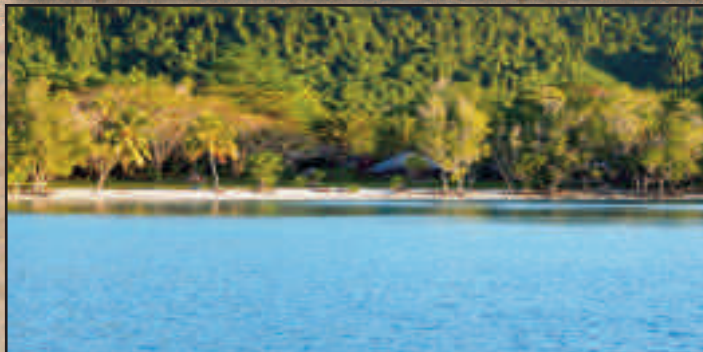


Lonnoc Bay, Santo

Reef: 15 08.654S 167 06.952E

Resort: 15 08 819S 167 06.844E

Scenic anchorage with great snorkeling. The small resort offers nice meals and cold tusker. If heading in at low tide by tender head towards the red marker buoys. Following the road will take you either to the village of Hog Harbour or over to the famous Champagne Beach on the other side of the headland (beware that there is a charge to visit Champagne Beach).



Asanvari, Maewo

15 22.585S 168 07.932E

Stunning and sheltered anchorage with plenty of options. Fresh bread is often delivered by outrigger canoe and fresh vegetables and fruits are available. You will be welcomed to the pretty village of Asanvari where people are eager to show off their beautiful bay. The weaving here is excellent. At one end of the bay the waterfall cascades down the hill behind the Sparkling Waters Restaurant. Great snorkelling and diving.



Ranvetlam, Ambrym

16 09.084S, 168 06.457E

Nestled between the two villages, Ranon and Ranvetlam, off the black sand beach, this anchorage offers less roll than Ranon. Great holding, even in the wind bullets that can affect the area when the wind is up. Ranvetlam is the perfect setting off point to climb the volcano. A scenic walk up to the crater is a must in good weather. The small hike up to Fanla, the oldest village in Ambrym, where you can view the ROM dance, is well worth the effort.



WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

ANEITYUM ISLAND

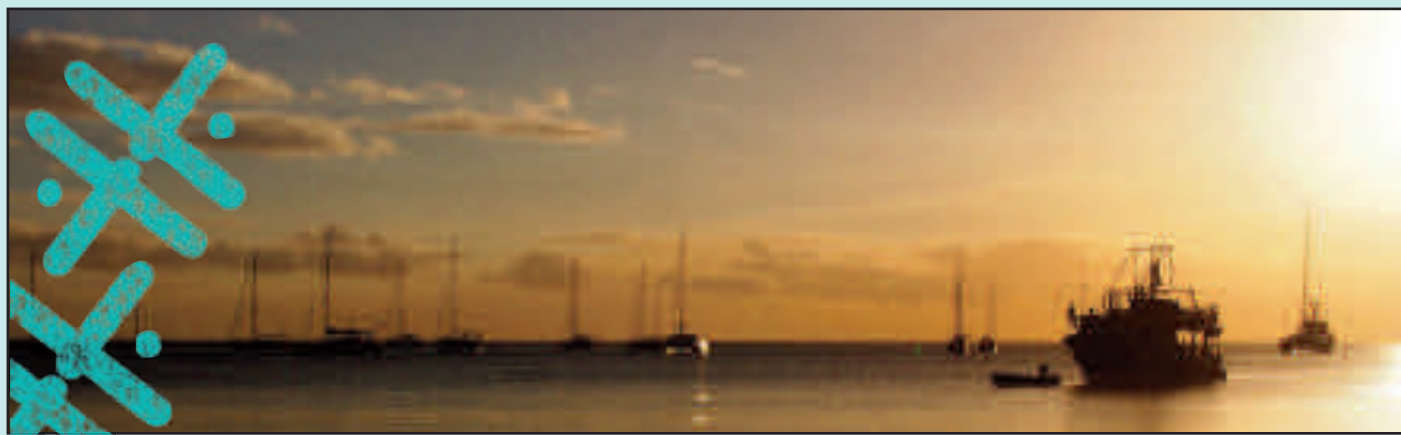


ANCHORAGE GUIDE

Vanuatu has literally hundreds of safe anchorages, in beautiful locations, with unbelievable sites, sounds and activities all waiting to be discovered by some intrepid adventurer. So much of Vanuatu is untouched by modern civilisation and you will have opportunities to discover things that you could only imagine if you dare to explore a little further. Whether you want to explore on the wildside, join in with village activities, enjoy the wonderful sailing conditions or just kick back with a good book in a secluded bay, we are sure that there is more than one perfect anchorage for you. This is a brief guide to anchorages throughout Vanuatu's main cruising areas, simply to give you an overview of where to go, it isn't a complete guide by any stretch of the imagination nor is it a navigation guide and therefore good seamanship and common sense should be used in conjunction with this information to ensure a safe and enjoyable journey.

The guide follows the logical sail plan for entering Vanuatu from the South and travelling with the winds around the islands, but the choice is yours depending of your own desires, wishes and time but we certainly hope that it helps you achieve your goals in Vanuatu. All too often we hear visiting cruisers tell us that they didn't have enough time to see everything, as you read through the guide you will get to appreciate that there is a lot to see and do in Vanuatu, so please allow plenty of time for your visit.

We are regularly asked to produce a sail plan for Vanuatu however with so many islands, Ports of Entries, activities and events it is almost impossible. We have included a list of our favourite anchorages as well as a list of things to do in Vanuatu and we hope that this will allow you to develop your own sail plan and discover the real Vanuatu for yourself. In over a decade of visiting Vanuatu we have never stopped finding great new anchorages each with their own adventures so make a plan, be prepared to change and discover what really matters and you won't be disappointed. There is never enough time to visit or see everything so you can always plan to come back again another year.



ANEITYUM

1. Aneighowhat

GPS: 20 14.254S 169 46.711E

Exposed to Wind from: Southwest to Northwest

Exposed to Swell from: South to Northwest

Bottom Type: White sand

Depth: 6 to 15metres

Suitable: Strong Winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in North East Hook in 8metres of sand

Services: Bank of Vanuatu

Post Office

Small Stores

Police

Unofficial Customs/Quarantine Clearance

Features: Mystery Island shelters this anchorage from the predominant South Easterly. Temporarily Clear in here to see southern islands.



2.Utche Bay

GPS: 20 13.159S 169 45.789E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - NW

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - NW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 8-10metres

Suitable: Moderate Conditions

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the reef in the SE corner there is a small dinghy landing there

Features: A good alternative to Anelghowhat once you have cleared in

There are some small blow holes in the rocks when the tide is right.



3.Neheto Island

GPS: 20 09.033S 169 45.033E

Exposed to Wind from: SSW -W -N -NNE

Exposed to Swell from: W - N - NE

Bottom Type: Sand/coral

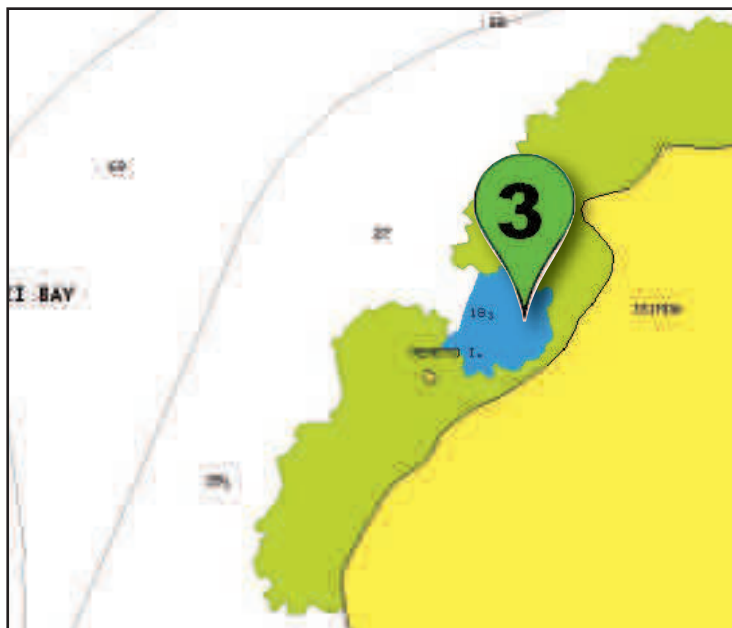
Depth: 8-10metres

Suitable: Over night in average trade winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor where you feel comfortable and don't use too much scope

Features: A great anchorage just a little nerve wracking coming in however it is pretty deep and obvious in good light

No one lives here but villagers camp here from time to time as they travel around the island



4.Itchepthav Bay

GPS: 20 08.572S 169 46.608E

Exposed to Wind from: West-North-East

Exposed to Swell from: West-North-East

Bottom Type: Sand/broken coral

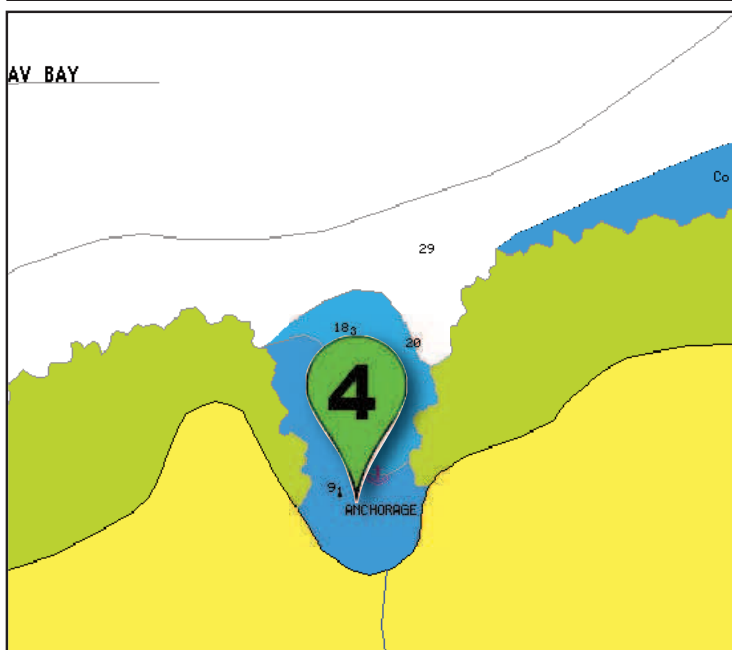
Depth: 8-10metres

Suitable: Over night in average trade winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in centre of the bay

Features: A roly anchorage that is great for an early morning start to Port Resolution, Tanna,

There is a nice stream ashore that the local villagers use but landing your tender can be exciting



MYSTERIOUS ANEITYUM ISLAND

Aneityum or Anatom as it is more likely called by visitors is the most southern inhabited island in the Vanuatu archipelago. History shows that Aneityum suffered badly as a result of explorers, whalers, traders and missionaries with the population being decimated, the population was around twelve thousand when Europeans first arrived, until introduced diseases reduced the local inhabitants to less than 500 villagers. During this time "Black-birders" as they were affectionately named but in reality slave traders were abducting and coercing villagers to leaving the island to work in the sugar cane plantations in Australia, New Caledonia and Fiji. The history of the island was nearly erased in short time and even local languages and dialects disappeared forever. Traders soon took advantage of the valuable stocks of Kauri and lucrative Sandalwood trees which grew abundantly on the 160square kilometers of mountainous terrain stripping the small lush island bare. Whalers made a station on the west coast to take advantage of the migratory Humpback Whales passing close to the shore until their numbers diminished, Aneityum was a virtual goldmine that was exploited in a very short time and soon abandoned when its resources were depleted. Today very few people know of Aneityum and even the herds of cruise ship passengers who flock to nearby Inyeug Is-

land (which is renamed Mystery Island for their benefit) are unlikely to be able to locate it on a map. Luckily for cruising yachts the Vanuatu Government has recognized its value to both yachts and the country by allowing us to temporarily check in at the main village of Anelghowhat so that we can cruise the southern islands with the trade winds behind us. For us it means at least a day and a half less blue water sailing between New Zealand and Vanuatu as well as not having to check in at Tanna before enjoying Mt Yasurs' fiery display. As Aneityum isn't an officially gazetted Port of Entry to Vanuatu, the local Police will temporarily clear you for Customs and Quarantine, (not Immigration) for a cost of 6000vatu (roughly NZ\$62) for this luxury and you must receive permission from Customs at least 24hours before arriving, a small price to pay for convenience and far easier than checking in at Lenakel on Tanna. You will still need to check in officially with Customs and Immigration when you get to Port Vila however. Today Anelghowhat is like few other villages in Vanuatu, it has benefited from the meager cash injection that the Cruise liners bring to their community for the use of Inyeug Island and this is reflected in the west-





ern style housing, vehicles, banks, Post Office, schools, police, pharmacy, numerous small stores and more interestingly the excellent English spoken by everyone. The village certainly isn't visually worse for its enterprise and is starting to realize the value of the cruising yachts with a Tourist Centre being constructed that is planned to accommodate an information centre, internet cafe and bank by the end of 2014. Analghowhat Harbour is well protected from both the sea and wind, unless it goes around to the west, however only 7% of the wind in Vanuatu is from any other direction than Eastern quarter and offers good holding in white sand allowing you to go ashore and explore with little fear of your boat moving before you return. Access to the shore is through two marked channels through a reef, which dries at low tide, the markers conform to the island system of channel marking consisting of a tree branch attached upright or float of some description attached to the extremity of the reef.

A visit to Inyeug Island is not to be missed, if this is how the cruise ship passengers envisage a secluded tropical island, I pity them. The island is surrounded by a sandy beach and there is always somewhere to sunbath with turquoise water rippling in front of you filled with colorful tropical fish, the idyllic facade is transparent, an old whaling pot set up for the gullible passengers to get their photograph in the cannibals' cooking pot, stalls of Chinese souvenirs, snorkel gear hire and a turtle on show. The contrast between a cruise ship day on "Mystery Island" and not is staggering and without the thousands of invading tourists the island is gorgeous. The airport at Inyeug Island also receives regular flights from Port Vila so there is always the option of family meeting you here to travel north through the islands. Vanuatu has twice been named the happiest country in the world and there is no doubt that it is, we have a simple rule whilst we travel throughout the country, anything that you give you will get back ten times over, start with a smile and a cheery hello and you will make a friend for life, the locals will talk to you for hours if you make the time and from here the world is your oyster and you will not want for anything that they can help you with. After a similar meeting with one of the villagers we arranged to be taken to the "nearby" (according to other cruising guide) waterfall and a young man, Edward, met us on the beach to take us on our six hour return trek through the jungle to the small waterfall, the big one is another couple of hours apparently. The trip meandered through the village and into

the gardens before starting to climb through an abandoned logging site and into the bush. Edward lead the way with his trusty bush knife flailing through the dense undergrowth clearing a way for us while all the time giving us a great commentary and insight into the history of the island and village. We arrived at the waterfall and Edward started collecting freshwater prawns for us as we took some photographs and regained our breath. We headed back down the stream below the waterfall and up a rather steep bank under some huge Kauri trees that had escape the fate of most and into Edward's father's garden where he cut some fresh Sugar cane to refresh us before reaching the track for the towns water supply on the ridge. Once on the ridge Edward climbed a large Mandarin tree and dropped the fruit to us as he sprang from limb to limb like a 10year old. The track back to the village was far more open and down hill but steep and we arrived back safely at the beach.

If you are interested in snorkeling there is a wreck of an old whaling boat at the base of the reef under the black buoy and while it is hard to make out after being smashed by numerous storms since the 1800's the steam boiler is quite obvious. There are plenty of small fish in the area although the visibility isn't always the best, especially at low tide. A visit to the beach before you snorkel is highly recommended to establish who the custom land owner is and get permission to swim there, this is a practice that you need to become familiar with, as all land including the reef is owned by someone and generally there is no issue with swimming if you ask first.

Sailing to Icthetav at the northern end of the island in the lee of the island only took a few hours before we were anchored in the bay, there appeared to less surge on the eastern side of the bay but good holding. Landing the tender was a bit of a challenge at low tide with option of the steep stony beach or the exposed reef and rock pools but once ashore we enjoyed the company of numerous children playing in the stream while their parents were fishing from the rocks. Stopping here for the night meant with an early start we would make Port Resolution on Tanna by lunchtime. If you have time Aneityum has far more to offer than we saw as we had an ever decreasing time schedule to get to Port Vila and had yet to stop at Tanna. Next year we will return to see the rock carvings and remains of the whaling station up north as well as meet more interesting people.





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WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

TANNA ISLAND

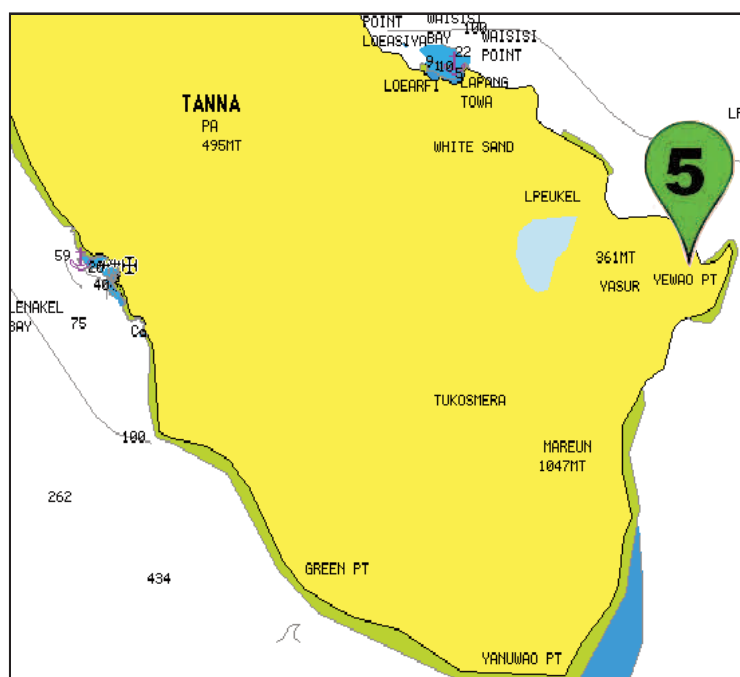


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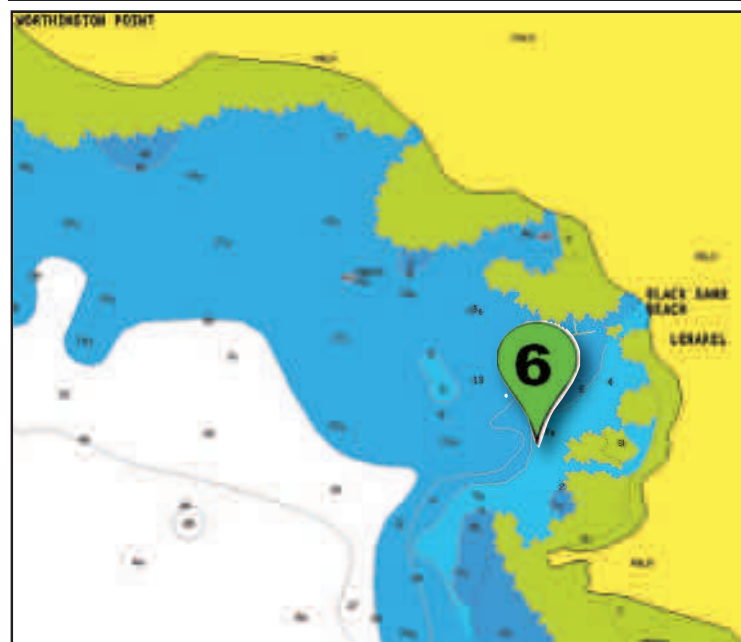
5. Port Resolution

GPS: 19 31.530S 169 29.764E
Exposed to Wind from: Strong Southeast to North
Exposed to Swell from: South thru East to North
Bottom Type: Black sand
Depth: 4 to 8 metres
Suitable: Strong wind
Anchoring Tips: Anchor as far to south in bay as possible watch out for the small reef.
Services: Market
 Very Small Stores
 Port Resolution Yacht Club
 Transport to Customs/Quarantine
Features: Access to Mount Yasur volcano
 Shark Bay
Contacts: Wiri (Yacht Club) 541 6989
 Johnston (Volcano Tours) 598 5600
 Stanley (Transport)

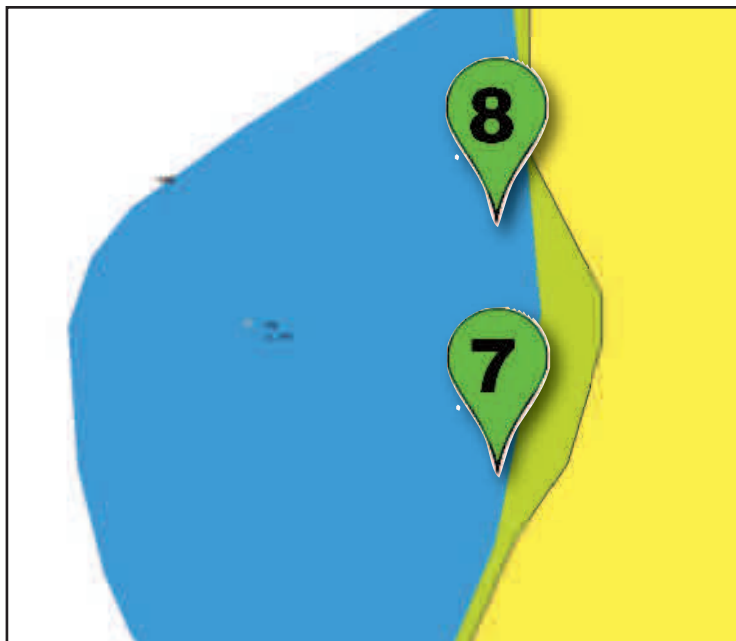


6. Lenakel

GPS: 19 32.054S 169 15 945E
Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to North
Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to North
Bottom Type: Broken coral
Depth: 6 to 15metres
Suitable: Settled conditions
Anchoring Tips: Be careful of the reef at the southern end of the anchorage. Don't be tempted to tie up to the concrete wharf as there is a constant swell.
Services: Bank of Vanuatu
 Post Office
 Small Stores
 Police
 Customs/Quarantine Clearance
 Resorts
 Market
Features: Official Port of Entry to Vanuatu
Contacts:



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A NATURAL LIGHTHOUSE



Mount Yasur on Tanna, has been erupting nearly continuously for the past 800 years and the glow from the strombolian eruptions is what apparently attracted Captain James Cook to these shores in 1774, earning this fiery volcano the name of the “Lighthouse of the Pacific”. It is one of the most accessible active volcanoes in the world and most definitely a bucket list experience that shouldn’t be missed.

For cruising yachts entering at either Anelghowhat or Port Resolution/Lenakel this is an absolute must do and easily organized by the helpful team at the Port Resolution Yacht Club. Generally departing from the Yacht Club late afternoon a 4WD truck will carry you through the dense jungle giving way to the black ash plains, a stark moonscape formed by the continual ash rain from Yasur. As you drive across this barren landscape, broken only by the occasional oasis-like clump of vegetation and the small groups of people making their way through the plains to the next village, take the time to stop and admire the sheer wonder of nature. Towering columns of sand stand alone in the ever altering riverbed at the mercy of Yasur’s eruptions, brilliant orange rock embedded in the black dunes and the sheerness of Yasur’s profile against the blue sky are but some of examples of the beauty to be found here.

Leaving the entrance to the volcano you drive up a deeply rutted and often steaming 4WD track that takes you to the carpark only 200 metres below the edge of the crater. From here its just a ten minute walk up to the crater, take a warm jacket as it gets chilly at night and a torch helps on the way back in the dark – and of course your camera! As you near the summit you can feel the earth trembling beneath your feet and hear the rumbling of this amazing stratovolcano caused by the eastward moving Indo Australian Plate being sub-



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ducted under the westward moving Pacific Plate.

Your guide will direct you to the best place to stand depending on the wind direction and which vents are the most active. Take note of the signage, its pretty minimal but accurate so take heed. The nearly circular crater with three vents is about 400 metres across and is about 360m above sea level, which lends itself to some magnificent views as you wait for the sun to go down. The smooth ash surface interspersed with large boulders starts to give you an idea of the action ahead of you. The actual crater is tiered, with wide plateau like steps narrowing the mouth to the crater, do not stand too close to the edge as it is heavily undercut and falling to the next step would likely have dire consequences.

In the daylight the thunderlike power and billowing smoke enforce the fact that this is a natural phenomenon that deserves respect, but as darkness falls the pyrotechnic display that evolves leaves everyone in awe. With each eruption the magma explosion shoots high into the air hefting large lava bombs high enough to land on the tier below the edge you are standing on, sometimes closer than expected. The molten lava descending on the edges of the crater below pour downwards, leaving the barren rocky incline behind showing how completely devastating nature's power can be. The occasional debris landing within 50 metres accompanied by a collective gasp from onlookers are effective reminders of how exposed we are out here.

Authorities monitor the activity and "safeness" of the volcano so don't worry too much, entrance to the volcano is banned at level 2 or higher. Reputedly Yasur is most active during the wet season, with the higher rainfall resulting in higher groundwater levels, possibly allowing water to come in contact with hot rocks around the magma chamber. Activity levels fluctuate from year to year, in October 2013 Yasur experienced an

increase in activity with the large amount of ash emissions causing widespread damage to vegetation on Tanna. Ashfall was even reported at Erromango Island, 150km away! Of course this also has a seemingly everlasting effect on yachts anchored nearby, you suddenly notice a fine layer of sand on board which settles everywhere and no matter how often you wash or dust it away you are still finding it weeks later. So be warned, keep your hatches closed and be prepared to wash the decks.

A small price to pay however for such an awesome experience, there's not many places in this world that you are able to stand on the edge of a live volcano that's so accessible to everyone – don't miss it.



BE CAREFUL OUT THERE

Vanuatu has no dangerous animals on the land, but this is not the case in the marine environment. Also a certain amount of care needs to be taken to ensure no disease or bacteria are transferred from insects.

Mosquitoes – AVOID being bitten by mosquitoes. Malaria is transmitted by a female mosquito, which feeds at night – between dusk and dawn. However no mosquito bite is safe as day biting mosquitoes can transmit Dengue Fever, which is fast becoming prevalent in New Caledonia and Vanuatu. Moisture, warmth, carbon dioxide and odour all attract mosquitoes, and some people just seem more genetically prone to attracting mosquitoes. So avoid being bitten by ;

Wearing long sleeved shirts and long pants, light colours are best, when outside.

Regularly apply a 30% DEET insect repellent – don't wait until you see a mosquito!

Avoid going ashore, if possible, in the evening – if you must go ashore then wear long clothes and apply repellent before leaving the boat.

Anti malarial medication is recommended when travelling in the outer islands. There is a wide range of products available. Most with some sort of side effect so talk to your doctor before choosing one. See the Health section for further information on malaria and dengue fever.

Flies – Flies have an amazing ability to be able to detect an open sore and persistently zoom in to settle on the wound where they can introduce a very nasty staph infection, resulting in the minor scrape becoming a festering infection that can take weeks to get rid of, even with antibiotics. So ; Cover any open sore with a bandaid and always carry spare bandaids with you when going ashore.

Sharks – Basically if you see a shark then consider yourself fortunate, they are not as frequently seen as people portray as there are progressively less and less of them in our seas. It always pays to check with the villagers that swimming is permitted and safe before leaping in. Apply simple common sense ;

Ask the locals first and don't swim where they suggest it isn't safe

Don't swim at dusk or dark

Remember surface splashing can attract sharks

Spine Bearing Marine Creatures, ie Scorpionfish, Stonefish, Crown of Thorns Starfish, Sea Urchins, Stingrays – Avoid any contact with these creatures by watching where you place your hand or step. If a puncture does occur then ; Remove the spine, if present, but only if loose and easily removed and severe bleeding is not likely to result.

Immerse the wound in water as hot as can be comfortably tolerated to ease the pain. Leave immersed for 30-90 minutes.

Apply bleach to the wound.

Assess the patient in case breathing or circulation is affected. Seek medical attention if needed.

Coneshells – Do not pick up live cone shells, be very sure that any shell picked up is empty. Cone shells fire a tiny but very toxic dart that can be fatal. If this happens then ;

Monitor the casualty's airway and signs of life and begin CPR if necessary

Apply pressure immobilization to slow the spread of venom through the lymphatic system.

Keep the casualty reassured and quiet

Seek medical aid ASAP

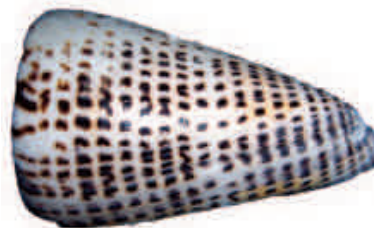
Sea Snakes – Avoid any chance of being bitten by a sea snake by watching where you step. The only reason you could get bitten is if you somehow startle or threaten it – and even then its highly unlikely. Sometimes a snake will find a warm place, ie curl up around the warm outboard in your tender, so always keep an eye out, but it won't want to be there any more than you want him there once discovered. Take your time and apply common sense, it will soon be gone. Should a bite occur ;

Get the casualty to medical help ASAP, sea snake antivenom is available

Meantime monitor the airway and signs of life. Keep the casualty still and quiet

Apply pressure immobilization to slow the spread of venom through the lymphatic system.

Nangalat - (Stinging Nettle) The pain caused by merely touching the nangalat is no worse than the sting of a common European nettle, but far more persistent, returning whenever the affected area of skin is touched by water, an effect that may last for days.



THERE ARE A FEW DANGEROUS CRITTERS

Health

Vanuatu is one of the safest countries to sail around, as long as average common sense is applied. Protect yourself from insect bites, watch what you touch in marine environments, wash and cook your food thoroughly, drink only water that you have made or collected from a safe source and limit contact with sick people, including other cruisers! Doing all this should ensure health problems don't hinder your trip too much.

If you do need medical care however there are hospital facilities in Port Vila and Luganville, with basic facilities in Norsup (Malekula), Lenakel (Tanna), and on many of the other outer islands. There are several well stocked pharmacies in both Port Vila and Luganville (often able to supply what would be prescription antibiotics and medicines in NZ & Aust over the counter).

Other Health Issues To Consider

Malaria & Dengue Fever – Transmitted by the mosquito, avoidance of being bitten is the best way to avoid contracting either of these diseases. An added and recommended option is to take malaria tablets either for prevention or treatment if required. If you develop a fever, that is a temperature over 38 degrees C, which is present continuously or intermittently for 48 hours (24 hours in a child) then contact a doctor within 24 hours. Malarone is often prescribed as a standby treatment for malaria and even if the condition is something else, ie Dengue Fever, which has similar symptoms, then the standby treatment will not make the Dengue any worse. The only way to confirm Dengue is to have a blood test.

Ciguatera – Fish poisoning resulting from eating fish containing ciguatera toxins. Originating from a marine algae, eaten by fish that are then predated on by other fish and so on, the toxins build up in the muscles of the fish. The further up the food chain, the more concentrated the toxins and the more severe the symptoms. There is no way of determining by taste whether a fish is contaminated or not. The simple way not to suffer from Ciguatera poisoning is to eat only pelagic fish that you have caught yourself, avoiding all reef species, including barracuda, grouper, sea bass and red snapper. When eating in a restaurant check what kind of fish they are serving, pelagic or Poulet fish are fine.



Lamap Health Centre

Hospitals

Efate

Medical Centre & Day Care, Port Vila
Ph 22 826 email jlbdr@vanuatu.com.vu

Vila Bay Health Centre, Port Vila
Ph 27 777 email vbhc@vanuatu.com.vu

Vila Central Hospital, Port Vila
Ph 22 100 email vch@vanuatu.gov.vu

Espiritu Santo

Northern District Hospital, Luganville
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Tanna

Lenakel Hospital, Isangel
Ph 88 695

Malekula

Norsup Hospital, Norsup
Ph 48 410



TOKTOK BISLAMA SMOL NOIA

(Speak a little bit of Bislama now)

The national language of Vanuatu is Bislama, meaning biche de mer, French for Sea Cucumber, which was harvested and dried at the same time sandalwood was being gathered in the mid to late 1800s. At this time thousands of Ni-Vanuatu were recruited to work on plantations in Queensland and Fiji, resulting in a pidgin English that today is a language of its own. Today with education in Vanuatu being conducted in either English or French as per Vanuatu's constitution, most Ni-Vanuatu speak one or the other as well as Bislama, plus their own island dialect. With a population of 250,000 and over 110 different languages, Vanuatu has the world's highest concentration of different languages per head of population.

Bislama is an easy and fun language to learn, often one word will be used where English would use 5 to 10 words. Learning a few key words and phrases will help you on your travels around the islands, even if you get it wrong the people will appreciate your effort so have a go!

Here are a few phrases that might help get you started....

English

Hello
Good Morning
Good Night
OK, Goodbye
See you
Please
Thankyou
Great! The best!
How are you?
I'm fine
My name is
What's your name?
Where are you from?
I come from
What is the name of your village?
Can I swim on the reef?
What is the name of the Chief of this village?
I want to buy
How much is this?
Do you sell island cabbage?
What is the name for this?
I speak only a little Bislama

Bislama

Halo
Gudmoning
Gudnaet
Ale tata
Lukim yu
Plis
Tankyu tumas
Nambawan
Olsen wanem? / Yu oraet?
I stret nomo / I gud nomo
Nem blong mi
Wanem nem blong yu?
Yu blong wea?
Mi kam long
Wanem nem blong vilej blong yu?
Mi save swim long rif?
Wanem nem blong jif blong vilej ia?
Mi wantem pem
Hamas long emia?
Yu salem aelan kabis?
Wanem nem blong hemia?
Mi toktok smol Bislama nomo



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Alo

WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

ERROMANGO ISLAND



ERROMANGO

11. Dillons Bay

GPS: 18 49.062S 169 00.721E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to NW

Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to NW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 15metres

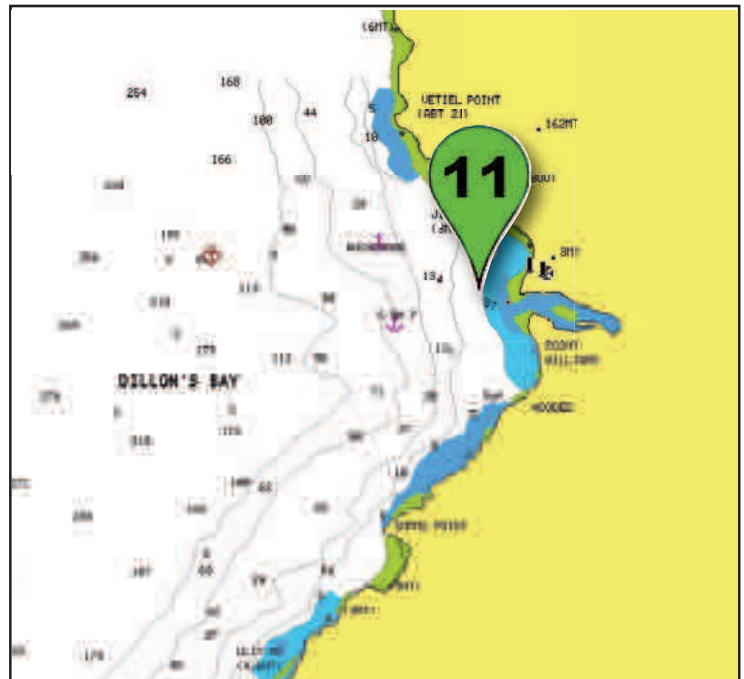
Suitable: Moderate conditions

Anchoring Tips: There is plenty of room to anchor in sand in any depth you wish and access to the village is via the river mouth

Services: Small Island Store, Airport, Post Office

Features: Cave of Skulls tour, John Williams Missionary history tour, Sandlewood and Kauri forests

Contacts: David will paddle out to meet you and he is the best source of information.



12. Sowki Bay

GPS: 18 43.416S 168 59.758E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to NW

Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to NW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 15metres

Suitable: Moderate conditions

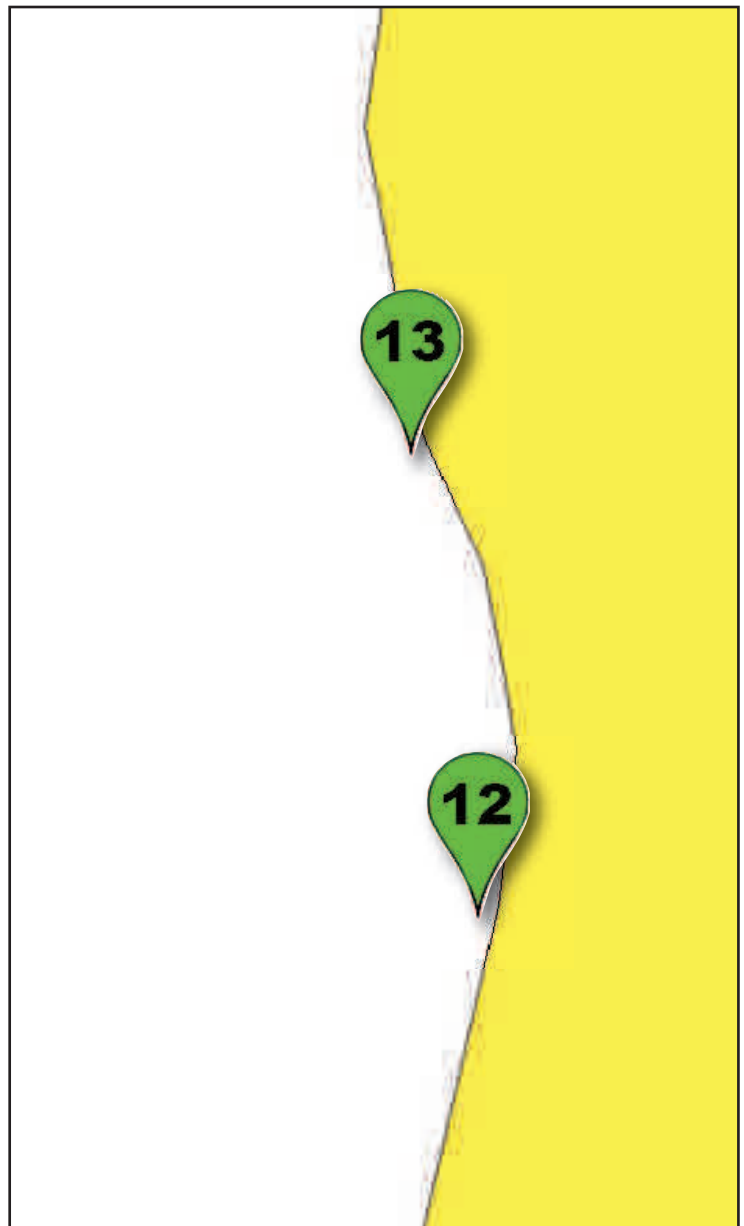
Anchoring Tips: Anchor in front of the small river under the cliffs, the reef will be to both your port and starboard but there is plenty of room to swing.

NB: The charts are very inaccurate here and look nothing like reality!

Services:

Features:

Contacts:



13. Elizabeth Bay

GPS: 18 42.195S 169 00.074E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to NW

Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to NW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 15metres

Suitable: Moderate conditions

Anchoring Tips: Anchor as far in the bay as possible watching out for the coral bommies

NB: The charts are very inaccurate and look nothing like reality!

Services: Nil

Features: This is probably the closest anchorage on Erromango to Port Vila.

14. Ponamias

15. Voue

Ponamias GPS 18 37.809S 169 02.769E

Voue Bay GPS 18 37.670S 169 05.040E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to NE

Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to NE

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 15metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

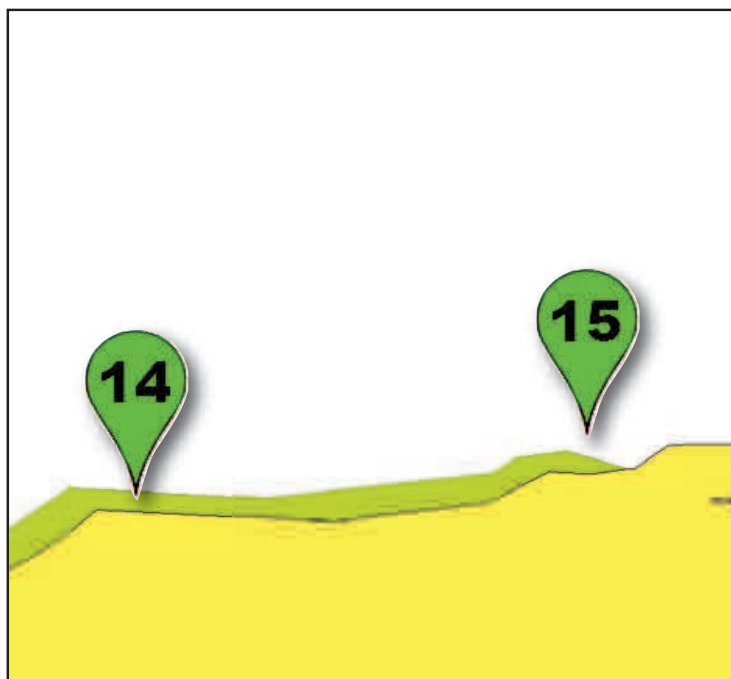
Anchoring Tips: Both bays provide good shelter from the trade winds from the southeast and good respite from the associated swells. Anchor as close to the shore as comfortable avoiding the isolated bommies.

NB: The charts are very inaccurate here and look nothing like reality!

Services: None

Features: Ponamia is a good launching point to travel to Port Vila overnight

Contacts:



16. Ponusia

GPS: 18 38.023S 169 08.305E

Exposed to Wind from: NW - N - NE

Exposed to Swell from: NW - N - NE

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 10 to 15metres

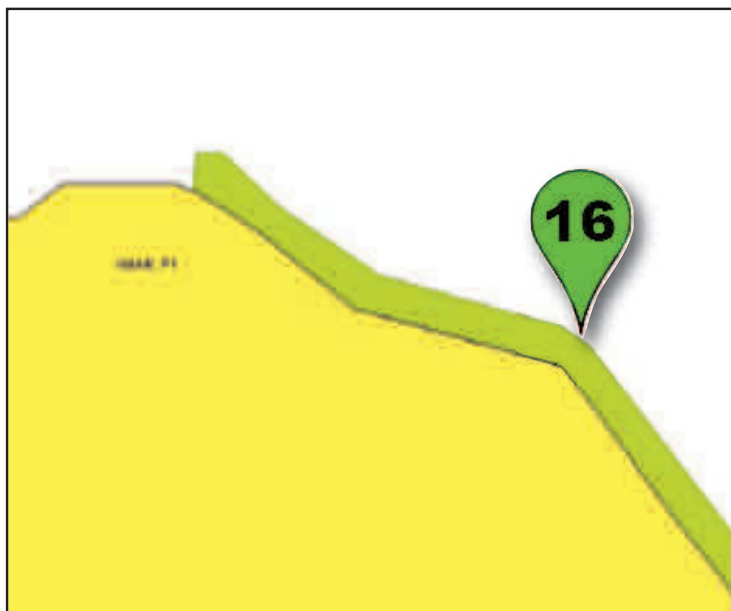
Suitable: Moderate conditions

Anchoring Tips: This is a keyhole anchorage in a beautiful location with very deep water leading into the sandy beach which shoals quickly, you may want to tie your stern to the shore.

NB: The charts are very inaccurate here and look nothing like reality!

Services:

Features: An amazingly beautiful vista in a truly tropical setting.



17. Port Narvin

GPS: 18 44.715S 169 12.530E

Exposed to Wind from: East thru North to NE

Exposed to Swell from: North to North East

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 15metres

Suitable: Moderate conditions

Anchoring Tips: Anchor as far in the bay as possible watching out for the coral reef the farther you get in, the less any roll will affect you

Services: Small island stores

Features: Port Narvin gets very few visitors and is not accustomed to showing them around despite being extremely friendly. You should ask to see the stone carvings about Captain Cook and the *First Shells of Kava* from the legend of the Marriage of Kava and the Coconut Palm in the village Ranulevie



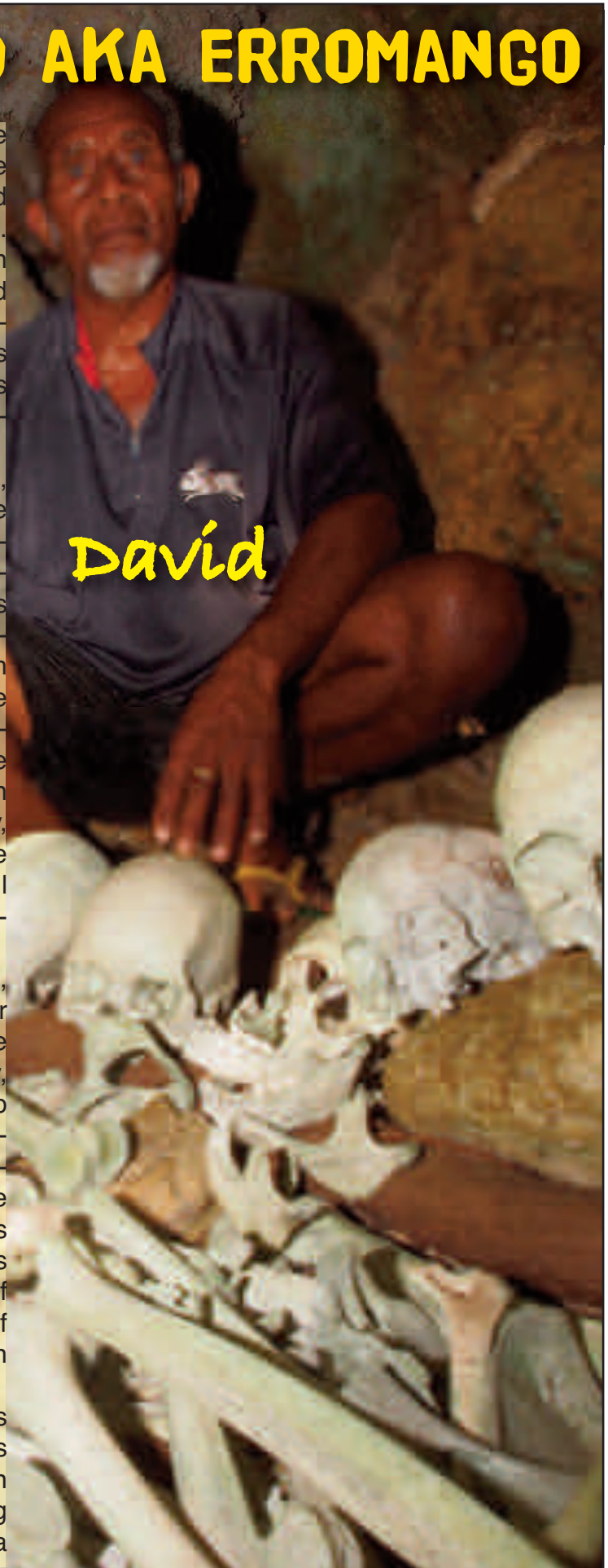
MARTYRS ISLAND AKA ERROMANGO

Erromango (more often referred to as Ero by the locals) is the third largest island in the island in the island archipelago of Vanuatu. Mountainous and forested it is largely forgotten as a destination. Tourism is yet to be developed here, with the main source of income still remaining sandalwood and kauri. Whether flying to Tanna to view the magnificent Mt Yasur or sailing enroute to Port Vila Ero is often overlooked as a place to visit. And yet it has a bountiful plethora of historical, cultural and natural wonders to discover.

Being regular visitors to Vanuatu waters we have, in the past sailed past Ero without taking the time to stop and explore, but this year we took the opportunity to call in and investigate the many protected anchorages that this amazing coastline has to offer. There are two main villages on Ero, Pot-narvin in northeast and Dillons Bay to the north west and the people wherever we went were friendly and welcoming, eager to share their stories, way of life and natural wonders. There are guesthouses offering basic accommodation in both. The bulk of our time was spent at Dillons Bay, primarily because we kept finding more and more to see and do each day until finally we had to pull up anchor and head off to explore more of the island.

Dillons Bay has a sense of laid back ambience, time just seems to slip past, there's no need for hurry here. The village is set upon the banks of the large Williams River that flows out into the bay, small pikinini run down to wave as we meander up the river winding our way between the several fishing boats moored there. With an ever growing population of approximately 450 in the village the bilingual school is gradually increasing its classes and this year has commenced a Year 7 with plans for Year 8 next year, the kindergarten has a role of 40 pikinini. With fertile soil and no shortage of water close by, the gardens thrive and there is an abundance of fruit and vegetables.

As we make our way up the river we come across mamas heading home from working in the gardens or doing their laundry on the river banks. Down on the river banks we pause to watch the men building canoes from the large whitewood trees. Isaih, a



David



THE FORGOTTEN ISLAND



skilled canoe builder, explains how Ero canoes differ from other islands in that the support strut is made from one tree rather than two pieces fixed together, the supporting lattice of stays is quite unique as well.

It's difficult to walk up Williams River without being tempted in for a quick dip in the clear swimming holes with high banks perfect for jumping off, an hours walk or so further up the river yields a large waterfall tumbling down from the rugged mountainous back drop.

Today however we are crossing the river lower down to meet with Sempert, who is taking us to the site where the body of John Williams was laid down and his body measured as he was carried away from the site of his unfortunate massacre on the beach. Erromango has a tragic history of violence from way back as early as the first Lapita people arrived. Cannibalism and warring between tribes was rampant and perhaps it is fortunate the

island is so rugged and full of caves where people could hide and take refuge forced to remain in such caves for weeks on end with only roots and leaves that could be collected under the cover of darkness for sustenance.

Regardless, life was brutal back then, with strict rules to follow and when John Williams stepped ashore at Dillons Bay he unknowingly broke a kastom law. A nevsem (a tower like structure built as a symbol to signify respect and community harmony, usually built after the death of a chief and then laden with food) had been constructed on the beach. It seems the people had done their best to communicate that this was tabu but in ignorance John Williams stepped forward to go closer and was consequently murdered as he did so, along with his companion James Harris. His body was then taken to another tribe in the mountains and traded, it seems he was the last white man to be eaten in Ero, though definitely not killed. Sempert





indicates that further up the hill lies the marks where missionary John Gordon and his wife were killed 22 years later.

There is no doubt that the history of Ero is rife with brutality but it must be remembered that much of this was exacerbated by the actions and resulting chain of events brought by white explorers. In 1852 (51 years after Captain Cook's brief arrival) Irish trader Peter Dillon came looking for the remains of the French explorer La Perouse who had disappeared in the region some 40 years earlier. While he never found any remains he did discover Sandalwood on Ero. This led to an influx of traders from many nations, some using unethical and often violent methods to procure the precious wood. Blackbirding and stripping the forests of kauri soon followed. The Erromangans were poorly treated and it is small wonder that they learnt to view all newcomers with a combination of fear, suspicion and aggression. John Gordon, while passionate about his cause, saw no value in training locals to become teachers, which would have likely helped a sharing and mediation between the two sets of cultural beliefs. 1861 was a bad year for Ero. January saw the island devastated by a cyclone and shortly thereafter traders brought measles with them and hundreds of people died. While Gordon managed to save many he could not save the chief's children and as he himself never succumbed to the disease he was viewed as a sorcerer to be feared and destroyed.

And so the story goes on with fascinating titbits of information and memorabilia to be discovered at Dillons Bay. Today the locals recall the actions of their ancestors and even expressed their regret to the families of the martyrs with a Reconciliation Ceremony at Dillon's Bay in 2009, on the 170th anniversary of the deaths of John Gordon and his wife.

Sandalwood plantations and kauri forests can be found today, with many forward thinking Erromangans planting these with an eye to the future, nowadays the government has imposed a three month open season on sandalwood to ensure continuity of quality wood. Many people like Sempert do their best to ensure that Ero's future will always include their precious forests, collecting seeds and planting seedlings.

But relics of history and what went before is not limited to white man events, with a history over 3000



year old and the vast usage of caves as dwellings and shelter there is still much to see and yet to be discovered. Only a few minutes away from Dillons Bay behind Suvu Beach two very different and both fascinating caves can be found. Bunmavan Cave, where the women and children were taken during warfare, left to take refuge inside this massive cave with only a few men left to guard them, yields evidence of past inhabitants with cave drawings and petroglyphs. With various tunnel offshoots, amazing limestone formations that sparkle in the torch-light and small resident bats it's an evocative experience. A short distance away lies the Cave of Skulls, the original entrance to the cave now semi closed and unsafe due to an earthquake some years ago, the smaller cave is well worth the clam-ber up. Only after we have asked permission from the spirits are we allowed to approach the cave. This is the cave where Chief Mete and his two wives were buried, and obviously many more by the amount of bones to be seen. Our guide David tells us inside the main cave there still remains hair and jewellery from those laid to rest there long ago. Suvu beach itself offers excellent snorkelling with colourful corals and plentiful fish. Back towards Dillons Bay at Veteil Point we jumped in for a dive to find fresh water springs 20 metres under, plenty of coral and fish life. Engrossed in photographing a huge bright blue clam we were startled by a large trevally who was equally surprised to see us. Back at Dillons Bay we return to the beach with David who proudly shows us the new WoWo Guesthouse and Yacht Club he and his family are building, with a two story Medditeranan style over-looking the beach, complete with showers and toi-lets and set in beautiful gardens this place will be a winner once it is completed. Dillons Bay, so often overlooked, replete with his-tory and yet forward thinking with so much poten-tial, watch this space.



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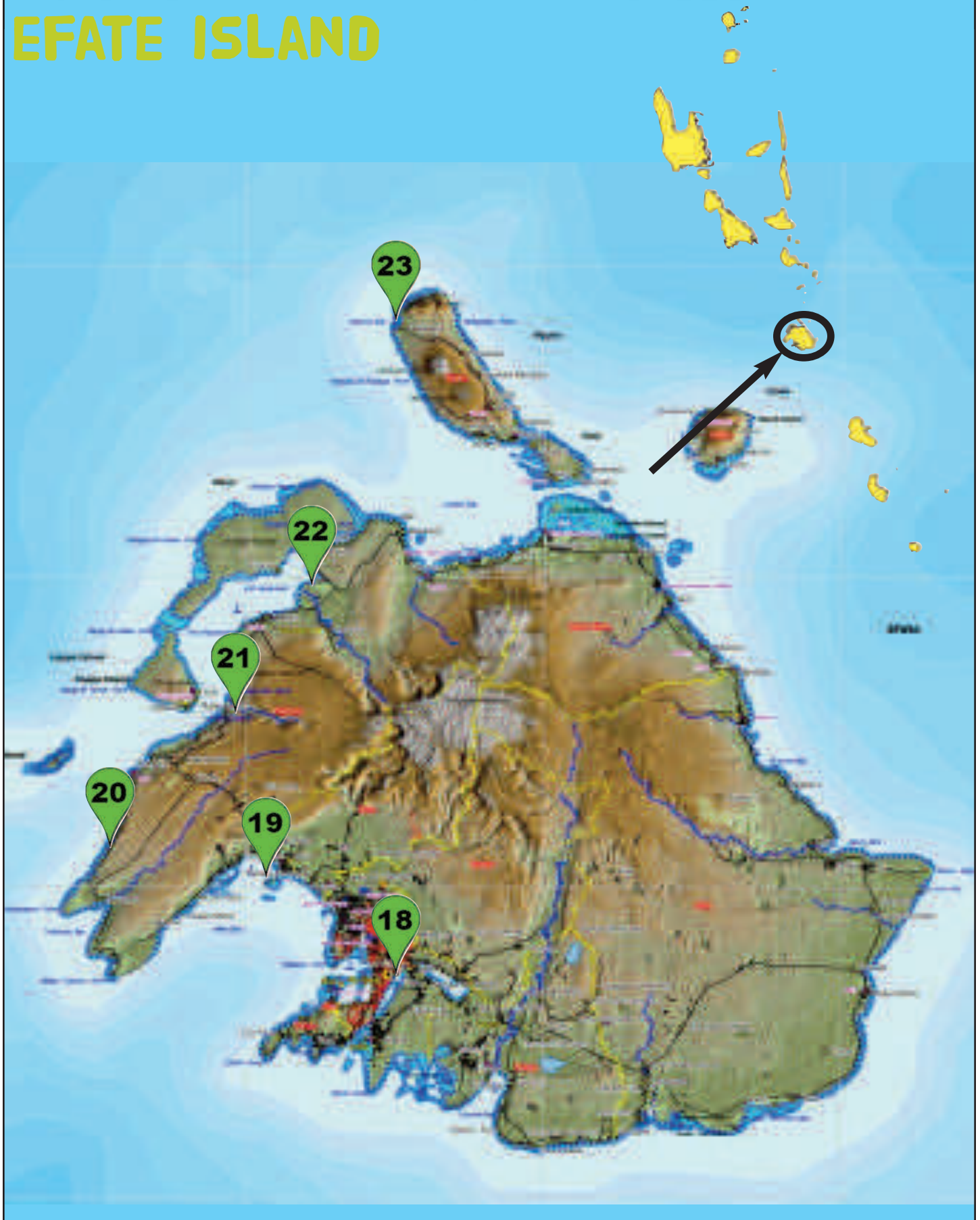
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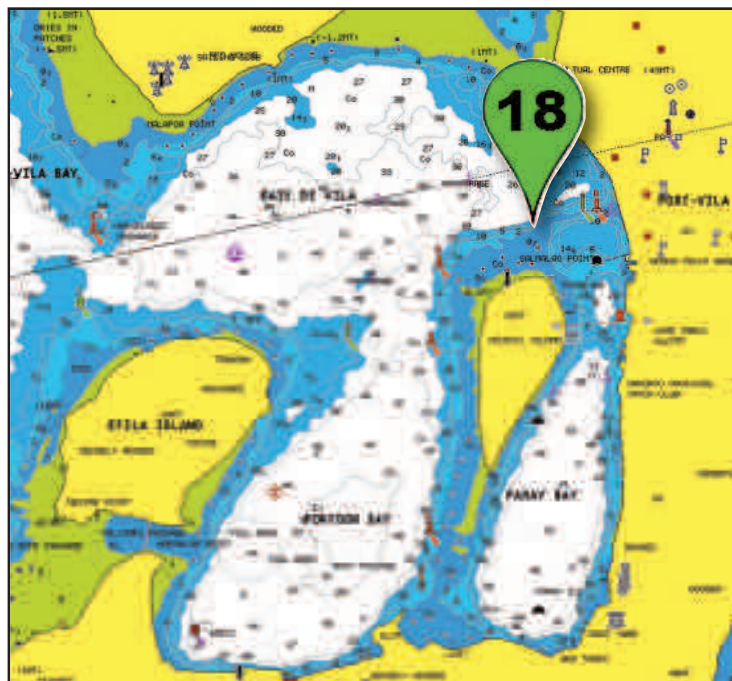
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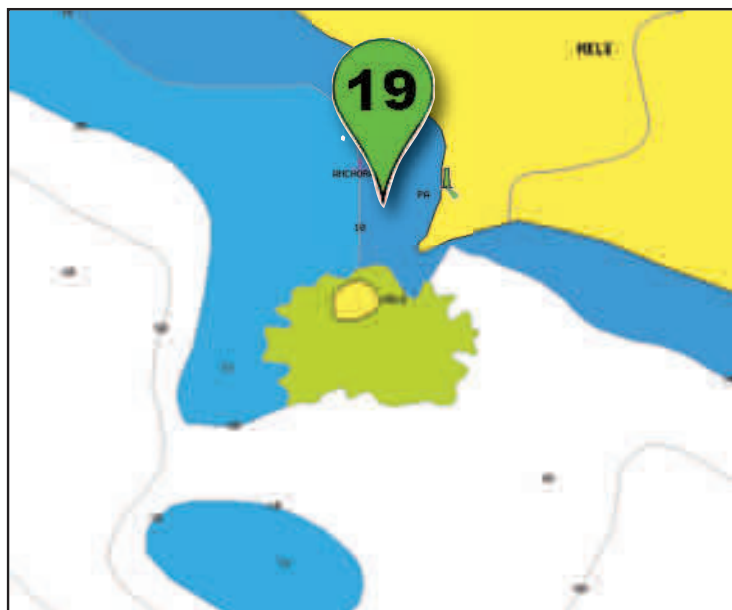
18. Port Vila

GPS: 17 44.203S 168 18.604E
Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to North
Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to North
Bottom Type: Broken coral
Depth: 6 to 15metres
Suitable: Settled conditions
Anchoring Tips: This is simply a short stay anchorage while you clear customs and doesn't have very good holding. If you anchor too close to the overhead wire the 24hr Iririki Island Ferry will pass you constantly.
Services: Banks, Shops, Post Office, Internet, Markets, Bars, Restaurants, Fuel, Repairs, Water, Tours
Features: Official Port of Entry to Vanuatu
Contacts: Yachting World (Leimara) VHF 16



19. Black Sands

GPS: 17 41.565S 168 15.927E
Exposed to Wind from: South thru West
Exposed to Swell from: South thru West
Bottom Type: Broken coral
Depth: 6 to 15metres
Suitable: Settled conditions
Anchoring Tips: There is good holding in the black sand and it is better to anchor in close to the Beach Bar but be mindful of the fact they have powered water toys in use around this area.
Services: Restaurants
 Resorts
 Market
 Mele Falls Tour
 Seret Garden
Features: Close to Beach Bar for Friday Night Fire Dancing and Sunset Circus on Sundays



20. Survivor Beach

GPS: 17 39.502S 168 11.215E
Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to North
Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to North
Bottom Type: Broken coral
Depth: 6 to 15metres
Suitable: Settled conditions
Anchoring Tips: Anchor as far in the bay as possible watching out for the coral bommies
Services: Nil
Features: A good anchorage to get an early start around Devils Point when heading back to Port Vila so as to avoid the Trade Winds that start about 7:00am, try to time the tide with you as well as it will make the trip alot more pleasant.



21. Lelepa Landing

GPS: 17 36.368S 168 14 505E
Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to North
Exposed to Swell from: South thru West
Bottom Type: White Sand
Depth: 6 to 15metres
Suitable: Moderate Conditions
Anchoring Tips: Anchor in 7 - 12m and be careful that you haven't hooked into any debris from the sub nets below you
Services:
Features: Beautiful Anchorage
Wahoo Bar Handy
Francesca's Shanti Havannah Restaurant
Havannah Eco Lodge Handy
Activities: WWII Museum in Havannah
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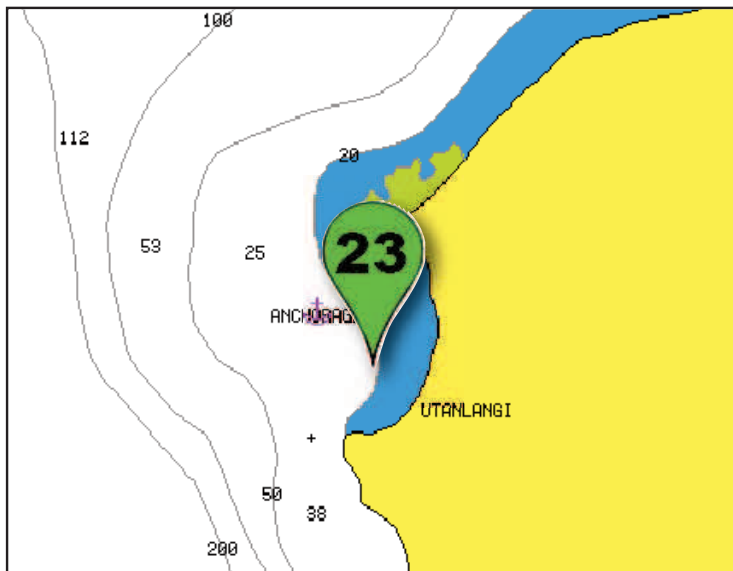
22. Esema Bay

GPS: 17 33.126S 168 16.991E
Exposed to Wind from: Strong Westerlies
Exposed to Swell from: Nil
Bottom Type: Black Sand
Depth: 4 -10 metres
Suitable: Any conditions
Anchoring Tips: This is one of the most sheltered anchorages in Vanuatu and very pleasant
Services: Ask the locals to bring you produce from their gardens and they will, that evening
Features: Lots of Turtles



23. Utanlangi, Nguna Island

GPS: 17 25.675S 168 19.465E
Exposed to Wind from: South thru West to North
Exposed to Swell from: South thru West to North
Bottom Type: Sand between bommies
Depth: 6 to 15metres
Suitable: Settled/moderate conditions
Anchoring Tips: Be careful of the bommies and anchor in front of the village.
Services: Local produce on order
Features: Wonderfully friendly village that seldom gets visitors from anywhere. Great snorkelling in Marine Protected Area
A great place to depart to Emae or Epi from.
Contacts: Shem - find him at the house closest to the beach on your left when you land





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Yachting World – Your Home Away From Home

Yachting World provides a range of valuable services to yachts coming to Port Vila. The inner harbour is deep and fragments of old wreckage lay scattered throughout posing challenges for anchoring. In 1981 to make life easier back for yachties Yachting World established a network of 35 solid and well maintained moorings. These moorings are suitable for yachts up to 40 tonnes and are serviced annually.

Owned by Elsie & her husband Brian, Yachting World has been created to provide a place that yachties can feel at home. The actual running of the business is left to Leimara (the General Manager) who has worked for Elsie for the past 42 years and Moses who looks after the operational part of the business. As with all the staff employed by Elsie, they are very friendly and always willing to help where needed. Entering the Yachting World office you are immediately struck by the sense of family that prevails here, further evidenced by the amazing memory for faces that Leimara and her team possess, remembering yachties even after several years.

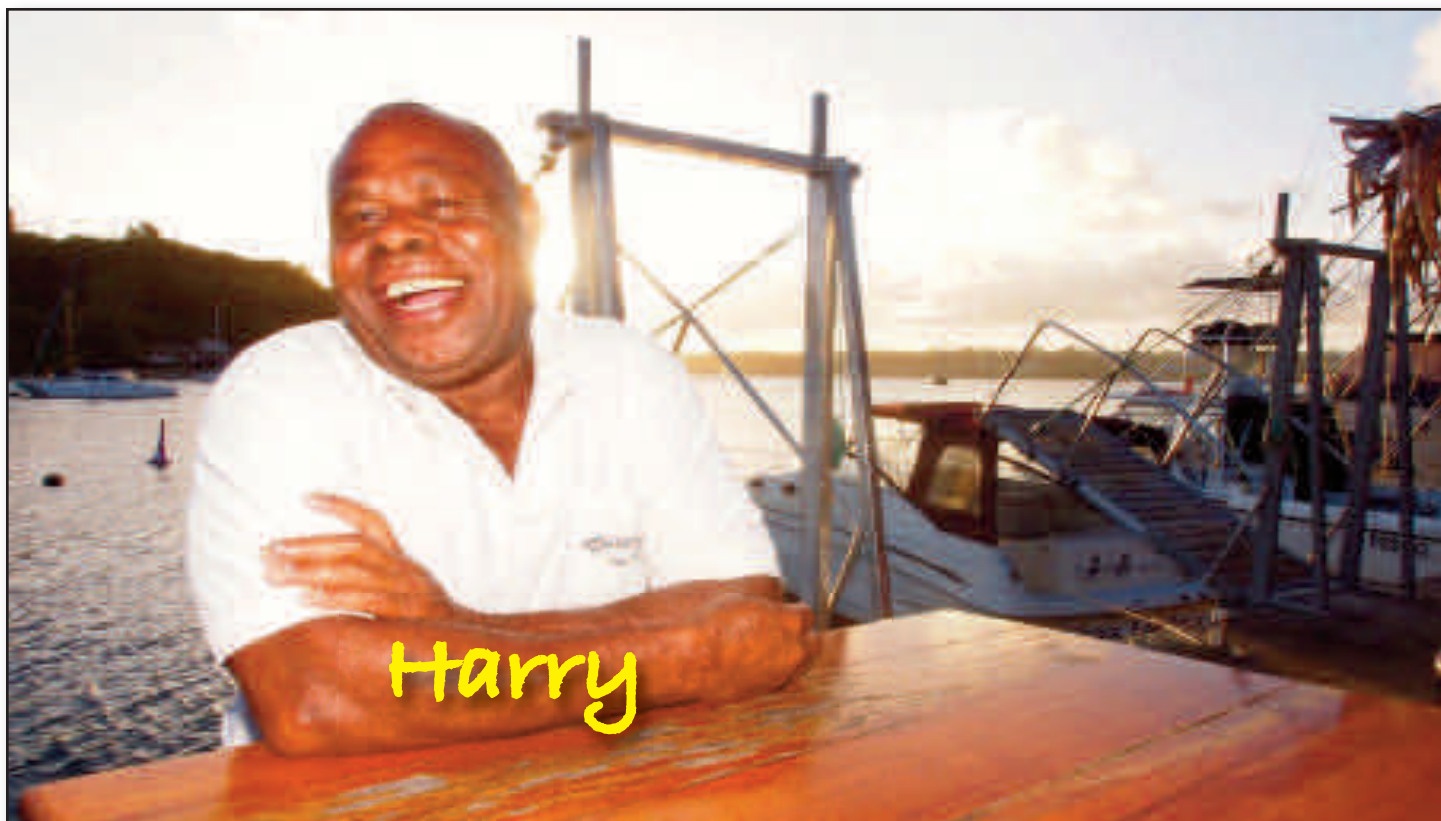
Yachting World provides swing moorings, berthage along the sea wall, laundry service, showers, mail collection, fuel dock, water and rubbish disposal. If you have difficulty raising Cus-

toms on VHF Ch 16 when you arrive at the Quarantine area then give Leimara at Yachting World on VHF Ch 16 and she will follow up if needed. The office is open between 8am to 5pm Mondays to Fridays and 8am to noon on Saturdays.

As well Elsie and Brian own the Waterfront Bar & Grill, where the dinghy dock is situated, the Connect Café next door for those wanting internet wifi and the Waterfront Quays which are available for short term rental to yachties and their guests. Elsie and Brian have been in Port Vila since before independence and are firmly committed to Vanuatu and the welfare of their staff, some, like Leimara, who have been with them for over 40 years. Preferring to remain in the background the couple leave the day to day running of these businesses to their capable and friendly staff, providing employment to over 60 Ni Vanuatu employees.

Happy Hour at the Waterfront Bar & Grill is between 4 – 6 pm every day and is a popular meeting place for cruisers.

Regardless of your reasons for coming to Port Vila it is doubtful that many yachts leave without making use of at least some of Yachting World's facilities or services. It is truly a focal point for the cruising yacht community in Port Vila.



Just arrived in Port Vila?

Call VHF 16
“Yachting World”

Leimara will answer and help you with anything you need, she can organise your laundry to be done, pass on any mail or messages left and help you with any queries.

Moses will help direct and put you on a mooring. He will also help you with any diesel fuel or water you require



PROVISIONING MADE EASY

Provisioning in Port Vila is easy. There is a range of well stocked supermarkets around town but Bon Marche Numbatu seems to have the best range in one place. There are several Bon Marches around Vila but this is the largest. Just slightly further up the hill towards the Cultural Centre is the French brand supermarket, Leader Price and heading the opposite way is the bulk buying Bon Marche Numbatri supermarket, but you need to buy by the carton load not single units. There are also smaller Chinese stores which could be a better option for items like lentils etc.

Transport, as always, can be the biggest hurdle, especially in the heat. It always pay to drag along the crew to carry the bags home, that way you can rely on buses for transport to and from but we usually find a taxi an easier option for getting back in a timely fashion.

Getting cash - There are numerous ATMs in Port Vila and Luganville but none in the outer islands so take some vatu with you, especially smol smol change. There are several banks, ANZ, Westpac, National Bank of Vanuatu & Bred plus currency exchange facilities such as Goodies where you can change your foreign cash to vatu. But again only in Vila & Luganville. If you end up with a bunch of 5000 vt notes you can change these for smaller notes or coins in at the Grand Hotel (it will be quicker than waiting in line at the bank!)

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables – Obviously the Vila market! While in season this is the best place to buy your fruit and veges. You won't find better or cheaper, though if it's out of season you can try Bon Marche Numbatu. The market has a huge range of local fruits & vegetables. Take your own bags, and plenty of them. Remember to always wash your fruit and vegetables thoroughly, vinegar or bleach are good ideas, just to make sure no parasites or nasties cause you any problems.

Meat – The beef in Vanuatu is awesome. Organically grown it is the best beef we have tasted (and we are from New Zealand!) Veal here too is great and very well priced. There are lots of options to buy from, Leader Price, BonMarche Numbatu and Traverso (near Wilco hardware store) all have good selections and well stocked deli areas. But note processed meats such as bacon and ham can be very expensive.

General Groceries – Bon Marche Numbatu has a great range of stock, especially NZ or Australian brands. Leader Price stocks mainly French product, though also has a good range of frozen product in its freezers – good luck with getting that back to the boat!

Products that can be difficult to find or very expensive Cheese, Ham, Bacon, Dairy Products, ie Sour Cream, Potato Chips, Watties Beetroot, Muesli Bars, Chicken Breasts.

The only other opportunity to provision is in Luganville on Espiritu Santo. Here you will find a range of smaller supermarkets and stores on the main street. LCM near the centre has a good range of stock but its worth checking out the other other stores around town as each store has something different so you may well find what you are looking for somewhere the Wong Sze Store, in the complex opposite Santo Hardware, offers a good selection of meat plus general gro-

ceries. The local abbatoir just outside of town also sells direct to the public. Supplies in Luganville generally come via supply ships and the supply is based around the arrival (or delay) of such. As a result it pays to grab something when you see it - it may not be there tomorrow!

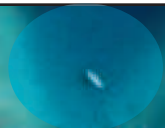
Fruit and vegetables from the Market are even cheaper in Luganville.

Throughout the islands are small stores that carry a limited supply of stock but remember that the product may have sat on the shelf for a considerable time and dry goods are often bought in bulk and repacked, risking the introduction of weevils etc. Also be wary of buying up at large as the stock could be all the entire village has until the next supply ship arrives. It pays to stock up on top up phone cards while in Vila or Luganville as in the outer islands villages often only have the ability to top up in small increments. This is particularly the case if wanting to purchase data plans.



PORT VILA

Anchoring



Money Machines

Pacific Fuel

Waterfront Bar & Cafe

Yachting World

Vanuatu Cultural Centre

Mooring Field

Leader Price Supermarket

Money Machine

Bon Marche No2 Supermarket

Port Vila Hardware

Origin Gas

Dinghy Dock

Dinghy to Customs

Dinghy to Origin Gas



IT'S ALL ON IN VILA



There's so many things to do and see in Port Vila, regardless of your budget you will find plenty to do and friendly people to help you. Getting around couldn't be simpler, just look out for a van with the letter "B" on the plate and wave – unless it is already fully committed it will stop for you. Getting from A to B may not always be the direct route as there may be passengers to drop off before your destination but you will get there – the extra tour is just a bonus! It's a great way to travel. Taxis (with the letter "T" of course!) will get you there too but usually at a higher rate unless you negotiate a "bus rate" BEFORE you get in the van.

A visit to the colourful Port Vila Market is an absolute must. Here the Ni-Vanuatu women travel from their villages and attend their stalls 24 hrs a day. The range of produce is stunning, fresh fruit and veges of all descriptions, live chickens, kava, weaving, jams, shells and firewood plus much more. And so cheap! Open from early Monday morning through until midday Saturday. At the back of the market building there is a raft of small stalls selling meals, cooked while you wait the stall owner will be only too happy to talk to you about his/her island home.

To find out all the things that are going on in and around Port Vila visit the Vanuatu Tourism office in the main street, the girls there will be happy to help you or just go in and browse the huge range of resources they have on display. Find out where the Wan Smol Bag Vanua Fire Dance is playing each night and make sure you go see them perform, its free! Or on a Sunday they perform a circus routine at the Beach Bar in Mele Bay – these guys are talented.

Just up the hill from town is the National Cultural Centre – well worth a visit and can give you a heads up on what you may get to see culturally in your travels ahead, often there is a sand drawer in residence and watching these fantastic designs evolve is like watching a comic book being written.

Many of the resorts in and around Vila welcome day guests as long as you are having a drink or a meal, so you can sneak off for the day and enjoy the luxury of lazing beside the pool or in a hammock under a coconut tree, maybe the day spa? Just wave down a bus and go.



If you want to experience some more of Vanuatu's colourful history and culture then grab a bus and head out to the Secret Garden. There you will find amazing custom stories to read, see a custom village, a cannibal house, tame wildlife and plenty more. Just further up the road are the Mele Cascades a lovely walk alongside a beautiful river with natural swimming pools to a 50m waterfall – for the more daring you can arrange to abseil down the waterfall! Not far away are the stunning Summit Gardens, with its Café, Distillery and health and Body Shop, something for everyone. Or have fun exploring the countryside on a 4WD Buggy or Quad bike, ride along beaches, through jungles and villages and then drive back through town – its great fun! Or go on an around the island tour, there's plenty to see. Actually there's not much you can't do in Port Vila, whether it be on the land, in the water, in the air, a spa or a massage to mountain biking or horse riding you will find it here.



ISLAND CUISINE



Vanuatu is surely the cuisine capital of the South Pacific. In Port Vila there are at least 50 restaurants to choose from covering a wide range of international flavours and prices. Due in part to its French influence Vanuatu is unique in the range of choices, fresh organic produce and stunning tropical settings. Whether you are looking for a burger and a beer or escargots and a fine wine, or a hot curry you will find it in Port Vila. Likewise the local restaurants and cafes in Luganville cater to all tastes and budgets.

Laplap is the country's national dish and should be tried at least once. Its made from pounding taro or yam roots into a paste which is then placed on taro or spinach leaves and soaked in grated coconut mixed with water. Pieces of fish, meat or flying fox are then added and the mixture tied up in leaves from the laplap plant and cooked in an underground oven. In the outer islands there will be plenty of opportunities to try this or you can sample it at the markets in either Port Vila or Luganville. For those on a restricted budget try out the food stalls at the Vila or Unity Park markets for fresh simple island cooking. Or stop at one of the road stalls and try some tuluk, a pork filled package similar to laplap.

Eating choices are huge and varied in the two main centres of Vanuatu but once you head to the outer islands it's a different story. Most of your choices for eating away from the



boat will be Island Kaekae nights with the occasional bungalow or local restaurant offering meals given sufficient notice. On the islands there can be a lack of variety of produce so meals are usually simple fare but fresh and any one vegetable can be prepared in a myriad of ways so be adventurous. Today its not unusual to find the chef on a remote wee island has worked in a resort in Vila and has introduced a new realm of ways to prepare the standard island vegetable. In the outer islands often visiting yachts are the only customers at the local restaurant so be prepared to give them at least 24 hours notice, that way they can source the food – the added benefit to this is that you know it will be fresh! Remember too that none of the food dished up appears there without a good deal of effort, whether from hunting, fishing, harvesting, trade or preparation and in many cases may not be in abundance so appreciate the value of the meal provided. In many cases the income received from you as a customer may be one of few sources of income available to the family so eating out can have a twofold benefit.





ROIMATA CULTURAL TOURS

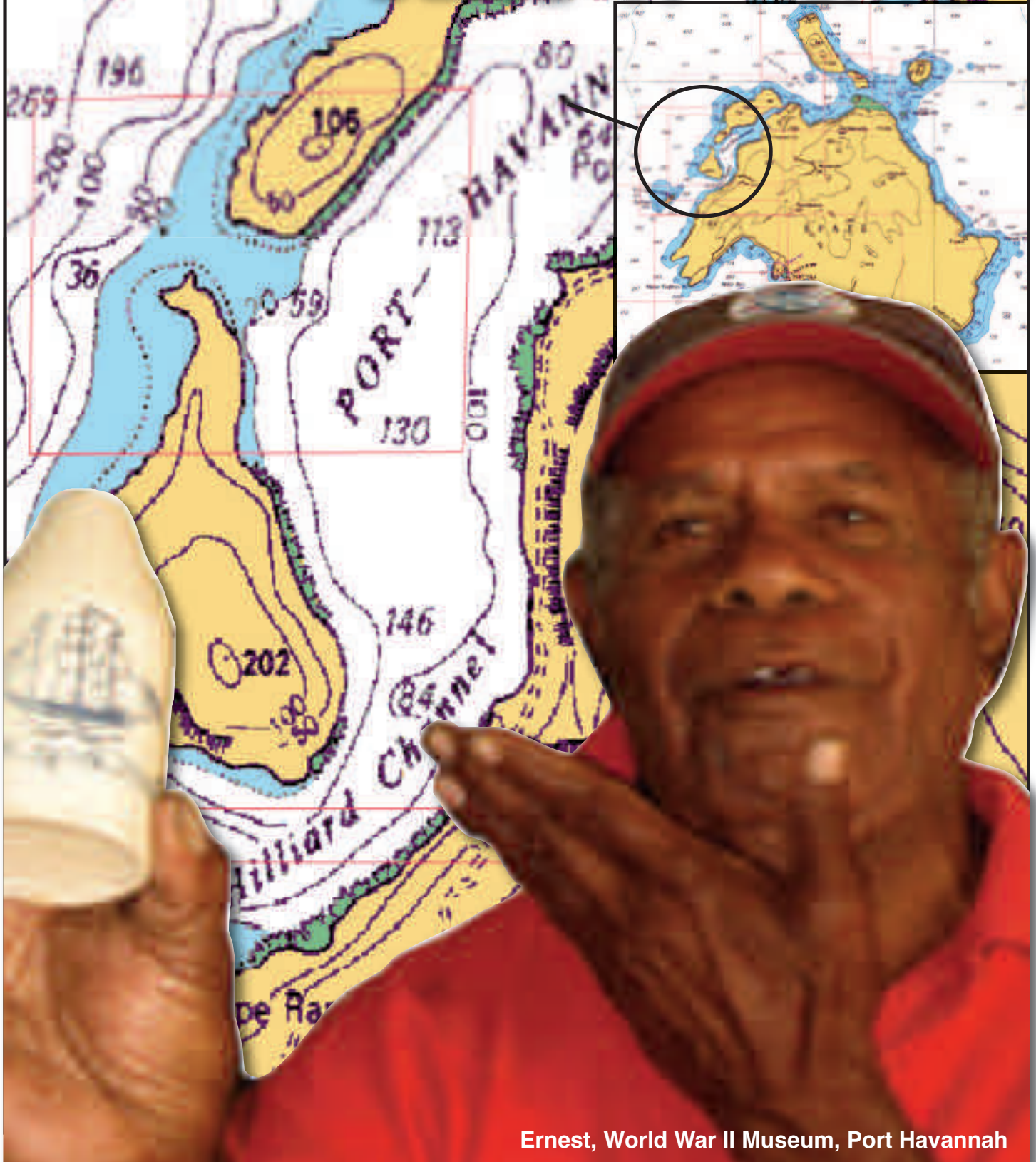


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HAVANNAH'S LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN



Ernest, World War II Museum, Port Havannah



Briton Trilander plane, Natapau Village

In 1942 the Allied forces needed to stop the onslaught of the rapidly advancing Japanese Imperial Forces throughout the Pacific as they headed south to Australia and New Zealand, they needed safe forward anchorages to house and service the massive fleet of naval vessels as well as airbases to launch attacks from, to stem the flow of islands being taken. Thousands of Seabee's arrived on Efate to construct airstrips, moorings, hospital, accommodation and service facilities. Havannah Harbour was transformed over night from an isolated back water to a bustling port with ships, machinery and defences sprouting daily not to mention the sheer explosion of military personnel.

A young Ni Van boy woke to find his quiet bay suddenly full of massive ships of a size that he had never imagined, young Ernest was quick to investigate and soon become friends with the sailors despite his timid parents' concerns. It would not be long before his father, like so many others was assisting with the construction of the military machine, the harbour was transformed over just a few weeks and it is hard to concieve what must have gone through young Ernests head as he saw flying machines for the very first time launching and landing from the newly constructed airstrips, as well as on the water from the New Zealand and Australian Flying Boat stations and huge floating drydocks that could lift these colossall ships out of the water dwarfing the local outrigger canoes that were the only form of water-borne travel of the day. Today Ernest has a small museum in Port Havanah where you can see the many trinkets he has collected over the years including his prized collection of nearly three hundred different World War II vintage Coca-Cola bottles making it one of the largest collections in the world. Ernest is just as excitable now as he must have been when he approached those sailors in March of 1942 and it is definitely worth taking half an hour and a couple of dollars to visit his museum and let him tell you the stories that make it such a delight.



Richard at Fels Cave, Lelepa Island

At the southern entrance Havannah Harbor is the Chief Roi-Mata's UNESCO World Heritage area, basically drawing a line from MagaasiVillage to Lelepa Island and across to Ero-toka (Hat) Island and back again to form a triangle. The area is protected as a World Heritage site and by contacting the Trust that administers the site you can participate in a tour of mystery and intrigue that is so brilliant that Hollywood would struggle to come up with such a storyline and what's more most of it has been verified as true. Without giving too much away, Roi-Mata was born in the north-west of the embattled Efate Island where villages were constantly at war and cannibalism was at its peak, Roi Mata grew up with his two brothers battling devil spirits as only the most powerful young men could, the villagers recognised his powers and he became probably the most important Cheif in Vanuatu, and at least on Efate for many years. During his reign he brought peace to the island and encouraged inter village weddings and gifts to bring about the peace, these customs and traditions still live on today. Eventually Roi-Mata was assinated and his body secreted away in Fels Cave until his family could take it around the island for all of his followers to pay their respects. The ocean between Devils Point and

Erotoka parted and allowed the villagers to carry his body to the island for burial with his wives, warriors, friends and it is believed that his assassin was also buried in the mass grave of 50-54 people. The story varies depending on who delivers it and as you dig for more information the intricacies are staggering.

Two local dive companies operate in Havannah harbour and it has some of the best dive sites in Vanuatu with soft and hard corals as well as a number of wrecks, either of them are most obliging and have totally different dive sites to explore. Sail Away Cruises have some beautiful dives at Pauls Rock and Erotoka Island while with Tranquillity Dive, Owen's Reef has the most beautiful soft corals. If you dive with Tranquillity Dive be sure to ask about their Turtle Conservation Project on Moso Island and they will show you the rescued Turtles being raised for safe liberation at a later date and for a small fee you can adopt and release a turtle if there are any ready. On the island of Lelepa is a small Briton Trislander plane that crashed at Bauerfield Airport in Port Vila many years ago, Chief Manatai sank it just off the beach in 8metres of water as a tourist snorkelling site. Now the plane is covered in coral and surrounded with a huge variety of fishlife well worth the effort of asking to swim or dive on it. It will cost about three dollars for the pleasure of this experience but it's worth it, ask in the village for Chief Manatai or his son Tari.

Havannah Harbour is a delightful anchorage which is once again seeing an influx of foreigners developing its beautiful shores and the luxurious Havannah Resort now resides on Samoa Point where the American bases once occupied nearly seventy years ago and there is nothing like a refreshing cocktail from the bar and sitting on the deck as the sun slowly dips behind Lelepa and Moso Island. Handy to the main anchorage in Havannah Harbour is the Wahoo Bar for a selection of fresh local seafood and next door is Francesca's Shanti Havannah for a little taste of Italy little taste of Italy but our favorite is Gideons EcoResort about 500m up the coast towards the Havannah, for a great burger and chips with a nice cold Tusker with the company of the local owner and his extended family. There is no sign post just a concrete boat ramp and a few boats moored outside.

In the northern end of Havannah Harbour is the lovely Esema Bay, it is beautifully sheltered from most weather and the surface is like glass in all but the worst conditions, it is only disturbed by the constant emergence of turtles taking a few breaths before returning to feed on the shallow bottom. Most mornings the villagers from Moso Island paddle their canoes past you on the way to their gardens and if you ask them they will return with wonderfully fresh produce in the evening at very good prices. Just remember that this isn't a supermarket and they only have access to seasonal vegetable that are available at the time.

From Havannah Harbour it is an easy sail to Emae (25nm), Epi(50nm) or the Maskelynes overnight or with an early morning start through the channel between Lelepa and Moso Islands. Don't think about the small entrance in the north of the harbour as it is a challenge in the tender, let alone a yacht.



Tranquillity Island Resort Turtle Rescue Centre

Contacts	
Briton Trilander Plane Wreck	
17 36.76S 168 13.37S	
Tari at Lelepa Island	
Chief Roimatas Domain	
Richard Matnik.....	569 7251
Francescas Italian Restaurant & Bar	
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Francesca.....	7719898
Havannah Beach & Boat Club	
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Jonathan Delany.....	5553578
Havannah Eco Lodge	
17 35.69S 168 14.64E	
Gideon.....	5419949-29447
Sailaway Cruises	
Peter Whitelaw.....	7723802
Tranquillity Resort	
Manager.....	23271
World War II Museum	
17 34.12S 168 15.67E	
Ernest or his grandson Mark	
Wahoo Bar	
17 35.91S 168 14.66E	
Manager.....	7736232

THREATENED SPECIES

PLEASE Don't contribute to the extinction of some of Vanuatu's most special and endangered species. There are many species of marine and terrestrial wildlife that is considered custom to collect and eat by the villagers on the many islands and some of these in reality are illegal to harvest while others have their harvesting managed by seasons which are largely ignored by the locals due to the overwhelming need for cash and traditional food sources. The enforcement of illegal taking of species in Vanuatu is difficult to enforce with a severe lack of resources to police the area involved. Don't be tempted to encourage the illegal trade in these endangered species by purchasing or trading for these regardless of what you are told in the local villagers. Remember that many of these are listed on the CITES lists and can not be returned to your home country.

HELP!

Protect now!!

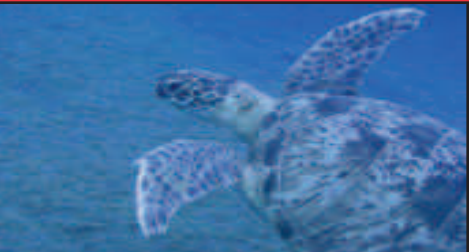
Don't Trade or Purchase any of these
Don't Consume any of these, even at local Restaurants
Inform others not to do the same



Vanuatu Scrubfowl or Megapod is endemic to Vanuatu and found on most of the islands north of Efate in small numbers and isolated populations. They are notable for laying their eggs in leaf litter or volcanic sand and leaving them to self incubate. The eggs are a local delicacy and are collected in large numbers when a nest is discovered leading to the slow or negative gains in populations.



Coconut Crab is found on most islands in Vanuatu but their populations are so depleted that most crabs you will see now are shipped from the Banks & Torres Islands. They are severely threatened and will soon be scarce in even the isolated northern islands. The meat is similar to a dry stringy lobster and the local Mud Crab is a far better choice



Sea Turtles are a delicacy in some of the islands, despite their protected status, in general villagers will not capture them but a few villages will capture them especially for a cultural or significant feasts. You can not transport or own any product containing any part of a turtle including its shell.



Dugongs or Sea Cow are truly unique and elusive as well as protected by law, however they are considered a food source in some villages yet they form part of myths and legend in other villages. They can be found throughout Vanuatu although their numbers are not large and they are generally solitary and bashful of humans.

Conch or Trumpet Shell is most famous as a signalling trumpet through the Pacific Islands. They have become seriously threatened through over collection to sell to tourists because of this they are on the CITES list of species not to be transported between international countries. The Conch is the only known predator of Crown of Thorn Starfish which is devastating coral reefs throughout the Pacific.



Clam shells are always popular with tourists and small ones can regularly be found on the beaches. However, the international transportation of clam shells is forbidden by CITES and they will be confiscated when you arrive home, so there is little point in picking them up or purchasing them unless you get a Certificate from Quarantine Services in Port Vila.



Coral is always popular with tourists and can regularly be found on the beaches. However, the international transportation of coral is forbidden by CITES and it will be confiscated when you arrive home, so there is little point in picking it up or purchasing it unless you get a Certificate from Quarantine Services in Port Vila.

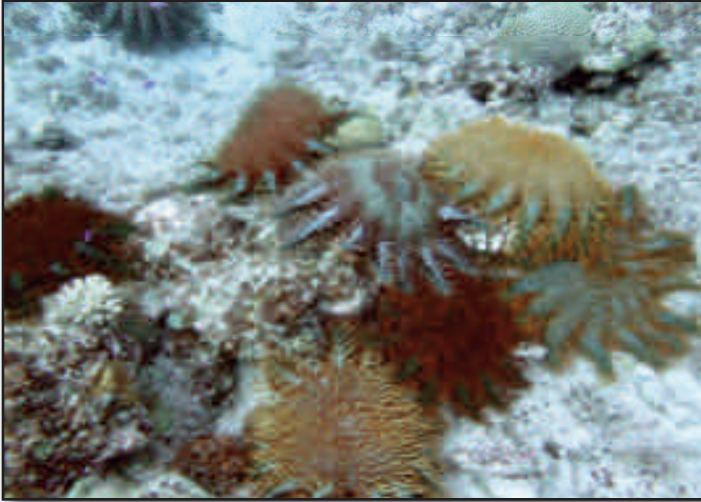

A large advertisement for the Vanuatu Scuba Operators Association. The top half features a diver in blue gear swimming next to a large, brown, branching coral structure. The bottom half is a red banner with white text and logos.

Vanuatu Scuba Operators Association
Port Vila & North Efate

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Air Vanuatu

CROWN OF THORN STARFISH



The Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTs) are eating out coral reefs right across the South & North Pacific oceans, from the Cook Islands to the Great Barrier Reef (GBR). Vanuatu has also seen infestations in different areas, usually starting around areas of human habitation causing effluent outflow, over-fishing, logging or large scale agricultural usage or following large port dredgings or massive cyclone damage to reefs ie: where the immune system of the oceans has been compromised by mankind or nature in some way. Small numbers of COTs in such areas take the advantage by spawning millions of eggs and the subsequent larvae are not being eaten by the depleted, unhealthy corals and or a depleted fish population. Once an aggregation is underway, almost impossible to stop and several generations of Starfish could remain in an area for 10 or so years, reducing the coral cover dramatically and thus affecting the whole marine food chain. The GBR has lost half its coral cover in just the last 30 years. Likewise for Vanuatu, partially due to cyclones but more recently due to COTs.

During the winter months, the COTs are mainly in hiding by day and don't eat too much by night. But as the spawning season approaches and the tradewinds drop, seas calm down and warm up, the COTs put out pheromones (chemicals) which alert other COTs in surrounding areas to aggregate together to increase chances of fertilisation of the millions of eggs released. Only about 10% of eggs are thought to be fertilised and of those larvae so produced, probably only 10% survive predation by healthy corals and fishlife. Many more larvae survive if the reef systems have been degraded by previous outbreaks. The larvae eat algae and nest in the coral rubble for about 18 months before emerging as juveniles to start consuming the coral polyps of healthy plate, staghorn or scelecterian corals and so the cycle continues until there is virtually no live coral left.

Since 2005, Scuba Operators and village communities have been active in culling COTs infestations, especially where they impact on healthy reefs which visiting Tourists wish to see on snorkelling or scuba diving tours. We have developed several COTs-culling techniques, depending on whether they are used by snorkellers or divers at different depths.

The hook and flourbag technique is useful for divers or snorkellers alike to gently hook the COT from under corals and feed them into the flour bag which can take about 12 large ones, or 20 smaller ones, before tying off the drawstring at the top and leaving the bag in the water for 1 day. The COTs require water flow over their bodies to absorb life-giving oxygen. So, inside a bag they quickly die from oxygen deprivation, as do any spawn released during their dying moments. The next day the COTs can be released from the bags for fish to eat.

For very large aggregations, where the COTs are roaming the reefs by day or night, GBR scientists have developed a "one shot" injection system, using acidic chemicals which kill the COT within one day, due to changing the internal pH value of the COT. Ox-bile-salts are the most recent injection liquid used on the GBR, but this is difficult to obtain in Vanu-

atu. French scientists have come up with an alternative which is equally effective, cheap to obtain and which doesn't affect other marine life nearby.

Extreme care must be taken in handling COTs, as their spines are poison-tipped. You really do not want to get pricked. It is very painful. Hot water and bleach can neutralise the poison, but the sharp spine-tip breaks off under the skin and can fester if not removed early on. Hence, use of gloves is recommended and people who are a bit clumsy underwater should not even attempt to collect COTs by snorkelling or diving.

How can visiting cruising yachties help in this COTs control initiative?

The Dept of Fisheries is setting up a Database of COTs sightings throughout the islands of Vanuatu. If yachties are sailing around the islands and doing some snorkelling or diving here and there and they see signs of actual COTs or white coral skeletons which indicate

COTs have fed there in the past week, then this information could be passed on to a Database within a new Fisheries website being constructed.

If this Database is not up and running by July, then yachties could email or phone the information to Peter Whitelaw @ Sailaway Cruises, <sailaway@vanuatu.com.vu> Tel:(678)23802 or 7723802 (mob) and he will manually pass it on to Fisheries for the short term. Info needed includes;

Position (Lat & Long or which Island and closest village);

Depth seen in;

Size range of the COTs measured across the flattened critter;

How many seen per 50m x 50 m square;

Were they on coral rubble or healthy, colourful reef?

Hiding under corals or openly feeding on the top of reefs?

The idea is to determine where the COTs are at present, what sizes, and in what quantities. We could then target COTs-SWAT teams to go in and significantly reduce numbers before the next spawning season, Oct - Feb.



WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

EMAE & TONGOA ISLANDS



EMAE

24. Sulua Bay

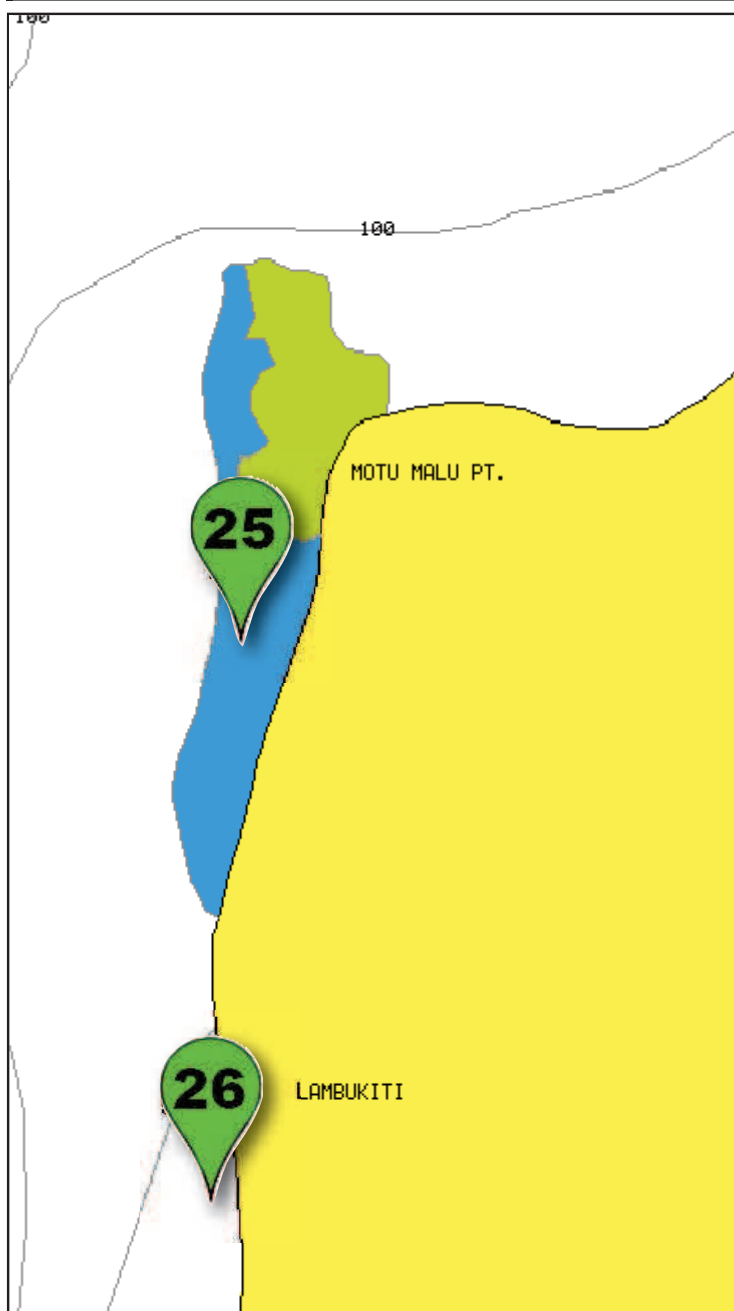
GPS: 17 02.979S 168 22.318E
Exposed to Wind from: Southwest thru North
Exposed to Swell from: Southwest thru to North
Bottom Type: White sand and coral
Depth: 4 to 8 metres
Suitable: Strong wind
Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the reef in the sand.
Services: Guest house at Marae village
Features: A good stop when travelling between Efate and Epi, especially when heading south.
Contacts: Carlos



TONGOA

25. Tongoa Wall

GPS: 16 53.071S 168 31.788E
Exposed to Wind from: Southwest thru NorthEast
Exposed to Swell from: Southwest thru to North
Bottom Type: Black sand
Depth: 4 to 8 metres
Suitable: Settled conditions
Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the reef north of you in the sand. There is always a slight roll here.
Services:
Features: Access to Tongoa Wall dive site, ask permission first on shore and limit payment to 500Vatu per person if requested, otherwise thank them and move on.
Contacts:

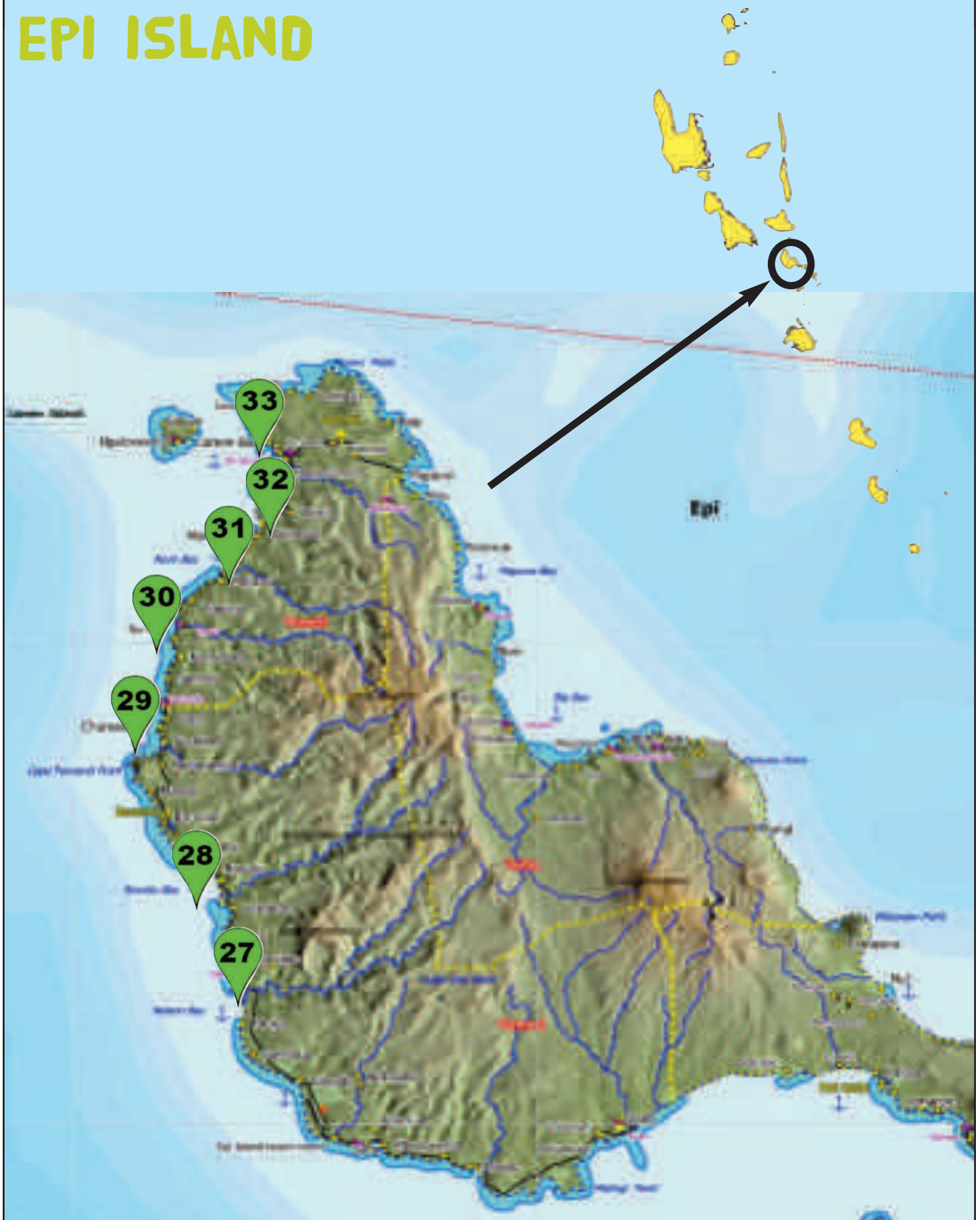


26. Lambukiti

GPS: 16 54.294S 168 31.629E
Exposed to Wind from: Southwest thru North
Exposed to Swell from: Southwest thru to North
Bottom Type: Black sand
Depth: 6 to 15 metres
Suitable: Settled conditions
Anchoring Tips: This is a roly anchorage but better if the wind is more from the East to North East
Services:
Features: Wonderful sunsets
Contacts:

WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

EPI ISLAND



EPI

27. Ivo Bay

GPS: 16 45.755S 168 09.103E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the beach in 4-8 metres of water.

Services:

Features: Snorkelling on Reef

Dive the wreck of the Tiare

Good anchorage when heading south to gain easting in early morning

Contacts:

28. Revolieu Bay

GPS: 16 43.710S 168 08.657E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Water clarity isn't good but work your way in through to the hook in the reef as far as possible

Services:

Features: Snorkeling on Reef

Good anchorage when heading south to gain easting in early morning

29. Foreland Bay

GPS: 16 40.970S 168 07.541E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

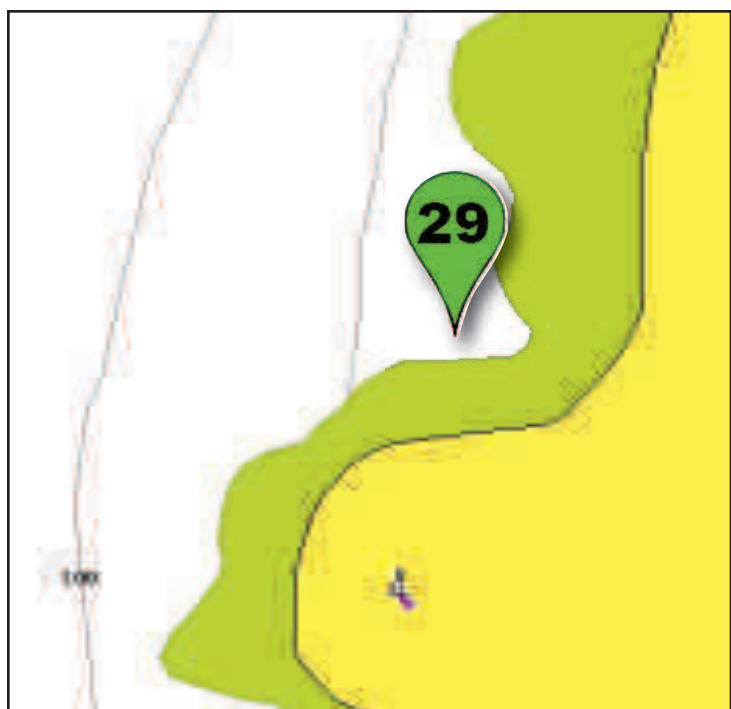
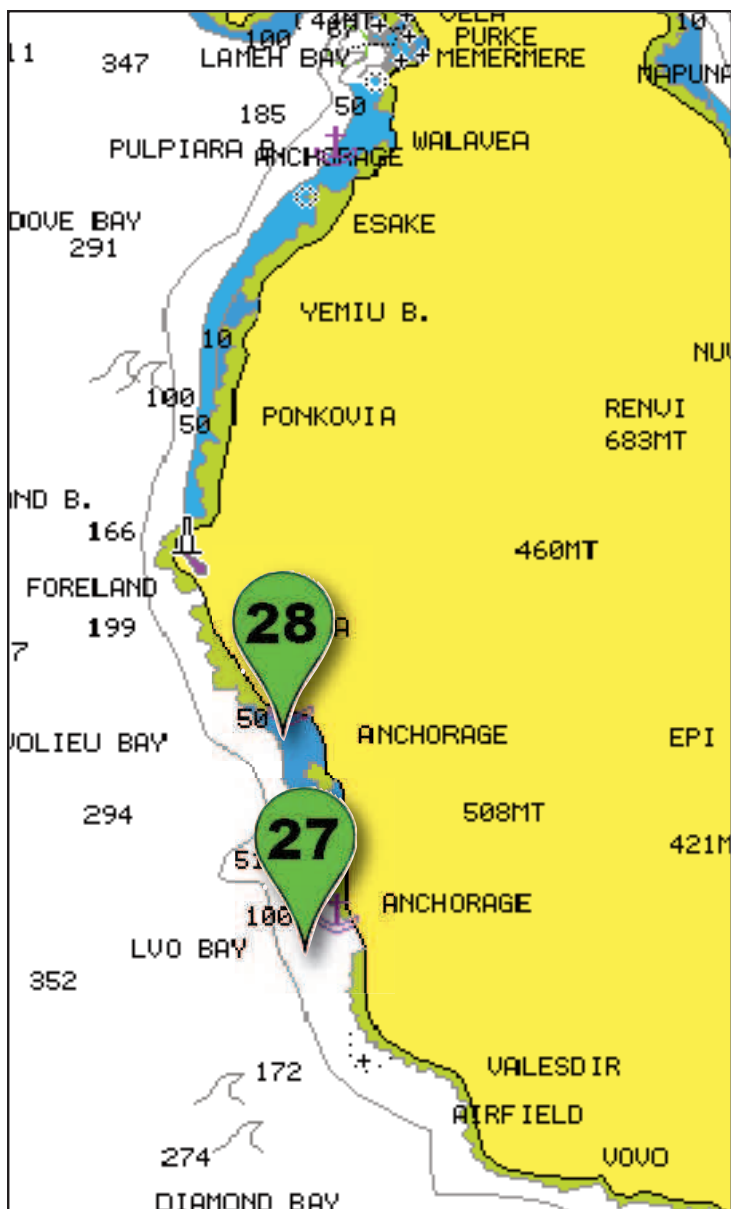
Depth: 4 to 8 metres

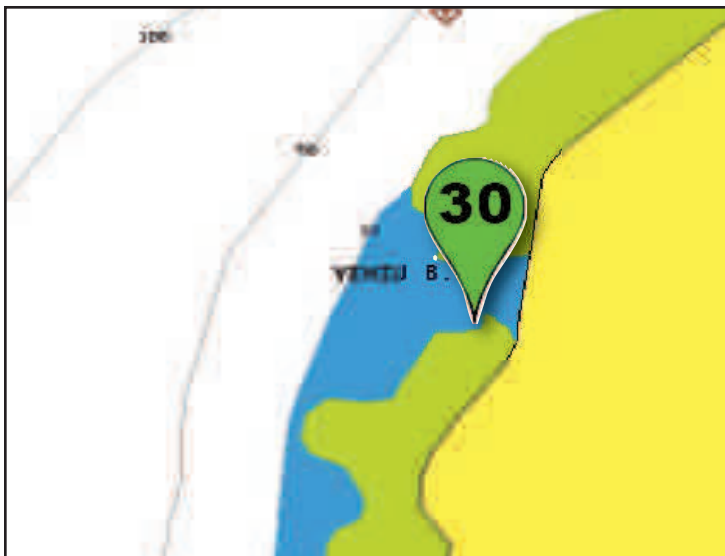
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips:

Services:

Features: Snorkeling on Reef





30. Yemiu Bay

GPS: 16 38.659S 168 07.950E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

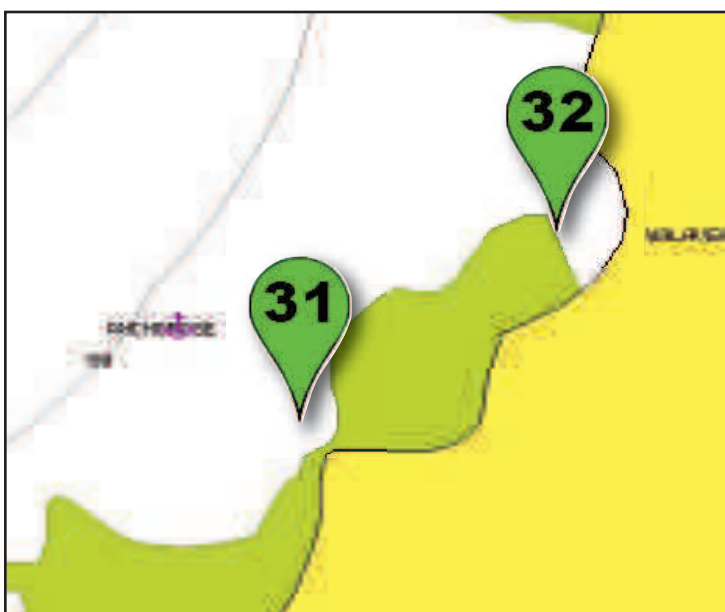
Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: There is a small shallow area to cross before finding a place to anchor close to the shore.

Services:

Features: Snorkeling on Reef
Dugong



31. Rofo Bay

32. Walavea Bay

GPS Rofo: 16 37.377S 168 08.970E

GPS Walavea 16 36.799S 168 09.506E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

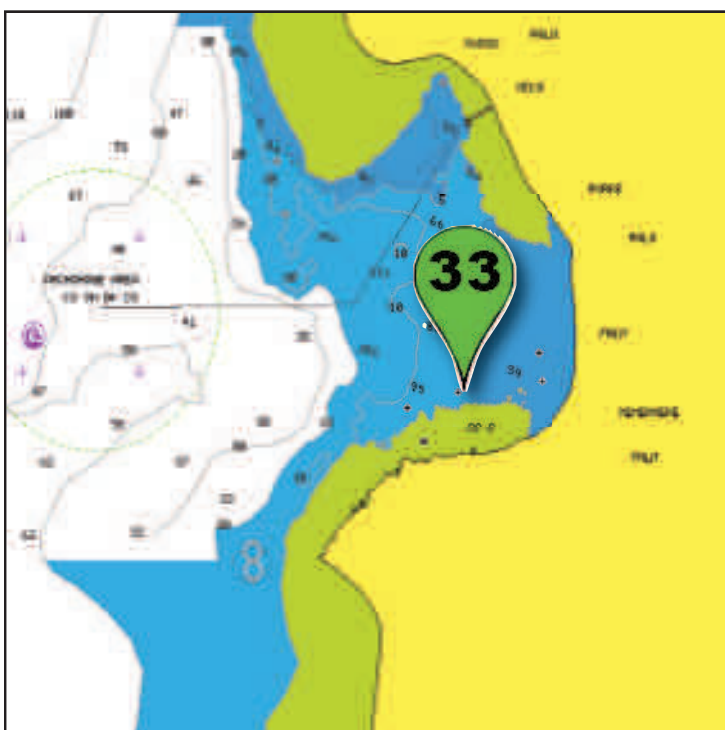
Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in front of the village at Rofo Bay in sand, Walavea Bay provides better protection in strong winds than other anchorages in the area.

Services: Market at Rofo Bay every 2nd Friday

Features: Snorkeling on Reef



33. Lamén Bay

GPS: 16 35.773S 168 09.893E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the beach in 4-8 metres of water. Avoid anchoring too far to south east corner as the Dugong and turtles feed here. There are some large bommies towards the centre of the bay

Services: Small Stores

Bakery

Market

Airport, (Best place for TVL internet reception)

Features: Snorkeling with Dugong and Turtles

Comfortable sheltered bay

Lamén Bay Yacht Club

Contacts: Bennington Vegetables 5387053

Artis Tours 5900537

Tasso Yacht Club 5649107

RINGDOVE (ROVO) BAY MARKET

The market in Ringdove (Rovo) Bay is held every second Friday and is one of the biggest and best you will find in the area with a large assortment of locally grown fresh fruit and vegetables as well as baking and some local handcrafts. You can anchor in front of the village just south of Lamén Bay or take your tender for the 10 minute trip.

The market is for locals so you will need small change to shop here and the ladies are eager to welcome fresh faces.



A FACE ONLY A MOTHER COULD LOVE



When I first started visiting Vanuatu 16 years ago, I heard about a friendly Dugong or Sea Cow in Lamén Bay on Epi that would allow you to swim incredibly close to it however in those times I was relying on others to get around and the logistics were simply impossible. Now days sailing into Lamén Bay from anywhere is a natural occurrence that leads to many peaceful days relaxing in a wonderfully sheltered anchorage looking out for the elusive relative of an Elephant. Unfortunately the “friendly” Dugong passed away a number of years ago but now some of its family still visit the bay on a regular basis to feed on the lush sea grass pastures beneath the cruising yachts. They contently feed randomly in the bay when traffic is low and don't mind the occasional swimmer above or behind them as they plough the bottom like a giant vacuum cleaner belching out an exhaust of sand and mud behind themselves.

While you stare intently at the glassy water waiting for a glimpse of this amazingly unique mammal the surface is regularly disturbed, raising hopes of a possible sighting, only to discover another large sea turtle casually taking a few relaxing breaths before sinking back to their banquet. This is however the best tactic for getting the opportunity to observe this bashful herbivore in its own environment, by sitting patiently on the boat making as little noise as possible and scan the bay for the distinctive snout breaking the surface for a breath followed by the arched back and the whale tail bidding you farewell before it returns to the bottom. Once you have confirmed where

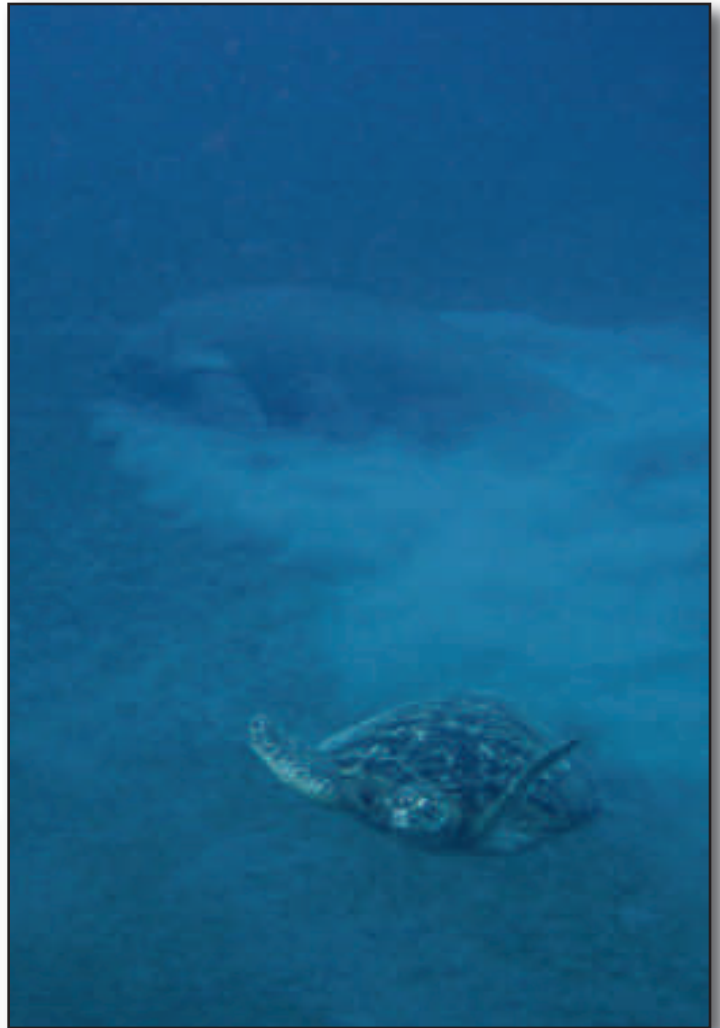
it dived have a spotter on the boat guide you to the general vicinity as quietly and calmly as possible. The seafloor is only four metres from the surface and has a maze of furrows in the soft sand, like snail trails in the morning sun, but left by the reclusive Dugong as he hovers the plentiful seagrass leaving exposed roots for the turtles to get and a lone Pufferfish to scavenge around for anything that once sheltered in it. Lamén Bay is full of extremely large turtles that seem oblivious to the activity and vessels around them as they go about their business, it is obvious that they have been protected here for many years as they have absolutely no fear of humans. At anytime you can snorkel around your boat and see half a dozen casually grazing on the sea grass often accompanied by several large Remora hoping for an easy meal and this can be just as a rewarding experience.

It is more than likely that the cloud of dirty water behind the Dugong will be the first thing you notice, then the large rotund shape slowly materializes through the murk despite the surrounding waters clarity, looking like an obese dolphin clumsily making its way across the bottom from behind, complete with grey skin and a multitude of white scars and scratches criss-crossing its back and its dolphin like tail and fins as the discarded sand billows out the sides of its face buried in the seabed slowly inching forward using its powerful fins like legs to propel itself forward devouring the succulent grasses. Its face is something only a mother could love, reminiscent of a

pig with its bulbous head and beady eyes set back to allow some vision through the water its snout like nose and mouth is stirring up as it burrows beneath the sand. Like dolphins you can't help but be attracted to these cumbersome creatures that wouldn't hurt anything and look so out of place but be warned that they can disappear into the background in a flash if disturbed or threatened and it is best to simply return to the boat until you sight it again if this happens.

Being such a solitary creature the Dugongs are rightfully nervous about unfamiliar noises like scuba bubbles or the threatening sounds of outboard motors racing about the bay and the best times to observe one is early in the morning and later in the evening while the bay is settled and not much is happening. As bashful as they are they do not respond well to large numbers of swimmers especially if they are creating a lot of noise or dive down in front of it. As the sailing season progresses and the number of yachts visiting accumulate the seagrass is damaged and uprooted by the anchor chains dragging causing a loss of food source for the Dugongs and they visit the bay less frequently as if they are being loved to death by adoring visitors. Like all wild animals it is truly a privilege to see a Dugong and it would pay to give yourself plenty of time in Lamien Bay to increase your chances of seeing one close up as nothing is guaranteed in nature.

Dugongs can be found throughout Vanuatu and it is not uncommon to see them in most anchorages including Port Vila harbour so keep your eyes open, we have found the largest numbers of Dugongs in Gaspard Bay in the Maske-lynes however the water is dirty and swimming with them is out of the question.



LAMEN BAY LOCAL MEDICINE TOUR & ISLAND FEAST.

Join Artis as he takes you on a tour of his magical garden and shows you the traditional healing properties of many plants and the magical powers of others that guard you from evil spirits and invaders. Organise a magnificent island feast with his family up at "Million Dollar View" looking down on Lamen Bay Anchorage.

Ask for Artis in the village or phone 5900537



Bennington and her husband Kenneth are always welcoming to visitors in Lamen Bay and can provide you with a tour of their wonderful garden where you can purchase fresh fruit and vegetables along with some freshly picked herbs.

They bake the most delicious hot bread and can bake at your request for collection the following day.

You can also arrange to have a BBQ on the beach with them in the evening for a social get together.



BENNINGTONS GARDENS

PARADISE SUNSET BUNGALOWS & Yacht Club

10 private and comfortable units for families or singles with breakfast supplied at extremely reasonable prices.

Self catering lunches provided extra.

Toilet and shower block.

Located on the stunning black sand beachfront in Lamen Bay overlooking Lamen Island and the Maskelyne Island. Ideally situated to watch the sun setting in paradise

The Lamen Bay Yacht Club is renowned for its hospitality and meals, you will need to give Tasso at least a days notice that you wish to have a meal to allow time to rustle up a fantastic banquet to rival most islands.

They also serve Tusker beer and occasionally wine



WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

PAAMA ISLAND



PAAMA

34. Liro

GPS: 16 27.064S 168 13.428E

Exposed to Wind from: SSW thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the beach in 4-8 metres of water in front of transit markers

Services: Small Stores

Bakery

Market on Tuesday and Friday

Airport handy

Contacts: Sam Abel 5934948, he has the yellow boat at Vutekaii to the south.

35. Tahi

GPS: 16 28.068S 168 13.000E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor slightly to the south of the wreck on the beach as close as you like

Services:

Features: Sand Drawing

Tahi Custom Tour

Weaving

Contact: Sam Abel 5934948, he has the yellow boat at Vutekaii to the south

36. Lehili

GPS: 16 28.994S 168 12.797E

Exposed to Wind from: South thru west to North

Exposed to Swell from: South thru west to North

Bottom Type: Black sand

Depth: 4 to 8 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the beach in 4-8 metres of water. Watch the Reef to your Port side as you enter the anchorage

Services: Island Dispensary

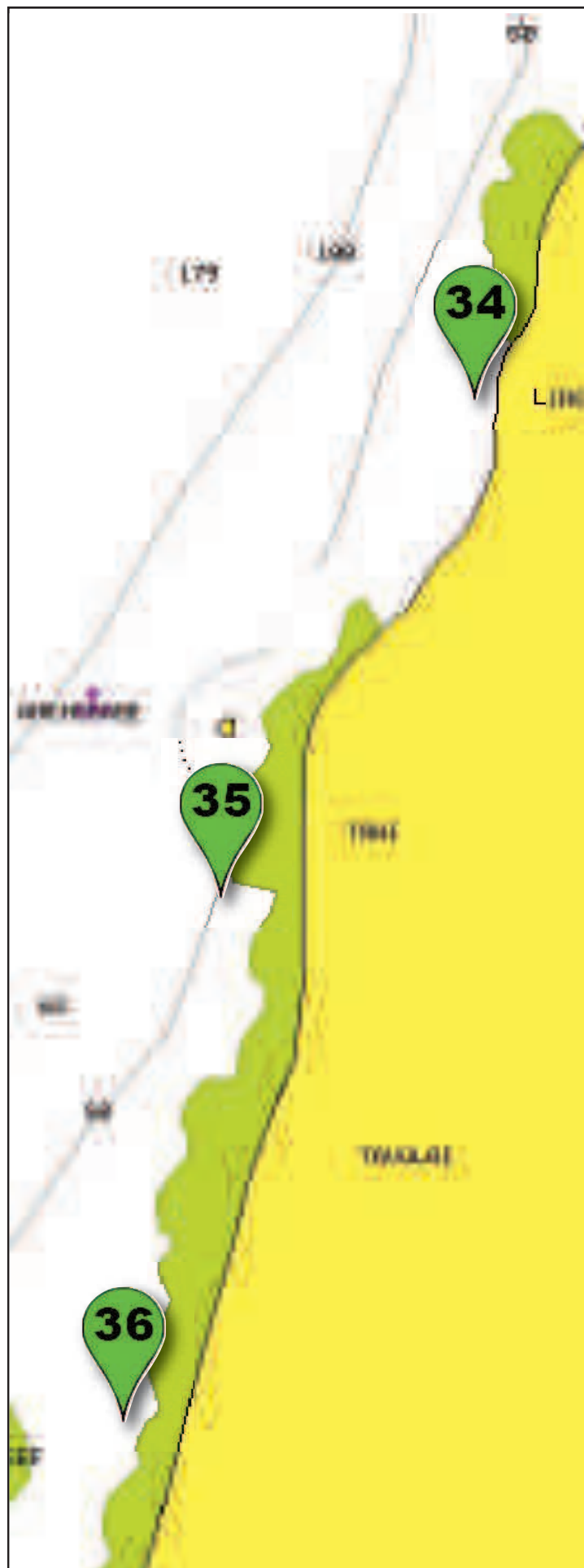
Features: Snorkeling on Reef

School Visit

Market on Monday

Contacts: Estelle - Head Mistress at School

Sam Abel, he has the yellow boat at Vutekaii to the south



PAAMA

The small island of Paama lies midway between Epi and South East Ambrym, at barely six miles long it is so easily missed in the multitude of other fascinating islands to visit in Vanuatu. Lying slightly to the east of the main sailing plan means that it is very rare for a vessel to visit despite being less than seven miles from Lamien Bay on a favourable tack and having fantastic anchoring in black sand close to the shore. The fact that there were no recognised cruising anchorages had also deterred us in the past however this year was different in that we felt like it deserved a visit, and we weren't wrong.

While French education dominates the island most of the locals speak enough pijin english so that you can understand most conversations, in fact we met Sam Abel who is a francophone and he spoke as clearer English as we have heard on the outer islands. Paama has an airport to the north and receives a regular flight each week however tourism is definitely in its infancy and life continues on the island in a surprisingly western style mainly due to the foreign investments from France and aid from individuals in New Zealand. The island is extremely fertile, fruit and vegetables are abundant, even more so than most other islands and the relatively small population of less than 2000 people form a close knit community which has an extremely passive past unlike so many of the other islands in the archipelago.

Captain Cook first visited the island of Paama and like the islands of Erromango and Ambrym he misheard a word and that became the islands name, Vauma means to drink through a straw and this is what he heard as Paama. Little is heard of the "Blackbirding" trade on Paama however canon shells still lie in the dense bush from when the villagers did not cooperate with the French abductors, killing the recruiters before the Captain of the ship sort retribution by shelling the village during the 1800's. The island was later settled by French Copra plantation owners prior to independence and retains a small portion of this heritage and some of the villagers farm the coconuts to produce copra. Evidence of the copra industry is apparent



on the beach at Tahī where a cargo vessel, the Kimbae, lies rusting after she caught fire a decade ago with her cargo of 300 tonnes of copra and burnt for a week in front of the village.

Lehili School is very distinctive from the sea and the anchorage in front of it is excellent, in October 2013 Paama was hit by torrential rain that caused a number of devastating landslides on the island and one of these destroyed some of the classrooms at the small French speaking school. Luckily the disaster happened in the middle of the night so there was no personal injuries or the resulting damage may have been more serious. To look at the school now it is hard to believe that this happened less than 12 months ago, sure only foundations exist where once classrooms stood but the true resilience of the community was tested and they banded together as they have for centuries to recover and continue. As always the children are lovely and the teachers extremely welcoming to visitors, it is always worth spending some time in the local schools as you travel around and any

books or spare stationery are always appreciated. Despite the western style housing the villagers go about their lives peacefully, sharing their local language, many customs and their culture with the villagers in South East Ambrym and the former villagers of Lopevi that now reside on Epi after its eruption in the 1950's. High on my priorities was to talk with the Naikimo, Shark Sourcerers, that so many believe change themselves into sharks to ravage unsuspecting villagers that have agrieved them. To my disappointment we didn't meet one or even a shark despite diving and swimming on the reef that gave Paama the reputation, maybe another day. We did however meet Samson, a lovely old man with tales of Titomol, a small troublesome spirit which lives in the Banyon Trees stealing food from villagers pigs and chickens, he proceeded to draw a picture in the sand of the Titomols spine. The sand drawing on Paama is a totally different style to what we have seen on other islands in the area and Samson continued to draw us pictures of several other local items including an intricate bas-



ket, a kingfisher and a canoe bailer.

Walking up the road which crosses the island from Tahiti our guide Sam, introduced us to the community at Tevali who were busy weaving a multitude of baskets and mats in beautiful colours. The woman stopped weaving briefly as we arrived to sing a song welcoming us to the village and the chief courteously greeted us. We couldn't have been more warmly welcomed and the village provided us with some tasty refreshments of Papaya, Banana and Oranges. Some of the weaving was extremely intricate while one mat was huge and two women worked on it together in unison.

Further up the road, Tevali Aot is an interesting village in itself with a history connecting it with Jimmy Stephens, from the rebel uprising in the 1980's on Santo around independence and this in itself would make an interesting story however we were here to see the local custom dancing. With a large selection from the village turning out, from the very young to the very old they proceeded to perform a number of traditional dances to celebrate the har-

vest and living in the village, each dance is a story from the past and represents an event that took place in the village. Dressed in skirts made from the local vegetation the group performed dance after dance with a small interlude to explain the significance of the dance. Each dance was dramatically different in contrast to many of the other custom dances on other islands. On the lighter side and somewhat amusingly the chief managed to wear his sunglasses throughout the performances adding a little something from the present to the show. It was hard to believe that they don't perform these dances every day or even practise, they are truly custom dances from the village performed at ceremonies as they don't get many tourists here. I am sure that Paama has a lot more to offer and we could spend a lot longer on this beautiful island with the lovely people of this paradise, I guess that we will get to enjoy the beautiful anchorages of Paama another time.



10 ways to protect CORAL REEFS

Choose sustainable seafood

If you eat seafood, follow the recommendations of seafood awareness campaigns, such as Seafood WATCH or the Seafood Choices Alliance



Volunteer!

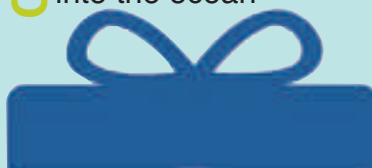
Volunteer in local beach or reef cleanups.



Conserve water



The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that gets back into the ocean



Corals are already a gift. Don't give them as presents

It takes coral decades or longer to create reef structures, so leave them on the reef.

Don't send chemicals into our waterways



Nutrients from excess fertiliser increases algae growth that blocks sunlight to corals

Practise responsible boating



Anchor in sandy areas away from coral and sea grasses so that the anchor and chain do not drag on nearby corals.

EDUCATE

yourself about coral reefs & the creatures they support.

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the fragility and value of the world's coral reefs



BE A MARINE DEBRIS CRUSADER

In addition to picking up your own trash, carry away the trash that others have left behind

LED Light bulbs are a Bright idea

Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change is one of the leading threats to coral reef survival



LED LIGHTING

IF YOU DIVE DON'T TOUCH.

Coral reefs are alive. Stirred-up sediment can smother corals



WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

MASKELYNE ISLAND



MASKELYNE

ISLANDS

37. Lutes Village

GPS: 16 32.169S 167 50.202E

Exposed to Wind from: South

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 10 to 14 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in centre of harbour. Arrive on high tide and have a lookout on bow, 2.4metre deep at low tide but narrow.

Services: Soap Factory
Furniture Factory
Guesthouses
Clam Sanctuary
Missionary Tour

Features: Great sheltered harbour, with 3 wonderfully friendly villages each with a Smol Nambas Dance

Contacts: Stewart phone 7797291



38. Avokh Island

GPS: 16 30.974S 167 47.151E

Exposed to Wind from: North to East

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Loose coral

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

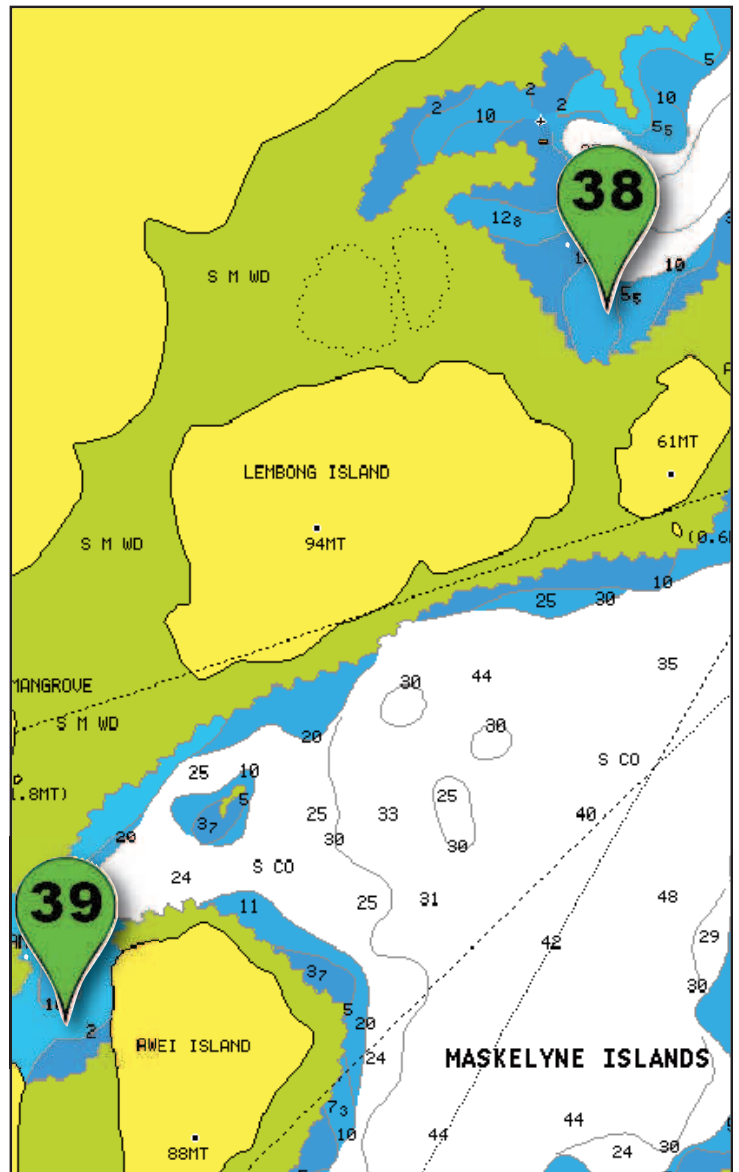
Suitable: Settled conditions

Anchoring Tips: the coral offers very little holding and you need a constant eye on your position.

Services: Smol Nambas Dance
Village Tour

Features: Fresh Produce
Mud Crabs

Contacts: Chief Kaisa



39. Awei Island

GPS: 16 32.042S 167 46.217E

Exposed to Wind from: NorthEast

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in centre of harbour. This is a deceptively large bay and we have seen nine vessel anchored in here on a strong westerly.

Services:

Features: Great sheltered bay and a fantastic option if a westerly comes up

Contacts:

40. Sakau Island

GPS: 16 29.924S 167 48.255E

Exposed to Wind from: N-W-SW

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Coral

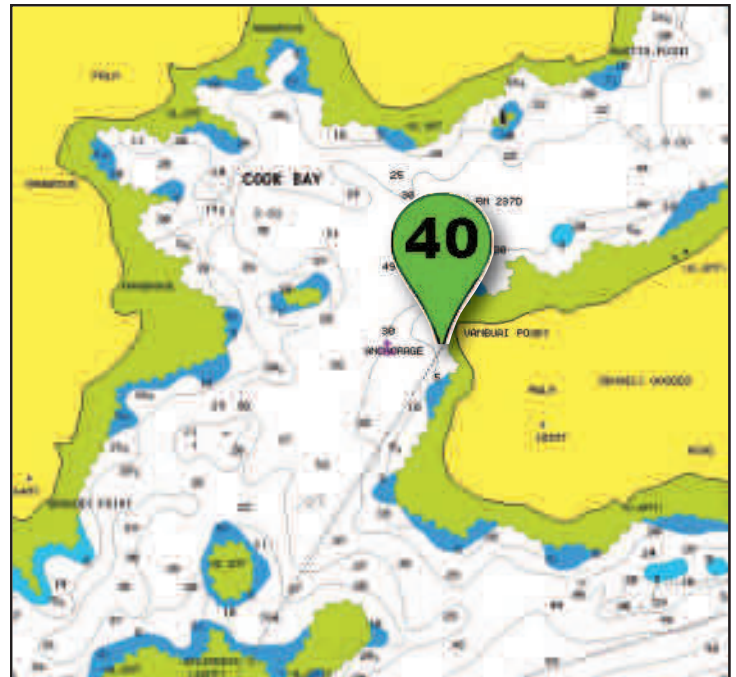
Depth: 4 - 6metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: There is a small sand spit between the wreck and the reef and anchor as close as you dare, the current affects you less the further closer to the beach you are. Anchoring in 9m+ means anchoring in broken coral and rubble that has average to poor holding.

Services:

Features: This is the garden island and villagers grow there crops here so don't help yourself... Saturday is very busy with families gardening and a great opportunity to get fruit and vegetables



41. Gaspard Bay

GPS: 16 28.115S 167 48.764E

Exposed to Wind from: Nil

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 4 - 6metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Carefully make your way into the back of the bay and anchor close to the mangroves, watch the sticks marking the reef as it comes up quick and the water visibility is not the best

Services:

Features: Great sheltered bay with Dugongs constantly surfacing especially in the early morning and late afternoon



42. Akhamb Island

GPS: 16 30.858S 167 38.936E

Exposed to Wind from: South to Southwest

Exposed to Swell from: South to Southwest

Bottom Type: Sand/coral

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

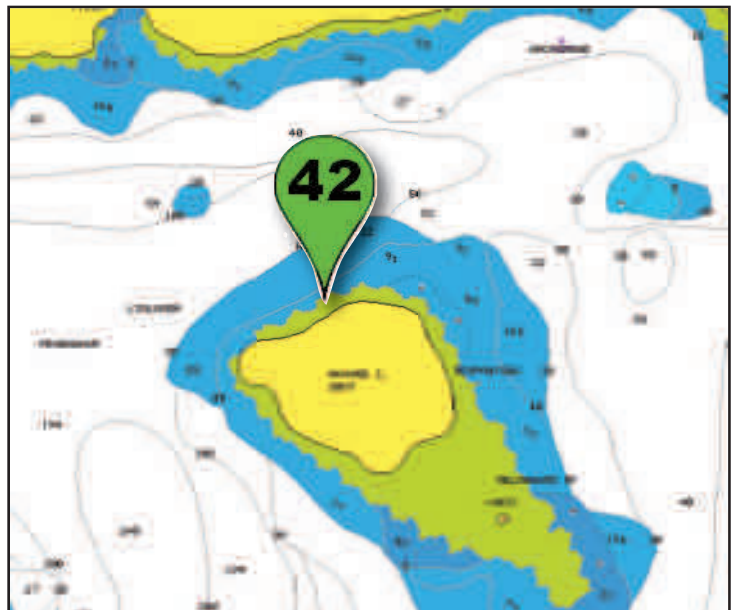
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to sand bar north of the island, if the wind moves to the south move to the other side of the bar


Services:

Features: Delightful wee island that rarely sees visitors
Sunken Planes

Contacts: Noki Tom



MERMAIDS & MISSIONARIES

A person, likely a woman, is sitting on a large, weathered log. She is wearing a grey short-sleeved shirt and light-colored shorts. She has a large, ornate headdress made of dried palm fronds or similar natural materials. She is holding a large, circular, yellowish-brown gong or drum in her hands, and she appears to be playing it. The background shows a body of water and some greenery.

As you travel there are always places that you wish you could stop to look at better and the Maskelynes are one of those places. I used to fly over the scattered series of low lying islands surrounded by beautiful turquoise water divided from the deep blue water by a beige ribbon reef and made a mental note to return to investigate further. The name Maskelynes came from one of the crew on the early ships exploring the area by the famous adventurer James Cook but the locals still call the islands by their original names despite the spelling changing regularly.

The islands present a challenge because of their remoteness and you can either arrive in a cruising yacht as we have or catch a plane from Santo or Port Vila to Lamap on Malekula and then take a banana boat to the Maskelynes. Once ashore the children are always first to approach in a very friendly manner with the forward inquisitiveness that only a child could have. As luck would have it one of the children was the Headmasters son and he lead us to his father Benson. The large school dominates the village of Lutes village and has around three hundred students and ten teachers. Benson soon introduced us to Stuart who runs Eco Tours on the islands and he invited us to the Kustom Dance that was being performed tonight by the village men which was far to good an opportunity to miss.

Malafalaf Bungalows have been set up on the south east shore of Uliveo Island facing the cooling trade winds with a fantastic outlook across the outer anchorage on the edge of a large coconut plantation under the shade of coconut and pandanus trees. Ambong is the proprietor of the four quaint island style bungalows which he made himself in July 2012 with concrete floors and woven bamboo walls and a thatched roof exactly how you would imagine on a postcard.

I asked Ambong what Malafalaf meant and he explained, "Ma" means naked and with a lot of graphic hand gestures described "Lafalaf" as meaning nappies. After a few minutes I carefully worded the obvious question as to why you would name your bungalows after a naked person in nappies and he proceeded to explain that legend says that a small lady lived in the reef in front of the bungalows and she would occasionally swim ashore and cover herself with Pandanus leaves before drying herself on the sandy beach in the sun on that piece of land.

In front of Malafalaf Bungalows is Baghtong Island which was originally inhabited by Maskelyne Islanders fleeing the deadly spell that had been set on their village by a witch doctor on the big island of Malekula. An entire village including a church was erected on the island and life was great until 1965 when a large earthquake and resulting tsunami obliterated the village leaving it uninhabitable and the survivors consequently populated the village on Uliveo now known as Lutes named after an area in Paris. Lutes is where the first mis-

IN THE MASKELYNES

sionary stepped ashore in the Maskelynes and proceeded to bring Christianity to the area along with nine subsequent churches over a period of time including one on the ill fated Baghtong Island.

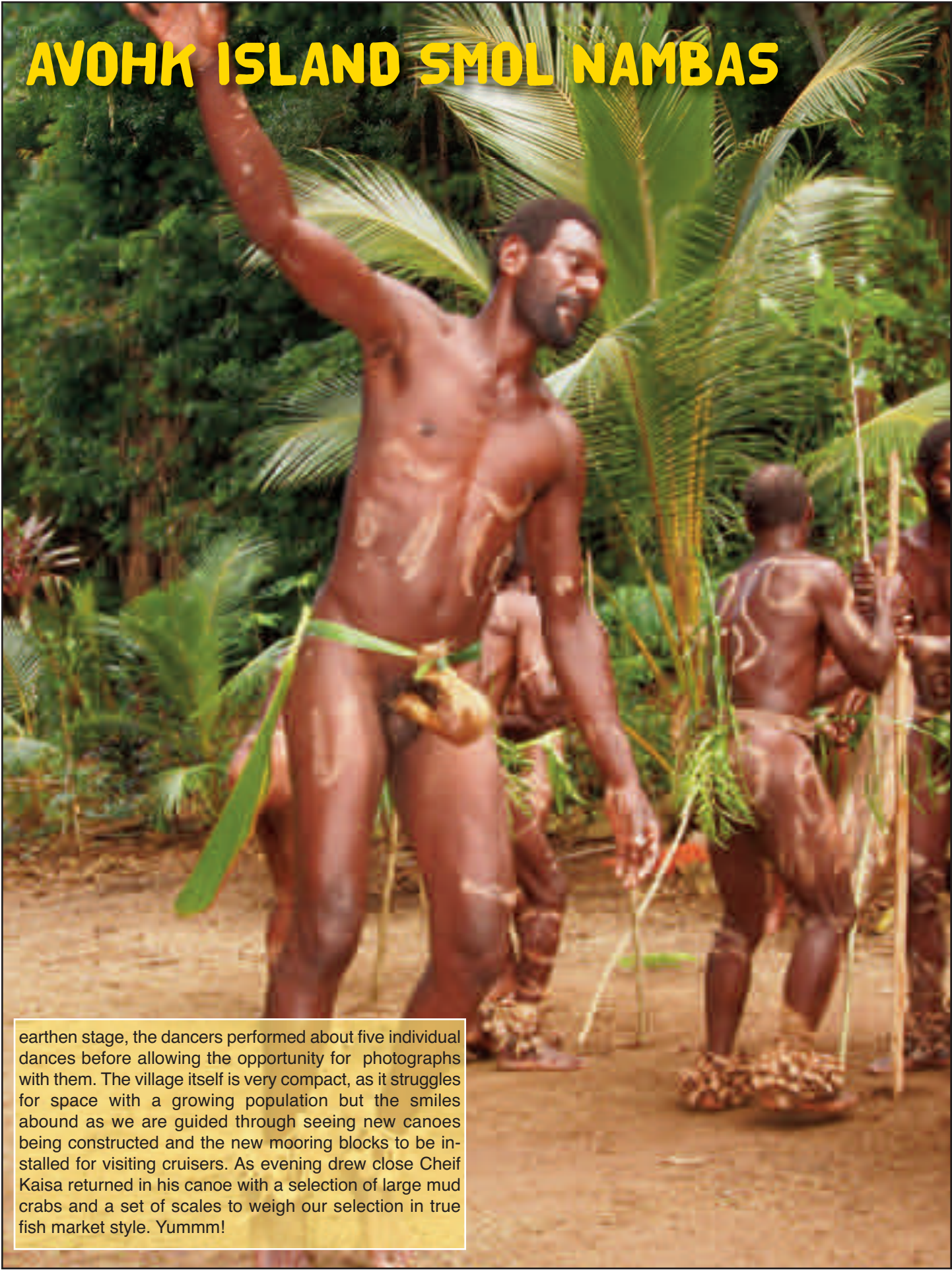
Ambong invited us to his bungalows for a Melaneasian feast in the evening and we arrived around 5:30pm as the sun was disappearing in the swaying coconut palms behind us. Sitting under a small shelter on the waters edge listening to the Parakeets settling down for the evening was extremely pleasant and relaxing. Ambong's family had carefully prepared the meal of manioc and fish wrapped in island cabbage, all cooked traditionally in bamboo over an open fire which Ambong explained as the Malekula secret to cooking and I must admit that it was very appetising. A fine selection of fresh Pamplemus, Mangos, Papaya and nuts presented magnificently along with a cup of island tea brewed in another tube of bamboo finished off a delightful evening before he walked us back through the village to our tender.

On the northern side of the Uliveo Island is the beautifully structured village of Pelonk with its small network of woven and thatched houses nestled right on the waters edge and in some cases perched on reclaimed land only inches above the water. Church number eight dominates a manicured lawn inland from the houses and has some of the most interesting headstones I have seen. In 1991 the local Chief and Headmaster established a Giant Clam Sanctuary out from Pelonk after noticing that the clam population was fast disappearing, what is most amazing is that this was a local initiative and instigated without foreign aid or even government backing. The sanctuary has continued to grow since and after a short ride in a local outrigger to a small manmade island complete with changing rooms you can swim in only a metre of extremely warm water and look at over a thousand Giant Clams of different species living happily and safe amongst the Acropora coral. Most of the clams are around 300mm across but many are nearly a half a metre across and display a large variety of colourations.

Across at Avohk Island we were met by Cheif Kaisa in his outrigger canoe soon after we anchored, a very switched on and friendly fellow who welcomed us to his village and quickly informed us of what his village had to offer, a custom dance, village tour, some fresh produce and the opportunity for some fresh mud crab. It wasn't long before we had arranged to see the village's small nambas dance, the dance involves over a dozen fit young men from the village dressed in traditional nambas or penis sheath with Navake nut pods strapped to their ankles. This dance tells the traditional stories of the villagers and a sea bird and can only be performed by men who have ceremonially killed the pig and local females are definitely not allowed to see the dance performed. The performance itself is moving and rhythmic with a tamtam beating behind the rattle of the seed pods as the men stamp their feet



AVOHK ISLAND SMOL NAMBAS



earthen stage, the dancers performed about five individual dances before allowing the opportunity for photographs with them. The village itself is very compact, as it struggles for space with a growing population but the smiles abound as we are guided through seeing new canoes being constructed and the new mooring blocks to be installed for visiting cruisers. As evening drew close Chief Kaisa returned in his canoe with a selection of large mud crabs and a set of scales to weigh our selection in true fish market style. Yummm!

TOROHILAU CAVE TOUR

A REAL KUSTOM STORY

It's hard to imagine a cave on an island that's only a few metres above sea level at the highest point, but that's what you will find when you accompany Jerry on his Torohilau Kustom Cave Tour.

Here you will learn about the lisepep and her daughter that lived near Jerry's village. You will follow the trail she took from her cave to the sea each day where she would hunt for food and swim in the sea, before sunning herself and returning home. Many families in Vanuatu have a lisepep living nearby, catching only occasional glimpses of this mystical small creature that shares the land with them. Most lisepeps are friendly beings, living quietly in the bush and taking only the scraps fed to the pigs for food.

The lisepep in this story however was a greedy one and she stole many pigs and chickens, making lots of noise and waking the villagers up at night. The people grew weary of her noise and greediness, leaving them hungry and tired. So they came up with a plan to punish her.

During this tour you will learn how one man tricked the lisepep with a game, making her so tired that the rest of the village was able to capture her in the old nassara and punish her. Afterwards she flew away to Ambrym to become the noisy volcano there, leaving her daughter to live in peace with the villagers on Uliveo.

There are many kustom stories throughout Vanuatu, but it is rare to find a tour that shows where the kustom story actually took place. An easy walk from the village of Lutes you can follow in the tracks of the lisepep and be part of her story.

Walk through the coconut lined pathways, past island gardens and through beautiful villages, enjoy small island refreshment and be entertained by Jerry and his troupe of lisepep.

Contact : Jerry Kalo, ph 7103529, Lutes Village, Uliveo Island



**Sand Drawing of a
Lisepeps backbone**



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Taro

Bake, steam or boil. Makes excellent chips or add cubes to fish dishes with coconut cream. Boil young leaves to make palusami with corned beef and coconut cream. Store in cool dry place. Unpeeled in plastic bag will keep for several months.

Choko

(Susut) Only buy intact fruit with no signs of decay. Peel with knife. Slice thinly, discarding central seed and add to stirfrys. Good addition to curries. Or slice in half, boil until just soft then scoop out flesh, mix with onion, bacon, tomatoes and replace in skin, top with cheese and grill until cooked. Store in cool dry place, will keep for 2 – 3 weeks.



Manioc (Kasava)

Roots should be cream or light yellow and crisp, breaking easily, blue-grey streaks in flesh indicate age. Peel, cut into 6cm pieces and steam or boil. Discard cooking water. Grate cooked manioc to make base for fish cakes, or slice to make chips. Store under cool damp conditions. Peeled manioc can be frozen raw.

Island Cabbage

(Aelan Kabis) Watch for too much insect damage to leaves. Slice up thinly and wash well as the juice is sticky, discard large stalks. Add to final cooking of stirfrys, boil with coconut milk or ginger or use large leaves to wrap mashed banana or kumala then boil in a little coconut milk. Wash and store in plastic bags in cool place, will only keep a couple of days.



Cooking Bananas

Many varieties and can be used green to ripe. Steam, boil or bake in the skin. Peel green fruit, slice thinly to make chips or roast whole with meat. Cook ripe fruit until soft then peel and mix with coconut cream, serve cold. Store by hanging in cool place, will keep for several days.

Kumala

Colour varies from white to orange to purple. Only choose roots free from holes or rot. Scrub well and bake, steam or boil in skin. Serve with butter or mash with coconut cream. To prevent discolouration if peeling put into cold water. Grate raw for fritters, use cold cooked kumala in salads. Store in dry airy place, keeps for 2 – 3 weeks.



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Yam

Many varieties and sizes, white or purple. Peel and slice then steam or boil. To prevent discolouration store peeled yams in cold water before cooking. Roast and mash with minced meat/fish. Store in cool airy place, can keep for several months.



Chinese Cabbage

(White Bone) Buy only whole plants, watch for insect damage. Lightly poach small leaves complete with stalks in a little water with butter. Slice larger leaves and stalks diagonally into strips and either cook in boiling water with a little ginger or add to stir fry dishes. Young leaves can be used in salads. Wash and store in plastic bags in cool place.



Avocado

(Avoka) Can be green or purple in a variety of sizes. Choose intact shiny fruit. Ripe fruit is soft inside but firm when pressed gently. Cut fruit in half and remove stone and any brown tissue. Season with salt and lemon juice. Use in salads, puree for mayonnaise, ice-cream, dips etc. Can freeze with lemon juice for guacamole. Store in cool place.



Snake Bean

(Snek Bin) Cut beans in half length wise and remove pith, young beans can be sliced thinly and used in stirfrys. Larger beans can be stuffed with mix of vegetables, ie choko, cabbage, onion, etc and baked. Store whole beans in cool dry place, once cut place in plastic bag and refrigerate. Will keep several days.



Ginger

Vanuatu ginger is very strong in flavour. Orange variety is sometimes called ckari). Peel and chop finely, add to stirfrys and marinades. Boil with water to make tea. Store in cool dry place, keeps for several weeks.



Breadfruit

(Bredfruit) Should be fully formed, firm and pale yellow. Ripe fruit is soft with a sweet flavour. Scrape or peel off the skin, cut into wedges, remove seeds then steam or boil. Or bake whole in skin. Use cooked breadfruit in salads, fishcakes or cut into thick chips and fry for excellent chips. Store in water or refrigerate to slow ripening. Mature fruit only keeps 1 – 2 days.



VANUATU IS COOKIN

After spending seven months in the atoll nations of Tuvalu, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands, one of the real pleasures of sailing the waters on Vanuatu, is the abundance of beautiful fresh fruits and vegetables. You can shop the fresh markets of the bigger ports of Luganville or Port Villa where friendly women sell their baskets and heaps of colorful and tasty goods. Or hit one of the market days on many of the smaller islands and see the goods brought in that morning from the surrounding farms and catch up on the local news at the same time. You can safely be sitting on the hook in a lovely protected anchorage and canoes will deliver goods to you as they pass by on their way home from their family farms. Take a walk in any village and ask to buy some oranges or pawpaws and you'll get them right off the tree along with a new friend. Stay long enough and you'll get a chance to sample several seasons worth of treats like avocados, oranges, watermelons and raspberries!

With the plethora of fresh foods available in Vanuatu you need to come up with different ways to prepare these edible treats. After all, when you purchase a basket of kumara for 500 Vatu, what are you going to do with all of them to keep a little variety in your on-board diet? Or how about those giant stalks of bananas (sweet or cooking) that you traded for, that ripen all at once?

So here are a few of S/V Astarte's favorite ways to prepare some of the easy to get goods in Vanuatu.

Kumala (sweet potatoes/yams)

You can pretty much do anything you do with white potatoes with kumala. Boil them, bake them, fry them, mash them, put them in soups and stews, make them into crisps or chips, or make a great potato salad. You can also turn this staple into a tasty and hearty side dish, dessert or breakfast pie.

Kumara Pie:

2 - 3 cups cooked Kumara
3 Tablespoons butter
1/2 cup sugar (or less depending on how sweet the kumara are and your taste buds)
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground clove
2 eggs
1/2 cup milk

Peel and cut kumara into small chunks and put in a pot of water and boil until tender. Drain and mash with the butter. Let cool. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Put into a pie crust and bake at 400 degrees Fahrenheit for

about 45 minutes or until well set and the pastry is a golden brown. Let set before cutting. This can be served hot or cold and freezes well.

Cooking Bananas

Another fruit that is quite plentiful is the cooking bananas or plantains. Plus when you get a stock of these, they all tend to ripen at once and you have a load of big, black-skinned cooking bananas on board. In Central America and Spanish countries, tostones or patacones are served with many dishes (boil the bananas for a few minutes to soften them, cool, cut in one inch pieces and flatten between a piece of wax paper then put in hot oil and fry on both sides. Salt and serve warm). You can also put chunks in your stews or curries. And like the kumara, you can make crisps from them!

Here's an hors d'oeuvre that is a hit for sundowners aboard the good ship Astarte.

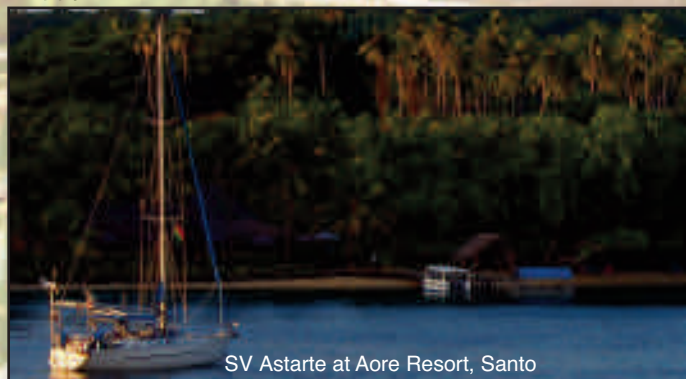
Plantain Pancakes with Chili Sauce:

Peel the very ripe plantains and mash in a large bowl. Add an egg and about four tablespoons of flour. The consistency should be like lumpy pancake batter. Add a dash of salt and then put by the spoonful in a fry pan with hot oil and fry until firm on both sides. Serve them warm with Thai Sweet Chili sauce (you can add some crushed pineapple to the chili sauce if you'd like) for dipping.

There are plenty of options to take advantage of the delicious local fruits and vegetables. Be daring and just experiment! If it doesn't come out perfect, there will be another canoe coming around the corner with a fresh supply of the tasty local produce.

When buying the local fruits and vegetables, remember to give a fair price for the goods in either cash or trade goods. You get the fresh goods and they'll get some much appreciated cash or trade goods in return. It's a win-win!

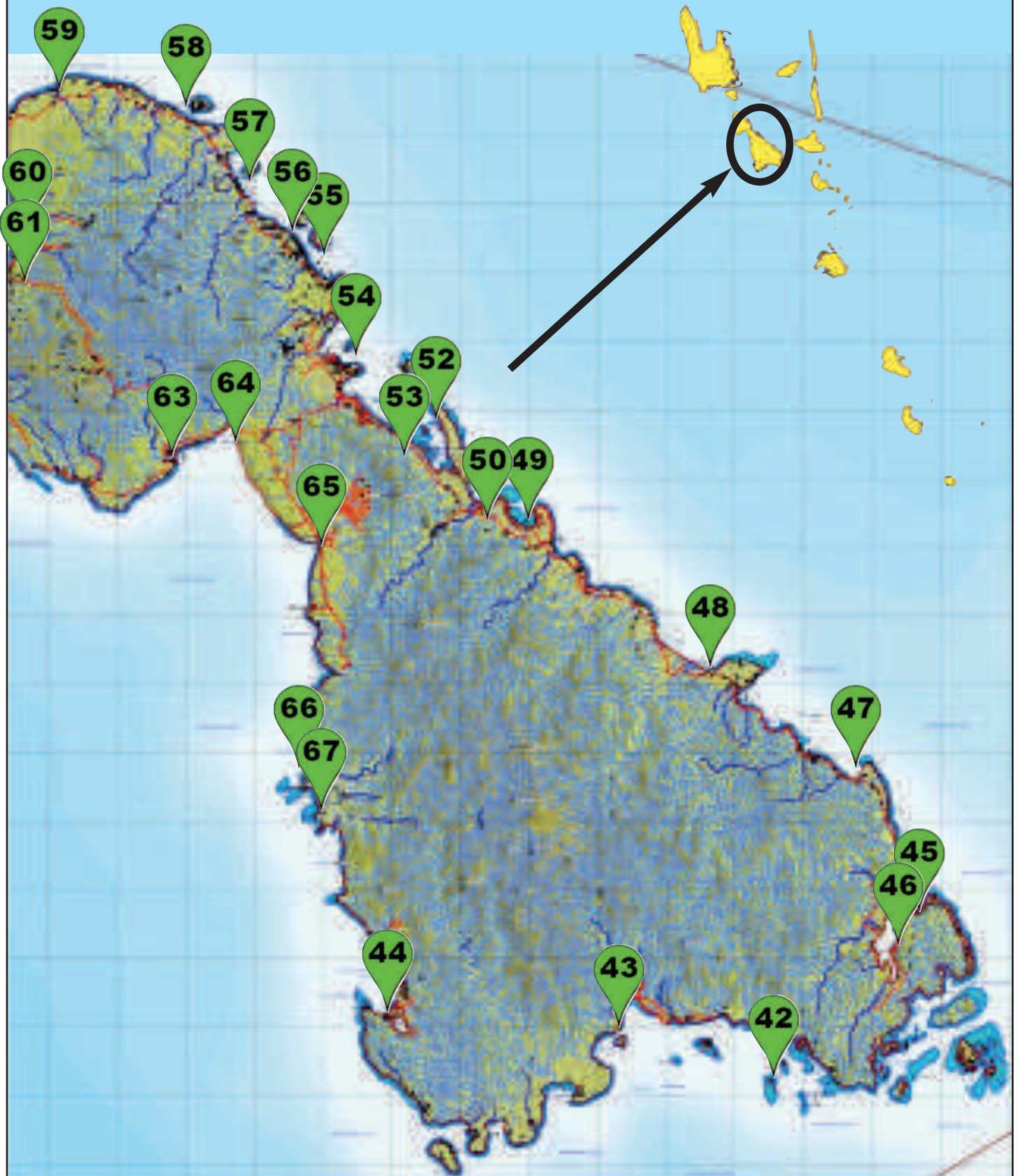
Happy Cookin' in Vanuatu!



S/V Astarte at Aore Resort, Santo

WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

MALEKULA ISLAND



MALEKULA

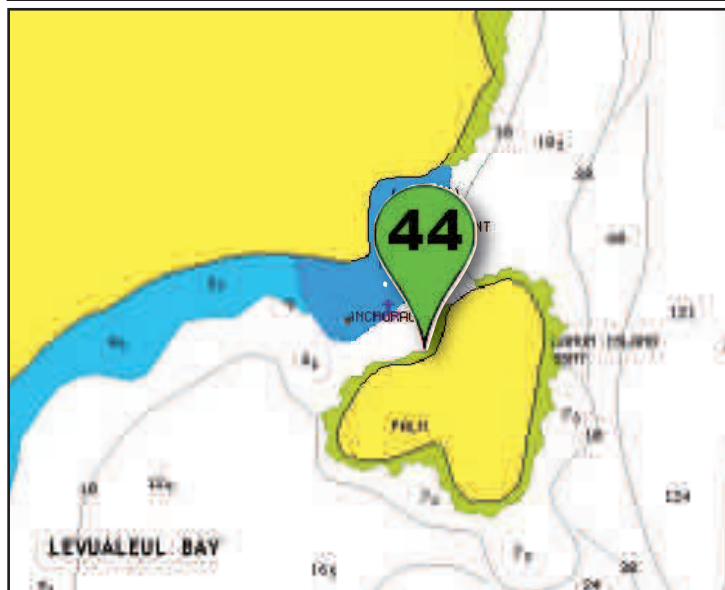
43. South West Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 29.583S 167 25.876E
Exposed to Wind from: West thru to North
Exposed to Swell from: West thru to North
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 6 to 18 metres
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor in the bay to suit wind direction, its a big bay.
Services: National Bank of Vanuatu
 Airport
Features: Nualan Festival at Labo Village
 Tisri Watertway
 Lawa Custom Tour
Contacts: George (Wintua) 563 9907 or 549 1832
 Willy (Lapo) 594 0410



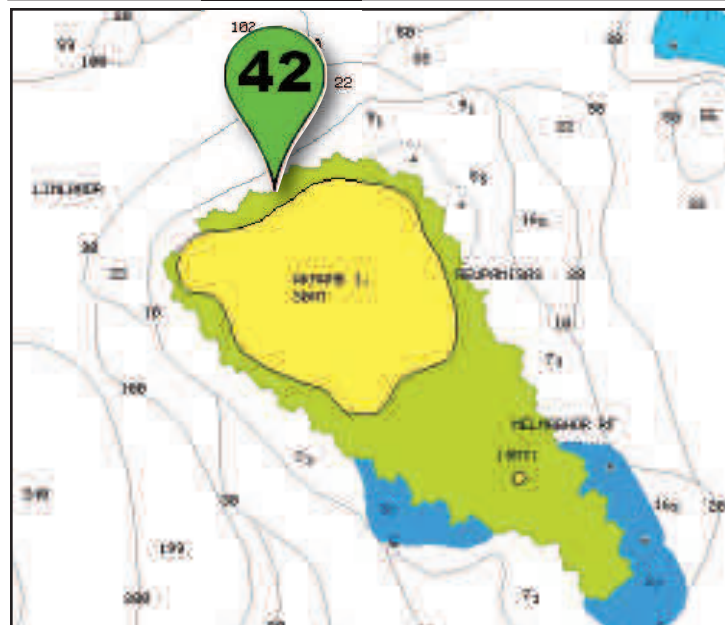
44. Lanur Island, Malekula

GPS: 16 30.818S 167 35.524E
Exposed to Wind from: South to West & N - NE
Exposed to Swell from: South to South East
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 6 to 14 metres
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor just off the small beach
Services:
Features:
Contacts:



42. Akhamb Island, Malekula

GPS: 16 30.858S 167 38.936E
Exposed to Wind from: North
Exposed to Swell from: Nil
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 6 to 14 metres
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor inside the spit of land in sand.
Services:
Features: Two WWII Fighter planes in bay
Contacts: Noki Tom



45. Levis Store, Malekula

GPS: 16 25.642S 167 47.868E

Exposed to Wind from: North to East

Exposed to Swell from: North to East

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 10 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close in to the reef and hang back from it, it can roll a bit here in strong trade winds and at high tide

Services: National Bank of Vanuatu

Post Office

Police

Market

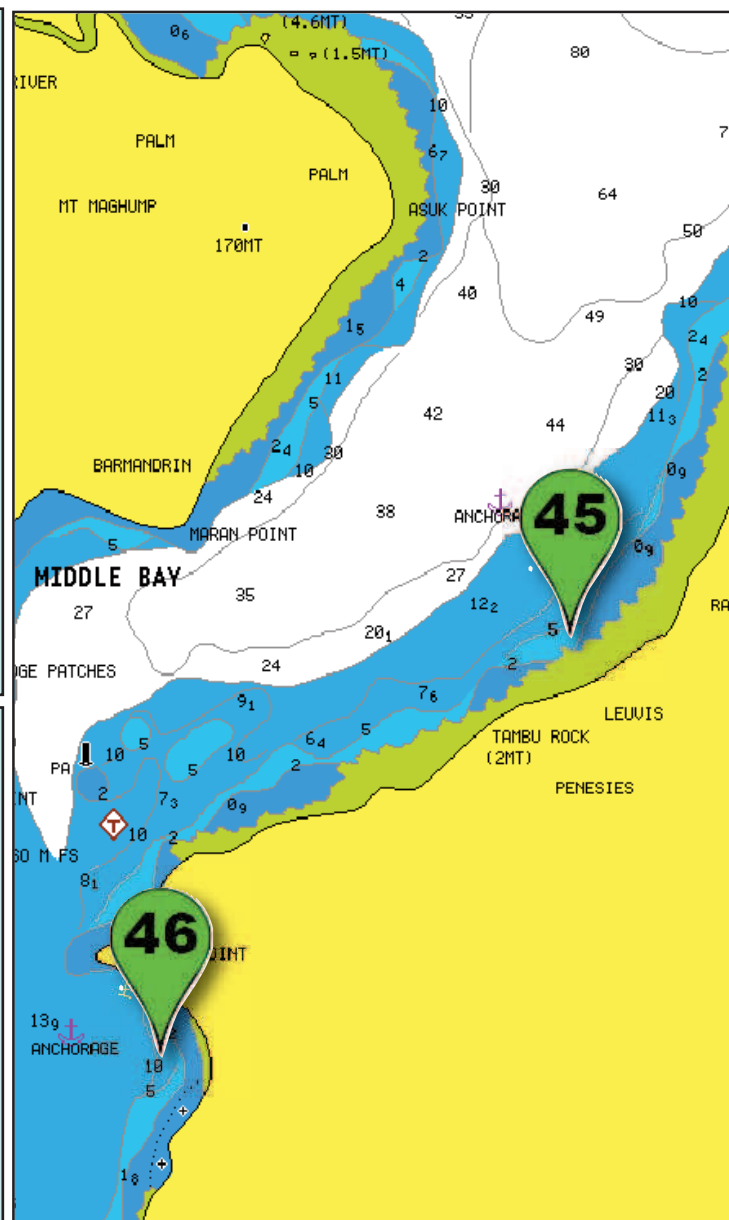
Airport

Features: Port Sandwich Festival

Murderers River Tour

Contacts: Tito 543 6814

Lulu 595 9552 or 779 8083



46. Port Sandwich, Malekula

GPS: 16 26.298S 167 47.063E

Exposed to Wind from: West thru to North

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 8 to 10 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: It can get noisy close to the wharf

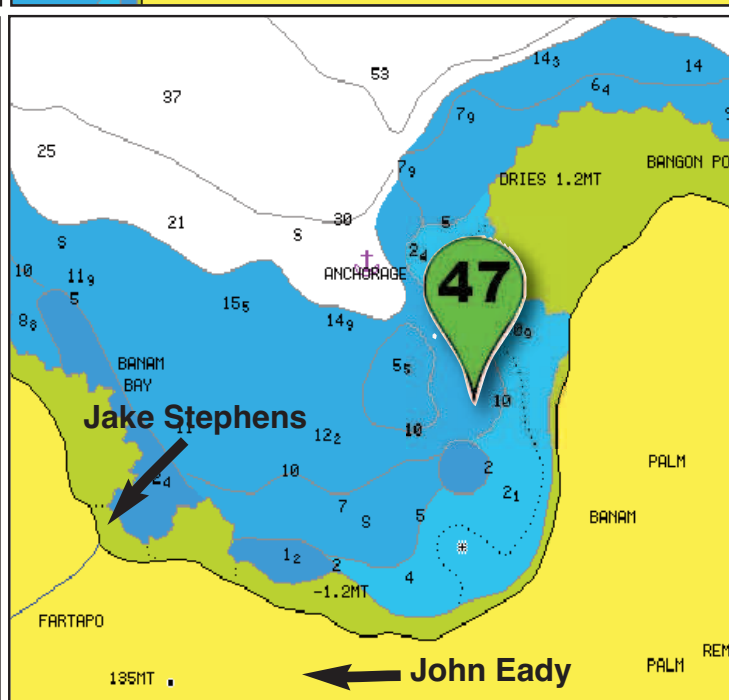
Services: Small Stores

National Bank of Vanuatu

Airport

Features: Excellent, sheltered anchorage in most weather. The Rainbow Store is just in from the beach and is the place to find out anything.

Contacts: Rauc & Noelle @ Rainbow store



47. Banan Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 20.248S 167 45.445E

Exposed to Wind from: North thru to East

Exposed to Swell from: North thru to East

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 18 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in between the two shallow patches

Services:

Features: Smol Nambas Dance can be arranged

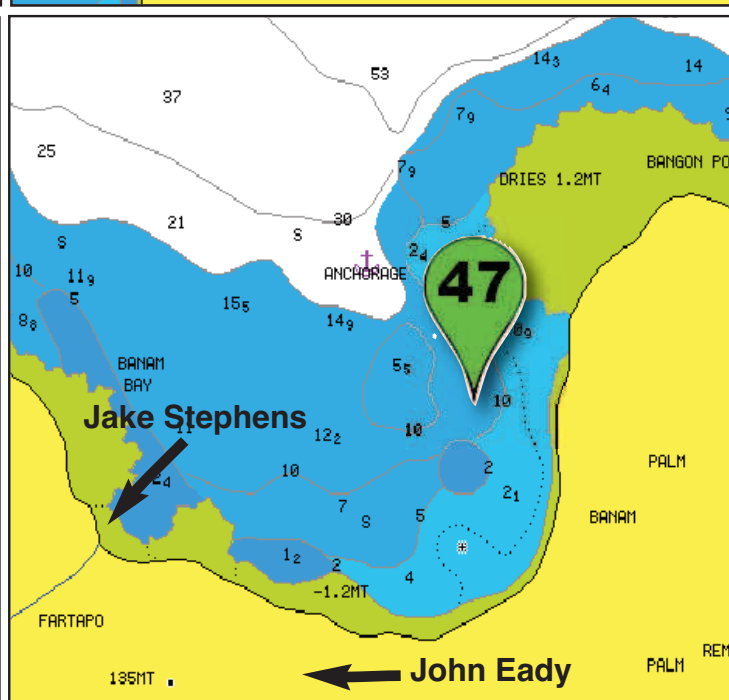
Beautiful anchorage

Dugongs

Waterfall Tour

Contacts: Jake Stephens 596 4447

John Eady 594 4443



48. Pankumu Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 16.151S 167 39.539E

Exposed to Wind from: NW - N - E

Exposed to Swell from: N - E

Bottom Type: Sand/Coral

Depth: 6 to 12 metres

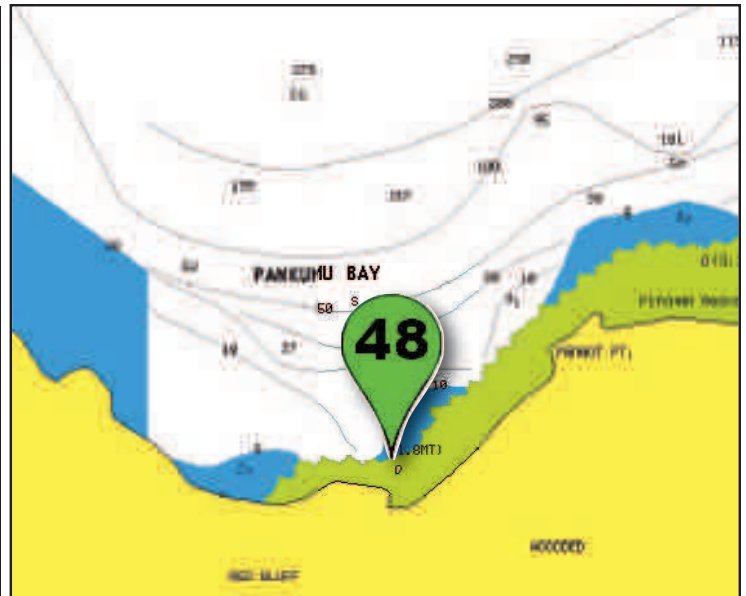
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in between the two reefs don't get too close as the bottom turns to broken coral rocks and bommies that will catch your anchor chain

Services:

Features: River tour in tender will fill in half an hour

Contacts:



49. Crab Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 10.074S 167 31.959E

Exposed to Wind from: North

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Coral

Depth: 5 to 12 metres

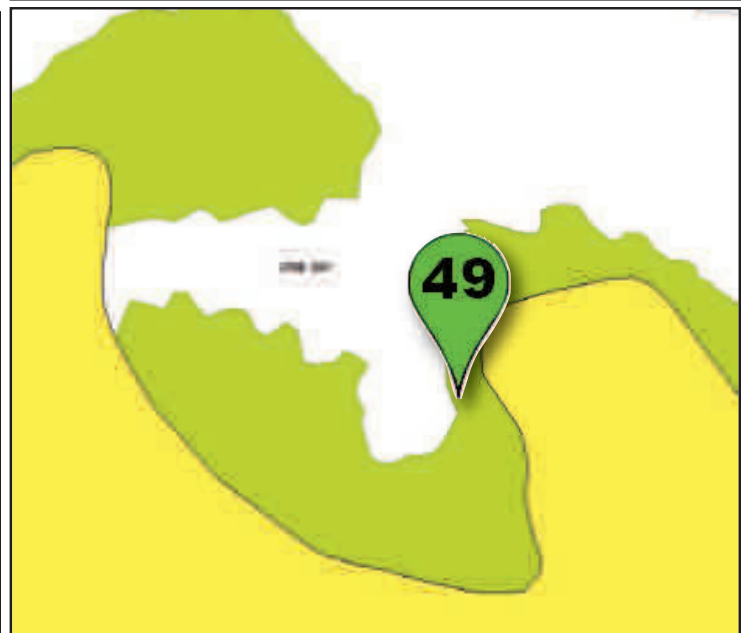
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchoring is general between small reefs, take care navigating in good light

Services: There are two moorings here to prevent damage to the villagers conservation area and these are reasonable priced with one fee for your entire stay however at this point they are only suitable for small vessels and it is recommended that you check them personally before using them

Features: Great snorkeling/Diving at entrance

Contacts:



50. Bushman Bay, Malekula

51. Copra House

GPS: Bushman Bay 16 09.593S 167 30.344E

Copra House 16 09.664S 167 30.084E

Exposed to Wind from: N - E

Exposed to Swell from: ESE - N

Bottom Type: Sand & Coral,

Depth: 9 metres @ Bushman

5 metres @ Copra House

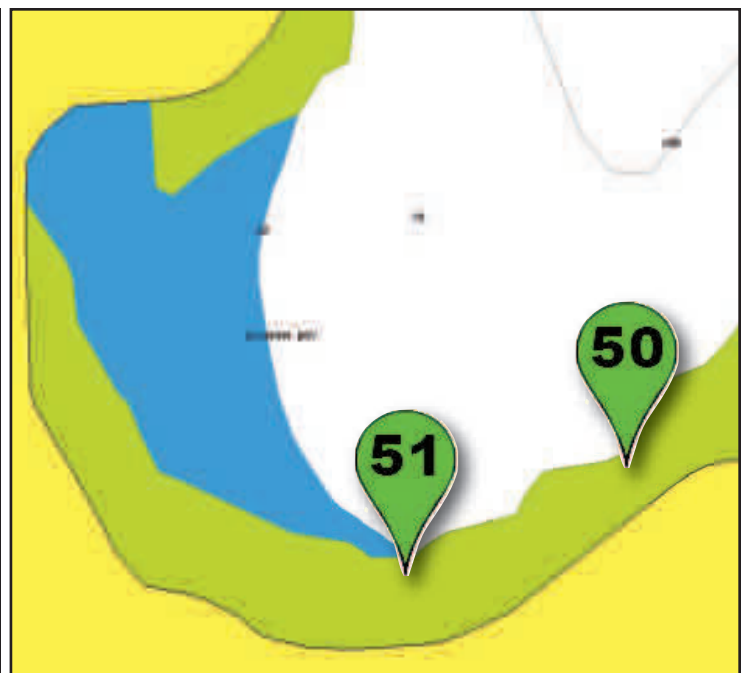
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: If you move in too close the bottom turns to rocks and bommies in Bushman anchorage. Watch the reef either side if you anchor in front of the Copra House which is regularly used by trading boats.

Services:

Features:

Contacts: Edna @ Malampa Call Centre



52. Uri Island, Malekula

GPS: 16 05.899S 167 27.694E

Exposed to Wind from: North

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Pass over the shallow patch to anchor in the hole

Services: National Bank of Vanuatu

Airport @ Norsup

Small Supermarkets

Limited Fuel

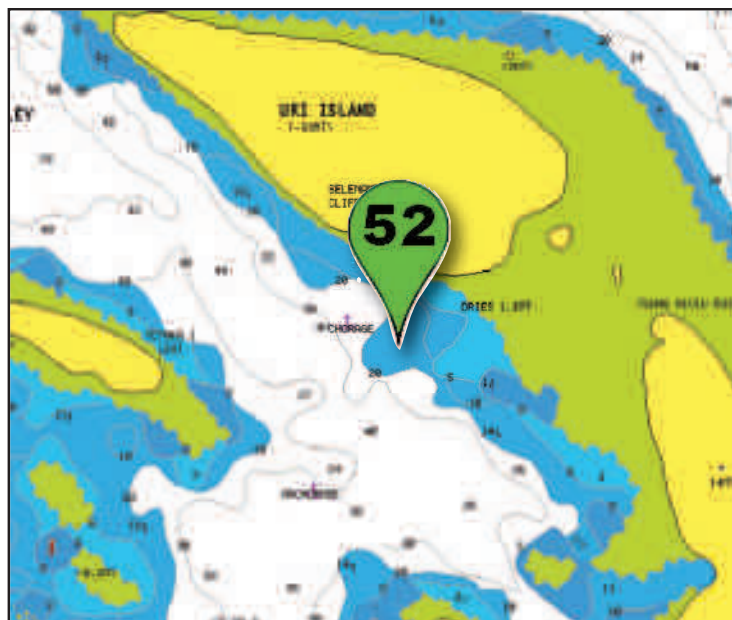
Wharf

Guesthouses

Cafe

Clam Sanctuary

Features: Access to Lakatoro for above services



53. Titslits, Malekula

GPS: 16 06.702S 167 26.460E

Exposed to Wind from: NW - N - E -SE

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand & Coral

Depth: 6 metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: Be extremely careful getting in here and only attempt it in good light as there are a number of reefs to negotiate.

Services: National Bank of Vanuatu

Airport @ Norsup

Small Supermarkets

Limited Fuel

Wharf

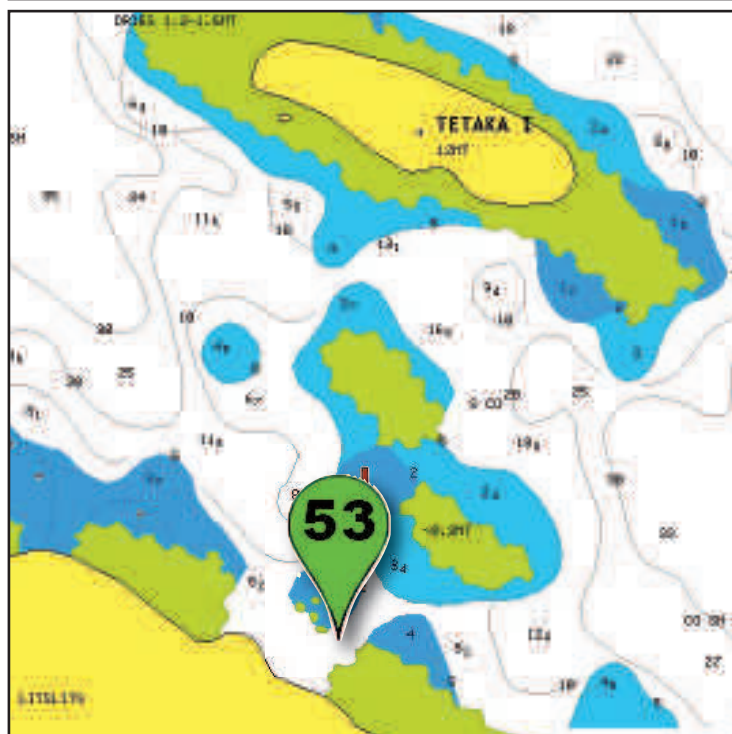
Guesthouses

Cafe

Clam Sanctuary

Features: Access to Lakatoro for above services

Contacts: Edna @ Malampa Call Centre



54. Norsup Island, Malekula

GPS: 16 03.320S 167 24.486E

Exposed to Wind from: N - ESE

Exposed to Swell from: N - ESE

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 9 to 14 metres

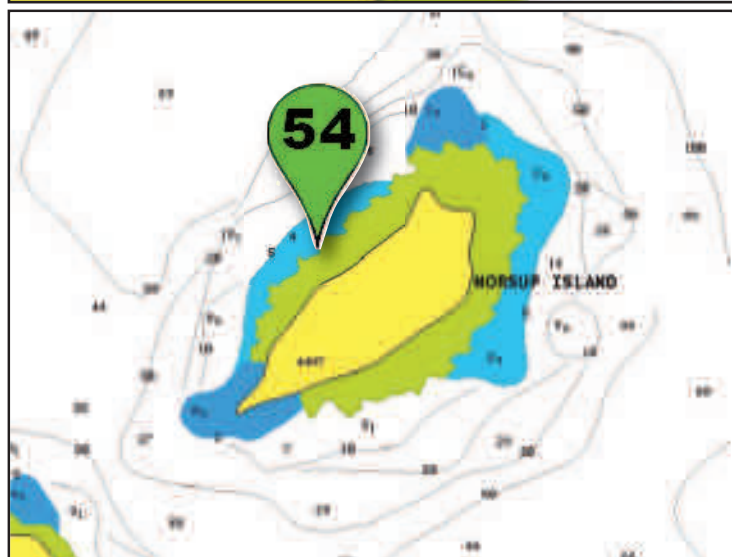
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: You will immediately see the sandy patches in the sheltered part of this bay.

Services:

Features: Access to Norsup

Contacts: Edna @ Malampa Call Centre



55. Rano Island

56. Wala Islands, Malekula

GPS: Rano Island 15 59.194S 167 23.001E
Wala Island 15 58.597S 167 22.443

Exposed to Wind from: West thru to North East

Exposed to Swell from: North to East

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 18 metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

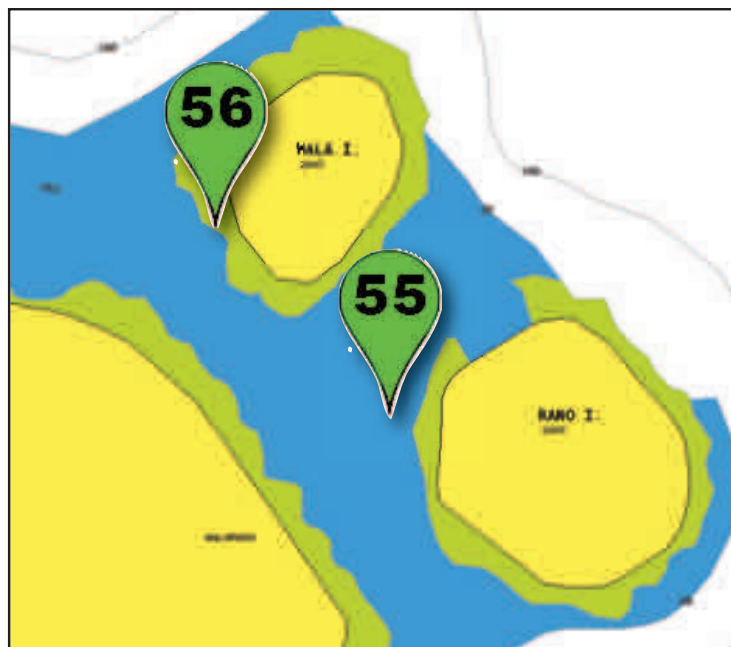
Anchoring Tips: You will be surprised how close you get to the beach before dropping anchor, and then hang back over deep water. Rano is the more protected.

Features: Cannibal Tour(one on Rano & Mainland)
Custom Dance
Island Tour
Snorkeling

Contacts: Simon 568 2300 on Rano

David 5990026 Amelbati Cannibal Tours

George @ Wala 5626527, Wala Culture Club



57. Atchin Island, Malekula

GPS: 15 56.612S 167 20.213E

Exposed to Wind from: North to East

Exposed to Swell from: North to East

Bottom Type: Sand & rubble

Depth: 10 to 18 metres

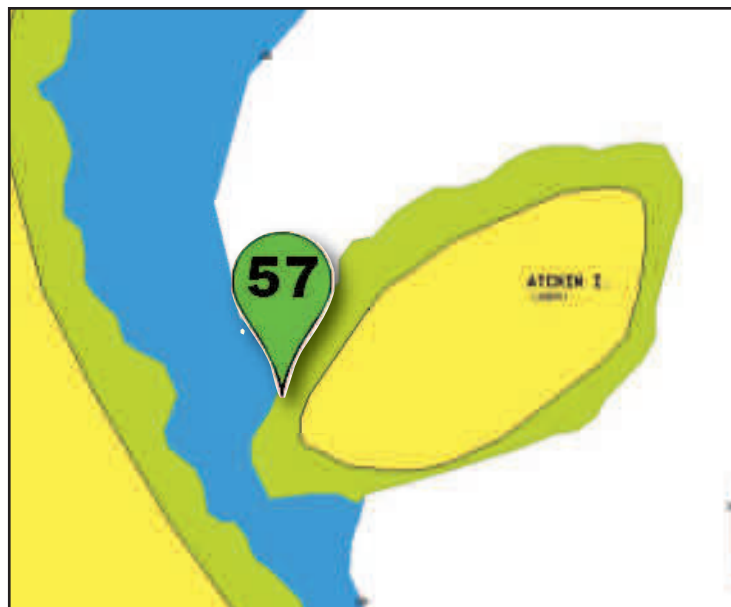
Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: You will need to get close to the moored long boats to anchor here in 10metres of sand and Rubble

Services: Island Store
Some carvings

Features:

Contacts:



58. Vao Island, Malekula

GPS: 15 54.114S 167 18.158E

Exposed to Wind from: Anything from the North

Exposed to Swell from: Anything from the North

Bottom Type: Sand/ rubble

Depth: 6 to 12 metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

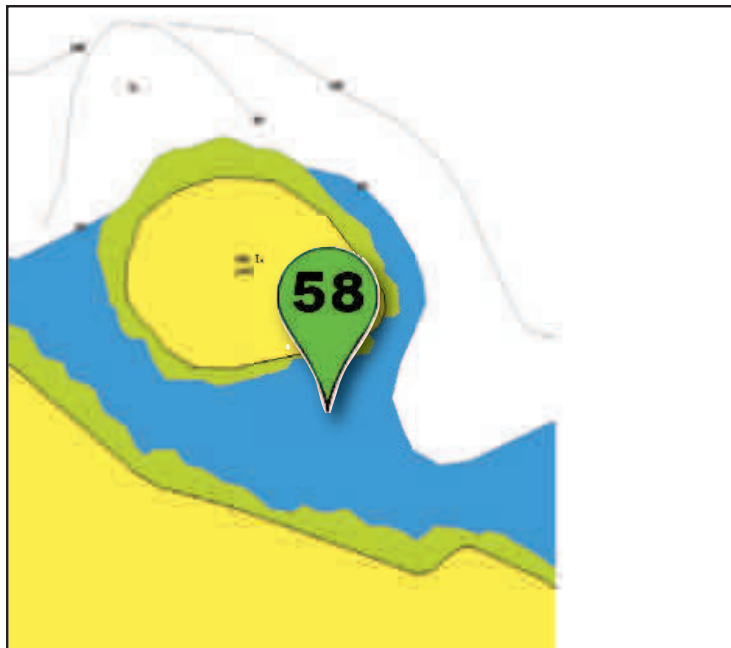
Anchoring Tips: Tuck in behind the small spit of sand and wait for the parade of canoes

Services:

Features: Carvings
Access to Hone Village for Custom dances on the mainland
A good place to sail to Santo from

Contacts: Pierrick 562 9063 (Hone on Mainland)

Rose 775 4927 or 568 0158



Amelbati Cannibal Site

Visit sacred Nassaras, to see where David's ancestors met new allies, enslaved and ate their enemies as well as see the 'Company Kitchen' and ceremonial burial grounds on Wala Rano (the mainland).

Contact Jonnie 599 0026

Amel Wala Culture Club

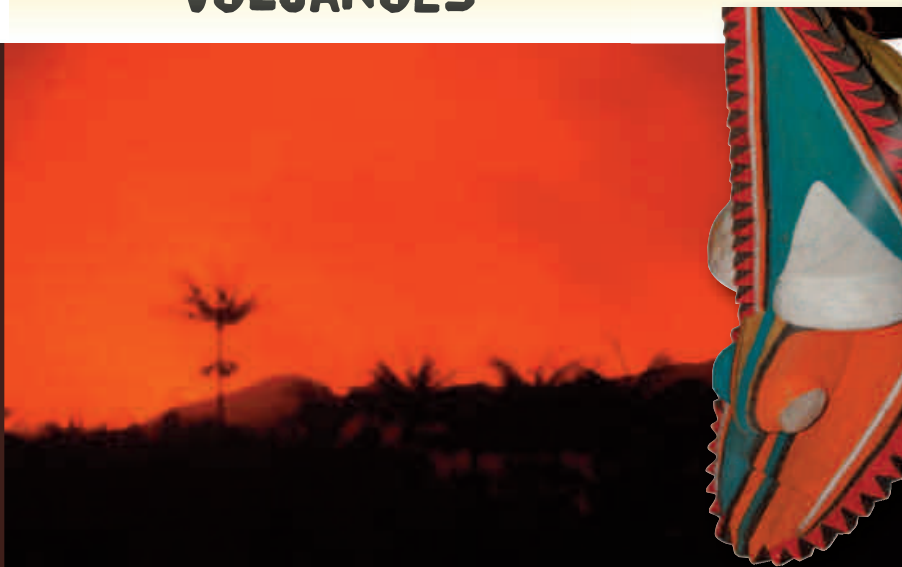
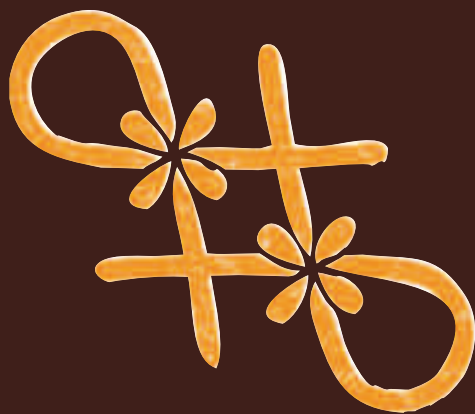
Enjoy Small Nambas Dancing totally different to any others you may have seen elsewhere in Malekula and experience some of the finer points of the custom life on Wala Island.

Contact George 562 6527



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SEARCHING FOR CANNIBALS

It's an eerie feeling traipsing through the bush following two men you have met scarcely minutes ago being led towards a cannibal site. The silence around us is only broken by the occasional lorikeet bursting into song as we pass or by the hail of persons unknown and out of our sight. We have just traversed past yet another trail leading elsewhere, far past the copra and the cacao (cocoa) plantations, here the undergrowth is thick and the trees stretch far above us. Would we find our way back to the road alone? I'm not so sure...

However we know we are in good hands, David, the Kastom owner, a quietly proud gentleman whose family is 4th generation to the old chief who ruled here, with his trusty sidekick Jonnie, who speaks excellent English and is an entertaining guide, together they make an excellent team to show us some of the secrets of this amazing site, along with the brutal yet somehow logical history belonging here. As we walk they explain how the cacao is harvested, likewise the copra, evidenced by the several families we pass early on, pikinini and parents involved in collecting the coconut flesh destined to provide the invaluable coconut oil. As we near the old nas-sara site, Lawar, their voices become more reverent and the

respect they hold for this place becomes evident, emphasised by the sidelong glances into the bush as though they expect the ghosts of their ancestors to appear.

Finally at Lawar, the old nas-sara where people brought their families to seek allegiance and land with the paramount chief, by killing a pig and presenting their family for approval, Jonnie shows us the huge flat stones that the Chief and his assistant rested on as these would be land registrants sought approval. He tells us how the Chief would then name each family according to the behaviour of the applicant and accept them into his fold, which consisted of three smaller Naka-mals, granting them land within his tribal boundaries.

Of course there is always the darker side, where men would be brought before him and his chiefs to determine their fate, possibly they had misbehaved or perhaps were from warring tribes. Regardless they would stand before the chiefs on the stone awaiting the proclamation as to their being good or bad, the good being kept as slaves while the bad were led away to the "company kitchen" where they were killed and prepared as dinner, often a boughna type meal where the



@ WALA RANO

prime cuts were presented to the Chief before the rest of the men ate. The “company kitchen” can still be seen today as a huge pit where the cooking took place, close by is the place where the Chief ate alone with his smaller nakamal chiefs and his bodyguards. The consummation of human flesh a serious and deeply respectful affair, only men were permitted to partake and then much care was taken to ensure the spirit from the deceased could not pass into the person eating. To this end an eating utensil in the form of a stick was kept in the hair was used, to ensure that there was no external contact with the body parts, thus allowing the spirit of the dead to pass to the living.

Today, behind the nassara, all that can be seen is the old cooking pit’s remains and nearby an accumulation of bones leftover from the Chief’s dining – you get a real sense of the past here and we are all speaking in hushed tones as we move onto the cemetery beyond.

Here Jonnie shows us where the Chiefs’ families were buried and then we move into the area where the 13 chiefs’ remains have been buried. Each Chief has been buried standing vertically, with their head left above ground, a week or so later a

small fire was lit to burn around the neck for a month before twisting the head off. The head was then left for any remaining flesh to be removed, then with fragrant leaves placed in the cavities the skull was then placed above the body protected by a stone mantle along with the Chief’s prize possession, usually his bubu shell used to summon his people.

While to most of us this is the most macabre of traditions it is impossible to ignore the power and reverence that pervades here, with the coming of the Missionaries cannibalism and the kustom burial rites have long since ceased, but standing here today it’s easy to believe the spirits are nearby and watching. We make sure we tread carefully and ensure that every move and photo is approved by David, the current caretaker of this awe inspiring site.

There are not many places in our world left today that we can experience first-hand and close up such kustom and tradition and as we move back through the bush to the road we thank David for sharing such a special and unique place. This is a great tour, easily done in a few hours and it gives you a real sense of the brutal yet fascinating history of the cannibals of Malekula.



59. Vovo Bay, Malekula

GPS: 15 53.104S 167 12.683E

Exposed to Wind from: NW - N - ENE

Exposed to Swell from: NW - N - ENE

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: There is a large sandy area to place your anchor and don't forget the reef to the west when you leave.

Services:

Features: A good point to leave for Malo/Santo from

Contacts:



60. Espiegle Bay, Malekula

GPS: 15 58.662S 167 11.273E

Exposed to Wind from: N - W - SW

Exposed to Swell from: N - W - SW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 5 to 14 metres

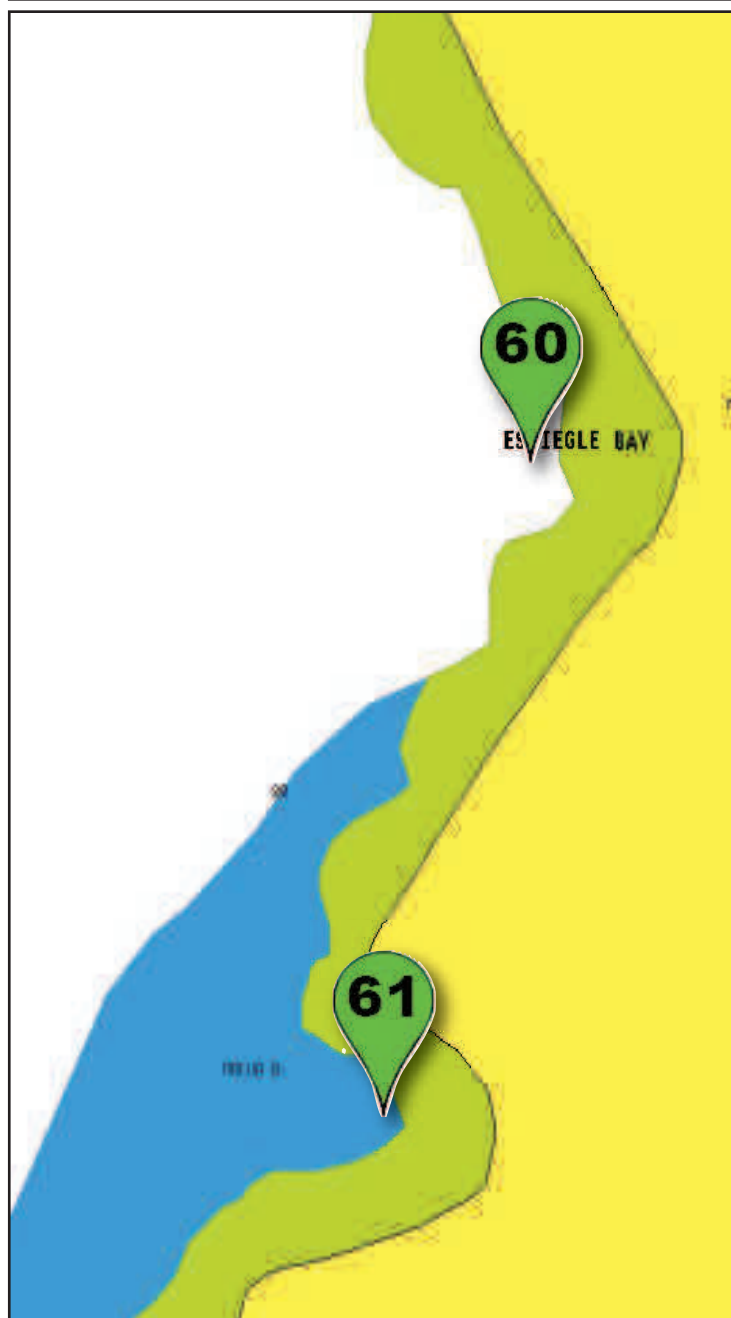
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: This is a large open sandy bay with plenty of room to select and anchorage to your liking

Services: Market on Thursdays

Features: Spirits Cave a 25min walk

Contacts: Cheif Elwin



61. Malua Bay, Malekula

GPS: 15 59.426S 167 11.038E

Exposed to Wind from: NNW - W - SSW

Exposed to Swell from: N - W - SSW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 5 to 14 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Be careful of the reef to the north but tuck in as close as you feel comfortable to it.

Services: SDA Church

Island Store

Features: Bush walk to Blue Hole(Swimming Hole)

Dugong swims past morning and night

Contacts: Vivienne will probably paddle out to see you

62. Elephant Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 05.88S 167 10.50E

Exposed to Wind from: N - W - SSW

Exposed to Swell from: N - W - SSW

Bottom Type: Sand & rubble

Depth: 10 metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: Stay clear of the isolated rock on the south side to clear the reef

Services:

Features: Beach Landing on South side at low tide & anywhere at high tide

Contacts:



63. Unmet Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 07.75S 167 17.50E

Exposed to Wind from: Everything

Exposed to Swell from: SE - S - W

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

Suitable: Settled winds

Anchoring Tips: Be careful of the isolated rocks and be prepared to leave if the wind or sea comes up.

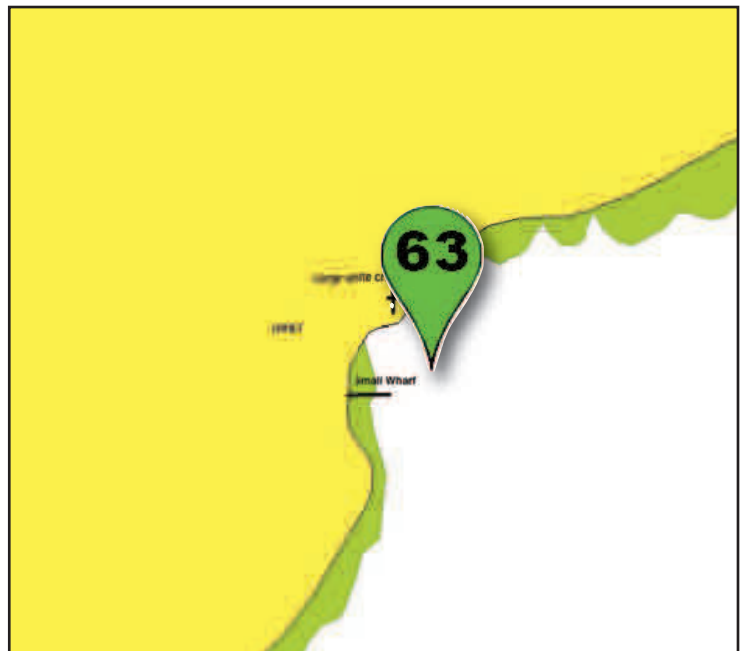
Services: Island Stores

Church

School

Features: Amohk Big Nambas

Contacts: Edna @ Malampa Call Centre



64. Losenwei Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 06.72S 167 19.75E

Exposed to Wind from: SE - S - W - NW

Exposed to Swell from: SE - S - W - NW

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

Suitable: Settled conditions

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in sand and be prepared to leave. It can have a big roll here making dry beach landings almost impossible.

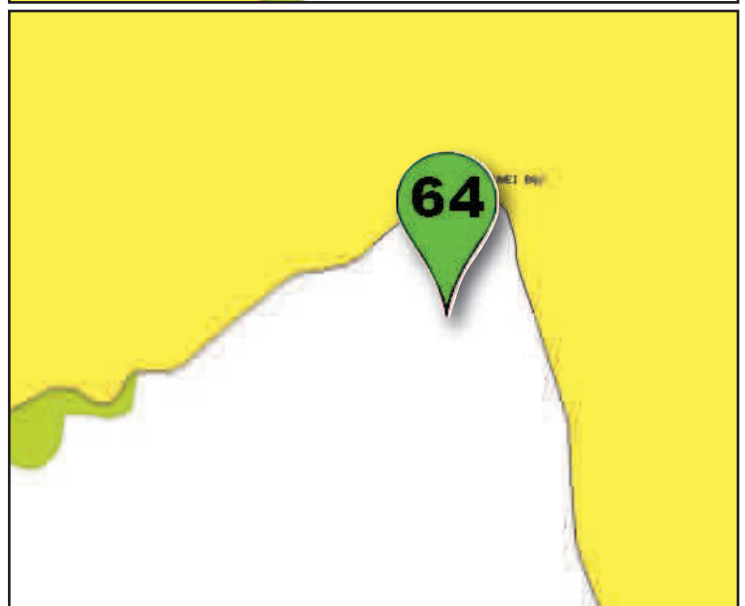
Services: Restaurant/Cafe

Bungalows

Features: Losenwei Cascades

Amohk Big Nambas

Contacts: Edna @ Malampa Call Centre



65. Lambumbu Bay, Malekula

GPS: 16 11.170S 167 23.3044E

Exposed to Wind from: Northwest-West-South

Exposed to Swell from: Northwest-West-South

Bottom Type: Sand and mud

Depth: 6 to 14 metres

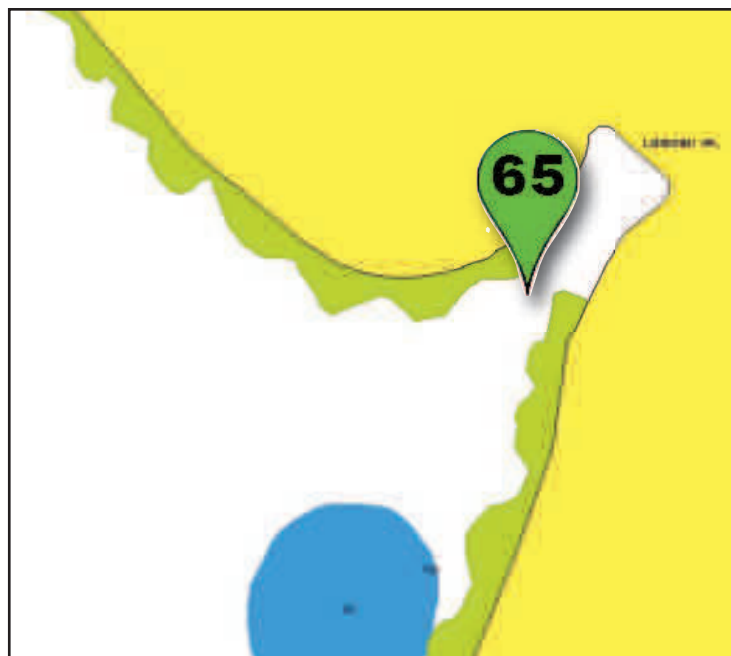
Suitable: Normal Conditions

Anchoring Tips: Enter in good light because the water clarity isn't good, you can anchor in the centre of the bay. There is quite a surge in the bay and be prepared to leave in a hurry if the weather changes to the worse. The bay shallows up quickly as you get to the remains of the wharf.

Services:

Features: Dugongs in bay

Contacts:



66. Kindu, Malekula

GPS: 16 20.525S 167 22.311E

Exposed to Wind from: NW - W - S

Exposed to Swell from: NW - W - S

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 metres

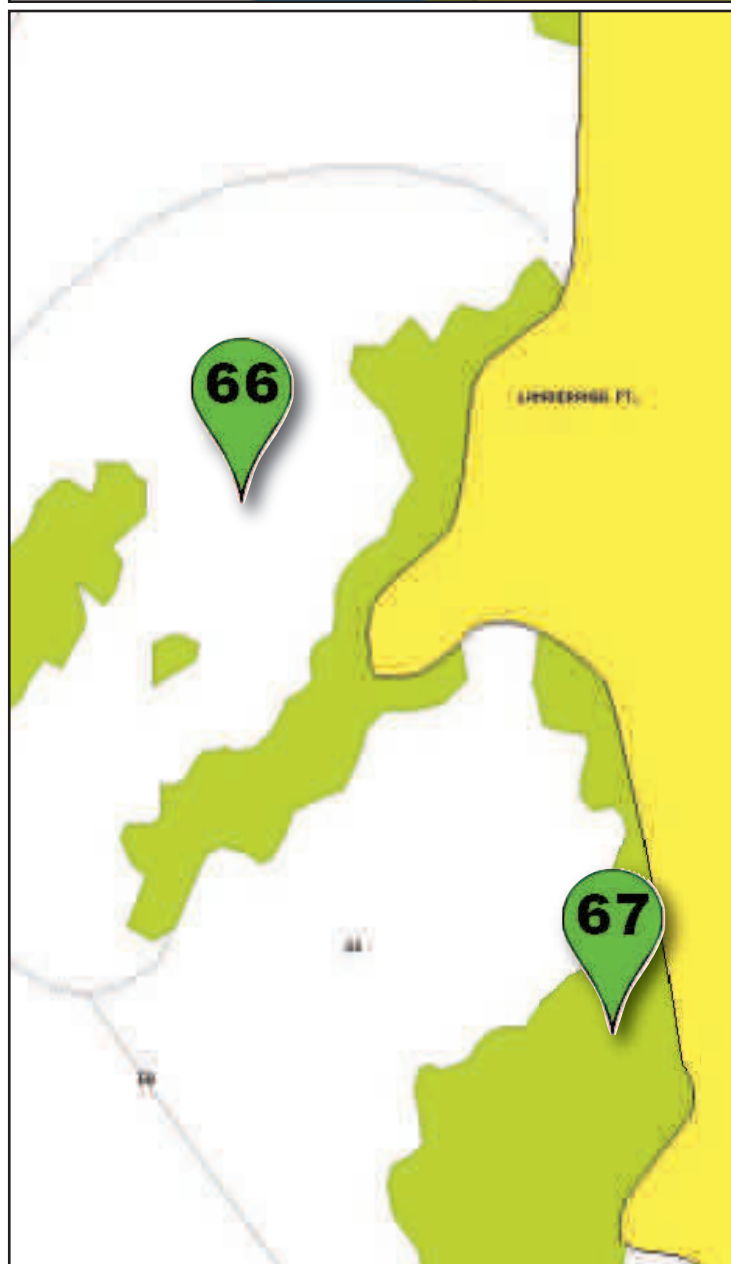
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor just south of the river in black sand

Services: Nil

Features: Great diving

Contacts:



67. Porlamb, Malekula

GPS: 16 21.448S 167 23.103E

Exposed to Wind from: NW - W - S

Exposed to Swell from: NW - W - S

Bottom Type: Coral rubble

Depth: 4 -15 metres

Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor inside the cut in the reef

Services: Nil

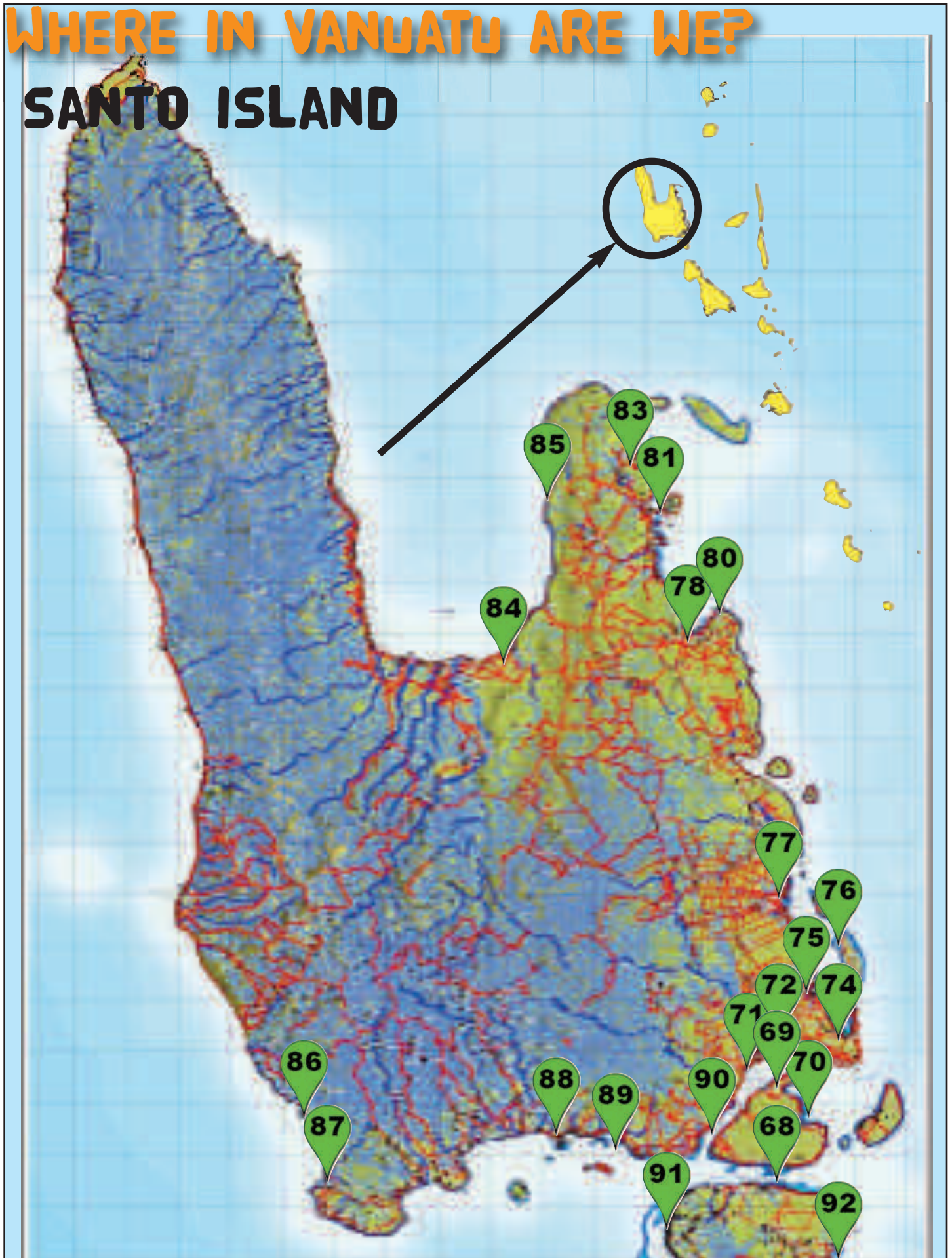
Features: Great diving on Dixon Reef

Contacts:

Credit: Luc Callebaut, Sloepmouche

WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

SANTO ISLAND



AORE

68. Ratua, Aore Island

GPS: 15 36.697S 167 10.570E

Exposed to Wind from: Southwest to west

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 12 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: There are two moorings here that the Resort would prefer that you use rather than damage the reef, supporting their restaurant would be fair exchange

Services: Market at SDA Mission

Features: Lovely tranquil anchorage but occasionally busy with boat traffic to and from Resort. You can take your dinghy up to the Blue Holes on Malo Island



69. Aore Resort

GPS: 15 32.315S 167 10.707E

Exposed to Wind from: West thru to Northeast

Exposed to Swell from: East

Bottom Type: Moorings only

Depth:

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Aore Resort offers several moorings for cruising vessels at a reasonable rate

Services: Restaurant/Internet/Water

Laundry

Dive Operator

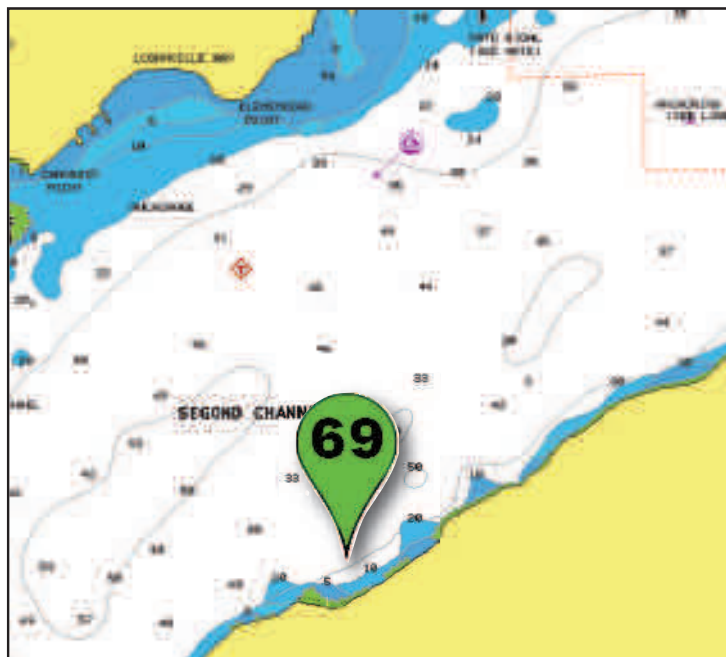
Island WWII Tours

Features: Access to Luganville by ferry

Contacts: Anne phone 36705 or VHF ch68.

Aore Adventure Sports, ph Paul 5990271

Paul has two morings and runs dive trips to the Coolidge for small groups



70. Aisari Bay

GPS: 15 34.368S 167 12.196E

Exposed to Wind from: North thru to East

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 6 to 12 metres

Suitable: Strong winds

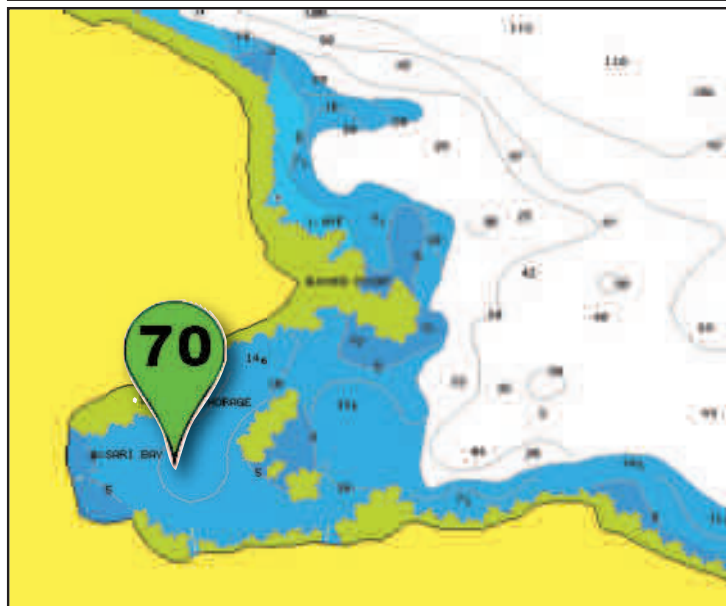
Anchoring Tips: Only attempt to thread your way in when the sun is high and visibility is good, it's worth the effort if you are looking for a quiet and peaceful anchorage.

Services: Nil

Features: Dugongs

Nice sheltered anchorage

Contacts:



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71. Beachfront Resort

GPS: 15 31.390S 167 09.804E

Exposed to Wind from: Anything from the South

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 4-10metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchoring close to the spit of land before the Sarakata River affords the best shelter

Services: Restaurant/Internet/Laundry

Rubbish/Water/Lpg filling service

Dive Operators

Island WWII Tours

Features: A little more sheltered in afternoons

Contacts: Beachfront Resort 36991



72. Luganville

GPS: 15 30.926S 167 10.949E

Exposed to Wind from: Anything from the South

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 10 - 15 metre

Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the corner of the concrete wharf in front of the small dinghy landing. (Use dinghy dock at Santo Hardware)

Services: Customs/Immigration

Banks

Restaurant

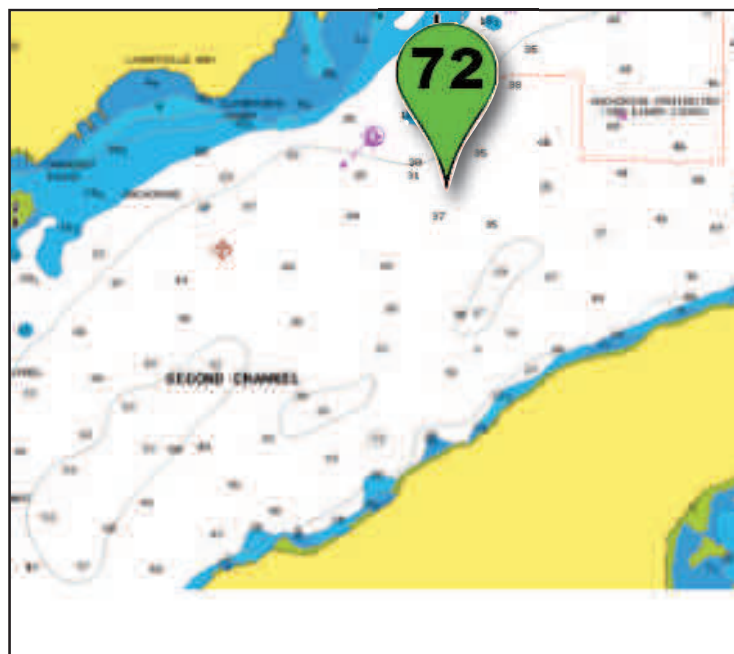
Laundry

Dive Operators

Island WWII Tours

Features: Access to Luganville, use of dinghy dock at Santo Hardware, be considerate of paying users

Contacts:



73. Bonasari

GPS: 15 31.780S 167 11.736E

Exposed to Wind from: West-North-East

Exposed to Swell from: East

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 4-10metre

Suitable: Normal Conditions

Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the beach in front of the fence, there is a lot of current flow and you will often end up stern to the wind with an uncomfortable roll but you will be out of the wind.

Services:

Features: Diving/Snorkelling

Contacts:



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There is a dinghy dock provided by Santo Hardware for their customers in the small harbour. Santo Hardware is happy for cruisers to use it provided you do so considerately and don't interfere with their customers, they would also appreciate your support when you need anything that could be purchased from them. They are very reasonably priced and have a small marine chandlery area that will get you out of trouble. The dinghy dock will give good access to town. Be careful when entering the marina, you need to stay to the starboard side to avoid the shallow reef.



LUGANVILLE MARKET



The Luganville Market is on the eastern shores of the Sarakata River and opens everyday except Sunday and closes and lunchtime on Saturday. We find the easiest method of shopping at the market is to take the tender up the Sarakata River (indicated by yellow dotted line) and tie it up to the conveniently placed tree roots behind the market (shown by yellow arrow), we have never had any issues with security here but it doesn't hurt to be cautious. The bar is shallow at low tide but easily passable. This also gives good access to Luganville itself. The market appears to be allocated to different villages each day and there is no guarantee that the selection will be the same each day or as varied as Port Vila but the prices are significantly less and their produce is fresh. You will also come across some new and interesting fruit and vegetables to experiment with.



FRUITS & NUTS OF VANUATU



Nakatambel

Wash thoroughly and eat raw, avoiding the core. The locals love them but it seems to be an acquired taste, the skin can be bit-
ters.

Navarek

(Vanuatu Apple) In-
tensely seasonal,
you will either see
them in their thou-
sands or none at all.
These small red
apple shaped fruit
are usually hit from
the trees, often re-
sulting in some level
of damage. Wash
and eat as raw
fruit. Store in cool dry
place, will only keep
for 1 – 2 days.



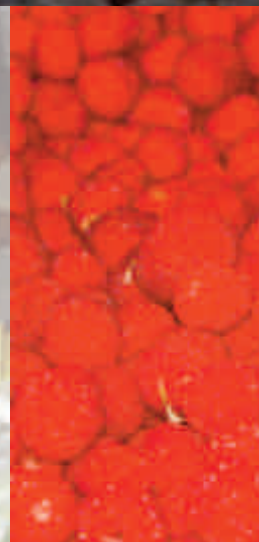
Guava

(Gwava) Choose
large firm fruit with
green/yellow colour.
Wash and eat as
raw fruit. Boil up
skins and pulp to
make fruit juice. En-
hance flavour with a
little lemon juice.
Store in cool place.
Pulp can be frozen



Island Raspberry

(Aelan Rasberi) Small
soft raspberry fruit
found in the market.
Displayed in pottles,
but transferred to
plastic bags on pur-
chase. Very easily
damaged so recom-
mend taking your own
container to protect
fruits if buying other
produce.



Navale

Much easier to but
the prepared nuts
threaded on sticks
from the market.
Brown skins can be
removed or eaten.
Once threaded the
nuts only last a day
so don't buy too
many! Preparing nuts
from the tree involves
chopping the large
green nut in half and
prying out the small
flesh inside. Very time
consuming and a
good deal of skill is
required.



Soursop

(Saosop) Buy firm fruit
and store to ripen.
Once ripe it is very
soft and the skin turns
yellow. Cut in half and
peel off skin, rub
through a strainer to
make puree or eat
fresh. Do not break or
eat the large black
seeds as they contain
a toxic substance.
Pour puree over fruit
salad, use to make
fruit drinks and sor-
bets. Freeze pulp as
ice block in drinks.
Store in cool place.
Ripens fast.



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PassionFruit



Variety of different colours, as fruit ripens the smooth skin will wrinkle. Cut fruits in half and scoop out pulp. Use the pulp with the seeds or strain. Good addition to fruit drinks. Add pulp to fresh water and chill for a refreshing drink. Store in cool place.

Papaya

(Popo) Green fruit can be grated for salads or sliced thinly and used in stirfrys. Ripe or half ripe fruit is sweeter and can be orange to red in colour depending on the variety. Cut ripe fruit into section and scoop out seeds (which are like pepper corns and can be used in dressings etc). Add to fruit or vegetable salads. Good accompaniment with curries. Used as tenderiser for meat..



Pumplemousse



Either white or ruby coloured flesh. Peel off skin and pith and eat segments raw. Add to fruit salads or with shredded Chinese cabbage. Makes excellent drinks. Fruit will last several weeks and flavour

Pineapple

(Paenapol) Fruit must be firm all over and not too yellow, as any damage or over ripeness will affect the texture and flavour. Eat raw or cook with meat. Great tenderiser. Like papaya it contains a substance that breaks down gelatine. Store in a cool dry place or refrigerator. Freezes well.



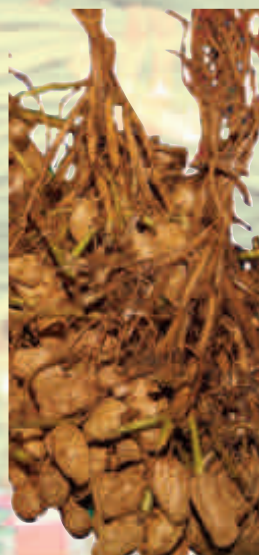
Limes



(Laem) Can be green or yellow in colour. Squeeze to add flavour to sweet and savoury dishes. Excellent ingredient in marinades for meat, chicken and fish. The juice can be used in sorbets, pickles and drinks. Store in cool dry place. Juice can be frozen in ice trays. Will keep for 7 – 10 days.

Peanuts

Can be brought fresh or roasted, either in bags or in bundles of plants. Great time consuming snack. Store in airy place, keeps well.



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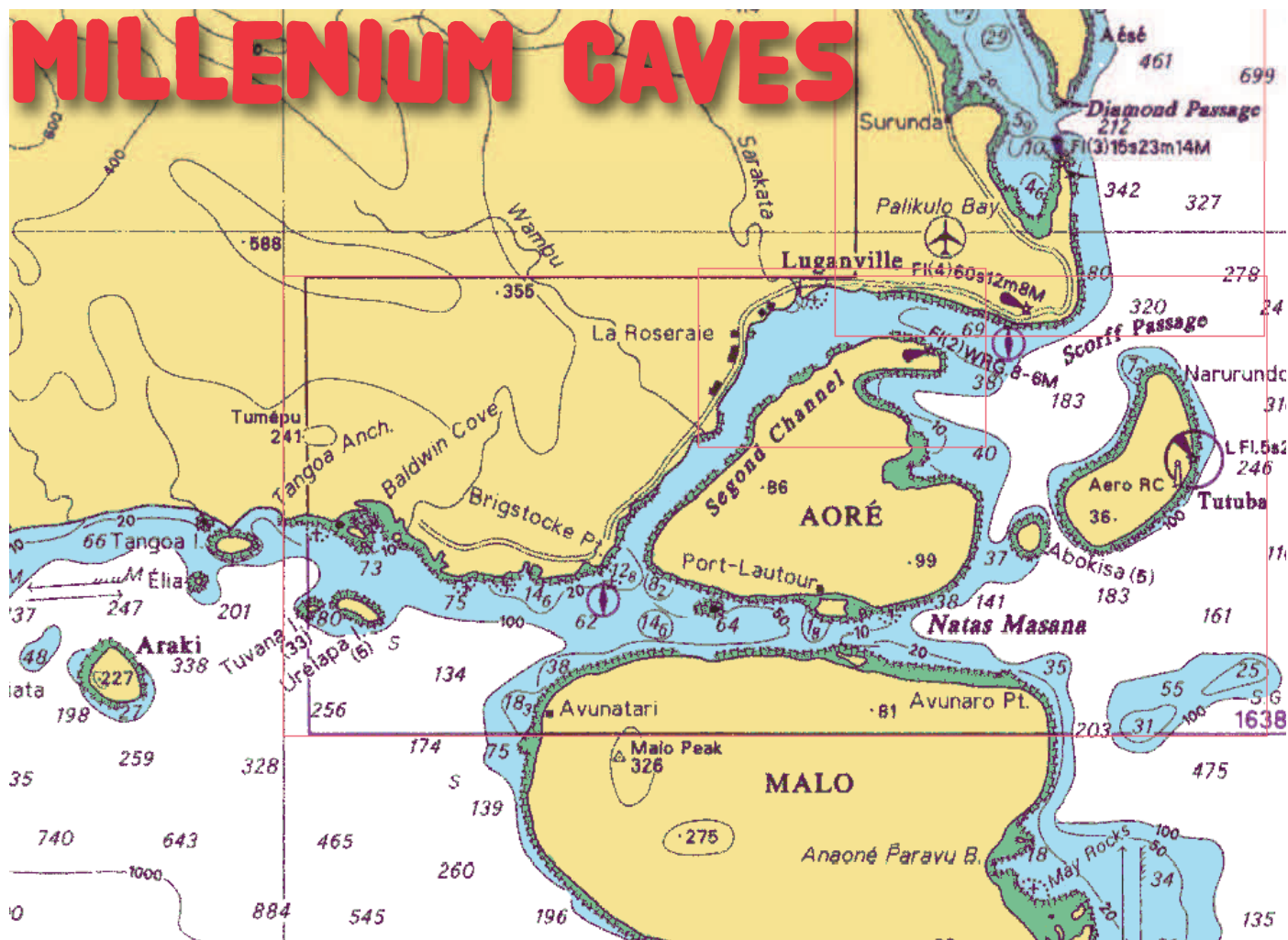
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MILLENNIUM CAVES



We gathered on the beach outside the Beachfront, a mixed assortment of yachties from a variety of boats, most wondering nervously about exactly what lies ahead of us today. Herding them along the path I was relieved to see the bus arrive on time, limiting the options for any would-be escapees.

Two staff from the Millenium Cave Tour operation greeted us warmly, explaining that we would be taken to the office for a briefing and to meet up with the other adventurers joining us today. Piling into the bus we headed back towards Luganville where the office is located, just over the Saratoka River bridge. Our group was an eclectic bunch, consisting of Germans, English, Americans and two Kiwis, mostly seasoned sailors with highly defined expectations, as the only one who has done this trip before I was keen to see how they would fare with the day's activities. Last time I did this trip was with my eleven and thirteen year old children and we had a blast – so much so that I was anxious for a repeat experience, having missed out last time we were here due to heavy rain. This is not a trip to consider if there has been any decent rain in the past 24 hrs, the Millenium Cave Tours will not conduct trips in unsafe conditions, but be wary, there are rogue tour operators with less experience and safety standards who might.

At the office, George explained what the trip entails with the aid of a map and photos, detailing the safety equipment and procedures in case of any unfortunate incident. I could see

some eyes start to boggle and frown lines begin to appear, one of my good friends was clearly out of her comfort zone here, but with her stumbling excuses for not going completely ignored she bravely accepted her lot and embraced the whole idea. With all the necessary paperwork completed and the last of today's group arrived we settled back in the bus



for the 45 minute backcountry ride to our destination.

After a somewhat bumpy trip through bush clad hills, across an abandoned WWII airstrip, past dense foliage interspersed with brightly coloured flowers our bus pulled up under a tree in the middle of nowhere. From here we followed our driver along a narrow pathway meandering through an old coconut plantation and over a bamboo bridge spanning a deeply cut river below to the village of Vunaspef. A hive of industry here, the villagers were busy constructing more bungalows to accommodate the increasing number of people who want to experience an authentic village homestay. Ronnie explained that a large group is expected in a couple of weeks and they hope to have the bungalows ready before then. We all assembled in the big nakamal where we met our guides and a further briefing before heading out to start our journey into the unknown.

Easy walking with several stops, including toilets, took us out of the village and into the dense jungle, along a well defined track accompanied by the guides' wives and children, all eager to chat away and share stories. Soon we came to a small clearing where our guides explained it is necessary to have our faces painted to appease the gods and ensure a safe passage through the cave below us. The Millenium Cave has only been recently explored (in 2000, hence the name), prior to then it was considered tabu and the locals were afraid to enter. So with the clay paint drying on our faces we duly started our way down towards the mossy mouth of the cave, clambering over huge boulders and down into the darkness awaiting us.

The cave is about 400metres in length, with the high ceiling 50metres above us in places, a stream runs through the cave

making it necessary to take care where you step. The guides are amazing, they are so careful ensuring that no one makes a wrong step, they hand out torches to everyone and team up with small groups to cover everyone. The trip through the cave is slow, there is so much to see, in addition to watching your step – even in the dark! Stalagmites and stalagites glisten in the torch light and near the ceiling we can see the outline of hundreds of tiny bats. On the walls swiftlets have cleverly constructed their nests, with some still in residency, leaving only the tip of their tail visible. In some of the smaller cracks and alcoves sit small cricket like insects, Paul our guide tells me their local name is 'baa'. Finally a glimmer of light can be seen indicating the exit to the cave is close and soon we step out into the sunlight, finding ourselves in a steep walled valley – seemingly a hidden world.

Of course, this myth was quickly dispelled as we spied the rest of our local contingency who carried our lunches and back packs via another way into the valley, such is the cost of convenience of dry cameras and clothes. Lunch and a rest were enjoyed by all as we relaxed in this pristine jungle oasis. Then it was time to get going and we roused ourselves to follow our trusty guides again, fitted out with buoyancy aids to support us as we make our way down the river. Lots of laughter and joking ensued as we entered the cooler water and floated down, before clambering out further down only to clamber up and down gigantic boulders lining the edge of the steep mossy lined canyon. This set the pattern for the next hour or so, clamber, climb, swing, swim always being shadowed by the ever watchful guides making sure no one got into difficulty. Continual laughter and giggling dying to reverent "oohhs" and "aahhs" as we passed plunging waterfalls



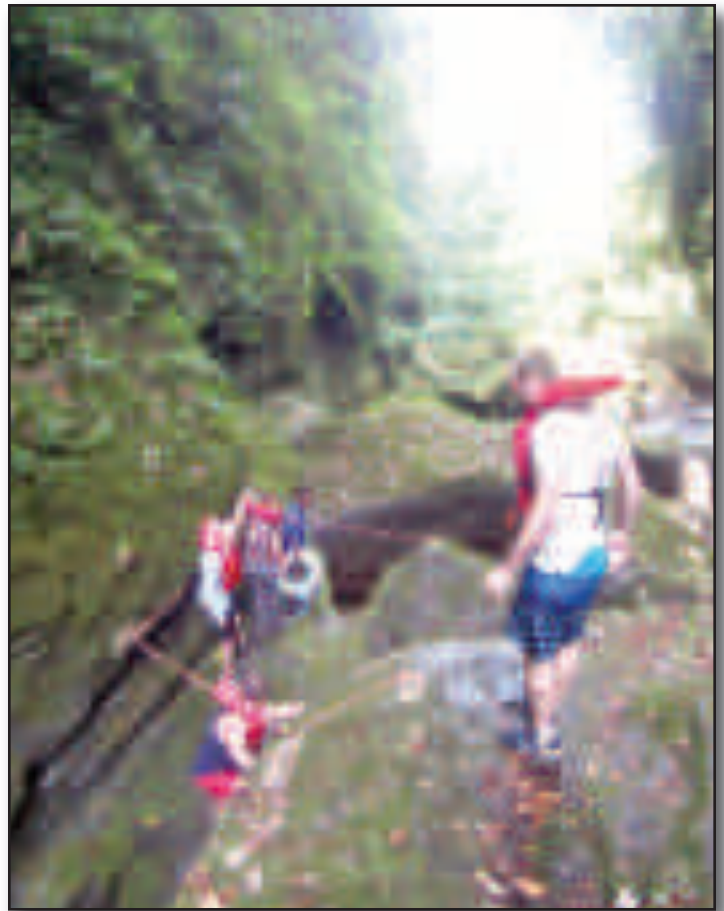
and amazing rock formations, only to recommence as another member of our team ended up looking somewhat humorous. Everybody was having fun, even my friend who had been nervous of how she would fare was thriving on the challenges, secure in knowing that the guide would not allow her to err. Always there ready to help the words “Put foot here” from the guide became our totem for the day. I was so proud for her, especially when presented with new experiences, a startled comment of “Really?” was quickly followed through by the required action.

At the end of our river journey our relaxing sigh was soon cut short as we realized what the climb back up to Vunaspef was going to entail, but after everything else today climbing the walls of this tropical gorge via ropes and ladders didn't seem so difficult – and it wasn't!

Back at the Nakamal we were treated to a feast of fruit as we changed into dry clothes then bade farewell to this lovely wee village that has put so much effort into making this amazing adventure tour. Profits from the operation go towards various community projects, at the time of writing this article funds were going towards building the local school.

The bus trip back to the beach was quiet as everyone tiredly mulled over the day's events, but as we parted company on the beach to return to our respective yachts we each agreed that the Millenium Cave Tour had proved to one of the best value for money experiences found in a long time.

For my part, having done this trip ten years ago I was rapt to see that other than some safety enhancements the trip still retained its pristine beauty, with no rubbish or destruction of the natural environs – even with so many people doing this tour nowadays. A reasonable level of fitness is required but



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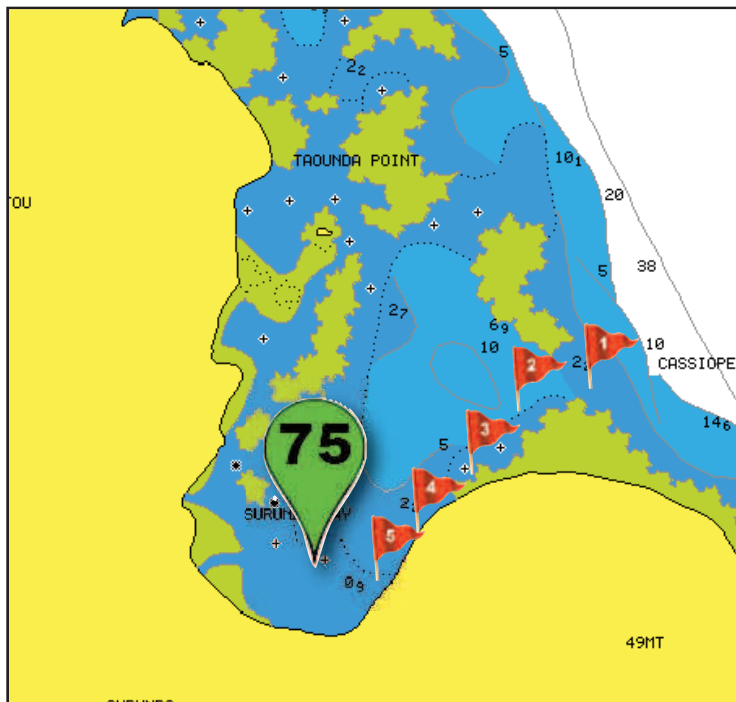
74. Palikulo Bay

GPS: 15 29.582S 167 14.943E
Waypoint 1: 15 29.345S 167 14.844E
Waypoint 2: 15 29.405S 167 14.936E(3m)
Waypoint 3: 15 29.404S 167 14.976E
Exposed to Wind from: Anything from the North
Exposed to Swell from: Nil
Bottom Type: Sand/Coral
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Be careful of the numerous bommies in the area
Services: Nil
Features: Access to Luganville by Bus
WWII Relics
Contacts:



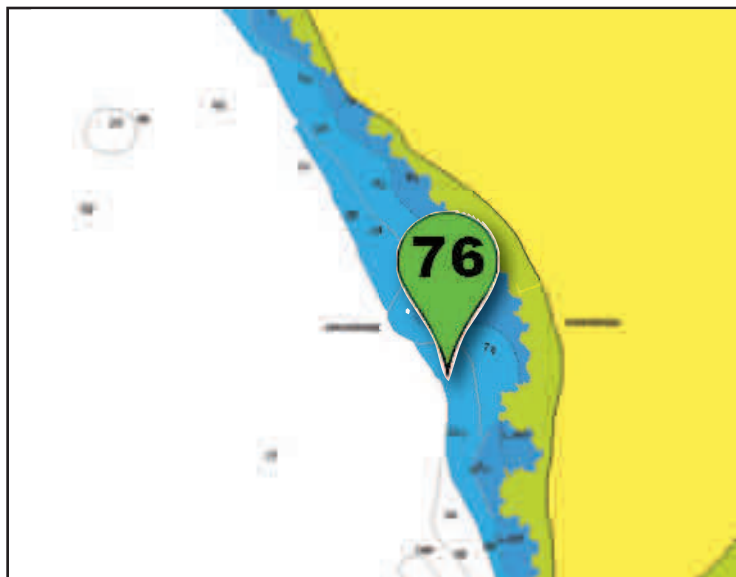
75. Surunda Bay

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Waypoint 4: 15 27.526S 167 13.397E
Waypoint 5: 15 27.586S 167 13.344E
Exposed to Wind from: North to East
Exposed to Swell from: Nil
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Our preferred course is once you cross the shallow reef (6m) at the entrance steer for the small private wharf and stay close to the shore, make sure that the sun is high, the water clear and have someone on the bow.
Services: Restaurants
Features: Access to Luganville by bus
Dugongs & turtles



76. Aese Island

GPS: 15 26.685S 167 15.053E
Exposed to Wind from: N -W -S
Exposed to Swell from: Nil
Bottom Type: Sand/Coral
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Watch out for the shallow reef just where it shouldn't be
Services: Nil
Features: Nice snorkeling
Remains of a citrus orchard in from Wharf
Contacts:



77. Oyster Island

GPS: 15 22.425S 167 11.413E

Exposed to Wind from: Nil

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 10-14metre

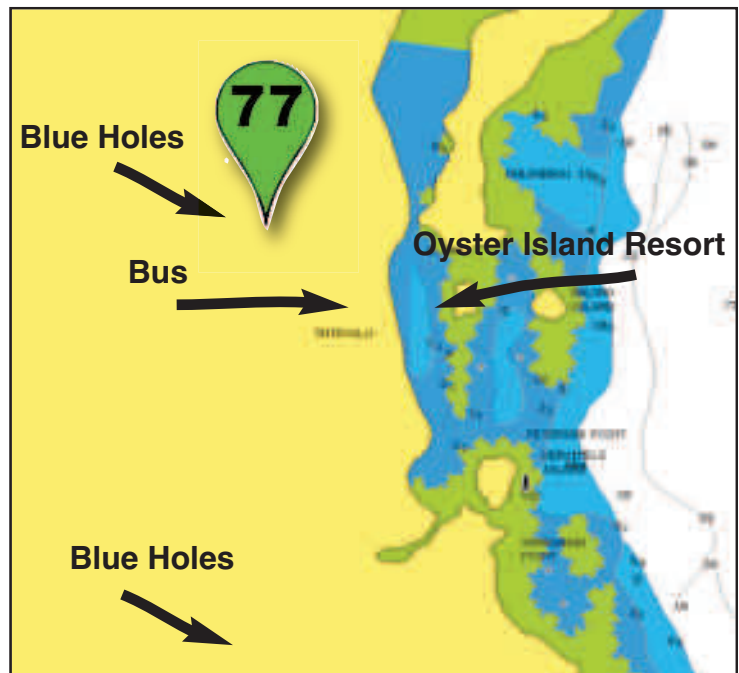
Suitable: Strong Winds

Anchoring Tips: If there is any bad weather about, this is probably the best place to be. The channel is marked through the southern reef but shallow, enter after mid tide when its rising.

Services: Restaurant/Laundry/Internet
Small Road Market early Sunday mornings approx 1 km back towards Luganville.

Features: Access to Luganville by Bus
Plane wrecks to snorkel
Access to Blue Holes
Waterfall Tours

Contacts: Oyster Island Resort VHF Ch16 or phone 36283



78. Hog Harbour, Lonnoc Bay Reef

79. Hog Harbour, Lonnoc Bay Resort

GPS Reef: 15 08.654S 167 06.952E

GPS Resort: 15 08 819S 167 06.844E

Exposed to Wind from: N - NE

Exposed to Swell from: N

Bottom Type: White Coral Sand

Depth: 8-10metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Add plenty of scope, there are several potentially good anchorages here

Services: Restaurant
Laundry
Rubbish
Can collect small amounts of supplies from Luganville
Bus/Taxi to Luganville

Features: WWII wreckage on beach.
Secret Garden Tour
Blue Holes

Contacts: Kalmer Foccor 5416456 Restaurant Owner

80. Hog Harbour, Champagne Beach

GPS Inner: 15 08.430S 167 07.335E

GPS Outer: 15 08.404S 167 07.306E

Exposed to Wind from: N - NE

Exposed to Swell from: N

Bottom Type: White Coral Sand

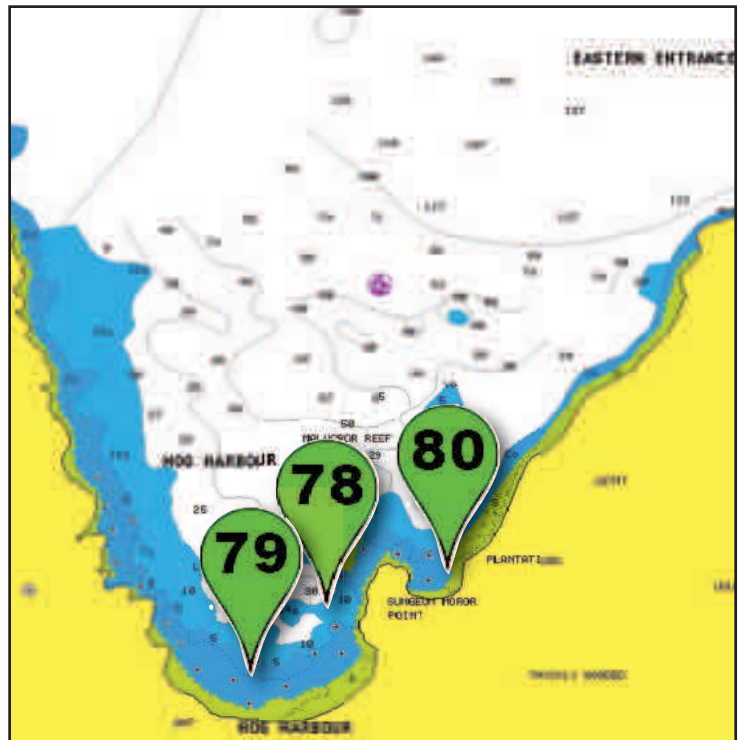
Depth: 4-13metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: The shallow anchorage is tight with isolated bommies so don't allow too much scope.

Services:

Features: Beach made famous during WWII
There is a fee to land your dinghy here due to the freshwater springs effervescing through the sand



81. Thion Island, Outer

82. Thion Island, Inner

GPS Outer: 15 02.026S 167 04.871E

GPS Inner: 15 02.171S 167 04.997E

Exposed to Wind from: N - NE

Exposed to Swell from: NNE

Bottom Type: White Coral Sand

Depth: 9 -10metre

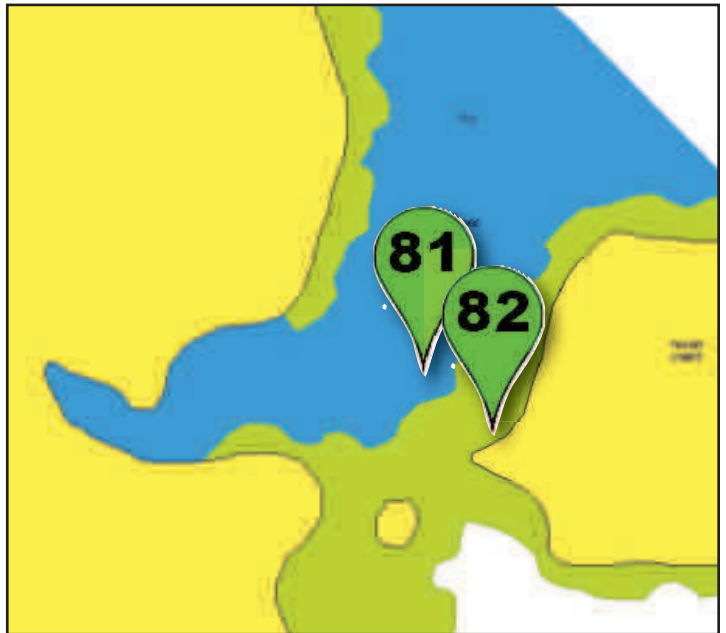
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: If you would like some more protection you can carefully travel to the inner anchorage, be careful of the large bommie and reef, high tide is best with good light

Services:

Features: Another couple of beautiful anchorages
Two small lakes on island (find a local)

Contacts:



83. Port Olry

GPS: 15 02.061S 167 04.871E

Waypoint 1: 15 02.030S 167 04.536E

Waypoint 2: 15 02 018S 167 04.370E (5m)

Waypoint 3: 15 01 986S 167 04.299E (5m)

Waypoint 4: 15 02.235S 167 04.005E

Exposed to Wind from: Nil

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: Sand and Mud

Depth: 8 -10metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor equi-distance from the mangroves that surround you.

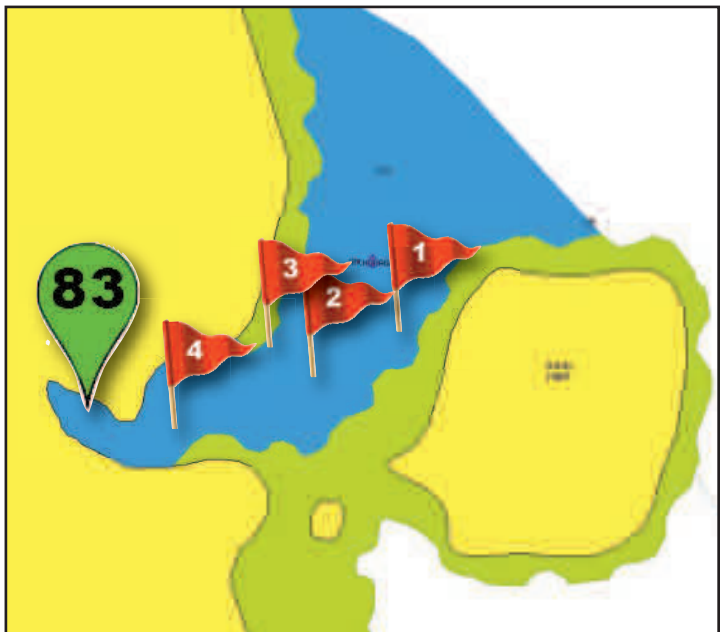
Services: Small Restaurants

Island Stores

Transport to Luganville is possible

Features: Blue Holes. snorkelling

Contacts: Tarcisius 542 4893



84. Matantas

GPS: 15 09.500S 166 56.900E

Exposed to Wind from: SW - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: W - N

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 7metre

Suitable: Strong Winds

Anchoring Tips: The bottom is fairly flat sand and mud with good hold and no obstructions

Services:

Features: Access to Luganville by Bus

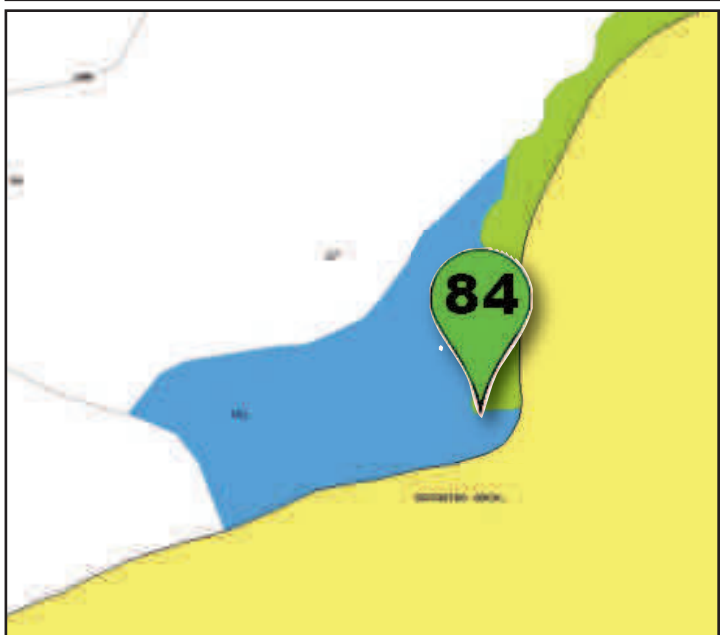
Mountain Trails

Vathe Conservation Area

Jordan River

Queros Monument

Contacts: Bill or Purity at Bay of Illusions Guesthouse



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85. Ureure Cove

GPS: 15 02.930S 166 58.779E

Exposed to Wind from: SW - W - NW

Exposed to Swell from: W

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 12metre

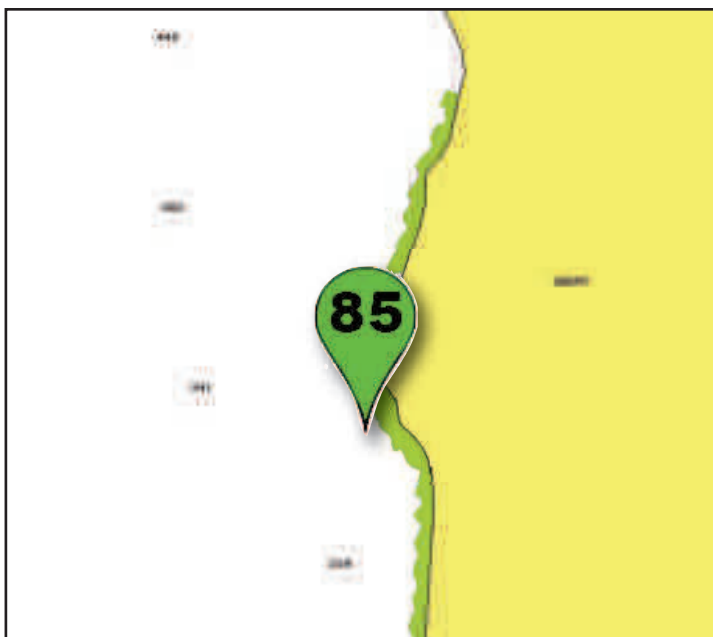
Suitable: Strong Winds

Anchoring Tips: There is a narrow band of sand to anchor in at 12m if you miss it, it gets alot deeper. There is not much room to swing. There is another anchorage to the south of the island that will give better protection if the wind comes more from the north. 15 03.930S 166 58.904E where there is a big white sand shelf to anchor on

Services:

Features: Uninhabited bay, nice diving & snorkeling

Contacts:



86. Tasariki

GPS: 15 02.026S 167 04.871E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: White Sand

Depth: 5 -10metre

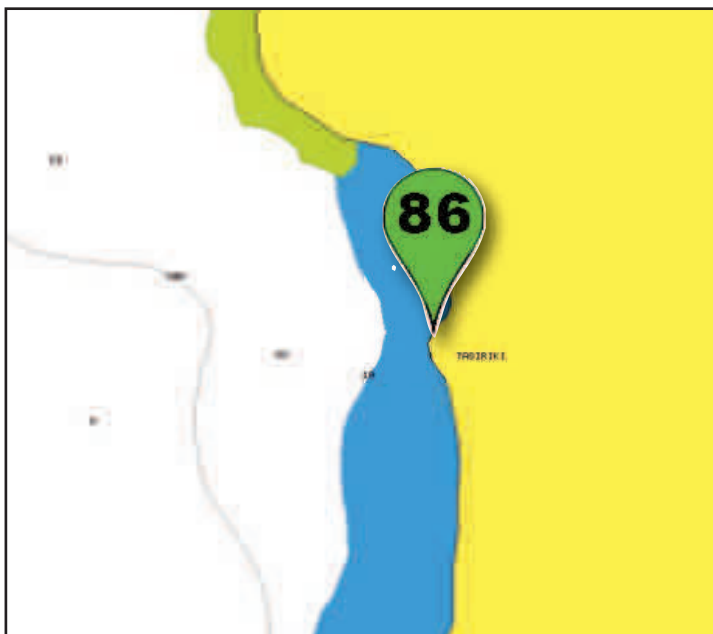
Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: Get into this lovely bay as far as you can and anchor in the centre of the bay to avoid the constant roll

Services: Island Store
Clinic

Features: Tasariki Village
Waterfall
End of road on West coast
Beautiful woven baskets

Contacts:



87. Lisburn Bay

GPS: 15 37.54S 166 46.44E

Exposed to Wind from: SSW - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: White Sand

Depth: 5 -10metre

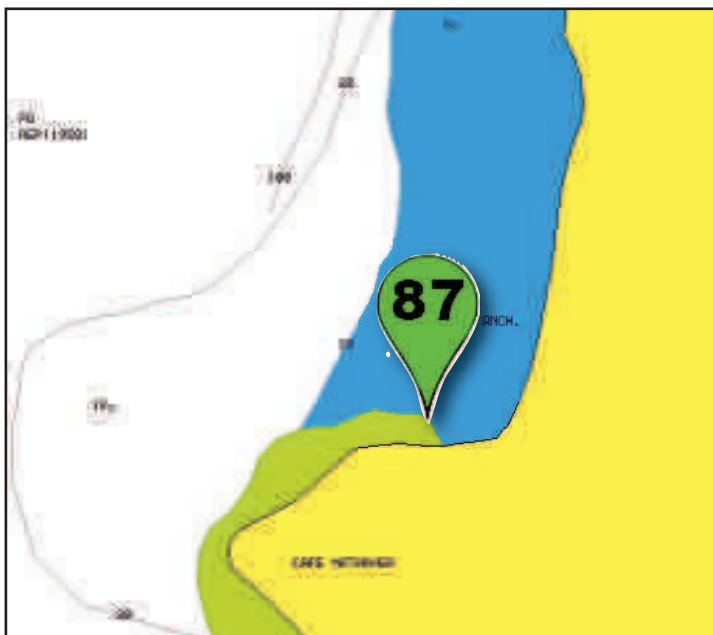
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: The sand bottom is relatively flat and there is only one rock in the bay at approximately the anchorage mark. You can get close to the beach and not get any swell.

Services:

Features:

Contacts:



HOW TO SURVIVE 30 DAYS

We met Tarcisius on the beach at the Little Paradise of Port Olry, the sun was shining with clear blue skies above and brilliant turquoise waters in front of us – postcard perfect! Two turtles completed the scene, occasionally poking their heads up for a breath while in the background several fishermen in their dugouts hung out closer to the far reef in search of dinner.

Tarcisius Alguet is well spoken, an accomplished Francophone & Anglophone and is a wealth of

knowledge about the community of Port Olry. He manages the Little Paradise arrangement of three separate bungalow accommodations and two separate restaurants. Each of these businesses are run by a separate branch of the same family and operate independently yet strangely enough offer each visitor a range of choices that complement each other. It must be a full time job for Tarcisius making sure everything is running smoothly as well as liaising with the local community to ensure their interests are protected as well.

Yet he still finds time to take tourists on his informative “How To Survive For 30 Days In The Bush” tour, during which he proudly shared with us his vast knowledge of local plants and their uses, foods, crops and medicines. We have been on many nature tours, uncovering the secrets of many plants and their various uses through Vanuatu, but today we were literally bombarded with a wealth of information that left us reeling. Interspersed with practical skill displays, history and kastom belief this tour kept us enthralled as we wound our way upwards to the most fantastic views back down across Port Olry encompassing the many small islands that make this anchorage so sheltered and scenic.

We discovered how to use the Wandei plant (brought in by the American’s during WWII to camouflage their equipment) as an antiseptic, how to use taro leaves as a vessel to boil water and cook kaekae, how to tell the time from a small flowering plant, how to ward off mosquitoes by using coconut



IN THE VANUATU BUSH

grease & what plants to boil up to reduce fever. We learnt about the many large forest trees and their uses from communication or shelter/problem solving systems to the amazing blue water timber and its many uses to the tree that yields the wood to give relief from stomach disorders. Whether it be severe bruising, bleeding, infection to fever or stomach cramps, to penile erection disorders we found an answer for them all on our tour today. Tarcisius shared the secrets still used today on how to help young pikinini speak by passing three leaves of a certain plant over their lips each morning (sorry, I am not disclosing which plant until someone tells me what works in reverse!) or the leaves of the plant that ensures the lack of facial hair if applied as a pikinini (this has to be a winner in western society!).

All too soon we arrived at Loury Panoramic View Point, believe me the walk without the informative and entertaining narrative is worthwhile for this alone, where we stood in awe of the view below us, looking out over Port Olry with its many islands including Malmas Island, a protected haven for flying fox as well as an MPA, and Thion Island, formerly used as a cattle ranch, complete with two freshwater lakes. Then we went on to learn the skills of constructing thatched roofs, brooms and other practical skills that might help you Survive 30 Days In The Bush.

It's an easy walk with huge paybacks, definitely worth it, we munched on numerous nuts (they all start with the letters NA...., navele, natafoa,

nakatambol, nangae.....), soursop and the young Navara shoots that make a tasty addition in salads, as well as the tasty foamy interior.

I have only disclosed a smidgen of what we learnt today, it was amazing, all I can say is make the time to go and do it yourself, Tarcisius is always around and only too happy to show you the magic of the bush in Vanuatu, but if you have pikinini yourself don't forget to leave the wild Kava leaves at the edge of the bush to prevent the bad spirits following then home.



VATTHE CONSERVATION AREA

Located on the northern coastline of Espiritu Santo lies the Vatthe Conservation Area, containing the only extensive alluvial and limestone forest remaining in Vanuatu. Stretching westwards to the Jordan River, southwards along the black sand beach to the Matantas River and 4 kilometers inland, encompassing the 400m high limestone cliffs and sacred caves, the Vatthe Conservation Area covers 2720 hectares. Vatthe means "Eye of the Sea" and the snake spirit Alawuro, the guardian of Big Bay is ever vigilant, watching all that goes on from his cave overlooking the forest and bay.

The amazing depth of biodiversity to be found here makes this area immensely valuable as was shown in the 1993 survey by the Vanuatu Environment Unit in conjunction with the Royal Forest & Bird Society of NZ. In 1994 the communities of Matantas & Sara, with assistance from the government and various NGOs, formed the Vatthe Conservation Area with the aim to protect and retain this uniquely diverse area. In addition to the biodiversity value the forest also provides, with

careful management, food, kustom medicines and building materials to the locals. Nangai nuts and Bin Tri seeds are harvested and sold at market.

Within the area 265 species of plants can be found, all with their own traditional use. 48 species (from a total of 75 in Vanuatu) of land and freshwater birds make their home here, including the endangered Megapode (Incubator Bird), Royal Parrot Finch and the Vanuatu Flycatcher. 5 different species of bats and 10 species of reptiles, all accumulate to the vast diversity of the area, particularly important with the continuing loss of habitats elsewhere in Vanuatu.

Here the locals have realised the importance of their forest and are incorporating the area into their way of life by simple measures such as designated garden areas lining the borders, merging into the conservation area and allowing harvesting such as the Nangai & Bin Tri seeds to provide income. Efforts are being made to control the invasive Mermia vine (Big Leaf) that is smothering the towering



MATANTAS, BIG BAY, SANTO



Nakatambol, White Wood, Meletri & Bintri forests. It's a massive task but crucial to maintain bio cultural values and quality of life for the nearby villages.

For those eager for the chance to see some of the endemic birdlife or to merely hike through majestic forests, there are a myriad of pathways to follow – but make sure you take a guide as the mostly flat terrain can be difficult to get a bearing on. But you have an above average chance of spying a megapode nest, a Vanuatu Flycatcher, Imperial Pigeon, boa snake or whatever takes your fancy. Move quietly and take your time and you will be amazed at what you can see.

The Jordan River itself is home to 21 of the 62 species of freshwater fish in Vanuatu and 13 species of crustaceans. You can either walk there or take your dinghy and explore part way up this majestic river. Herons, shags and a variety of ducks line the shores, while in the backwater eddies flowering water lilies add a tropical blast of colour.

Enroute to the Jordan River you will pass the monument for Querios, a bronze head placed there to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the 3 Spanish ships in their quest for new land. An oddity somewhat here in this remote piece of natural paradise.

However Big Bay is full of fascinating snippets of history with many of the people here being strong supporters of Jimmy Stevens' Nagriamel Movement back in 1980 when Vanuatu's Independence was being declared. A brief period of unrest on Santo resulted in the PNG armed forces being called into intervene and much of the action actually happened here at Matantas. However don't go looking for the bullets buried in the tree from the fighting as the tree has long since burnt down. Going much further back in history recent discovery of Lapita remains has resulted in excavations on the edge of the Vathe Conservation area.

So whether you are looking for wildlife, history, natural beauty or friendly people the Vathe Conservation area in Big Bay is packed full of it, with something to please everyone.



88. Tangoa

GPS: 15 35.367S 166 59.421E

Exposed to Wind from: Nil

Exposed to Swell from: Nil

Bottom Type: White Sand

Depth: 12-15 metre

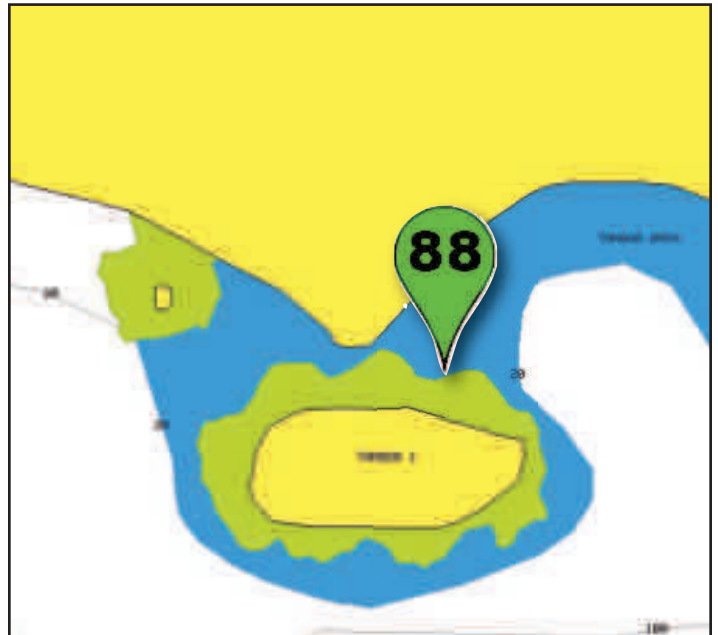
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Navionics Charts are .2nm out and you will anchor on the land. The passage between Santo and Tangoa is at least 10m deep and easily navigable. The sand bottom has good holding and you can anchor where you get the most shelter. Be-ware of the submarine waterpipe between Tangoa & Santo, stay well clear so you dont damage it.

Services: Market on Saturdays on beach

Features: Onione Viriha Tour

Contacts: Mansen Takasi 5432125



89. Baldwin Cove

GPS: 15 34.966S 167 02.345E

Exposed to Wind from: S - SW -W

Exposed to Swell from: S

Bottom Type: Sand/Coral

Depth: 4-10metre

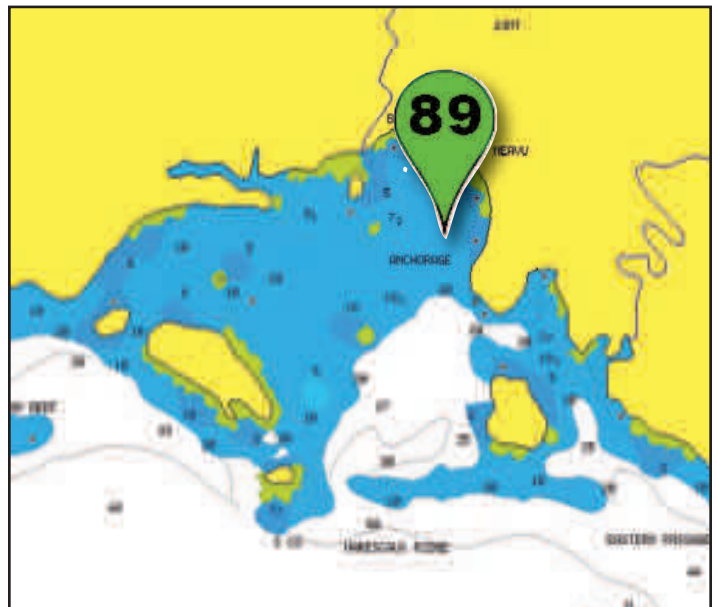
Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: There is a reef that rises quickly as you enter the bay

Services: Roadside Market

Features: Access to Luganville by Bus

Contacts:



90. Dart River

GPS: 15 33.662S 167 08.516E

Exposed to Wind from: S

Exposed to Swell from: S

Bottom Type: Sand/Mud

Depth: 4-10metre

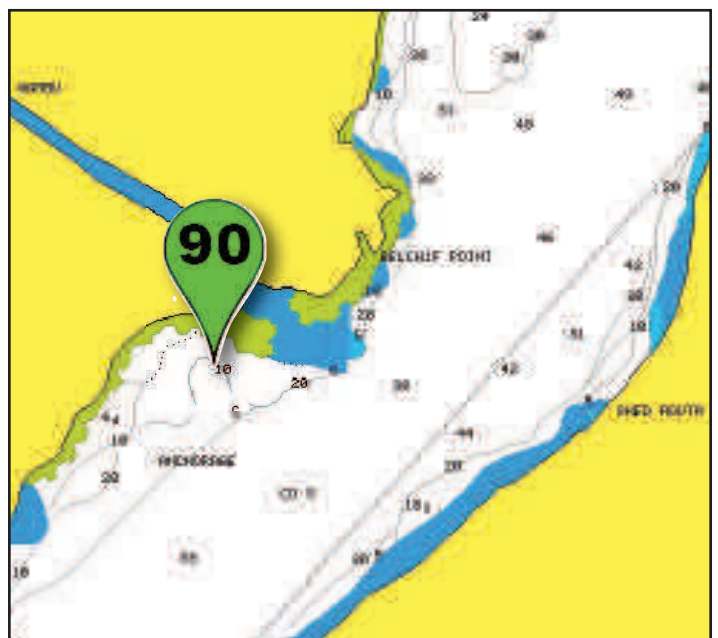
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: This is an incredibly sheltered anchorage that is a good option if the Beachfront Resort is a little rough for you. Anchor close to the river mouth behind the shallow area.

Services:

Features: Access to Luganville by Bus
WWII relics on Belchif Point

Contacts:





ONIONE VIRIHE CAVE TOUR *Tangoa Island*



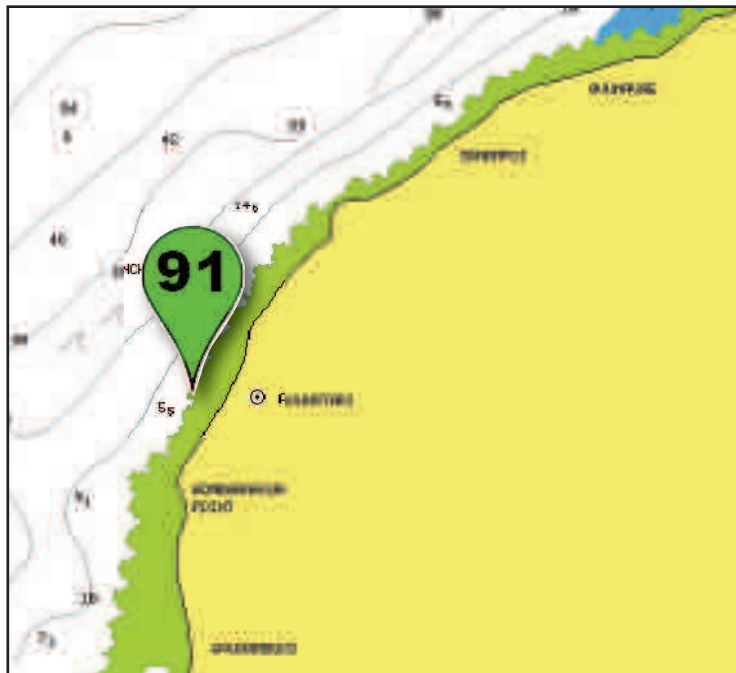
- * *Friendly Welcome*
- * *Kustom Stories*
- * *Cave Tour*
- * *Village Walk*
- * *Kustom Dancing*
- * *Local Handicrafts*
- * *Local Refreshments*
- * *Cold Tusker*

Contact
Mansen Takasi 5432125

MALO

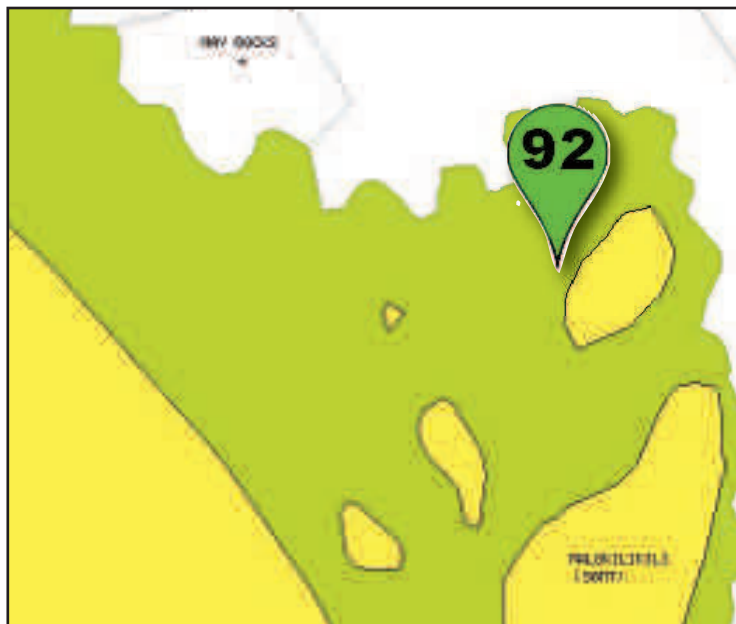
91. Avunatari

GPS: 15 38.529S 167 05.373E
Exposed to Wind from: S - SW - W - N
Exposed to Swell from: S - W
Bottom Type: Sand/Coral
Depth: 9-14 metres
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor in sand close to the reef directly in front of the village
Services:
Features: Caves
Village Tour
Wreck of USS Tucker 15 38.521S 167 05.294E
Contacts:



92. Malokilikili

GPS: 15 42.17S 167 15.31E
Exposed to Wind from: NW - N - E
Exposed to Swell from: N - NE
Bottom Type: Sand/Coral
Depth: 6 metres
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor in the large sandy patch behind the reef, there can be a roll at high tide. There is plenty of choice and room for anchoring and it is surprisingly sheltered.
Services:
Features: Nice reef for snorkelling
Contacts:



THE BUSNAEF (BUSH KNIFE/MACHETE)

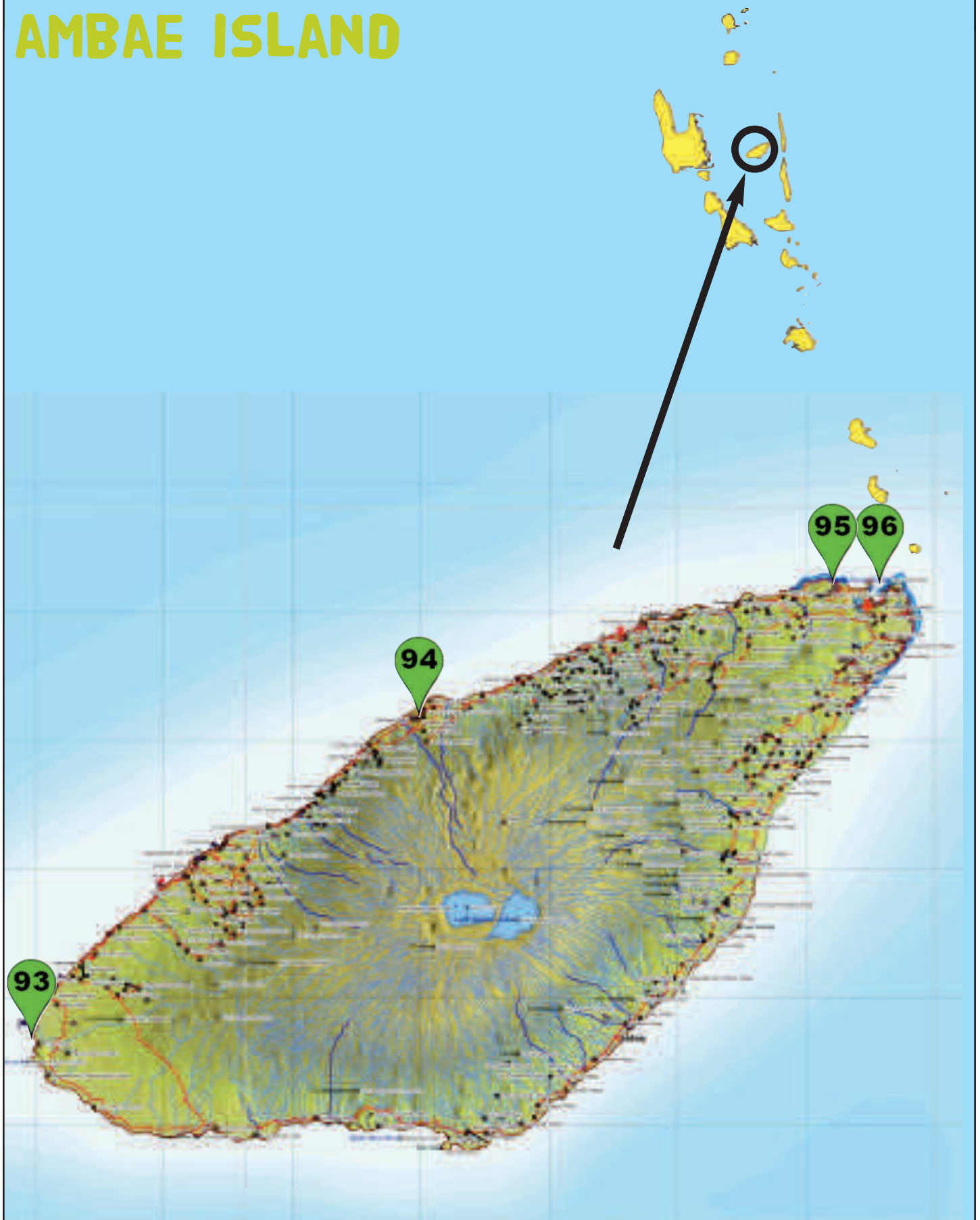
Coming from a western culture and nanny state where our every move is protected by some do-gooder stopping us from hurting ourselves and movies like "Machete" and "Rambo" that have convinced us large knives are to be feared for our self preservation. It is quite an eye opener to arrive in Vanuatu where it is not uncommon to see even the youngest toddler walking around wielding a knife of some description in training for their later years when they will carry a bush knife for most of their adult life. The bush knife or machete as we know it is a critical tool for survival in Vanuatu and is rarely used as a weapon. It is used like the island version of the Swiss Army Knife, but much more practical, for clearing tracks and gardens, digging kava, Taro, Manioc or Kumala up, cutting firewood, fruit and vegetables, furrowing the ground, hunting and more obviously vandalizing trees. There is no sense of malice attached to the knife, rather it seems to be an extension of their body, that bears no thought as the villagers stroll about and the mere thought of going anywhere without it is ludicrous. Reality is that the villagers feel almost naked without their busnaef. The villagers use calculated and accurate swings of the knife to produce an effective result slicing through almost any vegetation they wish, whilst I am positive that I would be hacking forever to achieve the same result, not to mention totally exhausted from the effort expended. The key seems to be the length of the blade in relationship to the thickness of the blade and to let momentum do the work much like an axe or quality hammer. The idea is that the blade strikes the target about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the blade at about 45degrees to the target and gravity takes over to clear the way.

The bush knife is so common in Vanuatu that I can recall standing in the queue in the Bank in Luganville with a villager visibly carrying his 20" knife, try doing that at home. A busnaef is not a weapon or something to worry about in Vanuatu, it is a tool and commonly carried by villagers and there is no need to feel threaten no matter how large the group of young males are that are approaching you, simply smile and say "halo". Buy yourself one, they are great fun, but get a good one, the best ones seem to be the Brazilian Tramontina's or the French Saboteur and watch your appendages as we grew up being told that they were dangerous and not experiencing the danger.



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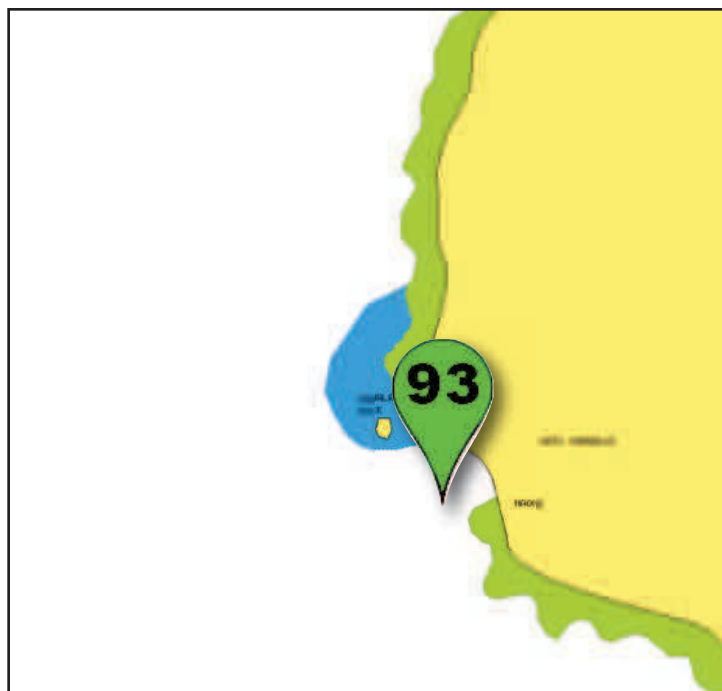
AMBAE ISLAND



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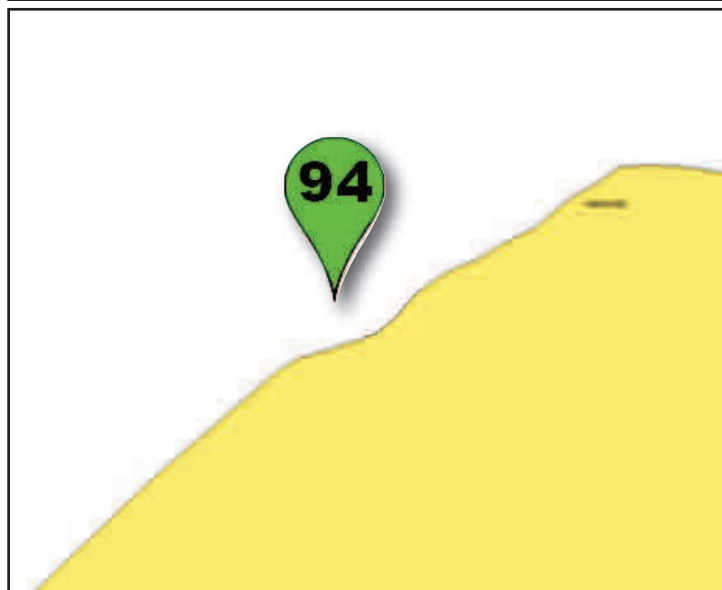
93. Devils Rock, Ambae

GPS: 15 26.878S 167 40.606E
Exposed to Wind from: North-West-South
Exposed to Swell from: North-West-South
Bottom Type: Black Sand
Depth: 6 to 18 metres
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor slightly north of the access to the beach or you may find a cargo ship very close beside you
Services: Airport
 Local produce/Handicraft
Features: Crashed Corsair
 Snorkelling/Diving
 Custom Dances
Contacts: James



94. Lolorau, Ambae

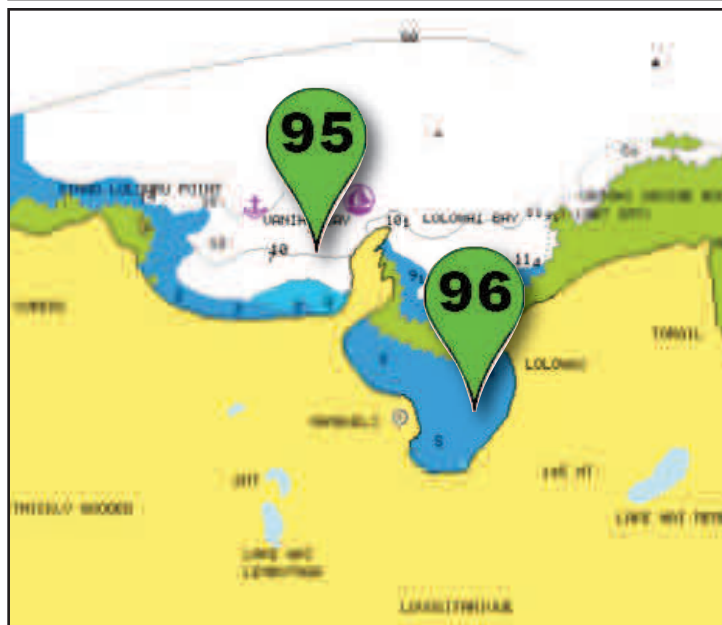
GPS: 15 19.477S 167 48.237E
Exposed to Wind from: SW-W-N-NE
Exposed to Swell from: SW-W-N-NE
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 6 to 10 metres
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: There is a small cove with anchoring in sand for a single boat, be careful of the singe bommie to the west in the bay.
Services: Local produce
Features: This anchorage rarely gets visitors and the locals are extremely welcoming
Contacts: Chief Stephen



95. Vanihe Bay, Ambae

96. Lolowai, Ambae

GPS Vanihe Bay: 15 16.599S 167 58.418E
GPS Lolowai: 15 16.880S 167 58.748E
Exposed to Wind from: North - Northeast
Exposed to Swell from: Slight in Vanihe, nil in Lolowai
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 6 to 14 metres
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor at Vanihe Bay if you miss the tide to get into Lolowai, the transit markers are difficult to see in the trees but they are there and you will need them to get into Lolowai as the reef is shallow.
Services: Shops, Market, Butchery, Police, Hospital
Features:
Contacts: Tavuti ph 539 842





Devils Rock

A few hours sail from Pentecost or from Santo, at the south west corner of Ambae you will find a magical wee anchorage called Devil's Rock. So named due to the large rock at the northern end of the anchorage, many stories of endurance surround this rock. In local language it is Ngwala and as kustom story goes used to stand alongside his wife Unako at the entrance to Lolowai. One day, after an argument with Unako, Ngwala left Lolowai and travelled southwards along the coast. Travelling only at night Ngwala would call back to Unako and ask if she could still see him. For two nights the answer came back as yes, but finally on the third night the answer was no. So Ngwala stopped and settled to where he still stands today withstanding storms, shipwrecks and even being used as daily target practice by the American planes as they returned to their base in Luganville during WWII. Today the remaining bullets can still be seen

clearly on the rock. The tough resilience of the rock that's said to house the souls of the dead leads to its name today, Devil's Rock.

Devil's Rock (Ngwala) provides some excellent snorkelling or diving with a large swim through under the water providing some scenic photographic opportunities. The clear water allows fantastic visibility, though the current can flow strongly between Devil's Rock and the mainland so care is needed. Across on the Ambae side are shallow caves to explore by snorkel, adorned by interesting natural rock patterns, one cave's ceiling looks like a flow of stacked pancakes. Another cave, we were told later, is home to an enormous kustom shark who protects the island of Ambae against bad spirits and swims around the island each night answering the prayers of the locals needing help.

Chief James Veira Tavuti welcomes yachts to his anchorage and is keen to develop services and activities to attract more yachts. He is a member of



The house of souls

the West Ambae Tourism Association council and can help organise trips to hike up Mount Manaro, a volcano with two lakes, Vui with warm & sulphurous electric blue waters and Gesa with cold refreshing dark blue waters. The locals believe Manaro to be sacred ground where the spirit goes upon death. The last major volcanic activity here was in 2005.

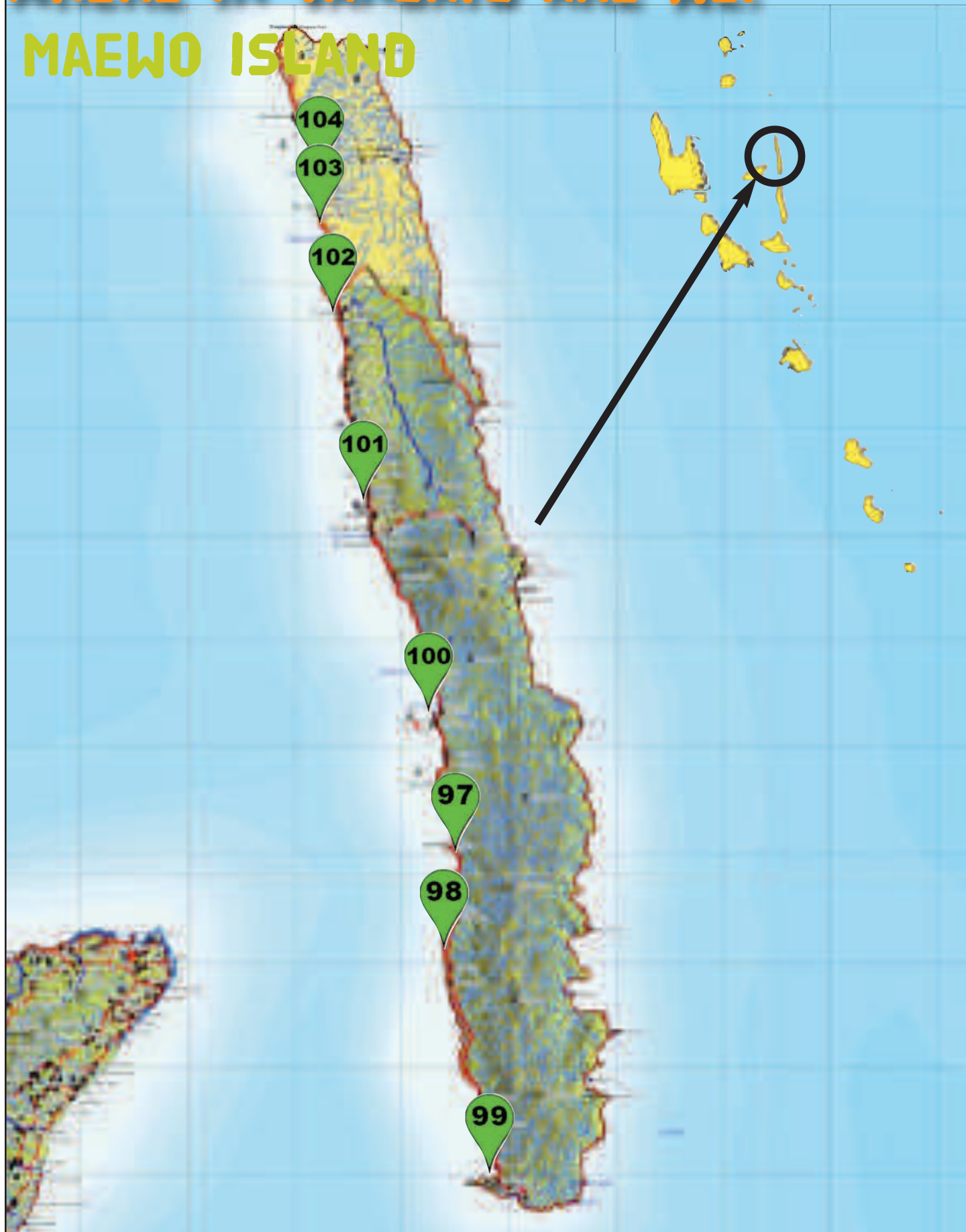
It is here at Devil's Rock that the island traders such as Brisk comes to unload supplies and take produce back to the main markets, it's easy to tell when a trader is about to arrive as the trucks start delivering a host of people to the beach eagerly awaiting the ship's arrival. This is the time to catch a truck (as this is basically the end of the road) up to Nduindui or Walaha, just make sure you make arrangements to get back too, as it's a long walk! James tells us about the WWII plane that crashed at Nduindui close to his Grandfather's house, he still remembers his Grandfather telling him about

rescuing the pilot from a coconut tree where he was hanging from his parachute cords. Before being cut loose the pilot asked first where he had landed, no doubt being relieved to find he was in friendly territory. Now scattered across the backyard of several local families behind the church the wreckage is still a humbling sight to see although various bits and pieces from the plane have been taken to reconstruct a replica Corsair in Australia. Ambae is an intriguing and logistically challenging island even by sea, there is a wide range of activities, kustom and culture to be experienced here, but the logistics of getting to them is not always easy. If you are prepared to travel by truck then Devil's Rock is probably one of the most central locations of Ambae with some amazing kustom to be seen with only a (relatively) short truck ride.



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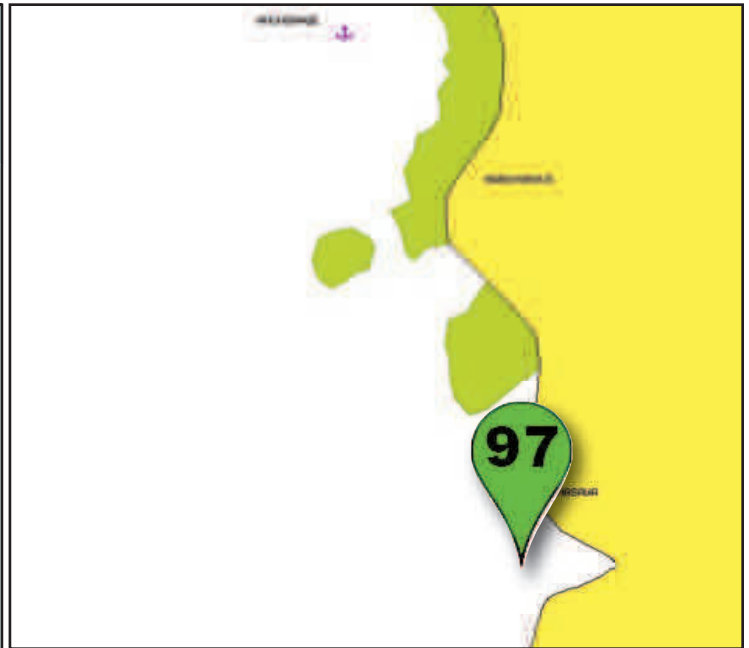
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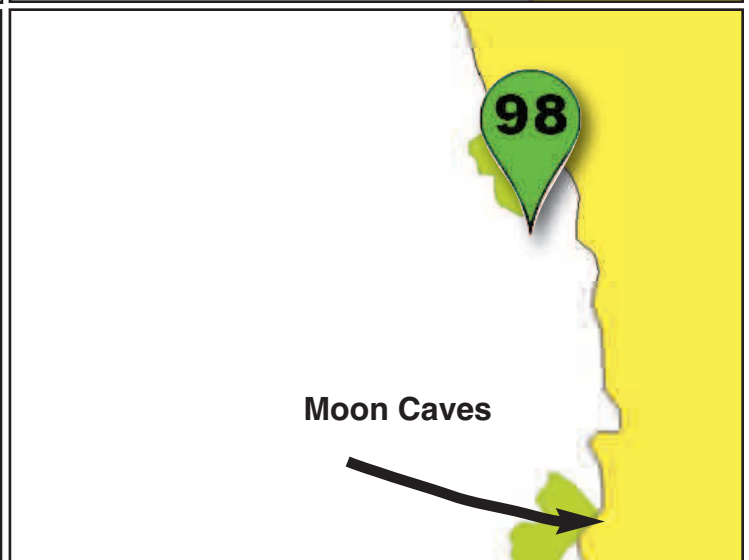
97. Nasawa

GPS: 15 12.137S 168 06.586E
Exposed to Wind from: S - W -NW
Exposed to Swell from: S - W -N
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 10metre
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: Pick a spot between the coral heads in the sand for a comfortable rest.
Services: Nil
Features: Cave of the Moon
Petroglyphs
Contacts:



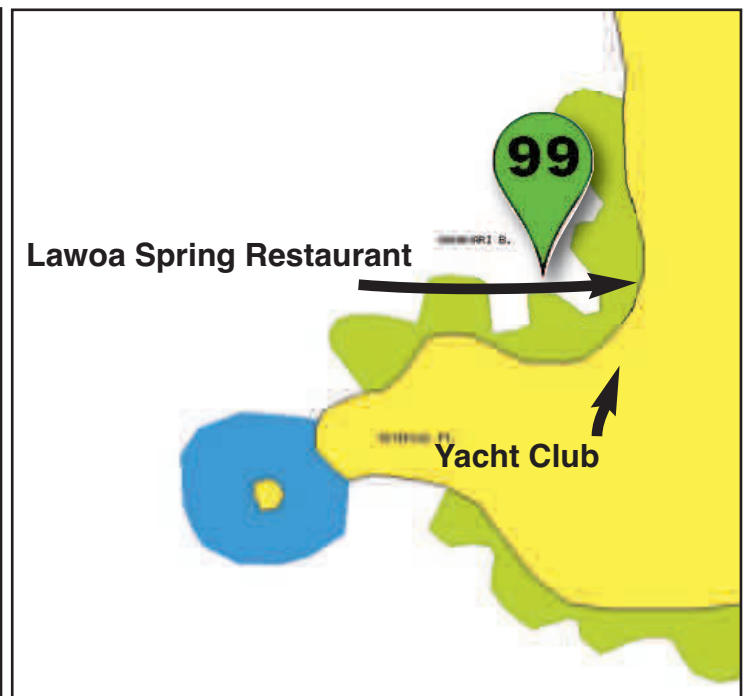
98. Sanasom

GPS: 15 13.325S 168 06.729E
Exposed to Wind from: SSW - W - NNW
Exposed to Swell from: SW - W -NW
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 10metre
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor in the sand between the bom-mies
Services: Nil
Features: Moon Cave
Tavasusu Cave
Contacts: (Fonda Village) Cheif Jonah



99. Asanvari

GPS: 15 22.585S 168 07.932E
Exposed to Wind from: SSW - W - NNW
Exposed to Swell from: SSW - W - NNW
Bottom Type: Sand
Depth: 10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Anchor close to the reef, ther are small patches of sand to drop the hook or there are 3 ICA moorings, check them first & pay Iris at Yacht Club.
Services: Small Store
Request fruit and veges from Iris
Dispensary
Yacht Club
Restaurant at Lawai Sparkling Waters
Features: Lavoia Cascade for swimming and washing
Custom Dance at Lavoia Cascades
Bat Cave, Garden Tour, Waterfall Tour
Contacts: Alex Huri, Lawai Springs... 593 9196
Iris , Asanvari Yacht Club.. 569 8538



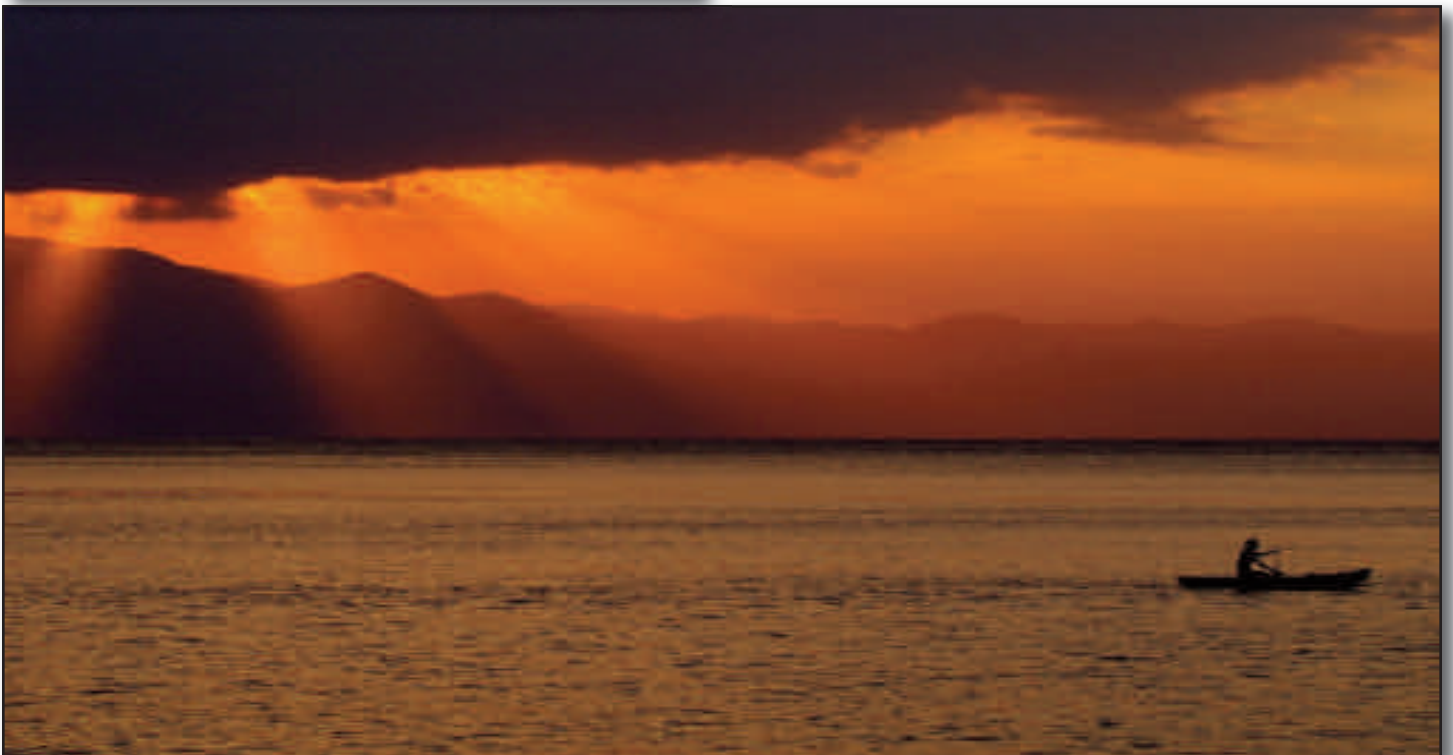


We left Vanithe Bay on Ambae just on dawn as we wanted time to explore the southern coast of Maewo before reaching our final destination later today, Asanvari. A pleasant sail across the 8 miles separating the islands saw us arriving at Sanasom Bay by 7.30am. Maewo has the highest rainfall of all the Vanuatu islands and looking at the steep mountains forming the spine of this narrow volcanic island it's easy to see why. The rugged coastline with its deep valleys and spurs host dramatic waterfalls and seemingly inhospitable beaches. Landing our dinghy was going to be a challenge, especially as we could see no sign of a nearby village, so we were relieved to see a young man paddling his outrigger toward us.

He shyly introduced himself as Sol, and the inevitable customary conversation ensued, albeit slowly in our smol mo slo Bislama, "Have you got a family? How many pikinini? Have you got a garden?" etc. Finally we got to say we wanted to see the Cave of The Moon and the old rock drawings we had heard were nearby and Sol pointed out where they were and indicated we should follow him, or at least that's what we hoped he said.

Rounding a rocky outcrop we found a small beach that we could land the dinghy and Sol was waiting patiently, along with several other young boys who seemed to find great entertainment in helping pull up the dinghy and accompanying us. No one spoke English and they chattered away in their island dialect, stopping every now and then to quietly explain something in Bislama. Much of which went totally uncomprehended by us.

A short walk along the rocky beach and we headed into the bush to some cliffs where Sol showed us a shallow cave adorned with ancient (and some not so ancient) rockdrawings. Then we made our way further along the coast line to a rocky point, passing a couple of older men fishing who soon joined our entourage. One of these men spoke a little English and he took over the tourleader duties and soon stopped at



the mouth of a cave in the cliff face with the most amazing rock structures. These were tower like structures, obviously man made, of flat stones placed strategically under drips from the limestone overhead, this leaves a sediment that hardens into a very strong bonding agent thus forming this collection of weird looking towers.

Next we came to the Cave of the Moon, a spectacular sea cavern with three entrances. As with most things in Vanuatu there is always a legend, the stories behind are always fascinating but sometimes you have to ask to hear them. The legend behind this cave is that Te Kero lived here with his mother when there were no entrances and hence no light. She weaved mats but had trouble seeing – understandable really. So Te Kero decided this was no good and he took the Moon down from the top of the Cave (where there is now a large circular cavity) and threw it to the East to let the light in, then he threw it South and again to the North – and voila! Here lies the Cave of The Moon.

As we returned to our dinghy our small group dissipated, the novelty was over, and soon it was only Sol and the boys left to farewell us off. We handed over a small gift in gratitude for sharing their caves and time with us and headed back to lift anchor, while Sol continued paddling towards his gardens further south.

Sailing down the coast we could see huge waterfalls cascading into the jungle and small villages with scattered gardens high in the hills, a dramatic backdrop to the rocky blacksand bays. Asanvari anchorage beckoned us from ahead and soon we were entering the sheltered bay with its beautiful clear waters and reefs. Strangely the beach here is white sand and the cascading waterfall at one end just adds to its tropical charm.

Asanvari is a popular anchorage with reason, the reefs are beautiful and teeming with life, the people are warmly welcoming and there is a variety of things to do and places to explore. A short walk through the village, past the clinic and



the school takes you to the southern tip of Maewo with it's less sheltered coast framing nearby Pentecost, a mere 8 km away. The people of Asanvari village enjoy welcoming visitors and there are bungalows and kustom tours that can be arranged. In the village are two small restaurants and houses selling handicraft and vegetables, including the Asanvari Yacht Club, built from NZ and OZ aid.

At the far end of the bay at the base of the Lavoa Cascade, lies the locally owned new Lawai Sparkling Waters Bar and Restaurant where you can dine on simple but succulent and fresh fare accompanied by a cold Tusker beer. After anchoring we went ashore here and arranged to have a meal the following night as well as the chance to be entertained by the 7 Fantastic dancers, a young female dance troupe. Then we continued on to the Yacht Club to pay our respects to Iris, the daughter of the recently deceased chief, who now runs the Yacht Club. We timed it just right for a local fundraiser BBQ, being run to help with school fees in the village, where several of the other cruisers had also assembled. Laplap with crab, fish or chicken with fresh coconuts was offered, while fresh fruits and handicrafts were also on display.

The next morning we were awakened by a knocking on the hull and looking out we found Columbus, the baker from a nearby village who paddles out with his fresh bread to the visiting yachts each morning. What awesome service and still warm! Later that day we explored the reefs to the SW of this lovely anchorage. Full of swim throughs, amazing gorgonian corals and loads of fish, we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and were already planning our next underwater exploration before we dried off. The day was completed nicely by a tasty dinner of freshwater prawns and a stunning performance by

the 7 Fantastics, which are six local girls and a guitar player performing a contemporary form of kustom dancing – very different to anything else we have seen. The beautiful costumes and dancing set against the sunset was something very special.

We were being fortunate with the weather, it had hardly rained at all for the past month or so, unusual, especially in Maewo, and we were thankful for the fact the next morning as we hiked up into the mountains to find the Waisale Bat Cave. Our guide Barry, who turned out to be the guitar player from the night before, was a wealth of information, showing us old village sites, how to catch freshwater prawns, before leading us up a narrow track to a cave at the top of a hill. He reverently pointed out the human bones not far in from the entrance, then we descended into the large cave to be amazed at the number of tiny bats lining the walls and roof of the cave. We've done lots of bat caves before but this was the closest we have ever got to so many bats, close enough to reach out and touch these wee guys just hung around in a variety of poses, displaying their tiny toes that clung on by only a couple of digits. We also learnt that their radar is not foolproof, evidenced by the number of flying bats that crashed into us in the darkness. The cave is part of a system of caves that honeycomb the mountain ranges, mostly unexplored. A great half day hike, complete with river crossings and jungle trek, it took us 2.5 hours to climb up there and 1.5 hours back down.

Theres still plenty of Maewo that we didn't have time to explore on this trip so we will definitely be back and a repeat trip to Asanvari will be on the agenda.



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Asanvari

Stunning Waterfall
Great set menu
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Local Handicraft
Village Tours
Weaving Demonstrations
Island Feast & Custom
dance by arrangement

Ask for Iris in the Village

NAONE CASCADES



From the anchorage you can easily see the river cascading down to the sea, landing the dinghy, especially at low tide, can be a bit of a challenge, but there is a small rocky beach to the right of the river where it is possible. Generally someone will see you coming and be there to help and offer to guide you, for a small fee, to the waterfall.

Today our guides are Paul and his younger brother, and we veer away from the road, into the bush which soon opens up into a path that meanders through amazing vegetable gardens created in attractive tiers with interconnecting waterways, corn, the inevitable taro, kava, island cabbage, beans and more thrive here. The path slowly ascends alongside the wide river below and after a short walk we connect with the river and can see the lower level of the Naone Cascades ahead of us. Here two streams of water flow into a large pool, one a gentle, wide cascade over the calcite flow, the other dropping several metres from the cliff above, where many of the local boys delight leaping from. The pool is called Quiarua, where two rivers meet.

Crossing the river, walking over the calcite edging formed over hundreds of years, we continue clambering upwards, eager to see what lies above us. By now several young boys have joined us, each eager to help point out freshwater prawns and small fish in the crystal clear pools, laughing all the way. Our guides, as always in Vanuatu, are ever vigilant and careful to ensure we don't slip or struggle. One side of the river now cascades down a steep wall, while we gradually make our way up the other side which is now a wide, shallow downward moving escalator of water flowing over the minutely stepped calcite that provides perfect nonslip footing. It's surreal and we stop to gaze down the river and out to sea where we can see our mast peeking over the trees below. The view is amazing.

As we near the summit the water narrows back into a braided river, forming deep pools and small waterfalls and at the top we are surprised to see the actual main flow is much smaller than we expected. We have seen many waterfalls in Vanuatu but the way this one cascades down across the vast area makes the Naone Cascades very different and well worth the short walk up.

Entertained by the energetic pikinini on the way back, we retrace our path back down and head southwards to the village, an attractive and tidy village where we spend time with the elders listening to kustom stories about the history of the waterfall being created by a man who had an argument with his wife on the east coast of Maewo and left her stamping his feet on the way, each time his foot connected with the ground the impression create a pool where the water collects and these can still be clearly seen today where the water cascades from one pool to another following his footsteps to the ocean below.

100. Narovorovo

GPS: 15 11.031S 168 06.408E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 8metre

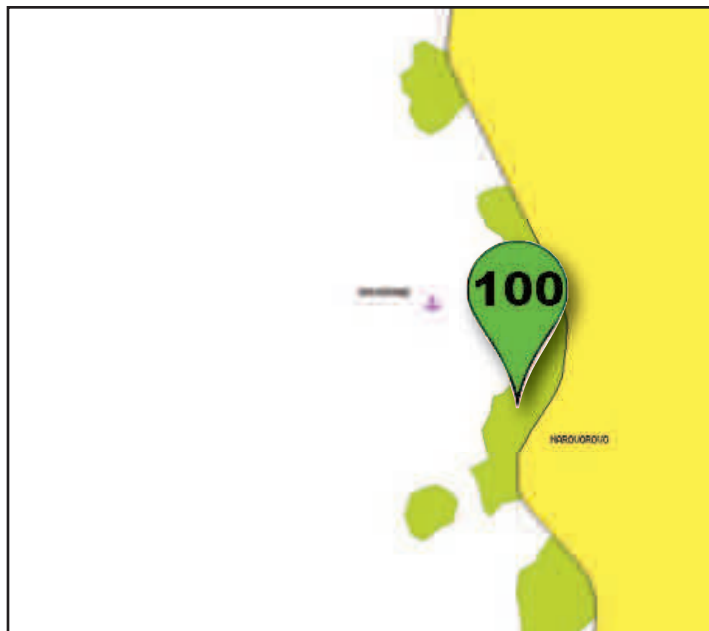
Suitable: Moderate winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in the sand between the surrounding reefs, be careful of the small off shore reef to the south.

Services: Island Store (4) Petrol available

Features: Market on Tuesdays & Fridays

Contacts: Felix



101. Betarara

GPS: 15 05.470S 168 04.576E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 10metre

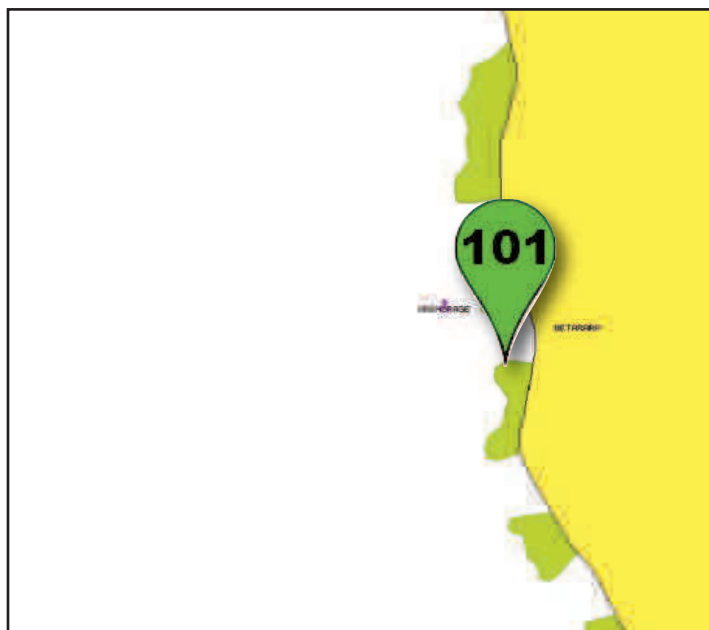
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in the sand out from the reef, it can be rolly if the wind is strong but the holding is good.

Services:

Features:

Contacts:



102. Naone

GPS: 15 00.677S 168 03.785E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 10metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: You can move in to about 6 metres before the bottom changes to rock, there is usually a slight roll here.

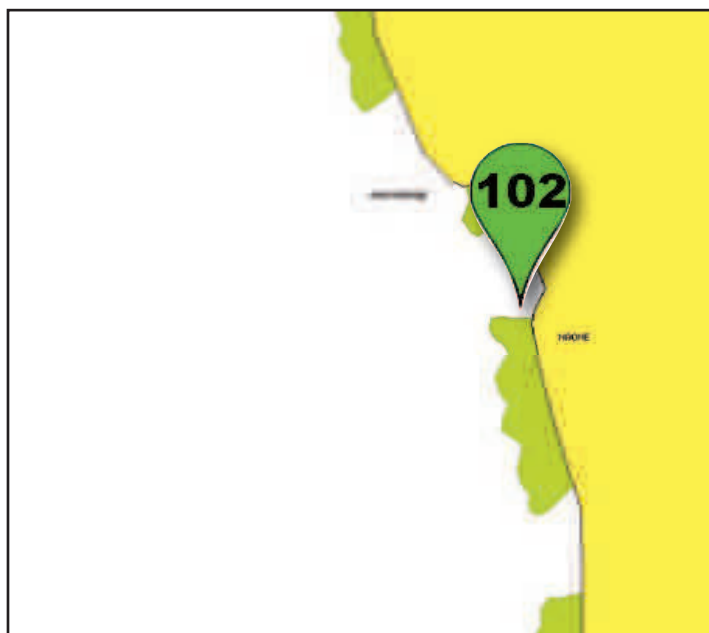
Services: Small Store

Church

Features: Waterfall Walk

Contacts: Paul

Chief Patrick



103. Marino

GPS: 14 57.848S 168 03.461E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 10metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Move your way into the bay as far as are comfortable before dropping the anchor in sand.

Services: Island Store

String Band at Kava Bar

Features:

Contacts:

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104. Leleveia

GPS: 14 58.714S 168 03.461E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 8metre

Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor as close in the corner of the reef as you can, it is marginally more protected from the roll here than Marino anchorage

Services: Small Store at Marino

Features: Custom Dance & Stories

Fish Feeding

Bush walk to Phone Towers

Contacts: Loran Stephens

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KAVA (PEPPER TREE)



Kava is manufactured from the root of the Pepper Tree (*Piper methysticum*) and the name says it all, "Piper" meaning pepper and "methysticum" meaning intoxicating. The Piper genus of plants includes somewhere between 1000-2000 different trees, shrubs and liana's and belongs to the magnolids group, including clematis, magnolia, cinnamon, avocado, black pepper & nutmeg to name a few. There are at least 22 named species of Kava (*Piper* sp.) in Vanuatu not to mention the wild kava that the locals avoid. It grows best in loose, well drain soil with a high humidity and protection from the sun, and the kava plants can not reproduce sexually. They will grow to about two metres tall and are generally harvested at about four years however there best yield and quality is reached at around five years.

Two Piper species have gained notoriety for their "medicinal" uses, the Betel (*Piper betel*) in Asia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and to a small extent in Vanuatu and consumed similar to tobacco and has a narcotic effect on the central nervous system as well as the long term affects of consuming it are pretty horrific. The other, is the one we are interested in Kava (*Piper methysticum*). The shrub is uprooted and the roots are collected, cut and washed up to five times before being pounded to a pulp in a tube or ground in a hand operated mincer. At the same time, cuttings are taken from the shrub and replanted to ensure future supplies. Traditionally, on some islands the roots were chewed and spat into the vessel and on other islands they were ground with a pestle made from coral or wood. Rumor has it, that these two methods produced the strongest kava as opposed to mincing or pounding. The pulp is placed on some cloth (traditionally it was strained through coconut husks) to act as a sieve and fresh water is poured over it, once the water has drained and collected, the material is washed and the resultant fluid poured over the pulp again and again to give a opaque liquid free from debris.

Kava is a drug and not an alcoholic drink, it is reportedly non additive however the habit of consuming Kava maybe a different story. It doesn't produce the drunken behavior of alcohol, more that of a sedative or relaxant, that first numbs the mouth and tongue and proceeds to render the legs inoperable and finally relaxes the arms to a state that they cannot be lifted and it has a diuretic effect. Kava is the peaceful drug which leads to some amusing and intellectual conversations that would not normally be considered between strangers or even enemies. It has been used through out Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia at meetings and gatherings for a long time to promote peaceful conversations at particularly tense situations.

Vanuatu Kava is regarded as some of the strongest you will consume anywhere and reputedly the best Kava comes from Pentecost, Maewo & Tanna and this fact should not be taken lightly. The taste of Kava is hard to describe but it resemble an earthy to muddy water flavour with a bitter tang to it and is quite an acquired taste that depends a lot on the individual. Kava is treated respectfully by most Ni Vanuatu people especially the further you travel from the main centers. In many villages and even the main centers everything stops at 4:00pm for Kava time and the day comes to a pleasant ending.

The consumption of kava is a fantastic way to become welcomed by the village men and leads to some interesting conversations and friendships. It is general sold by the shell, a half coconut shell and can be ordered as a "Bigwan" or Smolwan". Custom is that the visitor will drink first or at the same time, consuming the contents completely without stopping while not facing the others in the room. It is quite normal to see the locals spit after consuming their shell. DO NOT mix alcohol and Kava, the results are not pleasant and should not be risked. When consuming Kava it is a good idea to have a drink (non alcoholic) handy to consume immediately after the Kava, fizzy drinks seem to be best and for the best effect, it is also best consumed on an empty stomach and then have a good meal afterwards, although the desire to eat will not be there. Two shells is plenty for the new comer regardless of how much you may have consumed in other countries with little effect. Don't plan on doing too much after Kava!

ZINNIA'S FAVOURITE PLACE

We got greeted with garlands of flowers and kava the traditional drink, like alcohol

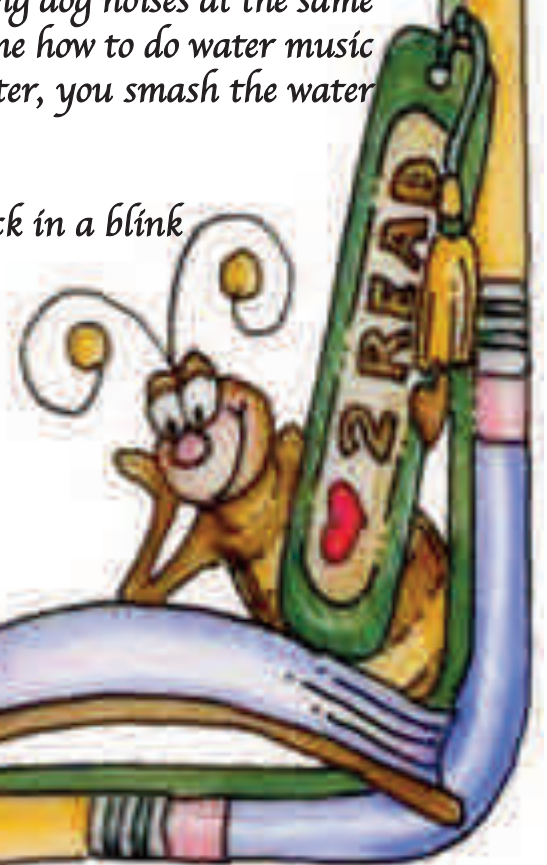
Now this is a prospective of a 11 year old girl that has sailed from France to Vanuatu and The Banks Islands are her favourite, her name is Zinnia. I sailed there in a boat with my family in year 2013, and this is how i found it much more special than the other islands in Vanuatu.

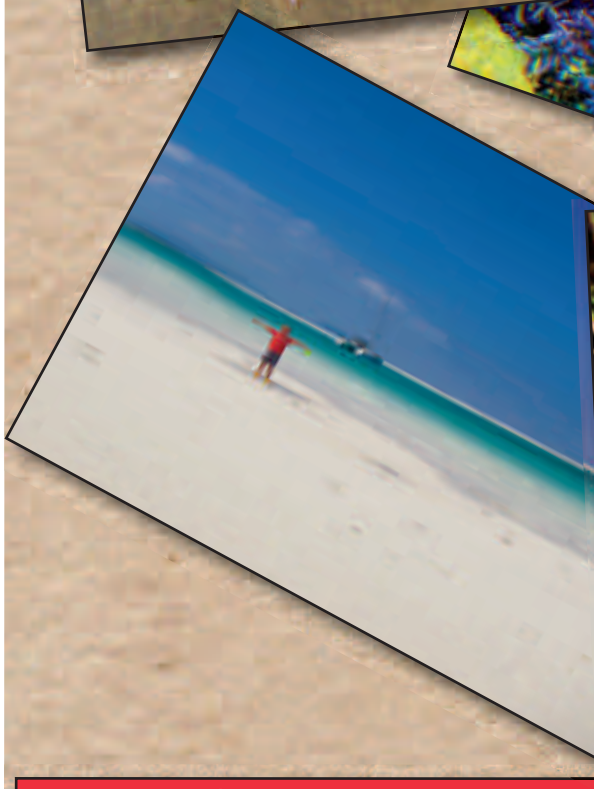
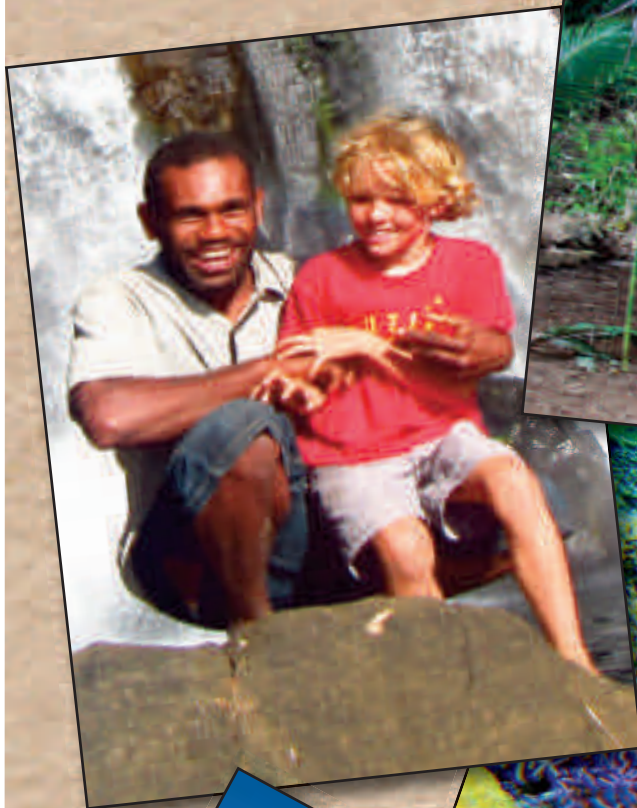
There cloths are old rags that are imbedded in dirt so if you give them a old t-shirt that has holes in it, it would be gold dust to them. We loved giving the banks people gifts because they would be so great full and treasure them so much. You would make friends in a nano second because they wanted to be freinds and eventually you just cant say good bye.

When I made my friends i just hung around them untill they got used to me, and that is when the laughter began and we would get married and go canoeing and the boat would sink or forever making dog noises at the same time as being a horse. After a while they taught me how to do water music which is a type of music that is played in the water, you smash the water in a certain way and I can just about do it.

I made so many wonderful friends I would go back in a blink of an eye.

The End.
Zinnia





Zinnia spent the 2013 cruising season in Vanuatu with her parents Colin & Liz along with her younger brother, Cosmo on the sailing vessel "Pacific Bliss", they have sailed to Vanuatu from France via the Panama Canal visiting many fantastic places and enjoying the variety of local lifestyles, customs and culture throughout the voyage. Vanuatu was the ultimate destination that Colin and Liz intended on visiting from the minute they left the UK.

WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

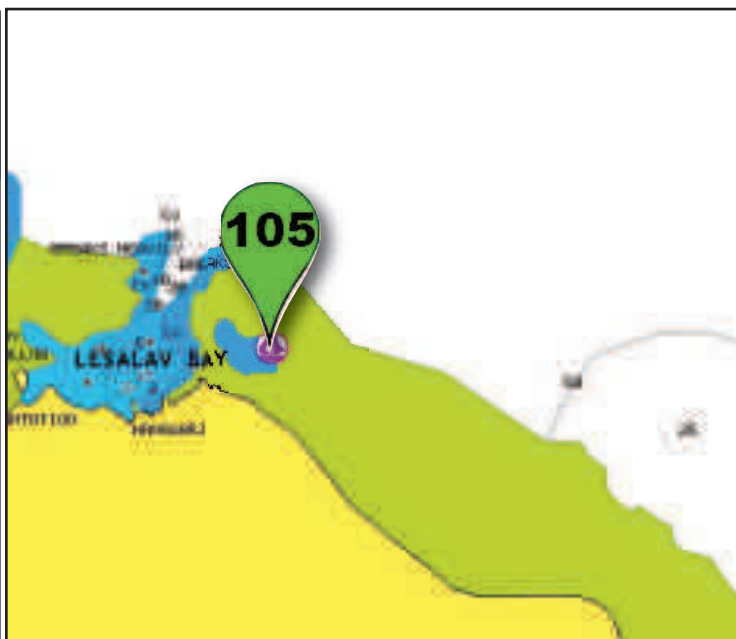
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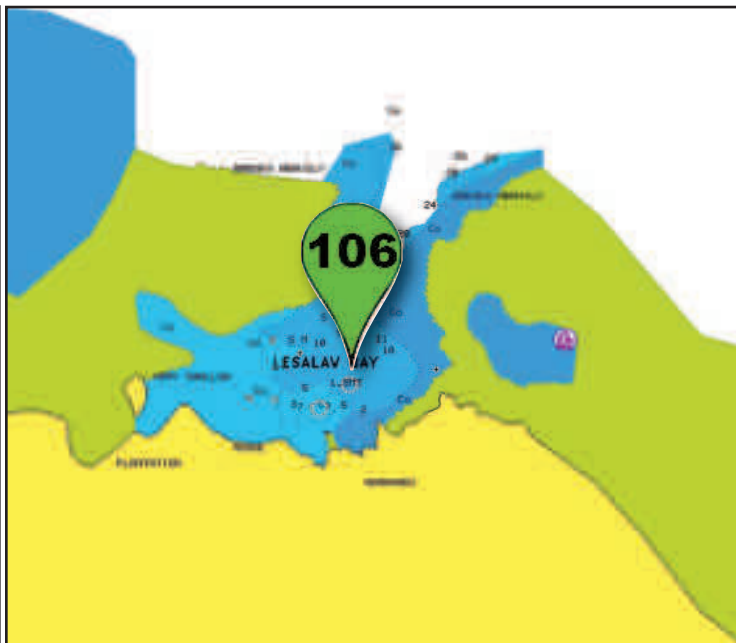
105. Awer Bay

GPS: 14 12.898S 167 34.871E
Exposed to Wind from: W - N - E
Exposed to Swell from: N - NE
Bottom Type: Light Sand
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Navionics Charts are inaccurate here (Navionics Charts are out)
Services: Airport
 Fuel
 Island store
Features: Close to airport
Contacts:



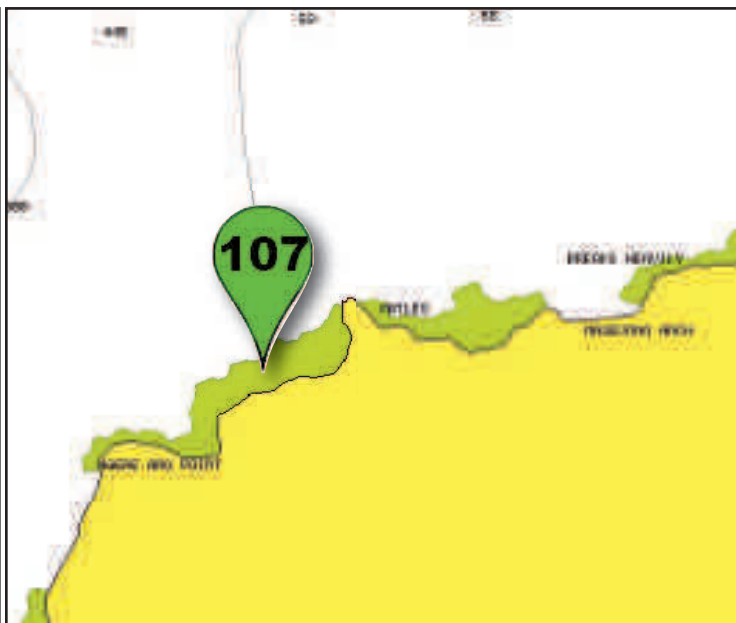
106. Lusalava Bay

GPS: 14 12.478S, 167 34.234E
Exposed to Wind from: W - N - E
Exposed to Swell from: N
Bottom Type: Dark Sand
Depth: 11 - 13 metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Navionics Charts are inaccurate here
Services: Volcano tours, Bread (Robert Austin), Airport, Fresh Fruit & Vegetables, Waterfall, Water music, Clinic, New Yacht Club being established
Features: Access to volcanoes and Waterfalls
Contacts: Chief Ephraim (Guide & Customs) 5398051
 Chief Robert Neul (Development) 539 5191
 Water Music Elizabeth 539 8106,
 Georgina 539 5966,
 Chicobert 539 4031



107. Vatales Bay

GPS: 14 12.851S, 167 27.757E
Exposed to Wind from: W - N
Exposed to Swell from: SW - N
Bottom Type: Light sand and broken Coral, Very Good holding
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Moderate Winds
Anchoring Tips: Add extra scope as it can be a little rolly
Services:
Features:
Contacts:



SV SHANDON SAILING FROM THE....

The Solomon Islands is my favourite cruising area. However, during my travels I have met others who prefer Vanuatu. It has taken me seventeen years to reach the islands and for me to see for myself. This is about what I found.

Like all explorers, I came from the east. In my case from the island of Rotuma, Fiji Islands most northerly island. There was nothing original in my route, as I came round the north of Maewo. Admiral Pedro de Quiros (1565-1614), De Bougainville (1729-1811) in 1768 and Capt James Cook all came this way, Cook passing the same spot on 18 July 1774. I passed on 17 August – close enough to be exciting and I lifted a glass to The Great Man.

Visiting a new country is always an adventure. I love islands – the smaller the better. It is the people that make a country and in my experience, the smaller the island, the nicer the people. I had only ten weeks before I would head back to New Zealand, no time to do Vanuatu justice. But I could make a start. I went north from Santo.

For me, anticipation is part of the adventure. 'What will the anchorage be like?' is high on the list. I use paper charts, as this adds to the excitement and ultimate satisfaction of arriving. If I had a chart plotter, I would not have missed the anchorage of Loso Lava in Gau occupied by two boats. As it was, I over shot and went round the island to Masevono anchorage shown on my 1886 chart but not in any guide, which may have explained why I had it to myself. 'Who will be

there?' is another for the list and I mean Ni-Vans not other yachts. My first canoe visit and trading rice, soap and a fish hook for two papaws. A ridiculous rate of exchange, perhaps, but I rarely give outright and ask for a trade. We have so much and they have so little. And it was fun.

The joy of sailing in the Banks is that islands are in an easy day-sail distance. Coming south after Oreparapara was as hard as I anticipated. Always hard on the wind and more often than not with a reef or two in the main. I came back down the west coasts to have some lee from the waves and possible shelter from the wind. The problem is that whilst an anchorage can offer great protection from SE trades it will be horribly exposed to any wind with west in it. Personally, I prefer wide bays like Waterfall Bay in Vanualava, Lakona Bay in Gaua and Espiegle Bay, which I found on Santo, as I can sail out of them in any wind.

Coming down the west side of Santo, I planned to visit Wusi where Lapita pottery is still made, apparently. I never made it. Becalmed at 1700hrs, I sat and waited for dawn. Around 0100hrs, the wind came in at 30k from SE and Shandon hove to. Three lows seemed to come through, as there were gaps between when the wind dropped to 25k and I tried to sail back to Wusi. Gusts rose to 40k. We bobbed up and down the west coast for two days covering two-hundred and twenty-two miles for a journey to Luganville that should have taken eighty-four. Other yachties were solicitous but to me it



.....SOLOMONS TO SANTO

was a challenge – all-be-it a small one – and so fun.

After leaving the Banks, the distances grow and may mean an over-night sail. A day-sail may take longer than anticipated because of working to windward. Twice I had to find an anchorage for the night when I ran out of day light time – for me 1600hrs. If I had a chart plotter, I might have continued, but where is the challenge? Satisfaction, for me, requires the ability to take well thought through risks. Moving amongst unseen coral is not, for me, an acceptable risk. I suppose the yachts I see moving in questionable light see no risk. But then there will be no satisfaction, no sense of achievement and therefore no fun.

You can never miss what you have never had. And in the Banks the Ni-Vans have little. They are wonderful people, who would give you the shirt off their back, if only they were wearing one. Their villages contain little in the way of plastic and corrugated iron. There are some GRP boats with an out-board that act as inter-island ferries but mostly people are still making dugout canoes. I was intrigued to notice that canoes were paddled by a single gender – male or female. Occasionally there might be a husband and wife. Otherwise, the father takes the boys and the mother takes the daughters. From Port Vila I hoped to visit the three islands to the south and leave for New Zealand. But strong winds pinned us in Port Vila for ten days. We became impatient to leave and so I left direct for New Zealand.

I had visited a mere seven islands out of the possible eighty-

four. But it has given me a flavour of Vanuatu and I like what I saw: the dramatic volcanic nature of the islands; the contrast between the rain forest on the east slopes and often sparse shrub in the rain shadow on the west coast. The lack of coral after Fiji is a joy but there is enough to make piloting fun. Every anchorage, for me, is a challenge and I am just as likely to arrive with damp hands on the wheel as not. And the people confirm my belief that the smaller the island, the nicer the people. As for whether Vanuatu is a better cruising area than the Solomon Islands I have not decided. I shall return to visit new islands and new anchorages next season. What an exciting prospect.

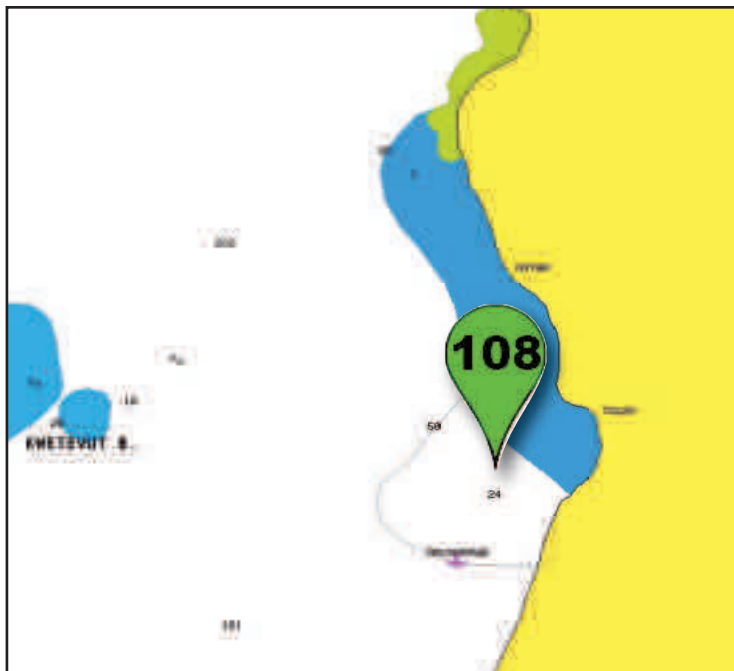
About the Author

(Nelson) David Mitchell was born in 1942. His first sail was in a dinghy when he was eight years old and he has been sailing ever since. He retired at 54 and left England in Ondarina, an Ohlsen 35, in 1996. In 2005, he became the fourth owner of Shandon a 50' Bowman built in 1998. He has sailed over 100,000 nautical miles in the Pacific since 1998 and visited over 40 countries. He is a member of the prestigious Royal Cruising Club in the UK and was only the fifth member to win the coveted Challenge Cup, for an outstanding cruise, twice in 110 years. He has won other awards including two for exploring out-of-the-way places.



108. Puwetvut Bay

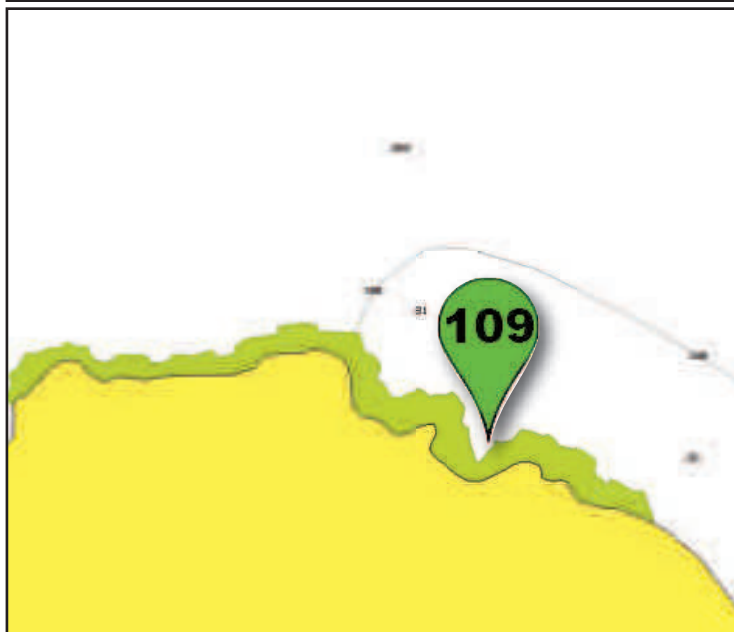
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Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N
Exposed to Swell from: SW - N
Bottom Type: Light sand & broken coral
Depth: 10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: There can be a roll so add some extra scope.
Services: Water Music
Some Fruit & Vegetables,
Water
Features: Very beautiful village with extremely friendly locals, Festival
Lakona Bay Festival
Mt Garek. Lake Letas, Waterfall
Contacts: Chief John Star,
Chief Paul 5367392
Golret or Sarah 5400698



VANUA LAVA

109. Tivetwot, Vatop Village

GPS: 13 43.516S, 167 29.35E
Exposed to Wind from: NW - N - NE
Exposed to Swell from: NW - N - NE
Bottom Type: Light Sand
Depth: 6 - 7 metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Get as close to beach as possible
Services: Fruit & Vegetables
Features: Access to Reef Islands, Ask Chief Reuban or Brian 777 3274
Contacts: Chief Reuban, Brian 777 3274 or Rose. The village has a VHF radio, if it is charged and turned on call "Vatop Village" for assistance



110. Sola

GPS: 13 52.424S, 167 33.198E
Exposed to Wind from: NNE - N - NW
Exposed to Swell from: SE - E - NE - N
Bottom Type: Dark Sand, Very Good
Depth: 5 metre
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: Can be quite a roll but there is less swell close to the wharf
Services: Laundry, Fruit & Vegetables, Lobster, Island Store, Customs, Airport, Yacht Club, Custom dances
Features: Crocodiles, Game fishing, Volcano
Contacts: Father Luke Dini, Robert 774 5770,
Sarah 598 6175,
Vandedem Store 539 6709,
George Baete 565 3916 (he likes Kava)



111. Nawono Bay

GPS: 13 49.555S, 167 33.064E

Exposed to Wind from: S

Exposed to Swell from: S

Bottom Type: Dark Sand

Depth: 6 metre

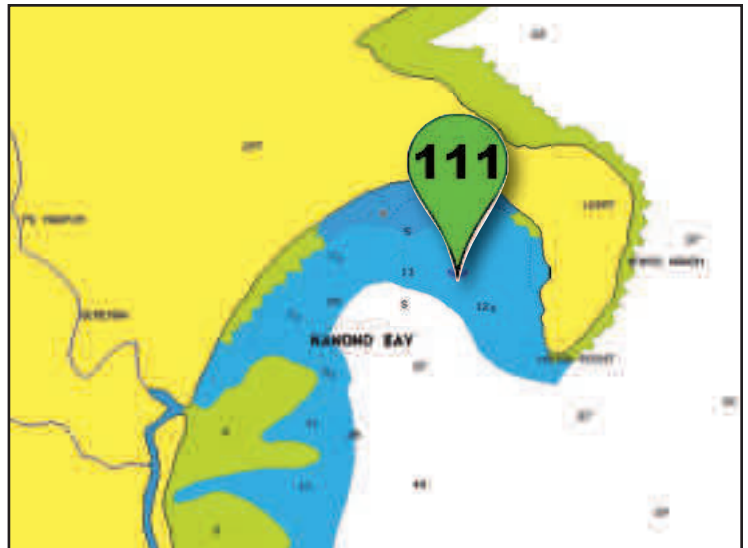
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: A good alternative to Sola Bay, a very calm anchorage, anchor as close to the beach as possible

Services: Fresh Fruit & Vegetable

Features: Local school, volley ball, Soccer, Crocodiles around the corner

Contacts:



ROWA

112. Reef Islands

GPS: 13 37.680S, 167 30.393E

Exposed to Wind from: Anything

Exposed to Swell from: SW - W - NW

Bottom Type: White Sand

Depth: 10 - 12 metre

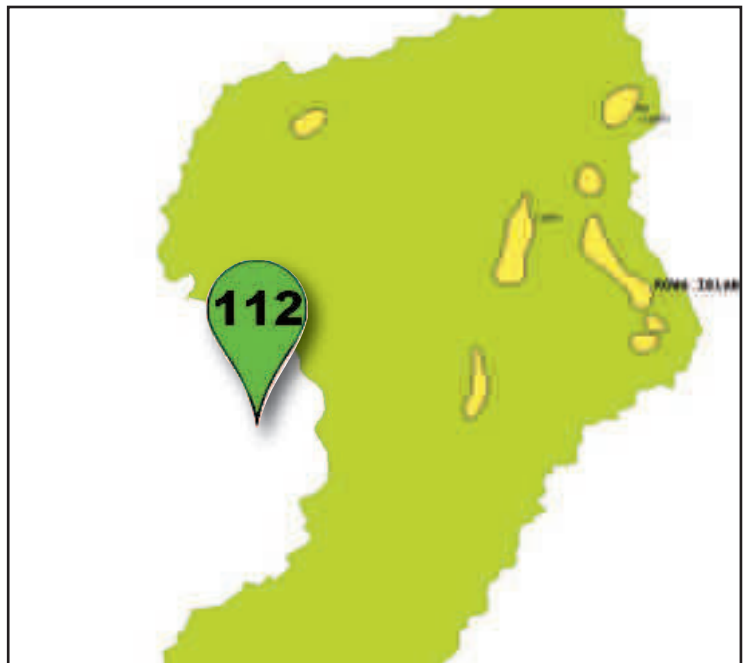
Suitable: Settled weather

Anchoring Tips: Beautiful calm anchorage in less than 15 knots

Services: Nil

Features: Fantastic private beach, great snorkelling

Contacts: You will need permission from Chief Reuban or his son, Brian 777 3274 of Vato Village on Vanua Lava, they may have a VHF turned on Channel 16, call "Vatop Village"



UREPARAPARA

113. Dives Bay

GPS: 13 32.525S 167 20.262E

Exposed to Wind from: NE

Exposed to Swell from: SE - E - NE

Bottom Type: White Sand

Depth: 4-6 metre

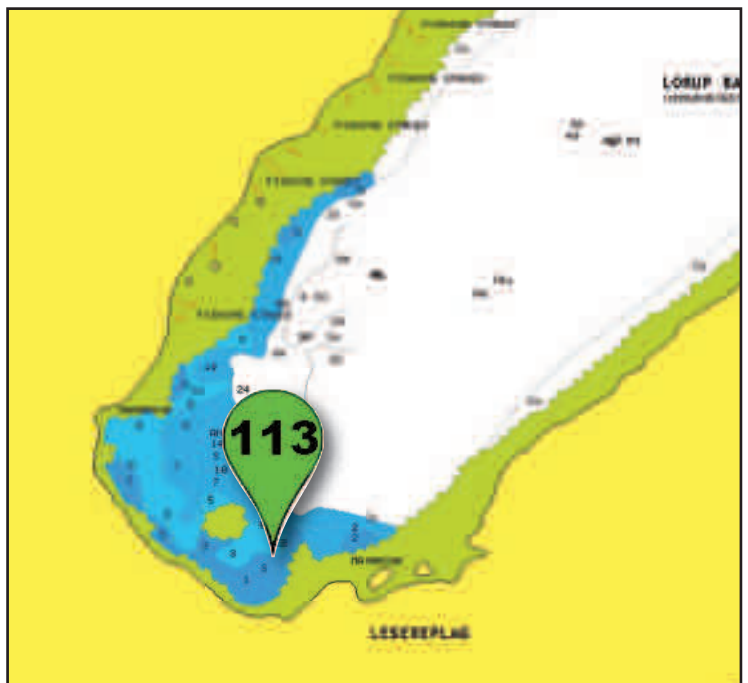
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor as far in between the two bommies as possible

Services: Rubbish, Laundry, Water, Tours, Custom Dances, Fruit & Vegetables

Features: Anchor in the crater of a volcano, bullets of wind regularly shoot through

Contacts: Chief Nickelson Morgan 569 3892
John Richard (Custom Chief)



WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

PENTECOST ISLAND



LAONE/LAMALANGA PENTECOST

Tucked away on the North of Pentecost you will find the anchorages of Laone and Lamalanga, a beautiful scenic bay lined with a stunning reef and pristine white beach. As far back as the 1800's this place was named in Raga, the local language, as Ute Tukurani (Place of the White Man) due to the long white beach providing an inviting landing for traders, resulting in Lamalanga becoming a historically significant Anglican Missionary stronghold.

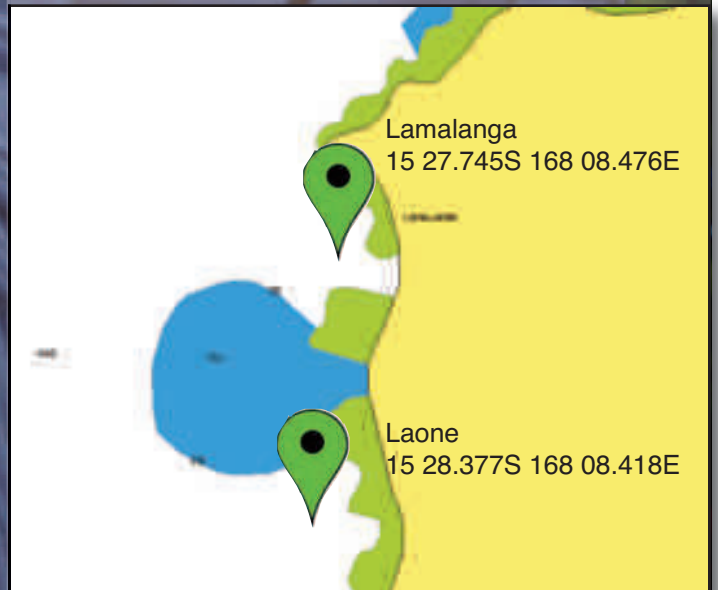
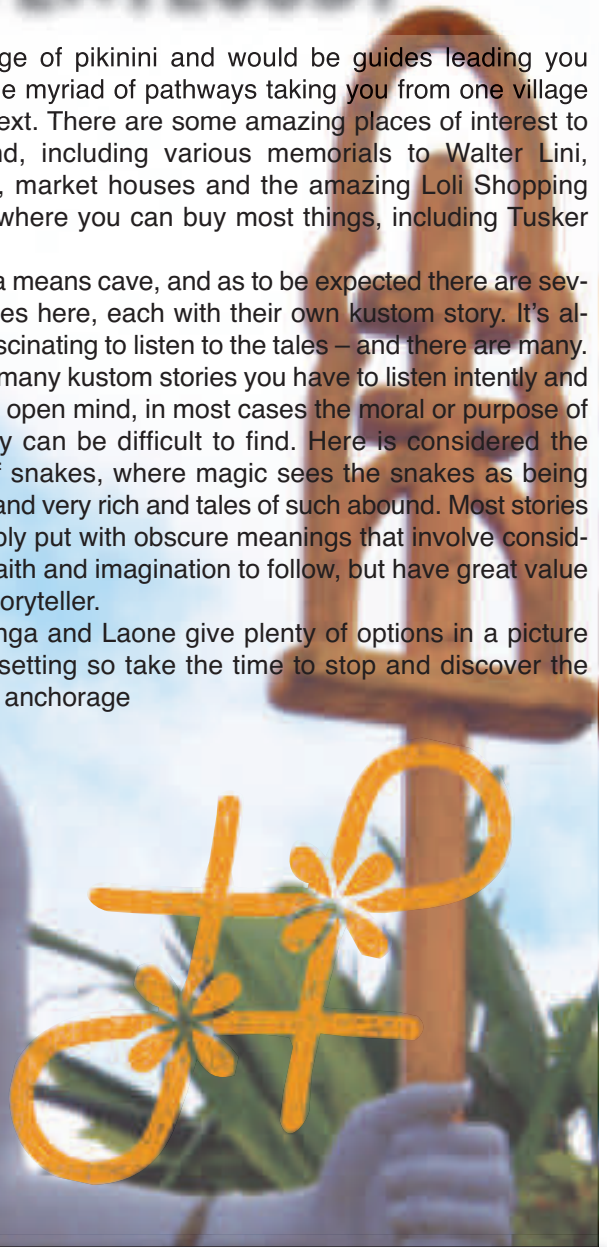
It was here that the founding Prime Minister of Vanuatu, Father Walter Lini was born in 1942. Walter spent his early childhood at the mission school in Lamalanga, before heading to Ambae and then onto the Solomon Islands to study to be a priest. His final years of theological study were in New Zealand before he returned to Vanuatu to continue his work in the Church prior to entering the world of politics. Both of Walter's parents came from chiefly lines, his father being Tariniuniu (man of fight) while his mother was from Biligaleo (quiet and clever), it was certainly a combination of both that gave him the strength to become the leader needed to guide Vanuatu out of the chaos of the condominium into the strong Republic it is today. He remained as Prime Minister for 11 years, before being ousted due to factionalism within his party. Walter died in Port Vila in 1999. There are plenty of places to drop your anchor in this picturesque bay, the reef to the south is a marine protected area and offers some great snorkelling while in the middle of the bay lies the wreckage from a WWII plane that crashed one Sunday morning in front of the church. Seldom dived on in about 18 metres of beautiful clear water it is worth asking one of the local fishermen to show it to you. To the north of the bay stands Asarami, the rock that separates the dead sea from the live sea while further around you will find Anahui which could be of interest if you are into surfing.

On land the road winds up the hill to the many villages on top, offering amazing views out across to Ambae and over the reefs below. It doesn't take long before you have an

entourage of pikinini and would be guides leading you along the myriad of pathways taking you from one village to the next. There are some amazing places of interest to be found, including various memorials to Walter Lini, schools, market houses and the amazing Loli Shopping Centre where you can buy most things, including Tusker beer.

Malanga means cave, and as to be expected there are several caves here, each with their own kustom story. It's always fascinating to listen to the tales – and there are many. As with many kustom stories you have to listen intently and keep an open mind, in most cases the moral or purpose of the story can be difficult to find. Here is considered the place of snakes, where magic sees the snakes as being human and very rich and tales of such abound. Most stories are simply put with obscure meanings that involve considerable faith and imagination to follow, but have great value to the storyteller.

Lamalanga and Laone give plenty of options in a picture perfect setting so take the time to stop and discover the magical anchorage



PENTECOST

114. Iolotong

GPS: 15 32.716S 168 08.857E

Exposed to Wind from: SW - W -NW

Exposed to Swell from: W

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 4-6metre

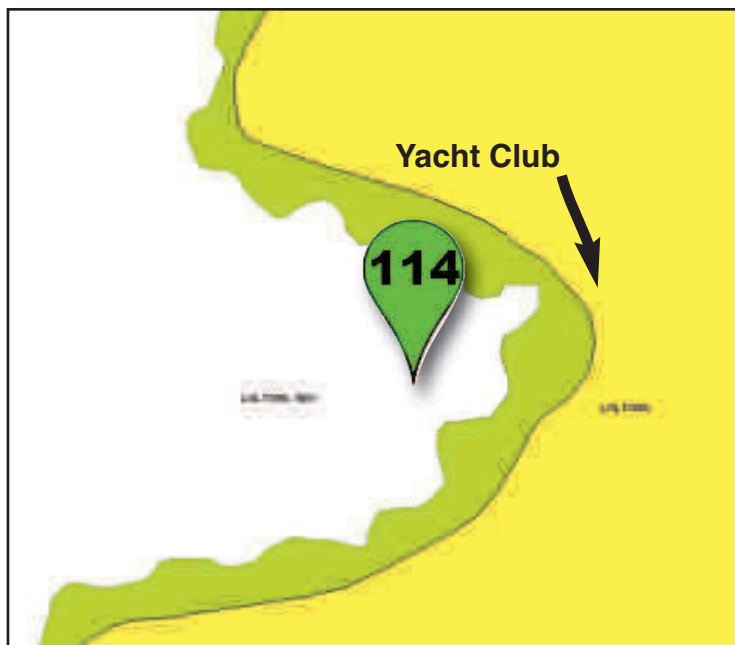
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Anchor in the centre inside the enclosing reefs

Services: Restaurant
Water
Small Store/Dispensary
Bakery

Features: Vatulo Yacht Club/ Custom Dance/Mystery Cave

Contacts: Matthew & Mary 5344714



115 Waterfall Bay

GPS: 15 47.197S 168 09.720E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - NW

Exposed to Swell from: Constant roll

Bottom Type: Sand

Depth: 4-10metre

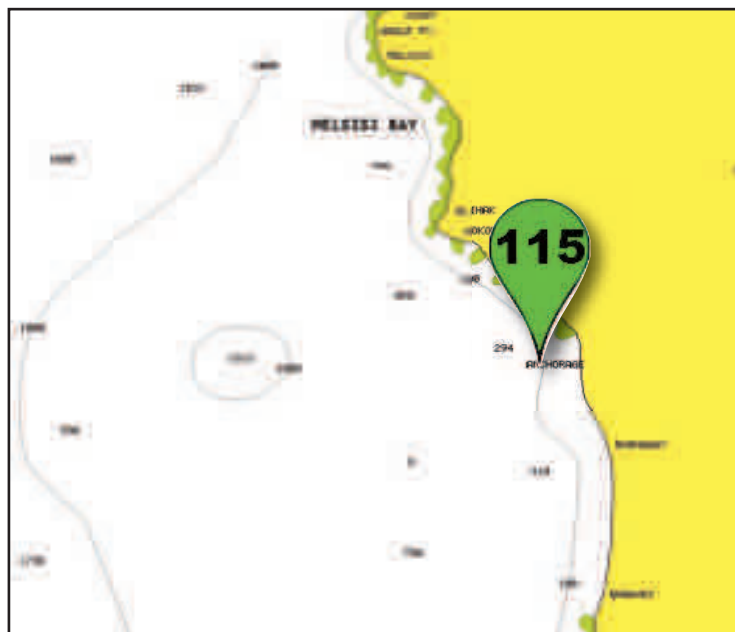
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: There is a constant roll here but it isn't too uncomfortable

Services: Noda Guesthouse
Land diving
Small Store
Custom Dance
Bakery & Market at School
Kava evenings

Features: Access to Land diving & 3 Waterfalls

Contacts: Silas Buli 772 7394 or 547 3071



116. Iondot

GPS: 15 54.789S, 168 11.277E

Exposed to Wind from: S - W - N

Exposed to Swell from: S - W - N

Bottom Type: Brown Sand

Depth: 7-10metre

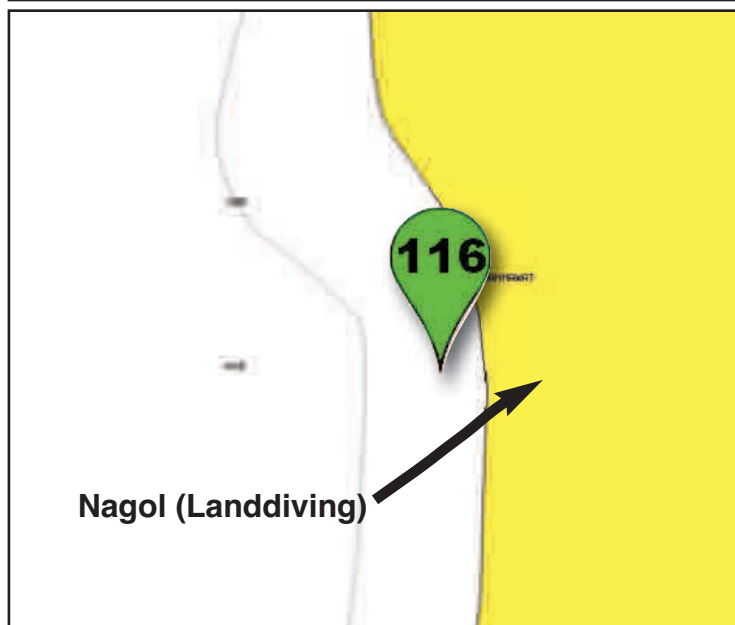
Suitable: Strong winds

Anchoring Tips: Small round rocks on bottom if you get too close to the shore

Services: Island Store,
Phone Refills,
Market (Fridays)

Features: Great access to Land diving in April -June
Hotwater Springs
Snorkeling on WWII Planes
Island Restaurant

Contacts: Eline Fargo 536 0184
Luke Fargo 5355514



PENTECOST LANDDIVING



**APRIL,
MAY & JUNE ONLY**

The history of the Pentecost landdiving is vague but a number of legends tell a variety of stories about how the ritual started depending on how romantic or practical you are from a battered wife climbing a large Nabanga tree to escape her abusive husband and convincing him to jump from the top with her to prove his love for her. Secretly she had tied the vines to her ankles and survived the jump to her husbands peril. In the more practical version, the yams are ready to harvest at the precise time that the vines are at their best elasticity in April, May and June of each year. Outside these times the vines will not have the spring in them and will break. One wonders how many young men met their fate proving that the yams were ready to harvest.

In 1978 Luke Fargo, from Londot village in cooperation with Holiday Inn in Port Vila, introduced the outside world to this amazing ritual by starting tours to the Nagol towers of Pentecost. Today Londot mainly performs for visiting yachts with few others visiting the village. The towers at first look are crude and flimsy, constructed from branches of trees lashed together with vines but on closer investigation you will discover quite an amazing piece of engineering that comes together to form a piece of equipment rather than a structure. Every piece works together to provide the divers with every opportunity to survive the giant leap. Anywhere from six to ten divers will perform for you at varying levels depending on their personal ranking in the village hierarchy, the newest and youngest at the bottom. The landdiving here is credited with being the inspiration for AJ Hacketts world famous Bungy Jumping that is so popular with everyday tourists worldwide. Regardless of the history, Pentecost in Vanuatu is the only place in the world that you will witness this unique event for only a few months a year and while there are many towers in South Pentecost there are effectively only two that visiting yachts can view this spectacle, one at Londot village within a few hundred metres of the dinghy landing and the other at Waterfall Bay which is used by Air Vanuatu for their tourists. There are not many things that you will remember for the rest of your life but this is certainly one of them.

Contacts on Pentecost:

Londot Village, Luke Fargo 5355514

Diving takes place every Wednesday, Friday or Saturday in the season by special arrangement. Includes refreshments, dancing and entertainment

Waterfall Bay, Silas Buli 772 7394, 547 3071

Diving is performed to coincide with Airline schedules

Loltong Bay, Pentecost

- *Local Tours
 - *Unbelievable meals
 - *Village Walks
 - *Supplies
 - *Local knowledge
- all from your hosts

Mathew & Mary



Ask at the Yacht Club to see the

**Fantoto
Mysterious
Cave Tour**

Loltong Kastom Dance Tour

Experience a traditional welcome the same as the first explorers did when they landed in Loltong Bay. Once the greeting is complete you will be guided through the Nakamal and witness many local dances and customs performed by the local community



While Pentecost is famous for its land diving, Nagol, rituals there is so much more to see and do on this densely forested and mountainous island. Roughly divided into three areas, south, central and north Pentecost is an island of immense variety and beauty, with the administrative centre being found at Lolong in the north.

Lolong offers two anchorages, one inside the reef and one on the outer and the Vatulo Beach Yacht Club which serves up the most amazing meals. Matthew and Mary are great hosts and can help arrange village tours and other activities. The Mysterious Cave, home of the first man to live on Pentecost, along with a rooster and a snake, is nearby and inside its depths you can be entertained by kustom dancers and story telling. Lolong itself is an amazing village, spread out along the coast it is well equipped with hospital, schools, community centre with internet, and fax, playing fields and an outreach of the Wan Smol Bag training centre. The children of central and northern Pentecost tend to be ginger haired with stunning blue eyes, everyone is very friendly and welcoming. Women on Pentecost have a slightly different role than in other islands in Vanuatu as its through the woman that land is passed down, this island has adopted its own unique culture that is interesting in itself. The red mats that the women weave can, as well as being worn as kustom clothing, be accepted as legal tender when purchasing produce at the local stores.

Laone further to the North, is the home of Walter Lini, the man who led Vanuatu to independence in 1980. Heading south along the west coast there are a variety of anchorages to stop at so it is easy part day sailing, Melsisi is home to a





Catholic Mission, where you can buy fresh bread and vegetables most days. Waterfall Bay, home to several waterfalls, including one inside a cave, that are in easy walking distance. Ask Silas at the Noda Guesthouse to arrange a guide, and don't forget to take a torch with you.

Moving south you come to Wali Bay and Londot Village where you can anchor just off from Luc Fargo's bungalows. Luc must be the original tourism entrepreneur as he started the Land Diving tours in 1978, one of the first tourism ventures in Vanuatu, outside of Port Vila. He is a wealth of information about Penetcost and the land diving, Nagol, rituals which take place between April and June each year. If you arrive after June then ask Luc to show you one of the three towers where tourists can watch the jumping, these usually remain standing until October when they disintegrate. New ones are built each year and the divers must head into the bush to cut their own vines, timing is critical here as if the vine is not ready or too stiff the leap could be fatal. A trusted village elder is responsible for ensuring that the timing and construction of the tower is correct and to judge the length of each vine in relation to the size of the man jumping – not something to get wrong!

As with many Ni-Vanuatu customs it was actually a woman who initiated the land diving. This woman was hiding from her husband, who beat her, in a tree on a cliff top and refused to come down. So the husband, Tamale, climbed the tree after her to bring her down, as he reached the top the woman jumped. In despair Tamale leapt after her, not knowing that she had tied liana vines around her ankles, so that she survived while he hit the ground and perished. Today the men of south Pentecost construct and jump from these towers, from a variety of heights in a ritual to ensure a good yam harvest and entry into manhood.

Londot Village also puts on a fascinating Arts and Cultural

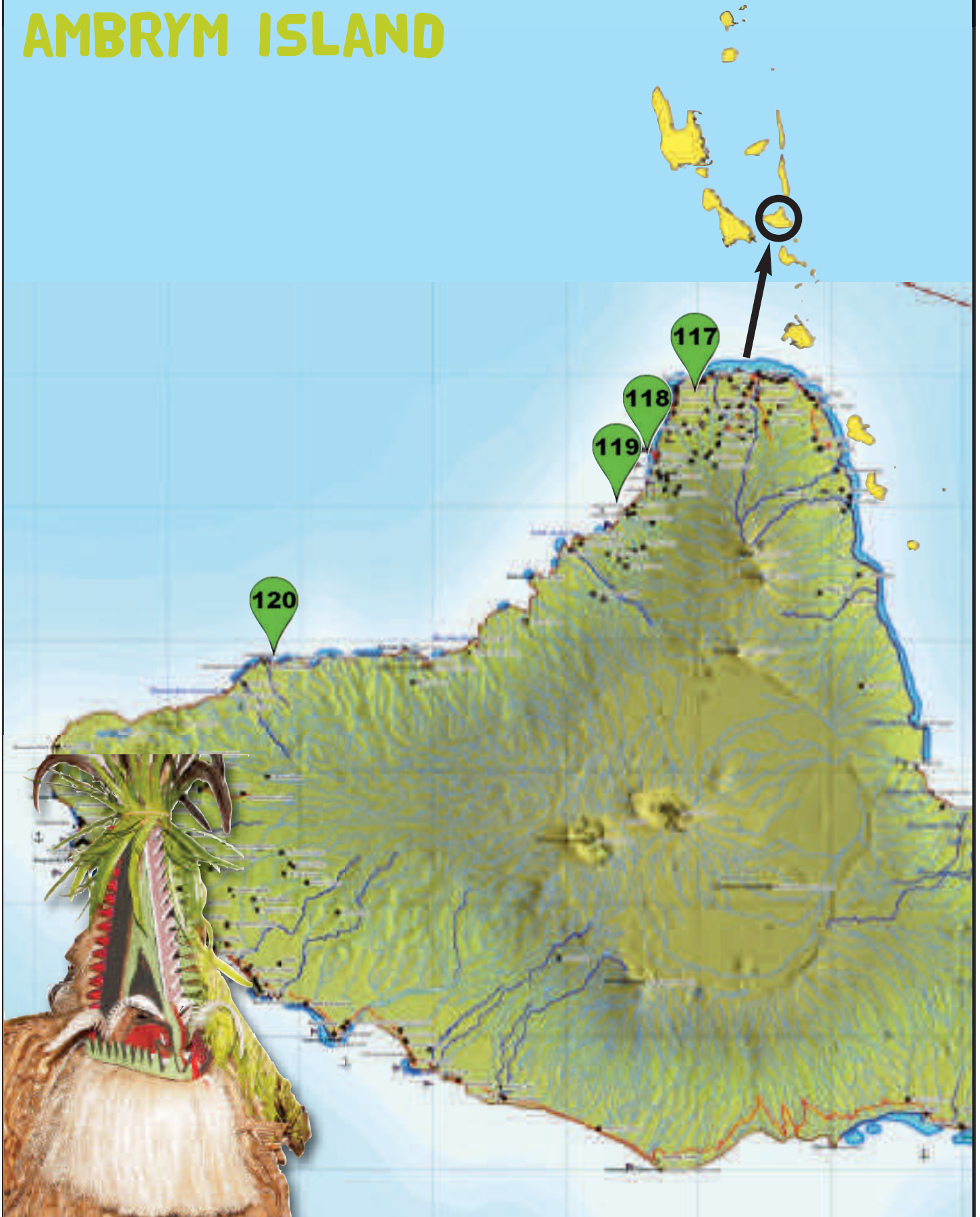


Show, so if you can get a few yachts together talk to Luc about seeing this. The entire village gets involved from the smallest pikinini to the eldest man, here they show how houses used to be constructed in Pentecost, kustom dancing, pikinini games, traditional cooking and other skills, including gardening, weaving and sand drawing. The event is openly honest and intensely personal and you come away knowing that you have partaken in something very special. The road follows the length of the island along the coast and at any point makes a pleasant walk, passing through villages, across refreshing clear rivers and through coconut plantations and jungle. A short walk north from Londot takes you to Hotwota village where you can find near boiling hot water bubbling out of the ground, so hot that the locals often cook their chicken or pork here. This fissure runs down to the beach and continues out into the sea, making for an interesting swim in relaxing warm water. Underwater it is also possible to snorkel or dive two Grumann Fighter planes that crashed after running out of fuel in WWII returning to Santo, a third plane crashed at the same time further back in the hills. One is slightly north of Hotwota, while the other is off Captain Cook's Rock, further south, but you will need a guide and permission to swim on either. Back at Luc's bungalows his family puts on one of the best island kaekae feasts and Luc is a goldmine of information on things to see and do here, there's plenty of hiking and bird watching, while on the water there are dugongs to be found and some of the most curious dolphins who love bow wave riding in front of your tender, you will probably get weary of them before they do of you! Pentecost has some lovely anchorages and plenty to do, even outside of the Nagol season, so make sure you add it to your Vanuatu bucket list.



WHERE IN VANUATU ARE WE?

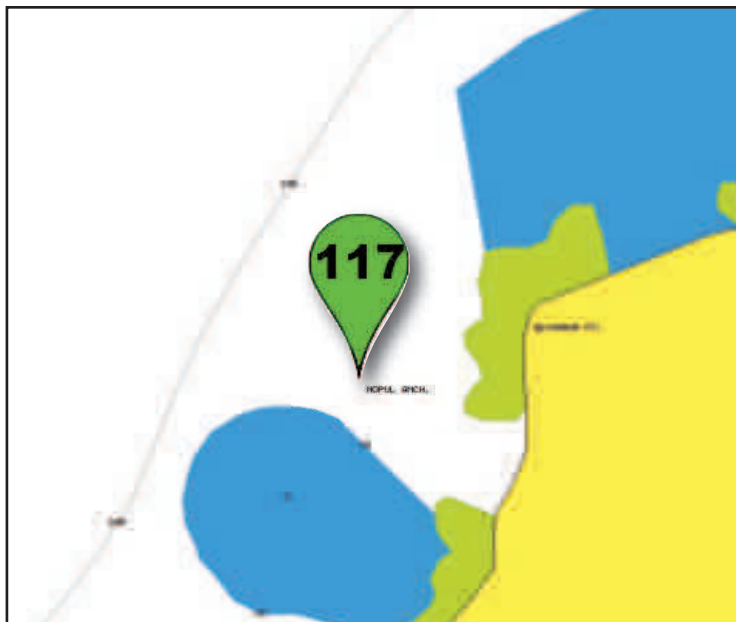
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117. Nopul

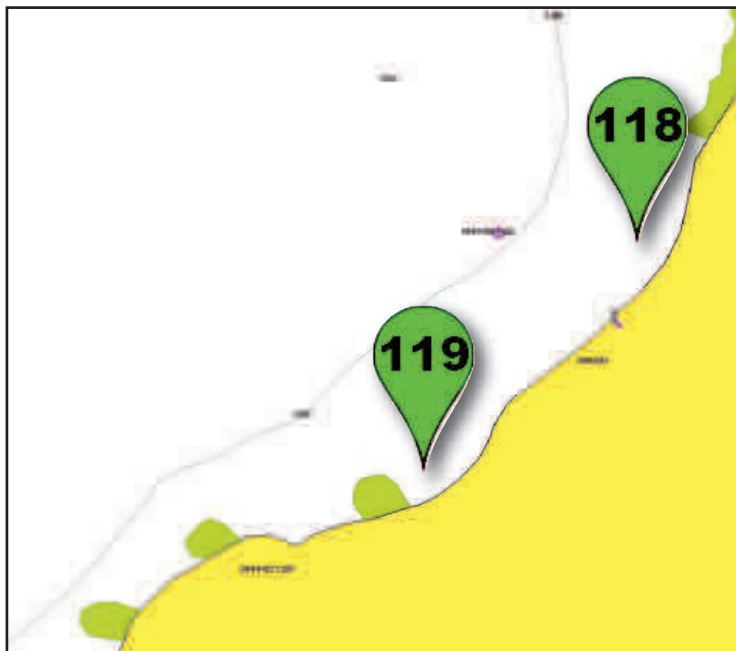
GPS: 16 06.549S, 168 07.831E
Exposed to Wind from: ESE - E - N - W
Exposed to Swell from: E - N - W
Bottom Type: Sand, good
Depth: 10metre
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: A reef surrounds you on three sides so anchor where you feel comfortable
Services: Clinic, short walk to island store at Olal
Features: Access to festivals at Olal
Contacts: Cheif Sekor 5907659
 Noel (Anglophone))



118. Ranon

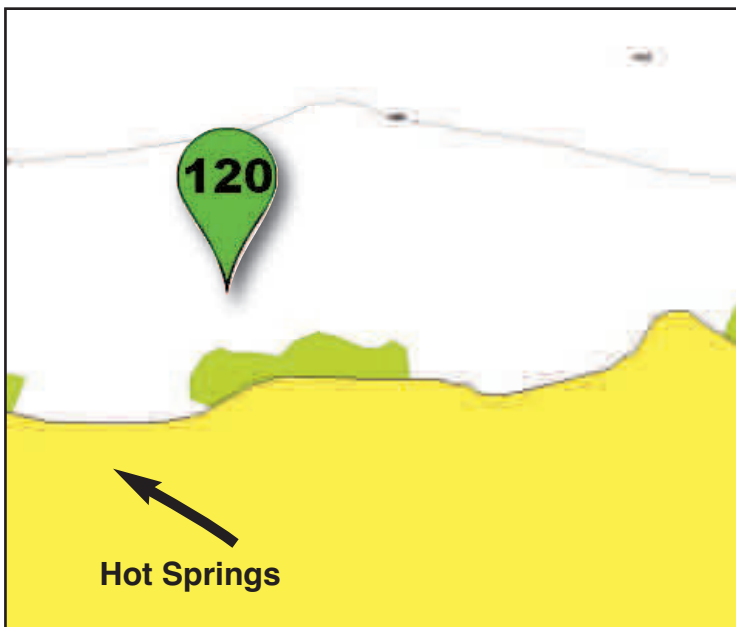
119. Ranvetlam

GPS: Ranon 16 08.511S, 168 06.936E
 Ranvetlam 16 09.084S, 168 06.457E
Exposed to Wind from: W - N - NE
Exposed to Swell from: W - N - E
Bottom Type: Black Sand
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Strong winds
Anchoring Tips: Get as close to the shore as you are comfortable, either get as far North or South as you can, don't take the middle ground
Services: Restaurant, Tours, Fruit & Vegetable, Island Stores
Features: Best access point to Mt Marum, carving and ROM Festivals
Contacts: John(Fanla) 779 3369
 Sandy (Ranvetlam) 593 3801



120. Bouama Hot Springs

GPS: 16 11.632S, 168 01'.871
Exposed to Wind from: W - N - NE
Exposed to Swell from: W - N - E
Bottom Type: Black Sand
Depth: 4-10metre
Suitable: Moderate winds
Anchoring Tips: There is an inconvenient rock outcrop in the centre of the anchorage so anchor to the west of it.
Services: Nil
Features: Fantastic hot spring to soak in, it is hottest at low tide
Contacts:



We had dropped anchor here over three weeks ago, the anchor firmly buried in the black sand so that regardless of the bullets of wind that spiraled down the steep mountains, at times swinging us completely around in a full 360 degrees, we weren't going anywhere. The holding here at Ranvetlam is truly awesome, being a catamaran we could get quite close to the shore so any roll was minimal.

Over the past weeks we had spent considerable time in the several villages, particularly Ranon, attending two festivals, one wedding, exploring the many bays and anchorages here in North Ambrym and soaking in the hot pools at Bouama. However at the back of our minds lurked the constant niggling possibility of climbing Mt Marum, one of the two active basaltic volcanoes on Ambrym. We had made tentative enquiries about what was involved in making this happen but really hadn't pursued it with any commitment, after all we had done Mt Yasur on Tanna several times – why spend hours trekking just to see another volcano? In truth the walking just didn't seem that appealing to us.

However a pervading sense of guilt starting settling in, after all we were so close, we really should make the effort, so when Sandy asked if we were still interested we took the plunge and said "yes", but it would have to be Saturday as we were due back in Port Sandwich on Monday.

Of course this was taking a real chance and we knew it, the weather needs to be just right to get the most out of this trip otherwise you might get up there and not be able to see anything. The guides know if the weather is going to allow you to see the action, so it pays to listen to them and not force the point, else it's a long walk for nothing. If they say "no" then don't argue.

Being conscious of the fact that we haven't done a lot of walking lately we elected to take the truck up as far as we could, saving about an hour of walking. We also wanted to stay up there overnight, mainly with thoughts of getting some night time photos, but also to spread the walking over two days rather than one big long one. So we had what camping gear we had onboard packed, basically a sleeping mat, warm clothes and food/water, plus camera gear. Another boat had warned us it gets very cold up there at night and advised us to take sleeping bags, but as we didn't have one onboard for our tropical journey that wasn't going to happen. We did throw in an extra pair of socks however and a couple of light blankets.

After some hesitation about the weather, Reuben, whose family owns Lombong Volcano Tours, deemed it was OK to go, though he suggested that tomorrow would probably be a better option. Sadly not an option for us so we crossed our



fingers and headed off to meet the truck on the beach.

We bounced our way past Ranvetlam waving farewell to Chief Joseph and headed up into the bush, past the original village site and various old nassara areas along the way, the last garden, the last village, Reuben was a wealth of information. He explained they had extended the road, by hand, last year and have plans to take it another kilometer this year, no machinery, just a chainsaw and shovels. All too soon it was time to say goodbye to Sandi and his truck and head off by foot. Of course being a volcano it was obvious we were going to have to go up at some time, but Reuben explained we would head through the lush jungle clad hills and then head downwards to the ash plains. Down? Surely that just meant more up at some time? No matter, we were on our way, trailing in our trusty guide's footsteps, smiling brightly every time we came up to where he was standing waiting patiently for us – "just had to take that photo you know. No, we don't need a break yet....."

An hour or so of walking with several rest stops and photo shots we emerged out of the jungle to the edge of the ash plain, the lower part of the huge 1900 year old caldera that forms half the interior of the island, from which the two volcanoes, Mts Marum & Benbow rise. The ash plains are nothing like I imagined, lush vegetation covers the hard packed

sand plains, orchids, palms, ferns and a variety of flowering trees are abundant. It's a bit like walking across an old braided river bed with bright green moss making a vivid contrast to the grey sand that's packed so hard it's like walking on tarmac. Easy walking but a guide is essential as it's very easy to lose the track, lagging behind is not an option as there are no footprints to follow. Apart from a very few birds, plenty of spider webs, and the occasional cat scratching or hoof print there is little evidence of life. Reuben explained that there are wild cattle and cats but little else to be found. In the months of May & June he says the plains are awash with bright red, orange and yellow blooms from a tree that strongly resembles the pohutakawa tree we have in New Zealand. Another plant very similar to one we have at home looks like our Toot, which is toxic to cattle but here is used to make wine from the blue berries – go figure!

The sun is shining and the walking pleasant as we meander our way across the ash plains to the small native hut that will be our base for the night, it takes us about 1.5 hours so we opt for an early lunch before heading up to the summit. We are very close to the two volcanoes now, the ash plain being edged by lush green ferns melding into a forest of palms looking like a bright oasis against the black ridges behind. Reuben carries our water containers as he knows of a small



spring en route and heralded by a large eagle looking vainly for prey we follow a small creek. Soon the flat plains have given way to steep ridges covered by wild cane and we realize it's time to start the real ascent to the summit above at 1334m above sea level. Looking up I have a moment's doubt about the feasibility of us achieving the top but it doesn't take long before we are able to look back down where we have come from and admire our progress. The wild cane covered ridges look like a savannah grassland that stretches for miles. Clambering up the ridges becomes more difficult as they grow steeper the higher we climb, there is very little to grab hold of and the shingle is loose and slippery. Our plans of returning for some night photography are fast being abandoned, trying to come down this in the dark would not be pleasant. Against the skyline above us we can see the belching smoke beckoning us closer and we start to feel the vibrations under our feet. The sky is perfectly clear except for a bank of clouds to the north and we are keyed up and anxious to get to the top to see what all the fuss is about. Concentrating on placing my feet, one slip here and I could end up sliding back to where we started, the final part of the climb resembles a very narrow sheep track, I suddenly find myself standing beside a marker that indicates we are here. Reuben urges caution as we inch closer to the thunderous noise we can hear from below and we tentatively peer over the edge. Wow!

It's fascinating, 400 meters almost directly below us lies a bubbling, boiling cauldron of molten lava, its hypnotizing watching the bubbling mass below. This is like looking at the heartbeat of the earth, with the lava being the pumping blood. The crater is lined with layers of different coloured rocks, pinks, whites and browns, and extremely steep. Nothing to stop you from going the whole way if you fell. This is so different to the volcano at Tanna, it's just so intense and powerful in a very different way. Reuben watches proudly as we lean over the edge, mesmerized by the molten action below. The challenge now is to get some decent photos that give true perspective. A challenge that is about to become even more difficult as the clouds that threatened earlier now close in and within ten minutes we can no longer even see the lava below, but still hear and feel the percussion from the lava spewing forth.

In hopes that this is just a temporary state of affairs we decide to explore the vast barren plain that surrounds this crater. It's just like walking on the moon, totally lifeless with no sign that anyone has ever been here, no rubbish, no tracks, only one lonely bullock's skull with horns artistically placed on a small pyre of rocks. The rain is settling in and the temperature is dropping, making the steam and smoke rising up from below form into a dense impenetrable wall along the edges of

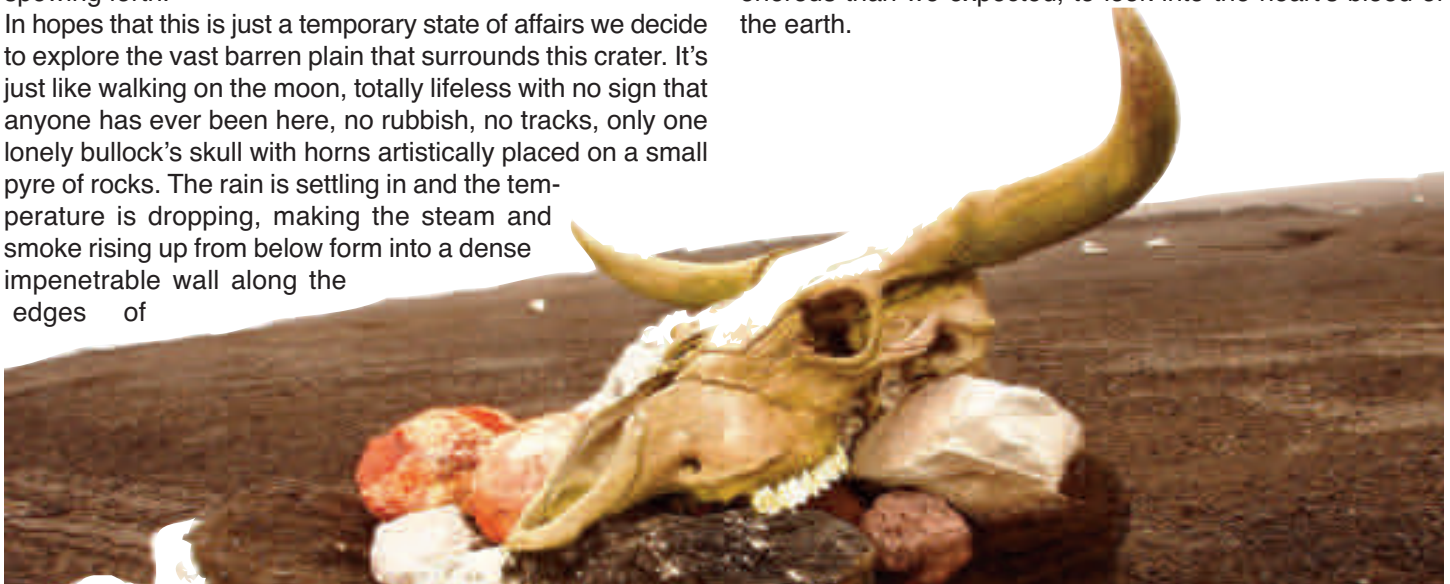
the crater. Reuben points out the other three craters, explaining that one makes much noise, one makes lava, one makes smoke and the last is a bad crater, due to the many rocks it throws up. Finally we reluctantly accept that the weather is not going to improve and decide to head back and start our descent, a moment later the rain really hits us and visibility drops to just a few meters, a tad unsettling when we still have to make our way along the edge to get back down. Just to make matters worse the sulphur gases are condensing with the mist and the rain drops starting to sting, covering our faces with our clothes we continue with one foot in front of the other. A last hopeful peer over the edge in vain and then we are heading down as fast as we can do so safely.

It's actually pouring hard now, but breathing is easier thankfully, we all resemble drowned rats and I am really hoping that Reuben can start a fire in the rain so we can get warm again. The small creek now resembles a raging torrent, good thing we filled the water containers on the way up. Collecting these we make our way down to our much anticipated shelter, a lot earlier than we had originally expected. Changing into dry clothes we sit down and take the chance to reflect over the day – totally awesome and even with the inclement weather we are so glad we have done it.

Reuben comes through with the firestarting skills and we are soon feasting on a simple hot meal and drink, sharing stories and contemplating further adventures. Looking up at Mt Marum as darkness falls the glow from the crater flickers eerily in the dark, silhouetting the palm trees around us. To the other side of us the sunset is glowing equally from the coast. It's hard to know which way to look. By 6.30pm we are tucked up on our sleeping mats preparing for an early start tomorrow morning.

Over night the clouds have lifted and it's a perfectly clear sky in the morning, sadly we need to start heading back else it would have been the perfect opportunity to return to the crater – next time maybe....

By 11.30am we are back on board Reflection and setting sail for the hot pools at Bouama, looking forward to a long hot soak with a stiff drink. Enroute we look back with contented, weary smiles at Mt Marum smoking away in the distance, so very pleased we made the effort, which proved to be far less onerous than we expected, to look into the heart's blood of the earth.



PLACES TO HIDE



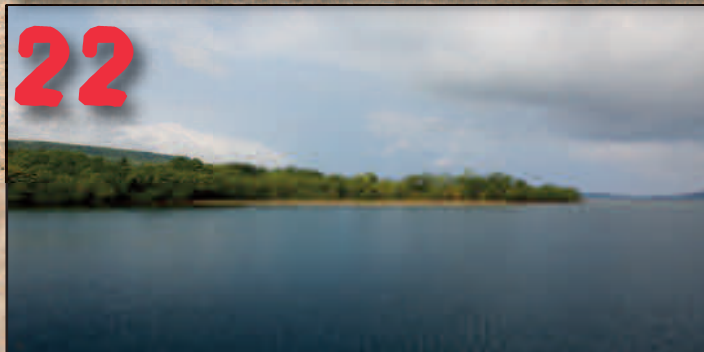
Possible Places to Hide

It is almost impossible to list the safest anchorages as bad weather doesn't follow any predetermined plan however there are some anchorages that we prefer in the event of abnormal weather and they provide adequate shelter from all but the extreme conditions. It is unusual to get wind from the west but when it does happens you will need to seek shelter to avoid the inevitable roll in the normally favourable anchorages.

- 18 - Port Vila, Efate
- 22 - Escema Bay, Efate
- 39 - Awei Island, Maskelynes
- 41 - Gaspard Bay, Maskelynes
- 46 - Port Sandwich, Malekula
- 68 - Ratua Island, Santo
- 77 - Oyster Island, Santo
- 83 - Port Olry, Santo
- 96 - Lolowai, Ambae
- 110 - Port Patteson, Vanua Lava

18**Port Vila, Efate****17 44.200S 168 18.604E**

Port Vila is the only harbour in Vanuatu with storm capable moorings. There are around 40 moorings available in the harbour some of which are cyclone rated. It has poor holding as an anchorage and you may be better at Escema Bay if you wish to stay at anchor.

22**Escema Bay, Havannah Harbour, Efate****17 33.126S 168 16.991E**

Escema Bay is in the north end of Havannah harbour and is only exposed to the west although the fetch is only small and the holding is great in sand and mud so at worst you will be uncomfortable for awhile but perfectly safe.

39**Awei Island, Maskelynes****16 32.042S 167 46.217E**

The anchorage is only really exposed to wind from the North-east but is still protected by several reefs, the holding in sand is very good and you should sleep well here but it can get crowded at times of need. We have seen up to ten vessels in here.

41**Gaspard Bay, Maskelynes****16 28.115S 167 48.764E**

The trick here is to work your way into the head of the bay in the murky water and get as close to the mangroves as possible being careful of the small sticks that mark the shallow reefs edge. The bottom has great holding and the wind will whistle overhead.

46**Port Sandwich, Malekula****16 27.673S 167 46.723E**

The anchorage at Port Sandwich is fine in most inclement conditions however if you require more protection you can move up into this anchorage which provides more protection from the west and less fetch with great holding.

Ratua Island, Aore
15 36.697S 167 10.570

Ratua Resort has two moorings available and the bay is sheltered from all directions with the exception of the North-west when it can become uncomfortable. The holding is good and you there is very little fetch from any other direction.



Oyster Island, Santo
15 22.425S 167 11.413E

This is probably the most sheltered anchorage in Vanuatu and has tremendous holding, you are protected from almost any sea conditions by two sets of reefs and islands and there is very little fetch from any direction. The resort owns two cyclone rated moorings.



Port Olry, Santo
15 02.222S 167 03.923E

It is quite an act to get into the inner anchorage at Port Olry but once you are in you have plenty of protection from both the wind and sea and there is plenty of room for vessels. The outer anchorages also provide good shelter in strong conditions from most directions.



Lolowai, Ambae
15 16.880S 167 58.748E

Lolowai is well protected from every direction besides the North and has a very shallow sheltering reef which will provide good protection from most sea conditions. The bottom has good holding, getting out could be a problem if the wind comes from the North



Port Patteson, Vanua Lava
Sola 13 52.424S, 167 33.198E
Nawona Bay 13 49.555S, 167 33.064E

Port Patteson provides great shelter from most directions and the holding is great, if the weather is from the south anchor at Sola, if its from the North anchor at Nawona Bay.



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PORT VILA TIDE TABLES

MAY '15

JUNE '15

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon
Fri, 1 May 15	03:58 / 1.20 m	10:24 / 0.33 m	16:27 / 1.07 m	22:19 / 0.40 m		
Sat, 2 May 15	04:30 / 1.23 m	10:58 / 0.26 m	17:08 / 1.10 m	22:54 / 0.41 m		
Sun, 3 May 15	05:00 / 1.25 m	11:32 / 0.21 m	17:47 / 1.11 m	23:29 / 0.43 m		
Mon, 4 May 15	05:30 / 1.26 m	12:07 / 0.17 m	18:25 / 1.12 m			Full Moon
Tue, 5 May 15		00:04 / 0.46 m	06:01 / 1.26 m	12:41 / 0.15 m	07:04 / 1.12 m	
Wed, 6 May 15		00:41 / 0.49 m	06:34 / 1.25 m	13:19 / 0.14 m	07:45 / 1.11 m	
Thu, 7 May 15		01:20 / 0.53 m	07:09 / 1.22 m	13:58 / 0.14 m	08:30 / 1.10 m	
Fri, 8 May 15		02:04 / 0.57 m	07:48 / 1.19 m	14:42 / 0.16 m	09:21 / 1.08 m	
Sat, 9 May 15		02:53 / 0.60 m	08:34 / 1.14 m	15:32 / 0.19 m	10:18 / 1.08 m	
Sun, 10 May 15		03:57 / 0.62 m	09:31 / 1.09 m	16:28 / 0.22 m	11:20 / 1.10 m	
Mon, 11 May 15		05:11 / 0.61 m	10:41 / 1.04 m	17:31 / 0.25 m		Last Quarter
Tue, 12 May 15	00:23 / 1.13 m	06:29 / 0.56 m	12:01 / 1.02 m	18:36 / 0.27 m		
Wed, 13 May 15	01:21 / 1.18 m	07:40 / 0.46 m	13:21 / 1.03 m	19:40 / 0.28 m		
Thu, 14 May 15	02:13 / 1.24 m	08:41 / 0.35 m	14:33 / 1.07 m	20:39 / 0.30 m		
Fri, 15 May 15	03:01 / 1.30 m	09:35 / 0.23 m	15:37 / 1.12 m	21:33 / 0.31 m		
Sat, 16 May 15	03:46 / 1.35 m	10:24 / 0.12 m	16:34 / 1.16 m	22:24 / 0.34 m		
Sun, 17 May 15	04:29 / 1.38 m	11:11 / 0.04 m	17:27 / 1.19 m	23:12 / 0.37 m		
Mon, 18 May 15	05:12 / 1.38 m	11:56 / 0.00 m	18:18 / 1.19 m	23:59 / 0.42 m		New Moon
Tue, 19 May 15	05:54 / 1.36 m	12:41 / -0.01 m	19:08 / 1.18 m			
Wed, 20 May 15		12:45 / 0.47 m	06:36 / 1.32 m	13:25 / 0.02 m	07:58 / 1.16 m	
Thu, 21 May 15		01:32 / 0.52 m	07:17 / 1.25 m	14:09 / 0.07 m	08:48 / 1.13 m	
Fri, 22 May 15		02:21 / 0.57 m	08:01 / 1.18 m	14:54 / 0.13 m	09:40 / 1.09 m	
Sat, 23 May 15		03:14 / 0.61 m	08:48 / 1.09 m	15:41 / 0.21 m	10:34 / 1.07 m	
Sun, 24 May 15		04:15 / 0.64 m	09:41 / 1.01 m	16:31 / 0.28 m	11:29 / 1.06 m	
Mon, 25 May 15		05:24 / 0.63 m	10:45 / 0.95 m	17:24 / 0.34 m		
Tue, 26 May 15	00:23 / 1.07 m	06:35 / 0.60 m	11:57 / 0.91 m	18:19 / 0.39 m		First Quarter
Wed, 27 May 15	01:12 / 1.09 m	07:38 / 0.53 m	13:11 / 0.90 m	19:13 / 0.42 m		
Thu, 28 May 15	01:55 / 1.12 m	08:30 / 0.46 m	14:16 / 0.91 m	19:04 / 0.45 m		
Fri, 29 May 15	02:34 / 1.15 m	09:14 / 0.37 m	15:13 / 0.95 m	20:51 / 0.46 m		
Sat, 30 May 15	03:11 / 1.19 m	09:53 / 0.29 m	16:02 / 0.98 m	21:34 / 0.47 m		
Sun, 31 May 15	03:46 / 1.22 m	10:31 / 0.21 m	16:46 / 1.02 m	22:16 / 0.47 m		

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon
Mon, 1 Jun 15	04:21 / 1.25 m	11:07 / 0.14 m	17:29 / 1.06 m	22:57 / 0.48 m		
Tue, 2 Jun 15	04:56 / 1.27 m	11:44 / 0.09 m	18:10 / 1.09 m	23:38 / 0.49 m		
Wed, 3 Jun 15	05:31 / 1.27 m	12:22 / 0.06 m	18:51 / 1.11 m			Full Moon
Thu, 4 Jun 15		00:20 / 0.51 m	06:09 / 1.27 m	13:01 / 0.04 m	19:34 / 1.12 m	
Fri, 5 Jun 15		01:05 / 0.53 m	06:48 / 1.24 m	13:42 / 0.04 m	20:20 / 1.13 m	
Sat, 6 Jun 15		01:53 / 0.54 m	07:32 / 1.21 m	14:26 / 0.06 m	21:09 / 1.13 m	
Sun, 7 Jun 15		02:47 / 0.56 m	08:22 / 1.15 m	15:14 / 0.10 m	22:01 / 1.14 m	
Mon, 8 Jun 15		03:49 / 0.56 m	09:20 / 1.09 m	16:07 / 0.16 m	22:56 / 1.16 m	
Tue, 9 Jun 15		04:59 / 0.53 m	10:28 / 1.02 m	17:04 / 0.22 m	23:52 / 1.18 m	
Wed, 10 Jun 15		06:13 / 0.47 m	11:47 / 0.98 m	18:06 / 0.28 m		Last Quarter
Thu, 11 Jun 15	12:48 / 1.22 m	07:23 / 0.38 m	13:08 / 0.97 m	19:09 / 0.33 m		
Fri, 12 Jun 15	01:41 / 1.25 m	08:25 / 0.27 m	14:24 / 0.99 m	20:11 / 0.38 m		
Sat, 13 Jun 15	02:31 / 1.29 m	09:21 / 0.17 m	15:30 / 1.03 m	21:09 / 0.41 m		
Sun, 14 Jun 15	03:19 / 1.32 m	10:12 / 0.08 m	16:29 / 1.07 m	22:03 / 0.43 m		
Mon, 15 Jun 15	04:05 / 1.34 m	10:58 / 0.02 m	17:22 / 1.11 m	22:53 / 0.46 m		
Tue, 16 Jun 15	04:49 / 1.35 m	11:43 / -0.01 m	18:11 / 1.13 m	23:41 / 0.48 m		
Wed, 17 Jun 15	05:32 / 1.31 m	12:25 / -0.02 m	18:57 / 1.13 m			New Moon
Thu, 18 Jun 15		00:27 / 0.51 m	06:13 / 1.27 m	13:06 / 0.01 m	19:42 / 1.13 m	
Fri, 19 Jun 15		01:12 / 0.53 m	06:55 / 1.22 m	13:46 / 0.05 m	20:26 / 1.11 m	
Sat, 20 Jun 15		01:58 / 0.56 m	07:36 / 1.16 m	14:26 / 0.11 m	21:09 / 1.10 m	
Sun, 21 Jun 15		02:46 / 0.58 m	08:19 / 1.08 m	15:05 / 0.18 m	21:54 / 1.08 m	
Mon, 22 Jun 15		03:38 / 0.59 m	09:06 / 1.01 m	15:46 / 0.25 m	22:39 / 1.07 m	
Tue, 23 Jun 15		04:36 / 0.58 m	10:00 / 0.93 m	16:29 / 0.32 m	23:25 / 1.07 m	
Wed, 24 Jun 15		05:39 / 0.56 m	11:05 / 0.88 m	17:17 / 0.39 m		First Quarter
Thu, 25 Jun 15	00:11 / 1.08 m	06:44 / 0.51 m	12:18 / 0.85 m	18:09 / 0.44 m		
Fri, 26 Jun 15	00:57 / 1.10 m	07:42 / 0.44 m	13:32 / 0.85 m	19:04 / 0.48 m		
Sat, 27 Jun 15	1:41 / 1.13 m	08:33 / 0.36 m	14:38 / 0.88 m	20:00 / 0.50 m		
Sun, 28 Jun 15	2:24 / 1.16 m	09:19 / 0.27 m	15:34 / 0.92 m	20:53 / 0.51 m		
Mon, 29 Jun 15	3:06 / 1.20 m	10:01 / 0.18 m	16:23 / 0.97 m	21:42 / 0.51 m		
Tue, 30 Jun 15	3:46 / 1.24 m	10:41 / 0.11 m	17:07 / 1.03 m	22:30 / 0.50 m		

PORT VILA TIDE TABLES

JULY '15

AUGUST '15

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon
Wed, 1 Jul 15	04:27 / 1.27 m	11:21 / 0.04 m	17:50 / 1.08 m	23:16 / 0.49 m		
Thu, 2 Jul 15	03:08 / 1.29 m	00:01 / -0.00 m	18:33 / 1.12 m			Full Moon
Fri, 3 Jul 15		00:03 / 0.48 m	05:51 / 1.29 m	12:42 / -0.03 m	19:15 / 1.15 m	
Sat, 4 Jul 15		00:50 / 0.47 m	06:35 / 1.27 m	13:25 / -0.02 m	20:00 / 1.18 m	
Sun, 5 Jul 15		01:40 / 0.47 m	07:23 / 1.23 m	14:09 / 0.01 m	20:46 / 1.19 m	
Mon, 6 Jul 15		02:35 / 0.46 m	08:14 / 1.17 m	14:55 / 0.07 m	21:34 / 1.20 m	
Tue, 7 Jul 15		03:34 / 0.45 m	09:12 / 1.09 m	15:45 / 0.15 m	22:25 / 1.20 m	
Wed, 8 Jul 15		04:40 / 0.42 m	10:19 / 1.02 m	16:39 / 0.24 m	23:19 / 1.21 m	
Thu, 9 Jul 15		05:51 / 0.38 m	11:36 / 0.95 m	17:39 / 0.33 m		Last Quarter
Fri, 10 Jul 15	12:15 / 1.21 m	07:02 / 0.31 m	12:58 / 0.93 m	18:45 / 0.40 m		
Sat, 11 Jul 15	01:12 / 1.23 m	08:08 / 0.23 m	14:18 / 0.94 m	19:51 / 0.46 m		
Sun, 12 Jul 15	02:07 / 1.25 m	09:07 / 0.15 m	15:26 / 0.98 m	20:54 / 0.48 m		
Mon, 13 Jul 15	02:59 / 1.26 m	09:59 / 0.09 m	16:24 / 1.03 m	21:50 / 0.49 m		
Tue, 14 Jul 15	03:48 / 1.27 m	10:45 / 0.04 m	17:14 / 1.06 m	22:41 / 0.49 m		
Wed, 15 Jul 15	04:33 / 1.27 m	11:28 / 0.02 m	17:58 / 1.09 m	23:27 / 0.49 m		
Thu, 16 Jul 15	05:16 / 1.26 m	00:08 / 0.02 m	18:39 / 1.11 m			New Moon
Fri, 17 Jul 15		00:10 / 0.49 m	05:56 / 1.24 m	12:45 / 0.04 m	19:17 / 1.11 m	
Sat, 18 Jul 15		00:51 / 0.49 m	06:36 / 1.20 m	13:21 / 0.08 m	19:54 / 1.11 m	
Sun, 19 Jul 15		01:32 / 0.50 m	07:15 / 1.15 m	13:55 / 0.13 m	20:30 / 1.10 m	
Mon, 20 Jul 15		02:13 / 0.50 m	07:54 / 1.08 m	14:29 / 0.19 m	21:07 / 1.09 m	
Tue, 21 Jul 15		02:57 / 0.51 m	08:36 / 1.01 m	15:04 / 0.26 m	21:44 / 1.08 m	
Wed, 22 Jul 15		03:46 / 0.51 m	09:23 / 0.95 m	15:41 / 0.33 m	22:24 / 1.07 m	
Thu, 23 Jul 15		04:41 / 0.50 m	10:19 / 0.88 m	16:22 / 0.40 m	23:08 / 1.07 m	
Fri, 24 Jul 15		05:43 / 0.47 m	11:28 / 0.84 m	17:12 / 0.47 m	23:56 / 1.07 m	First Quarter
Sat, 25 Jul 15		06:47 / 0.43 m	12:46 / 0.82 m	18:11 / 0.51 m		
Sun, 26 Jul 15	12:48 / 1.09 m	07:47 / 0.36 m	14:00 / 0.85 m	19:16 / 0.54 m		
Mon, 27 Jul 15	01:39 / 1.12 m	08:41 / 0.27 m	15:03 / 0.90 m	20:19 / 0.54 m		
Tue, 28 Jul 15	02:30 / 1.16 m	09:29 / 0.19 m	15:55 / 0.97 m	21:16 / 0.52 m		
Wed, 29 Jul 15	03:18 / 1.21 m	10:14 / 0.10 m	16:41 / 1.04 m	22:09 / 0.48 m		
Thu, 30 Jul 15	04:05 / 1.26 m	10:56 / 0.03 m	17:25 / 1.11 m	22:58 / 0.44 m		
Fri, 31 Jul 15	04:51 / 1.29 m	11:39 / -0.02 m	18:06 / 1.16 m	23:46 / 0.40 m		Full Moon

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon
Sat, 1 Aug 15	05:37 / 1.31 m	00:21 / -0.04 m	18:48 / 1.21 m			
Sun, 2 Aug 15		00:35 / 0.37 m	06:25 / 1.30 m	13:04 / -0.03 m	19:31 / 1.24 m	
Mon, 3 Aug 15		01:25 / 0.34 m	07:14 / 1.26 m	13:48 / 0.02 m	20:15 / 1.25 m	
Tue, 4 Aug 15		02:17 / 0.33 m	08:06 / 1.19 m	14:34 / 0.10 m	21:01 / 1.24 m	
Wed, 5 Aug 15		03:14 / 0.32 m	09:04 / 1.11 m	15:22 / 0.20 m	21:50 / 1.22 m	
Thu, 6 Aug 15		04:16 / 0.31 m	10:10 / 1.02 m	16:16 / 0.31 m	22:44 / 1.20 m	
Fri, 7 Aug 15		05:25 / 0.30 m	11:26 / 0.95 m	17:18 / 0.41 m	23:43 / 1.18 m	Last Quarter
Sat, 8 Aug 15		06:38 / 0.27 m	12:51 / 0.92 m	18:28 / 0.48 m		
Sun, 9 Aug 15	00:45 / 1.17 m	07:48 / 0.23 m	14:12 / 0.94 m	19:40 / 0.52 m		
Mon, 10 Aug 15	01:47 / 1.17 m	08:50 / 0.17 m	15:19 / 0.98 m	20:47 / 0.52 m		
Tue, 11 Aug 15	02:44 / 1.19 m	09:43 / 0.13 m	16:13 / 1.02 m	21:43 / 0.51 m		
Wed, 12 Aug 15	03:36 / 1.20 m	10:29 / 0.10 m	16:57 / 1.07 m	22:31 / 0.48 m		
Thu, 13 Aug 15	04:21 / 1.21 m	11:09 / 0.08 m	17:35 / 1.10 m	23:14 / 0.46 m		
Fri, 14 Aug 15	05:03 / 1.21 m	11:45 / 0.08 m	18:10 / 1.12 m	23:52 / 0.43 m		
Sat, 15 Aug 15	05:42 / 1.20 m	12:19 / 0.10 m	18:42 / 1.13 m			New Moon
Sun, 16 Aug 15		00:29 / 0.42 m	06:19 / 1.18 m	12:51 / 0.14 m	19:14 / 1.13 m	
Mon, 17 Aug 15		01:05 / 0.41 m	06:56 / 1.14 m	13:22 / 0.19 m	19:45 / 1.12 m	
Tue, 18 Aug 15		01:41 / 0.41 m	07:33 / 1.09 m	13:53 / 0.25 m	20:16 / 1.11 m	
Wed, 19 Aug 15		02:20 / 0.41 m	08:12 / 1.03 m	14:25 / 0.31 m	20:49 / 1.09 m	
Thu, 20 Aug 15		03:01 / 0.42 m	08:54 / 0.97 m	14:59 / 0.38 m	21:25 / 1.07 m	
Fri, 21 Aug 15		03:49 / 0.42 m	09:45 / 0.91 m	15:38 / 0.45 m	22:06 / 1.06 m	
Sat, 22 Aug 15		04:45 / 0.42 m	10:48 / 0.86 m	16:27 / 0.51 m	22:55 / 1.05 m	
Sun, 23 Aug 15		05:50 / 0.40 m	12:06 / 0.85 m	17:30 / 0.56 m	23:54 / 1.05 m	First Quarter
Mon, 24 Aug 15		06:58 / 0.36 m	13:26 / 0.87 m	18:45 / 0.58 m		
Tue, 25 Aug 15	00:57 / 1.07 m	08:00 / 0.29 m	14:32 / 0.93 m	19:56 / 0.56 m		
Wed, 26 Aug 15	01:58 / 1.12 m	08:55 / 0.20 m	15:25 / 1.01 m	20:58 / 0.50 m		
Thu, 27 Aug 15	02:54 / 1.18 m	09:43 / 0.12 m	16:11 / 1.09 m	21:52 / 0.44 m		
Fri, 28 Aug 15	03:47 / 1.24 m	10:29 / 0.05 m	16:53 / 1.17 m	22:42 / 0.36 m		
Sat, 29 Aug 15	04:37 / 1.29 m	11:13 / 0.01 m	17:35 / 1.23 m	23:30 / 0.29 m		
Sun, 30 Aug 15	05:26 / 1.32 m	11:57 / 0.00 m	18:16 / 1.28 m			Full Moon
Mon, 31 Aug 15		12:17 / 0.24 m	06:15 / 1.31 m	12:40 / 0.03 m	18:57 / 1.30 m	

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon
Tue, 1 Sep 15		01:06 / 0.20 m	07:06 / 1.27 m	13:25 / 0.10 m	19:40 / 1.30 m	
Wed, 2 Sep 15		01:56 / 0.19 m	07:59 / 1.21 m	14:11 / 0.19 m	20:25 / 1.28 m	
Thu, 3 Sep 15		02:50 / 0.20 m	08:56 / 1.13 m	15:00 / 0.30 m	21:13 / 1.23 m	
Fri, 4 Sep 15		03:50 / 0.22 m	10:02 / 1.04 m	15:55 / 0.41 m	22:07 / 1.18 m	
Sat, 5 Sep 15		04:57 / 0.25 m	11:18 / 0.98 m	17:00 / 0.50 m	23:09 / 1.13 m	Last Quarter
Sun, 6 Sep 15		06:10 / 0.26 m	12:41 / 0.96 m	18:18 / 0.56 m		
Mon, 7 Sep 15	00:19 / 1.10 m	07:23 / 0.25 m	14:00 / 0.97 m	19:36 / 0.57 m		
Tue, 8 Sep 15	01:29 / 1.09 m	08:27 / 0.23 m	15:02 / 1.02 m	20:42 / 0.54 m		
Wed, 9 Sep 15	02:31 / 1.11 m	09:20 / 0.20 m	15:50 / 1.06 m	21:35 / 0.49 m		
Thu, 10 Sep 15	03:24 / 1.13 m	10:04 / 0.18 m	16:29 / 1.10 m	22:19 / 0.44 m		
Fri, 11 Sep 15	04:09 / 1.16 m	10:42 / 0.18 m	17:03 / 1.13 m	22:57 / 0.40 m		
Sat, 12 Sep 15	04:50 / 1.17 m	11:17 / 0.18 m	17:34 / 1.15 m	23:32 / 0.36 m		
Sun, 13 Sep 15	05:28 / 1.17 m	11:48 / 0.20 m	18:03 / 1.17 m			New Moon
Mon, 14 Sep 15		00:06 / 0.33 m	06:04 / 1.16 m	12:18 / 0.24 m	18:32 / 1.17 m	
Tue, 15 Sep 15		00:39 / 0.31 m	06:40 / 1.13 m	12:48 / 0.28 m	19:00 / 1.16 m	
Wed, 16 Sep 15		01:12 / 0.31 m	07:16 / 1.10 m	13:18 / 0.33 m	19:29 / 1.15 m	
Thu, 17 Sep 15		01:47 / 0.31 m	07:53 / 1.05 m	13:50 / 0.39 m	19:59 / 1.12 m	
Fri, 18 Sep 15		02:25 / 0.32 m	08:35 / 1.00 m	14:24 / 0.46 m	20:32 / 1.10 m	
Sat, 19 Sep 15		03:08 / 0.34 m	09:23 / 0.95 m	15:04 / 0.52 m	21:11 / 1.07 m	
Sun, 20 Sep 15		03:59 / 0.36 m	10:23 / 0.92 m	15:56 / 0.58 m	22:00 / 1.04 m	
Mon, 21 Sep 15		05:01 / 0.36 m	23:37 / 0.91 m	17:05 / 0.61 m	23:05 / 1.02 m	First Quarter
Tue, 22 Sep 15		06:10 / 0.34 m	12:54 / 0.94 m	18:26 / 0.61 m		
Wed, 23 Sep 15	00:19 / 1.04 m	07:18 / 0.29 m	13:59 / 1.00 m	19:41 / 0.56 m		
Thu, 24 Sep 15	01:31 / 1.08 m	08:18 / 0.23 m	14:38 / 1.17 m	20:44 / 0.48 m		
Fri, 25 Sep 15	02:34 / 1.14 m	09:11 / 0.17 m	15:38 / 1.17 m	21:37 / 0.38 m		
Sat, 26 Sep 15	03:31 / 1.21 m	10:00 / 0.12 m	16:20 / 1.25 m	22:26 / 0.27 m		
Sun, 27 Sep 15	04:24 / 1.27 m	10:46 / 0.10 m	17:01 / 1.31 m	23:14 / 0.18 m		
Mon, 28 Sep 15	05:15 / 1.30 m	11:31 / 0.11 m	17:42 / 1.36 m			Full Moon
Tue, 29 Sep 15		00:00 / 0.11 m	06:06 / 1.30 m	12:15 / 0.15 m	18:23 / 1.37 m	
Wed, 30 Sep 15		00:48 / 0.07 m	06:57 / 1.27 m	13:01 / 0.23 m	19:06 / 1.35 m	

Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Moon
Thu, 1 Oct 15		01:37 / 0.07 m	07:51 / 1.22 m	13:48 / 0.32 m	19:50 / 1.30 m	
Fri, 2 Oct 15		02:28 / 0.10 m	08:48 / 1.15 m	14:38 / 0.42 m	20:38 / 1.24 m	
Sat, 3 Oct 15		03:24 / 0.15 m	09:52 / 1.08 m	15:36 / 0.51 m	21:31 / 1.16 m	
Sun, 4 Oct 15		04:26 / 0.21 m	11:05 / 1.03 m	16:43 / 0.59 m	22:35 / 1.09 m	
Mon, 5 Oct 15		05:36 / 0.26 m	12:24 / 1.01 m	18:07 / 0.61 m	23:49 / 1.04 m	Last Quarter
Tue, 6 Oct 15		06:47 / 0.29 m	13:35 / 1.03 m	19:26 / 0.59 m		
Wed, 7 Oct 15	01:05 / 1.02 m	07:51 / 0.29 m	14:32 / 1.07 m	20:31 / 0.54 m		
Thu, 8 Oct 15	02:11 / 1.04 m	08:45 / 0.29 m	15:16 / 1.11 m	21:20 / 0.47 m		
Fri, 9 Oct 15	03:06 / 1.07 m	09:29 / 0.29 m	15:52 / 1.14 m	22:01 / 0.41 m		
Sat, 10 Oct 15	03:53 / 1.10 m	10:07 / 0.29 m	16:24 / 1.18 m	22:36 / 0.35 m		
Sun, 11 Oct 15	04:34 / 1.12 m	10:41 / 0.30 m	16:54 / 1.20 m	23:10 / 0.29 m		
Mon, 12 Oct 15	05:12 / 1.13 m	11:13 / 0.32 m	17:22 / 1.22 m	23:42 / 0.25 m		
Tue, 13 Oct 15	05:49 / 1.13 m	11:44 / 0.35 m	17:51 / 1.22 m			New Moon
Wed, 14 Oct 15		00:14 / 0.23 m	06:25 / 1.12 m	12:16 / 0.39 m	18:19 / 1.22 m	
Thu, 15 Oct 15		00:47 / 0.22 m	07:02 / 1.10 m	12:47 / 0.43 m	18:47 / 1.20 m	
Fri, 16 Oct 15		01:21 / 0.22 m	07:40 / 1.07 m	13:21 / 0.48 m	19:17 / 1.17 m	
Sat, 17 Oct 15		01:58 / 0.23 m	08:22 / 1.04 m	13:58 / 0.54 m	19:50 / 1.14 m	
Sun, 18 Oct 15		02:39 / 0.26 m	09:10 / 1.01 m	14:41 / 0.59 m	20:30 / 1.10 m	
Mon, 19 Oct 15		03:27 / 0.28 m	10:07 / 0.99 m	15:37 / 0.63 m	21:21 / 1.06 m	
Tue, 20 Oct 15		04:24 / 0.30 m	11:14 / 1.00 m	16:50 / 0.65 m	22:27 / 1.02 m	
Wed, 21 Oct 15		05:29 / 0.31 m	12:24 / 1.03 m	18:13 / 0.62 m	23:47 / 1.02 m	First Quarter
Thu, 22 Oct 15		06:37 / 0.30 m	13:25 / 1.09 m	19:27 / 0.55 m		
Fri, 23 Oct 15	01:06 / 1.04 m	07:40 / 0.27 m	14:17 / 1.17 m	20:29 / 0.44 m		
Sat, 24 Oct 15	02:16 / 1.10 m	08:37 / 0.24 m	15:04 / 1.25 m	21:22 / 0.32 m		
Sun, 25 Oct 15	03:18 / 1.16 m	09:30 / 0.22 m	15:47 / 1.33 m	22:11 / 0.20 m		
Mon, 26 Oct 15	04:14 / 1.22 m	10:18 / 0.23 m	16:29 / 1.38 m	22:58 / 0.10 m		
Tue, 27 Oct 15	05:07 / 1.26 m	11:05 / 0.25 m	17:11 / 1.41 m	23:45 / 0.03 m		Full Moon
Wed, 28 Oct 15	05:59 / 1.27 m	11:52 / 0.30 m	17:53 / 1.41 m			
Thu, 29 Oct 15		00:31 / 0.00 m	06:50 / 1.25 m	12:39 / 0.36 m	18:36 / 1.38 m	
Fri, 30 Oct 15		01:18 / 0.01 m	07:43 / 1.22 m	13:27 / 0.44 m	19:19 / 1.32 m	
Sat, 31 Oct 15		02:07 / 0.05 m	08:39 / 1.17 m	14:18 / 0.52 m	20:06 / 1.24 m	

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SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER '15

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Call Centre(domestic & International.....23848

Administration.....23838

Ticketing & Sales.....23878

Fax Line.....26591

Bauerfield Airport (Domestic).....22278

Bauerfield Airport (International).....23868

Santo Office.....37670

Fax Line.....37680

Pekoa Terminal Santo.....36511

Fax Line.....36411

Customer Service International.....37364

Cargo Int/Domestic.....37565

Lakatoro Office, Malekula.....48551

Norsup Office, Malekula.....48552

Tanna Office.....88754

Whitegrass Airport.....22836

Unity Airlines

PO Box 1010, Port Vila.....24475

Fax Line.....23305

Mobile.....7744475-7747809

Vanuatu Helicopters, PO Box 44, Port Vila.....25022

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Chief Pilot.....5544106

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Reservations.....22019

2nd Line.....22739

Mobile.....7743374

Fax line.....24301

Cargo Airport.....22484

Air New Zealand Agent, PO Box 343, Port Vila.....22666

Cargo.....24690-22666-7744690

Air Niuguini, PO Box 1694, Port Vila.....22836

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Air Pacific, PO Box 1694, Port Vila.....22836

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Tanna Office.....88754

Whitegrass Airport.....22836

Australian Airlines Agent, BP 148, Port Vila.....23848

British Airlines Agent, PO Box 343, Port Vila.....22666

Fax line.....24275

Luganville, BP 4, Santo.....36537

Fax line.....36116

Cathay Pacific, PO Box 343, Port Vila.....22666

Fax line.....24275

Luganville, BP 4, Santo.....36537

Fax line.....36116

Qantas Airlines Agent, PO Box 343, Port Vila.....23848

Solomon Airlines Agent, PO Box 343, Port Vila.....22666

Fax line.....24275

Luganville, BP 4, Santo.....36537

Fax line.....36116

Thai Airways International, PO Box 343.....22666

Fax line.....24275

Luganville, BP 4, Santo.....36537

Fax line.....36116

Unity Airlines,

PO Box 1010 Main Office.....24475

Fax line.....23305

Operations.....7747809

Airport Office.....28037

Virgin Australia, PO Box 1694.....22836

Airport Office.....25980

Fax.....23583

ALUMINIUM MANUFACTURERS WELDING

Alubat/Ternant J M, PO Box 1166.....23906

Fax line.....24450

Office Santo.....36813

Aluminium Boat Marine & General Engineering

(Bladiniere Estate, back of Unelco, Tagabe)

PO Box 136, Port Vila.....23244

Fax line.....27940

P.A.F. Aluminium

PO Box 384, Port Vila.....22968

Vanuatu Glass & Aluminium (Wilco Windows)

PO Box 7092 Port Vila.....23404

Mobile.....7745385

Fax line.....26042

AMBULANCES

Promedical (VEMSA) Emergency, PO Box 822.....25566

Free Call.....115

Administratration.....26996

Fax line.....27125

AUDIO-VIDEO EQUIPMENT

John Lum, PO Box 65, Port Vila.....36329
Sound Centre Downtown, PO Box 434, Port Vila...22035
Email: sales@pacificretailing.com

BANKS

ANZ Bank (Vanuatu) Ltd, Private Mail Bag 9003, Pt Vila
Call Centre (ANZ House).....26355
Merchant Support.....Toll Free.....081010
Lost or Stolen Card.....Toll Free.....081010
ATM Difficulties and faults....Toll Free.....081010
IT After Hours Support.....43160
Electronic Banking Services After Hours
Support (Local).....7743094-7744287
Premises After Hours.....7743248

ANZ Bank (Vanuatu) Ltd, Luganville Branch
PO Box 177, Luganville.....36711
IT/ATM After Hours Support.....7741442
Fax line.....36738

Asia Pacific Trust Company, PMB 9088.....24558

Bred (Vanuatu)Ltd, PMB 9088, Port Vila.....29111
Fax line.....29003
Lending Fax line.....29004
International Fax line.....29005
Customer Services.....29121-29122
E-Banking.....29133

European Bank Ltd, PO Box 65, Port Vila.....27700
Fax line.....22884

National Bank of Vanuatu, Shefa Province
PO Box 249, Port Vila.....22201
Fax line.....27227
International Banking.....22201
Fax line.....22761
Airport Agency.....22201

Pacific Private Bank, PO Box 278, Port Vila.....24500
Fax line.....24501

Westpac Banking Corporation, PO Box 32.....22084
Call Centre.....130232
After Hours & ATM Services.....7742084
Fax line.....24773
Card & Merchant Servies.....5580011
Santo Branch, PO Box 32, Port Vila.....36625
Fax line.....36635

BATTERIES

Asco Motors Vanuatu, PO Box 18, Port Vila.....22341
Fax line.....23374

Asco Motors, PO Box 179, Luganville.....36244
Fax line.....36121

Fung Kuei Tebakor (Panasonic), PO Box 51.....25954

John Lum & Associates (Vanuatu), PO Box 65.....36329

Motor Traders Ltd, PO Box 1010, Port Vila, Parts. 23430
Sales Department.....27809

Prestige Motors, Man Ples Area
PO Box 319.....25861-26209
Fax line.....26149

BEARINGS

Roy Gallimore & Associates, PO Box 179.....22612
Fax line.....23992

BEAUTY SALONS

Arom'essence Beauty (Bellevue).....22614
Arom'essence Hair & Day Spa (The Grande Hotel)
PO Box 407.....22443
Email aromessence.dayspa@vanuatu.com.vu

Breakas Beach Resort, PO Box 1101, Port Vila.....23670

Eden Hair & Beauty, PO Box 3317, Port Vila.....23042
Body & Soul,
(located at Chantillys on the Bay)
PO Box 290.....22740
Email: info@bodyandsoulvanuatu.com

Head Hunter Hair & Beauty Salon (Ocean Walk)....22868

La Beaute, PO Box 492, Port Vila.....7758751

Otium Lotus Day Spa & Cafe, PO Box 5074.....28811

Paris Beaute Esthetique, Rue de Picardie
PO Box 94, Tel/Fax.....25486

Starfish Health & Beauty
Vila Picardie Numbatu
PO Box 5053.....24143

BOAT BUILDERS

Aluminium Boats & Marine
(Bladinieres Estate, back of Unelco, Tagabe)
PO Box 136, Port Vila.....23244
Fax line.....27940

Fibreglass Vanuatu Ltd, PO Box 1070, Port Vila....23965
Fax line.....27527

Fibreglass Vanuatu Lts, Santo,
PO Box 623, Luganville Ph/Fax.....36442

Vila Marine, (Mele Road)
PO Box 873 Ph/Fax.....23329

BOAT CLEANING

John, Port Vila, Paddling around moorings.....

BOAT SALES

Intraco (Intra Pacific Trading & Co)
PO Box 1424.....23550
Fax line.....23552

BOAT YARD

Port Vila Boat Yard, PO Box 688, Port Vila.....23417
Mobile.....7719174

Nicon Shipyard, PO Box 366, Luganville.....36750
Email: admin@nicon.vu

CAR RENTAL

Avis, PO Box 18, Port Vila.....22497 / 5542341
website: www.avis.vu

Budget Car & Truck Rental, PO Box 4016.....23170
2nd Line.....25700
Fax line.....23132
Email: budget@vanuatu.com.vu

Coral Car Rental, PO Box 185, Port Vila.....24230

Mobile.....	7743465
Email: coralcarrental@vanuatu.com.vu	
Discount Rentals, PO Box 1010.....	23242-24475
Fax line.....	23305
Mobile.....	7744475
Email: discount.rental@vanuatu.com.vu	
Europcar, PO Box 2075, Port Vila.....	26517
Fax line.....	26516
Go Vanuatu Car Hire,	
PO Box 277.....	777708888-5550888
Website: www.carhire.vu	
Go 2 Rent, PO Box 50, Port Vila.....	22775-7744092
Hertz Vanuatu, PO Box 1297, Port Vila.....	22468
2nd Line.....	29677
Fax line.....	24968
Email: car-res@vanuatu.com.vu	
South Pacific Tours, PO Box 1534.....	26559
Email: sptvila@vanuatu.com.vu	
The Espiritu Car Rental, PO Box 1534, Santo.....	37539
Fax line.....	36061
Email: book@the-espiritu.com	
Thrifty Vanuatu Rentals, PO Box 1059.....	29292
Vanuatu Islands Car & Scooter Hire.....	5547000
Website: www.vanuatuholidaytravel.com	
World Car Rental, PO Box 2075.....	26515
Fax line.....	26510
Mobile.....	5545656
Email: worldcars@vanuatu.com.vu	

CARPENTRY

Melanesian Furniture Ltd, PO Box 696.....	23640
Fax line.....	29954
2nd line.....	25195
Southern Cross Creation, PO Box 970, Port Vila	
Ph/Fax.....	23942
Email: vascon@vanuatu.com.vu	
Techno Bois Deco, Menuiserie David Girardeau	
PO Box 1481, Port Vila.....	27476
Fax line.....	24866
Tivr Timber, PO Box 7112, Port Vila.....	29603
Vanuatu Shipwright Services, Port Vila.....	5552600
Vanuatu Stick, PO Box 398, Port Vila.....	22153
Fax line.....	25755

CHARTOGRAPHY

Geo-Consulte, PO Box 946, Port Vila.....	25146
Mobile.....	7765544
Kaleva Yachting Services, PO Box 3156.....	25613
Mobile.....	5552971

CHEMISTS

Healthcare Pharmacy, PO Box 340 Pt Vila.....	29627
Email: healthcare@vanuatu.com.vu	
Healthwise Ltd Pharmacy, PO Box 1427.....	25722
Fax line.....	24553
Luganville Drugstore.....	36678
Pharmacie du Vanuatu, PO Box 178, Port Vila.....	22446
The Drugstore, Luganville.....	36799
Uncle Bills, PO Box 332, Luganville.....	36799

CHIROPRACTORS

Sariani G, Kinesitherapeute/Osteopathe	
PO Box 1389, Port Vila.....	26777-7755575
Email: sariani@vanuatu.com.vu	

CLINIC PRIVATE

The Medical Centre	
Emergencies & Specialist Services	
PO Box 704, Port Vila.....	22826
Fax line.....	26946
Tassiriki Health Centre, PO Box 5184, Pt Vila.....	23112
Vila Bay Health Centre.....	27777
Fax line.....	26677

COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

Etech (Vanuatu) Ltd, PO Box 694, Port Vila.....	26933
2nd line.....	23800
Fax line.....	26944

COMPUTERS

Computer & Network Services	
PO Box 1287, Port Vila.....	27563
2nd Line.....	24781
Fax line.....	27883
Santo Office.....	36953
Computer World.....	22233
Etech (Vanuatu) Ltd, PO Box 694, Port Vila.....	26933
2nd line.....	23800
Fax line.....	26944
Email: sales@etech.com.vu	
Website: www.etech.com.vu	
Etech Santo Office, PO Box 255.....	36977
Fax.....	36976
Email: santosales@etech.com.vu	
Website: www.etech.com.vu	
Incite, PO Box 346, Port Vila.....	22334
Fax line.....	22332
IT City, PO Box 967, Port Vila.....	29444
Email: sales@itcity.vu	
John Lum Associates (Vanuatu), PO Box 65.....	36329
Sharper Image, PO Box 103, Port Vila.....	24906
Fax.....	24872
Workshop.....	24946
SPIM, PO Box 5036, Port Vila.....	24693-7756775
Email: sales@spim.com.vu	
Stop Press, PO Box 557, Port Vila.....	22232

COURIER AGENTS

Agence Gauchet, UPS, PO Box 791, Pt Vila.....	22539
Fax line.....	25925
Email: gauchet@vanuatu.com.vu	
Santo Branch.....	5697230
Fax line.....	37936
DHL, PO Box 424, Port Vila.....	23943
Transam Vanuatu, PO Box 429, Port Vila.....	23991
Extra lines.....	23313-24146
Santo Branch.....	5541213-36401

COURIER AGENTS (CONT)

TransCustoms World, PO Box 3047.....	25025
Fax line.....	24292
Email: tcw@transcustomsworld.com	
Vanuatu Post Couriers & EMS, PO Box 43.....	22000

CUSTOMS AGENTS

Agence Gauchet, UPS, PO Box 791, Pt Vila.....	22539
Fax line.....	25925
Email: gauchet@vanuatu.com.vu	
Santo Branch.....	5697230
Fax line.....	37936
DHL, PO Box 424, Port Vila.....	23943
Famous Logistics, PO Box 271, Port Vila.....	26823
Fax line.....	26688
Mobile.....	5546334
FR8 Logistics, PO Box 5025, Port Vila.....	27744
Fax line.....	27788
Pacific Shipping Agencies, PO Box 1146.....	26571
Fax line.....	26781
Santo Branch, PO Box 451, Luganville.....	37393
Fax line.....	37404
Transam Vanuatu, PO Box 429, Port Vila.....	23991
Extra lines.....	23313-24146
Santo Branch.....	5541213-36401
TransCustoms World, PO Box 3047.....	25025
Fax line.....	24292
Email: tcw@transcustomsworld.com	
Vanuatu Post Couriers & EMS, PO Box 43.....	22000
Fax line.....	23900

DENTAL SURGEONS

Dental Surgery (Dr Collard), PO Box 217.....	22306
Fax line.....	25641
Novo Dental, PO Box 3202, Port Vila.....	26696
Mobile A/H.....	7726696
South Pacific Smiles, PO Box 367, Port Vila.....	24995

DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

Ambassade de France Chancellerie - Sce Culturel -	
Section Co, BP88.....	28700
Section consulaire, BP60.....	28720
Australian High Commission, PO Box 111.....	22777
Ausaid Office.....	23341
British High Commission, PO Box 567, Pt Vila.....	23100
Emergency Number.....	23094
Dfid Pacific.....	25550
Embassy of the People's Republic of China	
PMB 071.....	23598
European Union - Delegation of EC to Vanuatu	
PO Box 422, Port Vila.....	22501
Residence charge d'affaire a.i.....	23227
Honorary Consul of the Republic of Germany	
PO Box 7021.....	5522331
Mobile.....	7730000
Email: port-vila@hk-diplo.de	
New Zealand High Commission, PO Box 161.....	22933

DIVING OPERATORS

Allan Powers Dive Tours, PO Box 233, Luganville	
PH/Fax.....	36822
Aore Adventure Sports, Luganville.....	5990271
Big Blue, PO Box 5186, Port Vila.....	27518
Mobile.....	5544054
Email: dive@bigbluevanuatu.com	
Bokissa Eco Island Resort, Santo	
PO Box 261, Luganville.....	30030
2nd line.....	30031
Fax line.....	30032
Coral Quays Resort, PO Box 116, Luganville.....	36257
Email: stay@coralquays.com	
Website: www.coralquays.com	
Hideaway Island Resort & Marine Sanctuary	
PO Box 1110, Port Vila.....	22963
Website: www.hideaway.com.vu	
Nautilus Watersports,	
PO Box 1231, Port Vila.....	22398-5563288
Santo Island Dive & Fishing,	
PO Box 252, Luganville.....	7758082
Sailaway Cruises, PO Box 611, Port Vila.....	23802
Mobile.....	7723802
Website: www.divevanuatu.com.vu	
Tranquility Dive Centre, Moso Island	
PO Box 911, Port Vila.....	25020
A/H Dive information.....	23271

DOCTORS

Bador J L (Dr.), BP 952 Port Vila.....	22826
Residence.....	22925
The Medical Centre, PO Box 704, Pt Vila.....	22826
Fax line.....	26946
Tarianga C, PO Box 1475, Port Vila.....	22826
Residence.....	26938
Tassariki Health Centre, PO Box 5184, Pt Vila.....	23112
Tulimanu K (Dr.), PO Box 704, Port Vila.....	22826
Residence.....	25860
Vila Bay Health Centre, PO Box 1494.....	27777
Fax line.....	26677
After Hours.....	7744777

DUTY FREE SHOPPING

Dockside Wines & Spirits, Port Vila.....	23031
Drug Store, PO Box 789, Port Vila.....	22789
Fax line.....	24304
Go Vanuatu Duty Free	
PO Box 277, Port Vila.....	7770888-5550888
Website: www.dutyfree.vu	
Pacific Passion, PO Box 147, Port Vila.....	22722
Paris Shopping, PO Box 248, Port Vila.....	24227
Fax line.....	22988
Prouds Duty Free, PO Box 193, Port Vila.....	22393
Email: sales@pacificretailing.com	
Sound Centre/Downtown, Port Vila.....	22035
Email: sales@pacificretailing.com	
Vila Bottleshop, PO Box 197, Port Vila.....	22240
Fax line.....	23264

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS

Air & Ice Solutions, PO Box 1068 Ph/Fax.....	22848
Mobile.....	7778868
Rapid Electrial	
Installation, Wiring, Repair & Maintenance	
PO Box 875.....	25460-25462
Email: rapid@vanuatu.com.vu	
Sean's Marine Electrical, Luganville.....	5551222
Tari, Luganville.....	7746594
Vate Electrics, PO Box 629, Port Vila.....	22649
Fax line.....	24286

ELECTRICAL SUPPLIERS

John Lum & Associates (Vanuatu) Port Vila.	36329
Port Vila Hardware, PO Box 294, Port Vila...	24782-23274
Fax line.....	23983
Rapid Electrical, PO Box 875, Port Vila.....	25460-25462
Fax line.....	25459
Email: rapid@vanuatu.com.vu	
Santo Hardware, Luganville.....	36227
2nd line.....	36586
South Pacific Electrics, PO Box 75, Port Vila.....	22034
Fax line.....	22877
Supercool Vila Ltd, PO Box 3140, Port Vila.....	28690
Tradetools Direct Ltd, Port Vila.....	22940
2nd line.....	26215
Vanuatu Hardware Luganville	
PO Box 91, Luganville.....	37937
Fax line.....	37947
Vate Electrics, PO Box 629, Port Vila.....	22649
Fax line.....	24286
Vila Distribution Ltd Hardware, Port Vila.....	22069
Wilco, PO Box 201, Port Vila.....	22385
Fax.....	25371
Santo.....	37774
Fax.....	37775
Email: wilco@vanuatu.com.vu	

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Esqal Agathis Production, PO Box 9, Pt Vila.....	26541
Email: agathis.esqal@vanuatu.com.vu	
Professional Fire Safety Services Limited	
PO Box 3069 Ph/Fax.....	25154
Mobile.....	7786769
Email: profisafli@vanuatu.com.vu	
Website: www.firesafety.com.vu	

FISHING EQUIPMENT

Port Vila Hardware, PO Box 294, Port Vila...	24782-23274
Fax.....	23983
Saltwater Fishing Adventures, Port Vila.....	27445

FUEL DELIVERY

Pacific Fuel, PO Box 207, Santo.....	36313
2nd line.....	36269
Vanuatu Refuelling Services, Port Vila.....	5577777
Email: vrsjulien@gmail.com	
Yachting World	
PO Box 1507 Ph/Fax.....	23273

FREIGHT FORWARDING

Agence Gauchet, UPS, PO Box 791, Pt Vila.....	22539
Fax line.....	25925
Email: gauchet@vanuatu.com.vu	
Santo Branch.....	5697230
Fax line.....	37936

Air Caledonie International, BP 882.....	22739
Aerosport.....	22484
Mobile.....	7743374
Air New Zealand Cargo, PO Box 343.....	24690-22666
Mobile.....	7744690

Air Vanuatu. PO Box 148, Port Vila	
Cargo Export International.....	23858
Fax line.....	22830
Cargo Shed Import International.Ph/Fax.....	25420
Cargo Domestic.....	22278
Fax.....	26006

Famous Logistics, PO Box 271, Port Vila.....	26823
Fax line.....	26688
Mobile.....	5546334

FR8 Logistics, PO Box 5025, Port Vila.....	27744
Fax line.....	27788

Transam Vanuatu, PO Box 429, Port Vila.....	23991
Extra lines.....	23313-24146
Santo Branch.....	5541213-36401

GAS SUPPLIERS

Origin Energy Lpgas & Appliance Supplier	
Gas Shop Port Vila.....	22046
Depot Wharf Road.....	22049
Santo Branch.....	36985
Tanna Branch.....	880068

GENERATORS

Asco Motors Vanuatu, PO Box 18 Port Vila.....	22341
Fax line.....	23374
Asco Motors, PO Box 1709, Luganville.....	36244
Fax line.....	36121

Esqal Store Tebakor, PO Box 9, Pt Vila.....	22523-22540
Email: esqal@vanuatu.com.vu	

John Lum (Luganville)	
Generator portable PO Box 65, Santo.....	36329
Port Vila Hardware, BP 294, Port Vila.....	23274
Fax.....	23983

Santo Hardware, "Trade Tools"	
PO Box 208, Luganville.....	36227-36586
Fax line.....	36829
Email: mail@santohardware.com	

South Pacific Hardware, BP 1353, Pt Vila.....	23938
Fax line.....	23360

Vanuatu Agricultural Suppliers, PO Box 819.....	22376
Fax line.....	23402

Santo Branch.....	36756
Wilco, PO Box 201, Port Vila.....	22385

Fax line.....	25371
Santo.....	37774
Fax line.....	37775
Email: wilco@vanuatu.com.vu	

INTERNET CAFES

Connect Cafe (next to Waterfront)	
PO Box 1238 Port Vila.....	25137
Naviti Internet Cafe (next to au Peche Mignon)	
PO Box 1287, Port Vila.....	27813
Naviti Internet Cafe Luganville (Santo)	
PO Box 12, Luganville.....	36953
Pacific Cafe & Internet, PO Box 496, Pt Vila.....	26240

INTERNET SERVICES

Digicel Vanuatu Ltd.....	5556001
Customer Care Free Phone.....	123
Fax line.....	27865
Telecom Vanuatu Ltd	
PO Box 146, Port Vila.....	22185
Fax line.....	22628
Customer Care (Free).....	081111
Telecom Vanuatu Ltd, Santo	
PO Box 98.....	36000
Customer Enquiries.....	081111
Telecom Vanuatu Ltd, Lenakel.....	88799
Telsat Broadband Limited, PO Box 1682.....	23407
2nd line.....	27413

MARINAS & MOORINGS

Aore Resort, PO Box 306, Santo.....	36705
Aore Adventure Sports, Santo.....	5990271
Kaleva Yachting Services, PO Box 3156, Pt Vila.....	25613
Mobile.....	5552971
Havannah Beach & Boat Club.....	5553578
Yachting World "Yacht Services"	
PO Box 1507 Ph/Fax.....	23273
Mobile.....	7744482

MARINE CONSULTANCY

Kaleva Yachting Services, PO Box 3156, Pt Vila.....	25613
Mobile.....	5552971
Port Vila Boat Yard, PO Box 688, Port Vila.....	23417
Mobile.....	7719174
Vanuatu Yacht Services, PO Box 688, Pt Vila.....	7719174
Email: info@vanuatyachtservices.com	
Website: www.vanuatyachtservices.com	

MARINE ENGINES

MASSV (Marine & Aerospace Survival Systems	
Vanuatu) PO Box 1548, Port Vila.....	24297
2nd line.....	25677

MARINE OUTBOARD MOTORS

Asco Motors Vanuatu, PO Box 18, Port Vila.....	22341
Fax line.....	23374
Asco Motors Vanuatu, PO Box 179, Luganville.....	36244
Fax line.....	36121
Carpenter Motors, PO Box 4016, Port Vila.....	25444
Fax line.....	22531

MARINE OUTBOARD MOTORS (CONT)

Intraco(Intra Pacific Trading Co Ltd)	
PO Box 1424.....	23550
Fax line.....	23552
Michael Derion Outboard Repairs, Port Vila.....	7741948
Port Vila Boatyard, PO Box 688, Port Vila.....	23417
Mobile.....	77719174
Villa Marine "Mele Road"	
PO Box 711, Port Vila.....	23329-5544990

MARINE REPAIRS ENGINEERING

Bodiam Engineering, PO Box 1548, Pt Vila.....	24297
2nd line.....	24743
3rd line.....	26082
Fax line.....	26138
Email: info@bodiam.vu	
John Turner, Luganville.....	7101766
Kaleva Yachting Services, PO Box 3156.....	25613
Mobile.....	5552971
Marine Consultancy Services	
PO Box 393 (Santo Office).....	36517
Fax line.....	36628
Michael Derion, Port Vila.....	7741948
Mike Windle, Luganville.....	37463
Nlcon Shipyard, PO Box 366, Luganville.....	36750
Email: admin@nlcon.vu	
Poppy Henderson, Luganville.....	5616914
Port Vila Boatyard, PO Box 688, Ph/fax.....	23417
Mobile.....	7719174
Total Boat Solutions, Port Vila.....	7722564

MARINE SUPPLIES

Bodiam Engineering, PO Box 1548, Pt Vila.....	24297
2nd line.....	24743
3rd line.....	26082
Fax line.....	26138
Email: info@bodiam.vu	
Kaleva Yachting Services, PO Box 3156.....	25613
Mobile.....	5552971
Port Vila Boatyard, PO Box 688, Ph/fax.....	23417
Mobile.....	7719174
Port Vila Hardware, PO Box 234, Port Vila.....	23274-24782
Fax line.....	23983
Santo Hardware, "Trade Tools"	
PO Box 208, Luganville.....	36227-36586
Fax line.....	36829
Email: mail@santohardware.com	
Santo Spare Centre, PO Box 156, Santo.....	36488
Total Boat Services.....	7722564
Vanuatu Agricultural Supplies	
PO Box 204, Luganville.....	36756
Vila Marine "Mele Road"	
PO Box 711, Port Vila.....	23329-5544990
Wilco, PO Box 201	
Vila.....	22385
Santo.....	37774
Email: wilco@vanuatu.com.vu	

MARINE SAFETY & SURVIVAL

Bodiam Engineering Ltd (Marine & Aerospace Survival System) PO Box 1548 Port Vila.....24297
Fax line.....26138
MASSV (Marine & Aerospace Survival System Vanuatu) PO Box 1548 Port Vila.....24297
2nd line.....25677
Email: alex@bodiam.vu
2nd email: louie@bodiam.vu

MEDICAL SERVICES

Emergency & Specialists
Medical Centre / Dr. J.P.King
PO Box 942.....22219
The Medical Centre, PO Box 704, Port Vila.....22826
After Hours.....22925-25860
Fax line.....26946
Pro Medical Vanuatu(VEMSA), PO Box 822.....25566
Free
Call.....115Tassiriki
Health Centre, PO Box 5184.....23112
Mobile.....7100112
Fax line.....27771
Vanuatu Medical Laboratory, PO Box 1.....7774111
After hours.....7774555
Vila Bay Health Centre,
Private Clinic PO Box 14994.....27777-7744777
Fax line.....26677

MONEY EXCHANGE

Goodies, PO Box 909, Port Vila.....23445
Fax.....27751
Seven Eleven, PO Box 5052, Port Vila.....29980
Mobile.....7743857

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

Sariani G. Kinesitherapeute/Ostopathe
PO Box 1389, Port Vila.....26777
Mobile.....7755575
Email: sariani@vanuatu.com.vu
Physiotherapy & Sport Injury Centre
(Winnie D Matariki) PO Box 1609.....23323
Mobile.....7741559
Email: winniesphysio@vanuatu.com.vu

REFRIGERATION REPAIRS

Air & Ice Solutions, PO Box 1068, Port Vila.....228848
Mobile.....7778868
Fax line.....22890
Email: faiyaz@tradeair.com.vu
Supercool Refrigeration, Santo.....37690
Fax line.....37691
Vila Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
PO Box 609, Port Vila.....22178-25145
Fax line.....25037
Email: info@vilaref.com

ROPES

Port Vila Hardware, PO Box 294, Port Vila...23274-24782
Fax line.....23983
Santo Hardware, "Trade Tools"
PO Box 208, Luganville.....36227-36586
Fax line.....36829
Email: mail@santohardware.com
Wilco, PO Box 201
Vila.....22385
Santo.....37774
Email: wilco@vanuatu.com.vu

SAILMAKER

Eric Leroux, Port Vila.....7751254

SCOOTER HIRE

Decostop Lodge Resort & Restaurant
PO Box 105, Luganville.....36175
Mobile.....5536175
Fax line.....36101
Vanuatu Islands Car & Scooter Hire.....5547000
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Au Bon Marche Man Ples, Port Vila.....26370
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Au Bon Marche Central, Port Vila.....24276
Fax line.....22576
Au Bon Marche Freshwota, Port Vila.....23990
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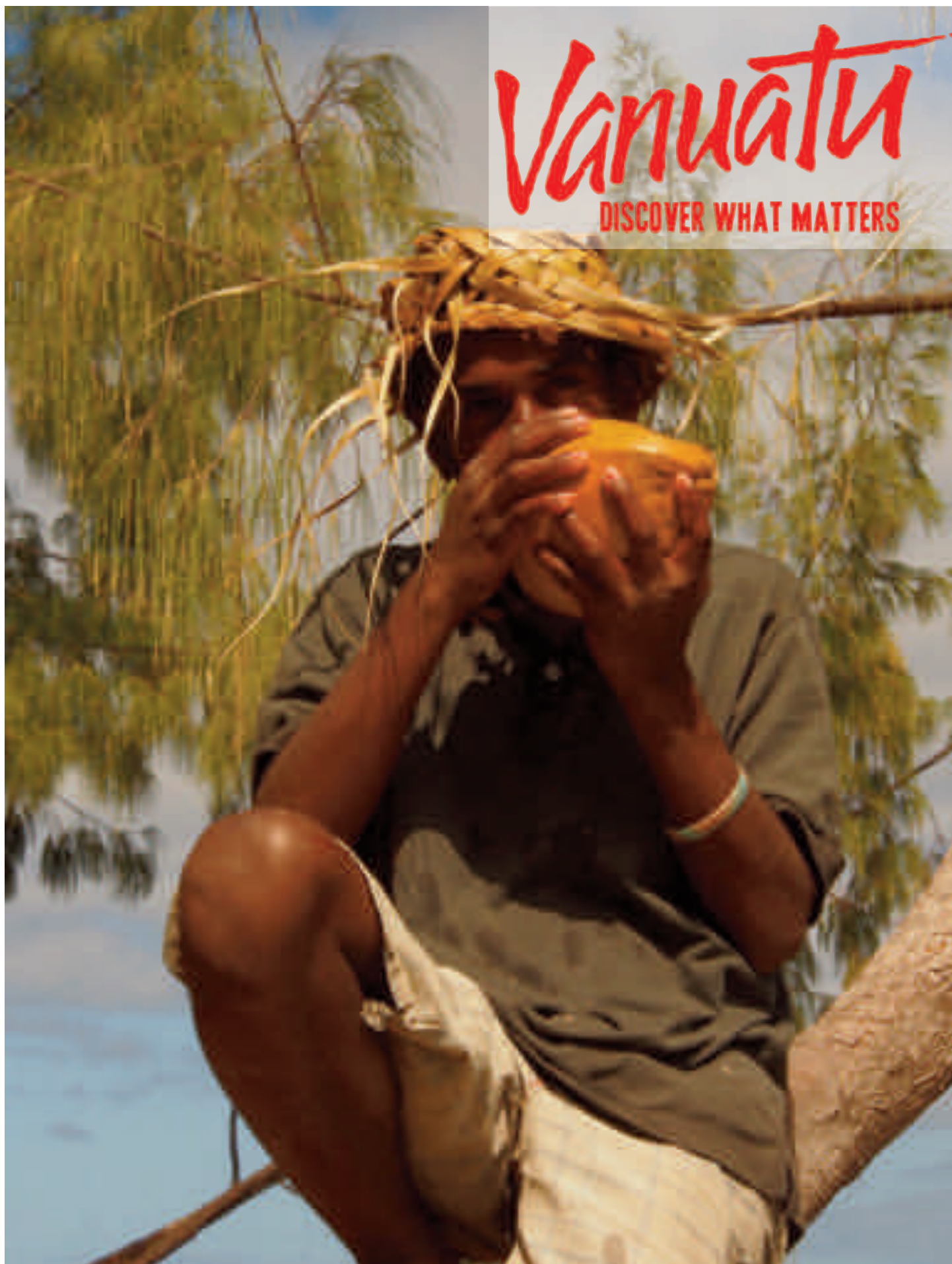
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