



Cruising Guide

Phuket, Thailand

Chart 308



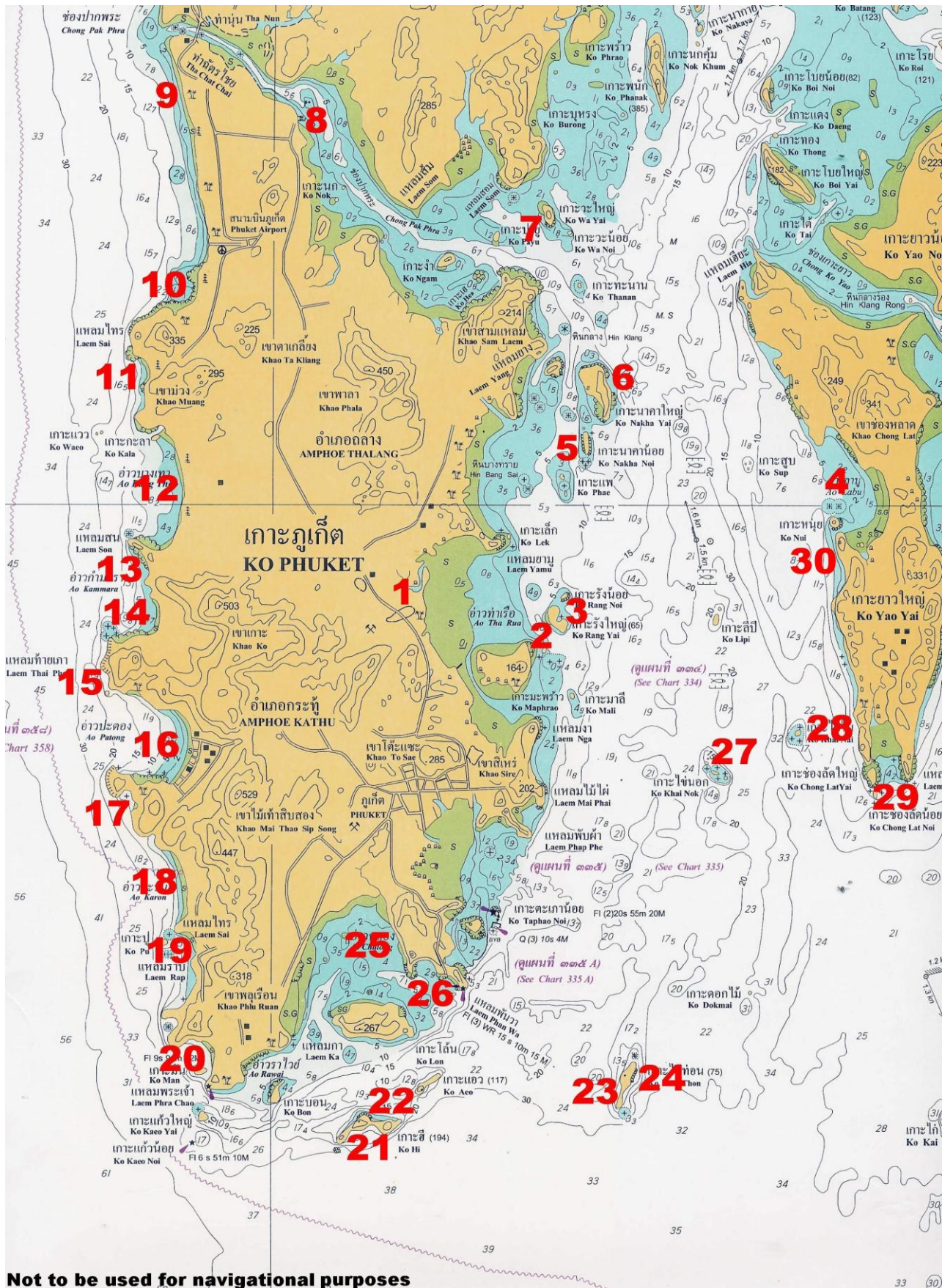
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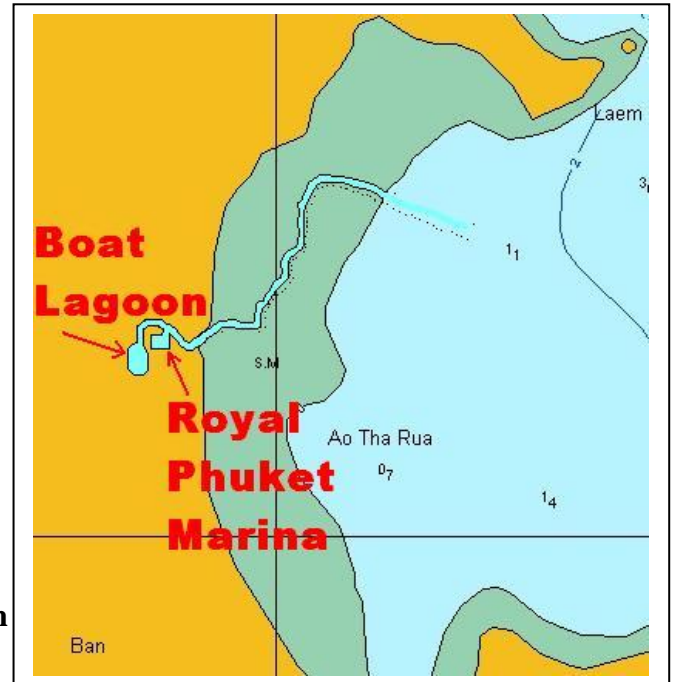
Chart 1 Ko Phuket



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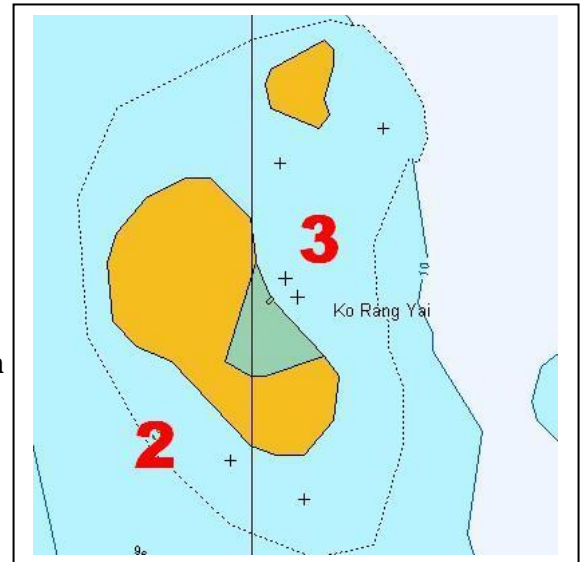
1-1 Boat Lagoon entrance 007deg 58.65min N 098deg 25.00min E

Sunsail is located in the Phuket boat lagoon. Facilities here include showers and toilets, swimming pool, restaurants, bars and cafes, bank and ATM machines, supermarket and various chandlery shops. The boat lagoon is tidal and a member of Sunsail staff will be on board the yacht to guide you out of the river section of the channel. When you reach the concrete posts follow them, keeping the posts 10 to 15 metres distance on your starboard side. On you return you must call on VHF channel 69 when half an hour away from the waypoint. Follow the concrete posts at 10 to 15 metres distance on your port side and if necessary a member of staff will come out to meet you at the river entrance and guide you back in. The Boat Lagoon marina listens on VHF channels 67 and 71.



1-2 Ko Rang Yai Southwest 007deg 57.00min N 098deg 26.65min E

The Southwest anchorage is the closest to the boat lagoon and suitable as a first or last night stop in the Northeast season. Anchor in no less than 8 metres opposite the beach. It can be a little uncomfortable in the SW season and the wind will be on shore so use plenty of chain and dig the anchor in well. There is a floating pearl farm just off the sandy beach and a visitor centre ashore as well as a restaurant which is only open in the daytime only from 08.30 until 5pm. There are outdoor showers but do not attempt to swim ashore from the yacht, as the current can be very strong. **Beware of the reef at the Southeast end of the beach.**



1-3 Ko Rang Yai Northeast 007deg 57.50min N 098deg 27.20min E

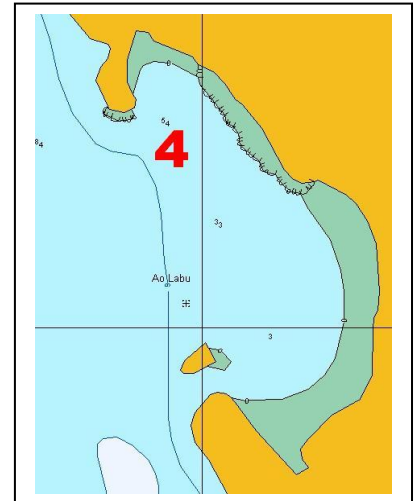
The Northeast anchorage offers good shelter in strong Southwest winds. Anchor a good distance offshore in 5 metres. You can walk across the island to the daytime only restaurant but the beach is only accessible in tides above 2 metres due to the fringing coral reef. **Do not anchor too close to the reef that fills the bay and has several isolated rocky patches.**

Beware of the dangerous reef half a mile South of Ko Phae

1-4 Ao Labu 008deg 01.60min N 098deg 33.00min E

Anchor in the wide bay to the east of the rock stacks of Ko Sup. The better anchorage in the Northeast season is at the North end of the bay in 5 to 7 metres to the Southeast of the headland. Do not get too close to the shore as there is a large reef just off the beach. This spot is not suitable in the Southwest monsoon when reasonable shelter can be found at the Southern end of the same anchorage. There are small villages ashore at both anchorages but no restaurants.

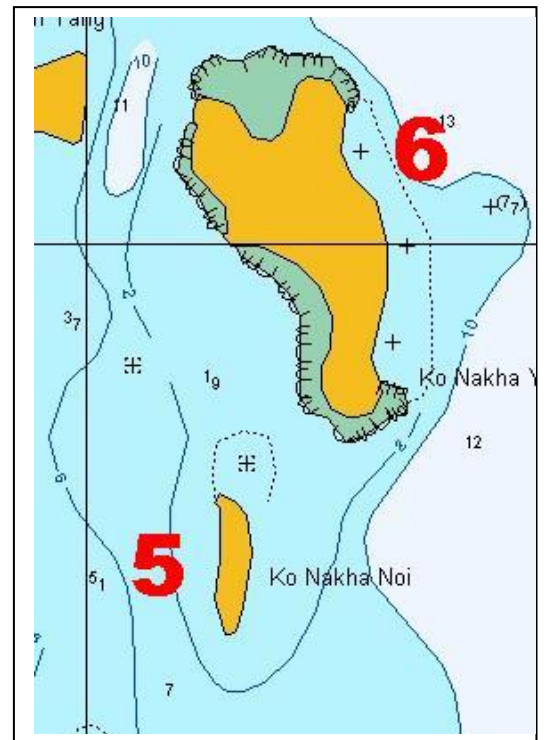
Beware of the large rock that is submerged at most states of tide about 500 metres to the North of the island of Ko Nui.



1-5 Ko Nakha Noi 008deg 01.70min N 098deg 27.40min E

Enter and leave this anchorage from the South only keeping well clear of the rocks that extend a considerable distance to the South of Ko Naka Noi. Anchor in 5 to 6 metres to the South of the Jetty. The restaurant and pearl farm ashore are currently closed. This anchorage is protected in the Northeast season but not suitable in strong Southwest winds.

Do not pass between Ko Nakha Noi and Ko Nakha Yai
Beware of the isolated rock in the channel to the West of Ko Nakha Yai



1-6 Ko Nakha Yai 008deg 03.00min N 098deg 28.50min E

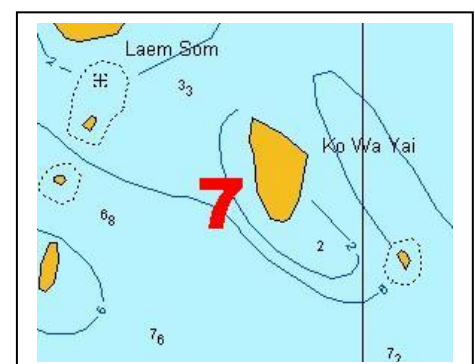
There are three beaches on the East coast. The Northeast beach has all tide access but the middle and Southern beaches are not accessible at low water spring tides. There is a resort on the middle beach but it is currently under a long renovation and not open. Good in the Southwest season but not recommended in the Northeast season. The blue roofed building with a floating pontoon to the North is a private residence and not open to the public.

Yachts may only pass through the channel between Ko Yao Noi and Ko Yao Yai
on high tides more than half a metre above the draught of the vessel.
A yacht that draws 2.0 metres must have a tide over 2.5 metres. See pilot on page 19

1-7 Ko Wa Yai 008deg 07.20min N 098deg 26.60min E

Anchor to the Southwest of the island in 5 metres. Good for a lunch stop only with a small sandy beach and small abandoned bungalow development ashore.

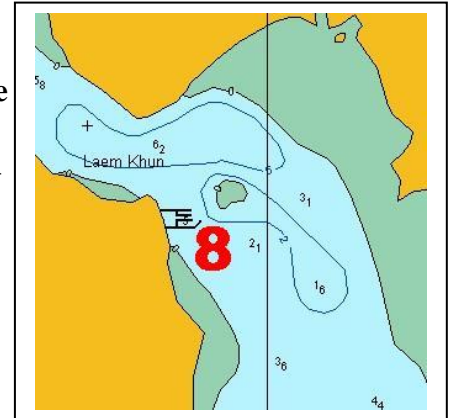
Do not pass between Ko Wa Yai and Ko Wa Noi.



1-8 Yacht Haven marina 008deg 10.00min N 098deg 20.80min E

Good marina facilities with a clubhouse, coffee shop, bar and restaurant, cold showers and toilets. Call on channel 68 to book a berth. The channel from Phang Nga bay is not marked so take care on approach. Leave Ko Payu three hundred yards to the North on a course of 270deg. Pass to the North of Ko Ngam and look for the large electricity pylons on the mainland North of the yacht haven. When they bear 320deg turn and follow this bearing to the right hand pylon. A pair of unlit red and green lateral buoys mark the entrance to the marina.

There is good anchorage to the North and Southeast of the marina. Sunsail yachts get a discounted rate of 40 baht per metre per night.



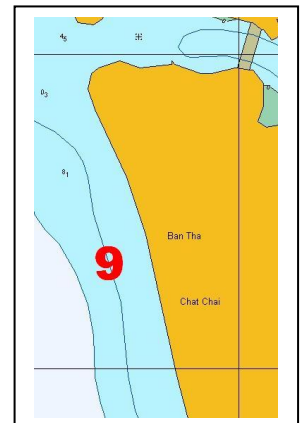
Beware that there can be strong currents flowing across the marina.
Enter at slack water, which is 2 hours after the time shown in your tide tables.

Yachts cannot pass under the Sarasin bridge joining Phuket to the mainland.

1-9 Mai Khao beach 008deg 09.00min N 098deg 17.50min E

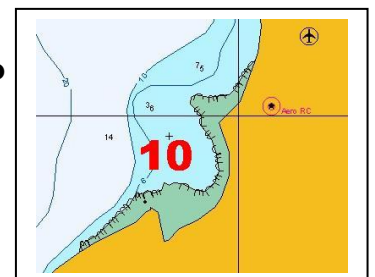
North of the airport is the J W Marriott hotel and a row of basic Restaurants on the beach. These are the most Northerly restaurants on Phuket and a good stepping of point for yachts sailing to and from the Similan and Surin islands. Great sunsets. Not suitable in the Southwest season.

Do not approach within half a mile of the airport runway
008deg 6.50min N 098deg 18.00min E



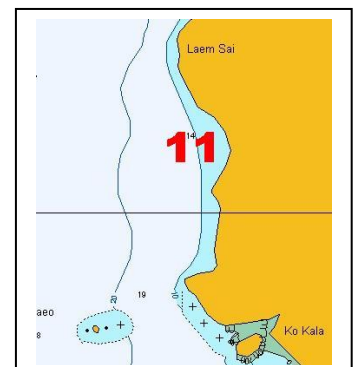
1-10 Nai Yang beach 008deg 06.00min N 098deg 17.00min E

Anchor in 8 to 10 metres being very careful of the reef areas closer to shore. There are two hotels as well as several good local restaurants ashore.



1-11 Laem Sai beach 008deg 03.50min N 098deg 16.00min E

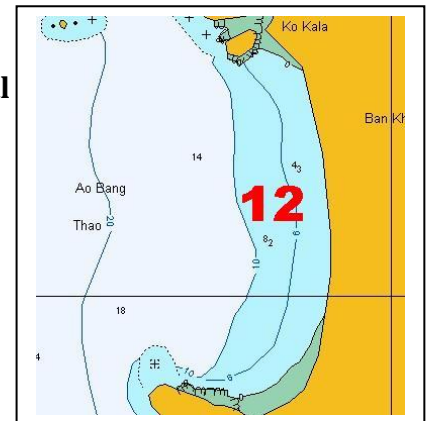
Laem Sai, or sandy cape, is actually three beaches. The best is the middle of the three with good snorkeling and a new hotel development ashore. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



Beware of the rocks around Ko Waeo island

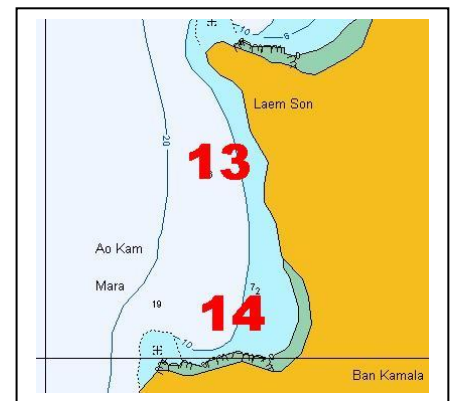
1-12 Bang Tao Bay 008deg 00.75min N 098deg 17.00min E

Bang Tao is a beautiful long sweeping bay with 4 miles of pristine beach. Anchor anywhere along the bay in around 5 metres. Several five star resorts dominate the centre of the beach with local restaurants on the sand. The original village is in the Southern corner and has a few small restaurants. At the Northern end is the small island of Ko Kala with a river accessible by dinghy at high tide leading to two lagoons, which were former tin mines. This is planned to be the site of Phuket's first West coast marina. A new road has been laid and there is a restaurant on the beach. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



1-13 Surin beach 007deg 58.65min N 098deg 16.40min E

Anchor in 8 to 10 metres at the Southern end of the beach where there are several good basic restaurants serving excellent Thai cuisine with the emphasis on seafood. A popular bar among expat's is "Diver's place" owned by a former Australian free diving champion. A short walk from the beach is the excellent Surin bay hotel with an extensive Thai and European menu as well as several other restaurants. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



1-14 Kamala beach 007deg 57.50min N 098deg 16.50min E

Anchor anywhere in 6 to 8 metres in the middle of the bay. The town is at the Southern end of the bay and has some good restaurants and bars as well as a supermarket on the main road. The small bay to the North is Laem Sing and is accessible only by a precarious path or longtail so is generally quiet although it does have restaurants, which open during the daytime only. Not suitable in the Southwest season.

Beware of the rocks at the southern entrance to Kamala bay

1-15 Waterfall Bay 007deg 55.90min N 098deg 15.60min E

Anchor in 10 to 12 metres on sand. Ashore is a small spring and quiet beach. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



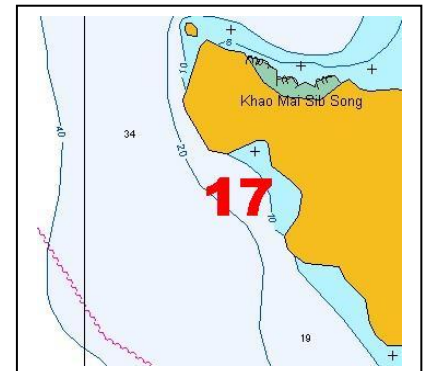
1-16 Patong Beach 007deg 54.00min N 098deg 17.00min E

Patong is the centre of nightlife on the island. Anchor in 5 to 10 metres anywhere off the beach. Ashore you will find hundreds of bars and restaurants as well as the infamous Soi Bangla with its many side streets full of very friendly local girls. Provisions are available from the many supermarkets. For a quieter night try the small beach near the Southern edge of the bay where there is good snorkeling or the two small bays on the North coast one of which has a long jetty and resort ashore. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



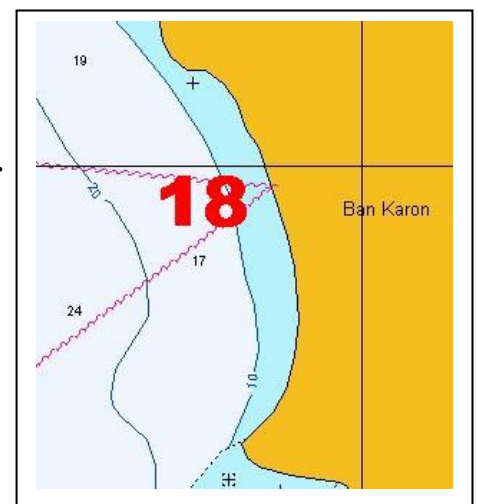
1-17 Freedom Bay 007deg 52.60min N 098deg 16.20min E

Freedom bay is actually two small bays with sandy beaches. The Southern beach has a small restaurant and is generally the quieter of the two. The Northern beach also known as Merlin bay is the home of the Patong Merlin resort but the beach is normally only accessible at high tide. From here you can get a taxi into Patong. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



1-18 Karon beach 007deg 51.00min N 098deg 17.00min E

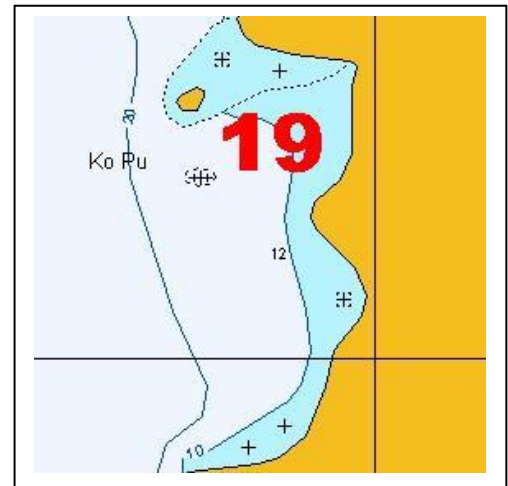
Anchor any where along the length of this three-mile beach in 6 to 8 metres. Ashore you will find development along the entire beachfront with the edge of Kata at the Southern end and towards the North end the large town of Karon with provisions and lots of nightlife. To the North of this is a smaller bay, which is filled by another 5 star Meridien hotel. You can dine here or walk along the road through the hotel and up the hill to the “Safari bar” where food and a lively disco are available as well as elephant trekking during the daytime. Tuk Tuk’s are available into Patong. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



Do not attempt to pass between the small island of Ko Pu and Phuket

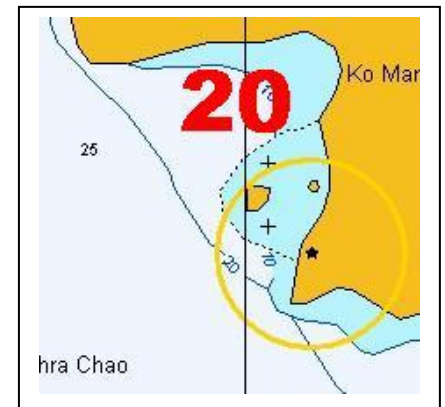
1-19 Kata Beach 007deg 48.00min N 098deg 17.50min E

Kata is actually two beaches separated by a rocky headland. Kata Noi to the South is generally quieter and is dominated by the Kata Thani Resort although more local restaurants are available. Anchor in 8 to 10 metres. Kata Beach itself is far livelier and has lots of restaurants and bars. Anchor towards the Southern side of the bay to avoid the small reef just off the beach at the North end. Good holding can be found in 7 to 10 metres. Among the many favorites ashore are the 5 star Kata beach resort, home of the Kings cup regatta and Mom Tri's boathouse just next door. Take your dinghy ashore in the very Southern corner to avoid any swell. In the corner is the simple but good "Kata Seafood". The main town of Kata is a short walk from the North end of the beach. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



1-20 Nai Harn Bay 007deg 46.40min N 098deg 18.00min E

Anchor in 8 to 10 metres anywhere in this pretty bay. Ashore is the 5 star Meridien hotel and a couple of good small local restaurants. There is a marked swimming area near the hotel where there is generally less swell making landing the dinghy easier. On the Northwest side of the bay is the small "Jungle beach" which is a little quieter. Around the headland is Nui beach which is small with room for just a few boats but has a nice restaurant ashore. Not suitable in the Southwest season.

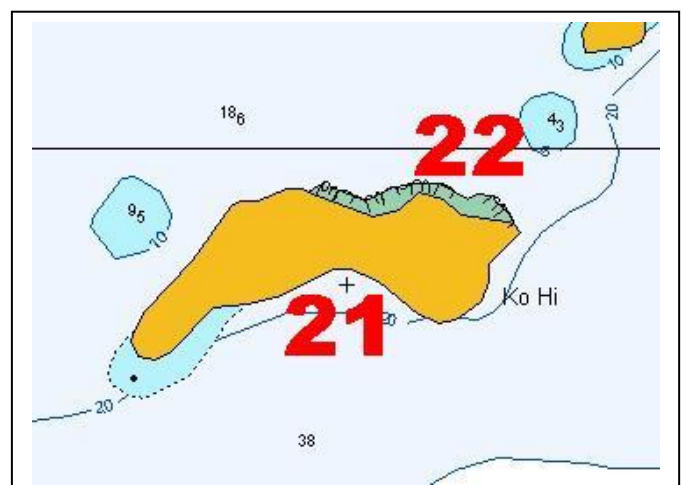


It is strictly not permitted to go to the West Coast in the Southwest season

Do not pass between Ko Bon and Phuket as an unmarked and uncharted rock exists in the approximate position of 007 deg 45.95min N 098deg 19.87min E

1-21 Ko Hi – Coral Island South 007deg 44.20min N 098deg 22.25min E

Anchor for a quiet lunch in 12 to 15 metres on the South side of the island. The coral is better with more fish than the North of the island and so far very few tourist boats visit this side. A small pretty beach on the west side is accessible at high tide only. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



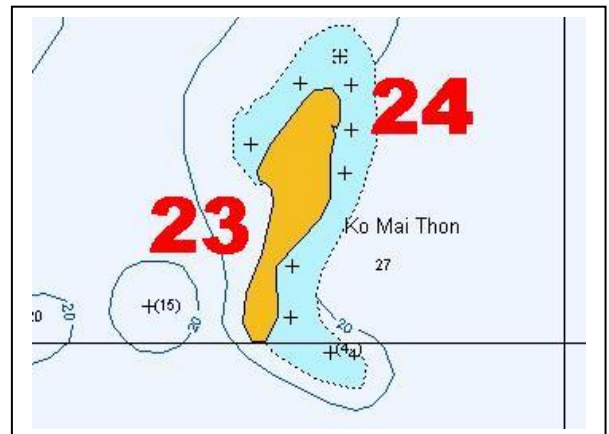
1-22 Ko Hi – Coral Island North 007deg 45.00min N 098deg 22.50min E

Anchor well offshore in the Northern bay in not less than 10 metres. This is a very popular day trip destination with dozens of speedboats bringing hundreds of tourists to see the fringing coral reef, which dries completely at low tide making access to the beach impossible. Once they depart a relative peace once again descends and a few restaurants stay open for the evening. Be aware of the buoyed swimming areas across the length of the beach and large coral heads that can rise from 6 metres.

1-23 Ko Mai Thon West 007deg 45.65min N 098deg 28.50min E

Anchor on the sand and rock bottom in 10 to 12 metres in the small bay. This anchorage is not suitable in the Southwest season.

Be careful of the reef patches all around the North and South of the island, which rise quickly from deep water. Do not navigate in less than 10 metres of water near these reefs.

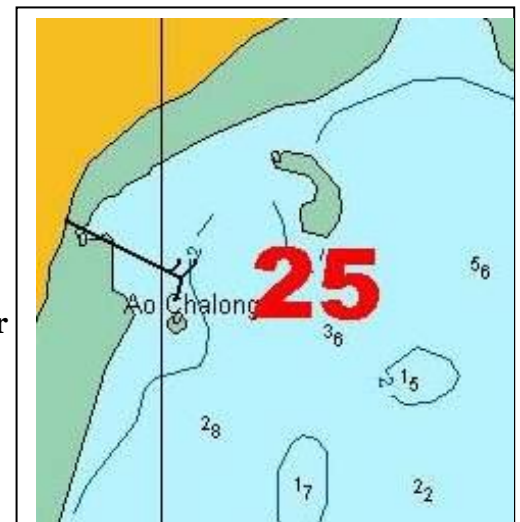


1-24 Ko Mai Thon East 007deg 45.70min N 098deg 29.10min E

Anchor on the sand in 6 to 10 metres to the South of the pier or pick up a mooring buoy. You can go ashore and visit the often empty Mai Thon private island resort. Good snorkeling can be found just off the beach in front of the resort but currents can be strong here so take care when swimming. Not suitable overnight in the NE season.

1-25 Ao Chalong bay 007deg 48.75min N 098deg 21.50min E

Anchor in 4 to 5 metres in the soft mud to the North of the pier. The beach is not accessible on tides below 2 metres when it is best to tie the dinghy to the steps half way along the long concrete pier. Try to tie the dinghy on the leeward side to avoid it rubbing against the sharp barnacles and be sure to wear shoes. To the North of the pier is “Jimmy’s Lighthouse” with its ornamental light tower and a little further to the North is the Ao Chalong yacht club. Both have good bars and restaurants. This is a very popular anchorage for all types of vessel from cruising yachtsmen to dive boats and ferries.



1-26 Ao Yon and the Phuket Aquarium 007deg 48.25min N 098deg 23.50min E

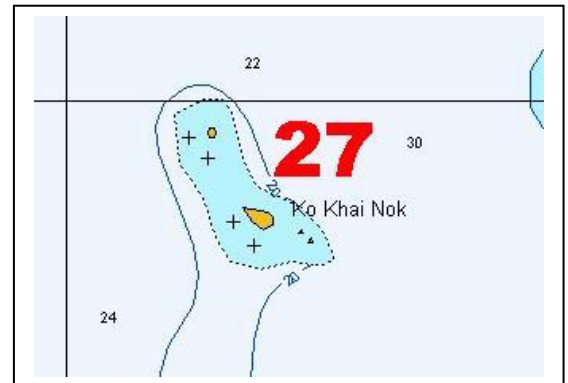
Anchor in 6 to 8 metres anywhere in the bay, which is divided by a rocky headland. The East side of the bay is home of the Phuket Aquarium as well as the Hydrographic, Fisheries and Marine Biology departments. To the West side of the bay you will find good holding but beware of the many floats of a large pearl farm on the far western side of the bay.



**Beware of the rocks south of Laem Phan Wa at
007deg 47.90min N 098deg 24.35min E
Stay a good distance off to the South**

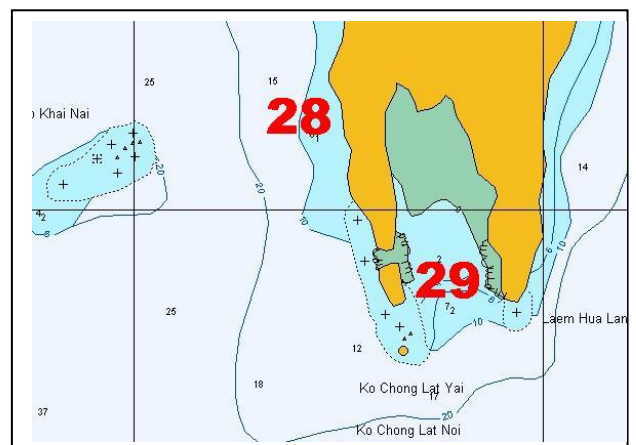
1-27 Ko Khai Nok 007deg 53.60min N 098deg 31.00min E

Anchor in deep water between 10 and 15 metres as the bottom shelves rapidly as you approach the islands. Coral and fish abound and the reasonably clear water make it a very popular destination for the speedboat day trips from Phuket. You may be asked for a “dinghy landing” fee of 200 baht as well as 30 baht per person. There are basic restaurant facilities open in the daytime only.



1-28 Ko Yao Yai Southwest 007deg 55.95min N 098deg 34.40min E

You can anchor anywhere along the West coast of Ko Yao Yai, which has several quiet beaches. Just North of the car jetty is a good spot where you will find the Ko Yao beach resort and restaurant ashore. The nearby island of Ko Khai Nai has good snorkeling and a daytime restaurant ashore. Approach slowly from the Northeast and anchor in no less than 12 metres. Not suitable in the Southwest season.



**Beware of the rocks and reef all around
Ko Khai Nai. Approach with extreme caution.**

1-29 Ko Yao Yai South 007deg 53.35min N 098deg 35.35min E

Approach this anchorage from the South staying in the middle of the bay to avoid the rocks on either headland and anchor in the mud in 4 to 6 metres. A shallow creek on the West side of the bay leads to a stilted Muslim village. You can visit the village but please observe a discreet dress code. Definitely not suitable in the Southwest season.

1-30 Ko Yao Yai Resort 007deg 58.90min N 098deg 34.10min E

Anchor in 5 metres offshore of the beautiful Ko Yao Yai resort. Ashore you will find a small bungalow resort with a beach bar and restaurant. Not suitable in the Southwest season.

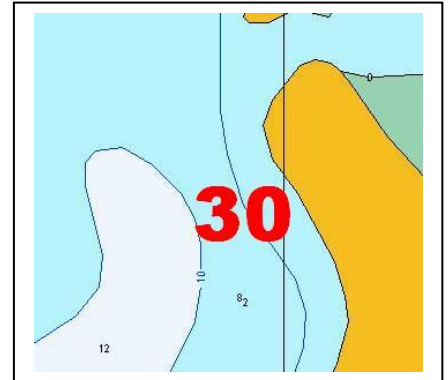
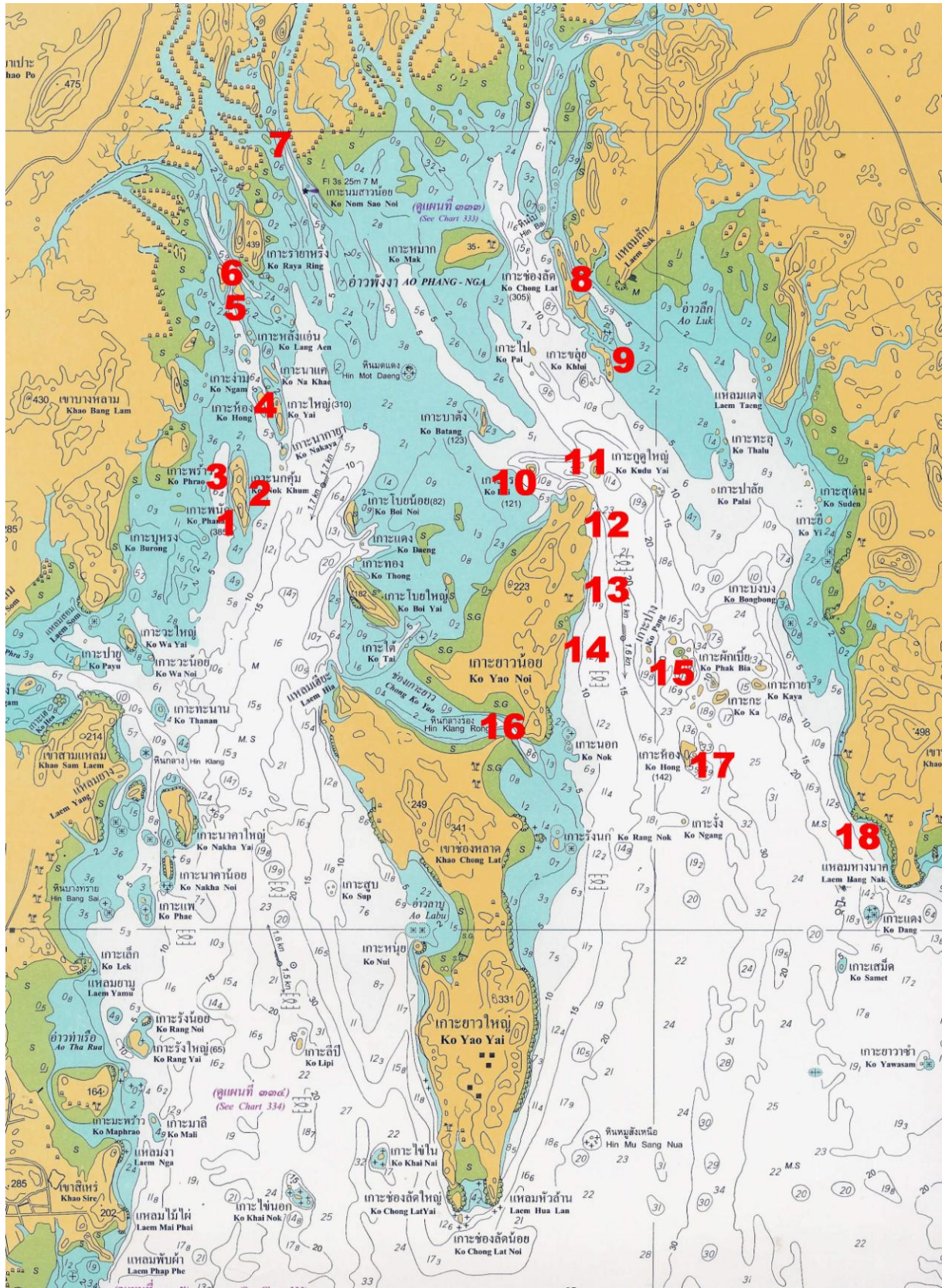


Chart 2 Phang Nga Bay to Krabi



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2-1 Ko Phanak Southwest 008deg 10.50min N 098deg 29.25min E

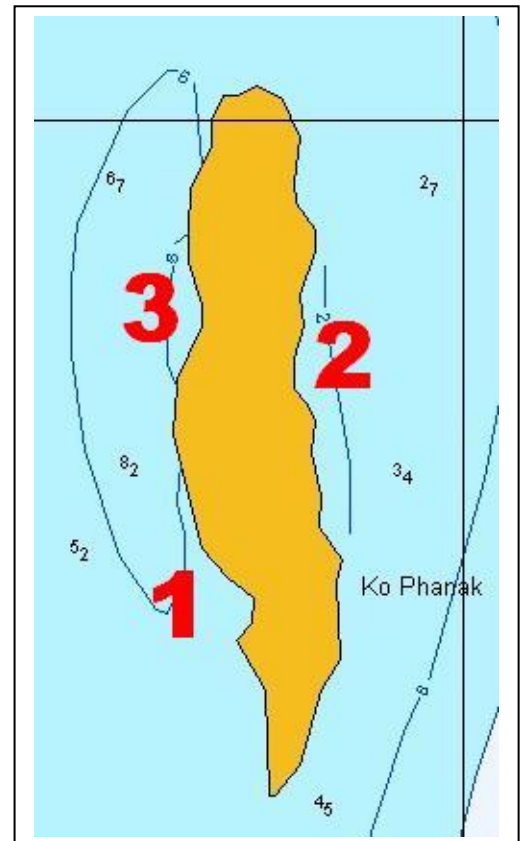
A quiet anchorage in 4 metres on a muddy bottom. Good shelter in stronger Northeast winds with lots of spectacular overhangs to explore by sea canoe. No restaurants.

2-2 Ko Phanak East 008deg 11.25min N 098deg 30.00min E

There is good shelter along the entire East coast in the Southwest season but it can be bumpy in the Northeast. There is a spectacular anchorage in the middle of this coast in 4 metres with access to a difficult to find hong by sea kayak and at mid tide only. It can be busy by day but will be quiet overnight. No restaurants.

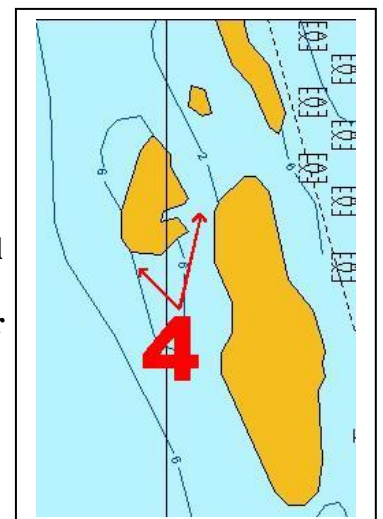
2-3 Ko Phanak Northwest 008deg 11.50min N 098deg 29.00min E

Good holding in 5 metres. Like anchorage two this is busy with sea kayak companies in and out of the hong during the day but quiet overnight. The Southern of the two hong is very popular and is accessible via a dark 50-metre tunnel at tides below 2 metres. Bring a good torch. It is home to a large bat colony so do not use the outboard engine and if entering by dinghy you may have to swim the last five metres to the hong. A spectacular hong but an interesting aroma on the trip through the cave. A little further to the North along the coast of the island is another spectacular hong accessible via a small cave by dinghy at tides under 2 metres or by another dry cave immediately above it. Tie your dinghy securely to the rocks taking the tide into account and walk through the cave. At the Northern tip of the island is a shallow lagoon leading in some distance and as yet not popular with the kayak armada. No restaurants.



2-4 Ko Hong 008deg 13.65min N 098deg 30.00min E

Ko Hong is the biggest hong in Phang Nga bay. Anchor in the channel between the three islands in 10 to 14 metres being careful of the shallow water on the East side of the channel. The main hong has access by dinghy only at any state of the tide but is best visited at high tide. Leading from the main hong is a small tunnel with dinghy access most of the way in but you will only be able to access the small hong at the end by sea kayak. Take time to explore. On the South side of Ko Hong at 008deg 13.00min N 098 deg 30.00min E is another good spot in 3 to 4 metres close to a cave, which leads to the hong. There is a ranger station on Ko Yai and he will come across and ask for the 200 baht per person per day park entry fee. No restaurants.





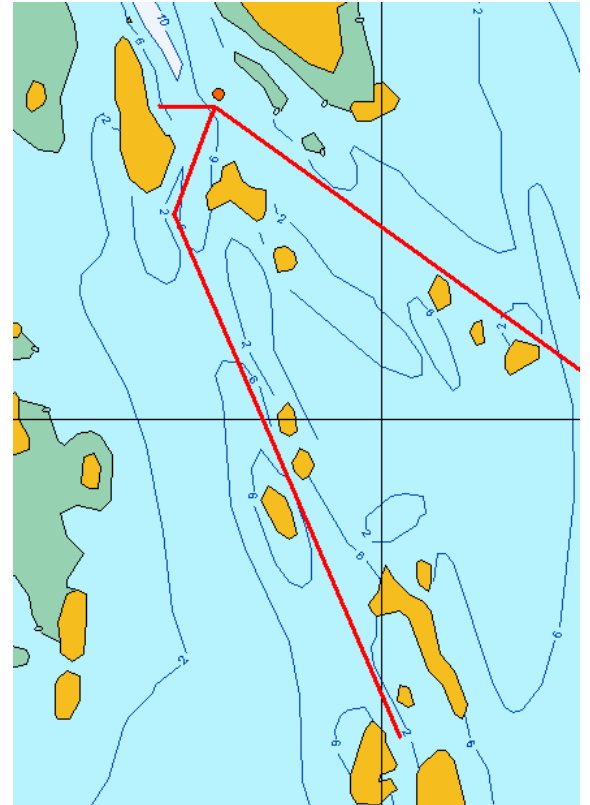
Northern Phang Nga bay



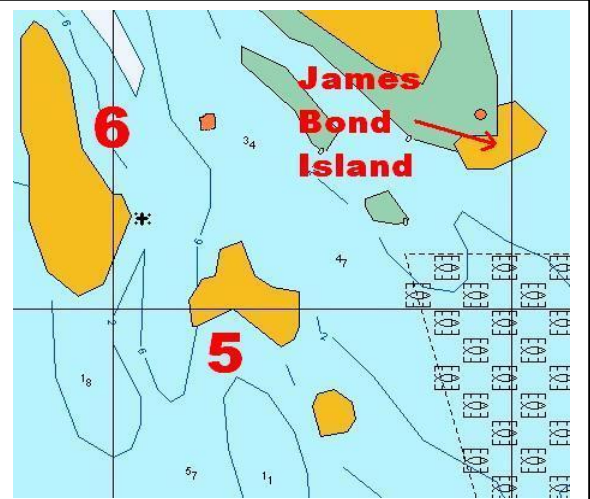
Ko Yang - Phang Nga bay



James Bond Island - Phang Nga Bay



Pilotage guide to Northern Phang Nga bay



2-5 Ko Yang 008 deg 15.95 min N 098deg 29.30 E

On the South side of Ko Yang is a pretty bay with anchorage in 3 to 4 metres. Approach can be made from the South along the narrow channel from Ko Hong but beware as the channel is much narrower than shown on the chart and has drying patches on either side that are not shown on the chart. Also beware of the uncharted sand bank to the south of Ko Yang. There is a small beach with access at high tide only.

2-6 Ko Daeng Yai and James Bond Island 008deg 16.50minN 098deg 29.00minE

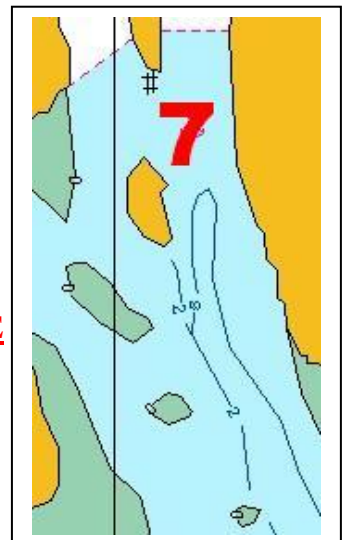
You may approach from the South along the channel from Ko Hong but beware as the channel is much narrower than it is shown on the chart and has drying patches on either side that are not shown on the chart. Pass between Ko Yang and Ko Daeng Yai keeping Ko Yang close to starboard and line up on the small rock pinnacle directly to the North. Beware of the uncharted rock off the eastern point of Ko Daeng Yai. Once you reach the pinnacle turn due West into the anchorage. You may also approach from the Southeast keeping Ko Khai and Ko Lo Lo close to port before heading directly for the rock pinnacle in the middle of the channel. Anchor to the Northeast of Ko Daeng Yai in 5 to 8 metres. Early the next morning, to avoid the many tourists, go across the channel to visit Ko Phing Kan, the island made famous and very popular by the James Bond film “The man with the golden gun”. The best point to go ashore is on the North side where you can access the lagoon at the back of the island by dinghy at high tide. There are no restaurants but you will find an abundance of stalls selling tourist gifts.

2-7 Ko Pan Yi 008deg 20.0min N 098deg 30.30min E

Take extra care on the approach up to Pan Yi as there are generally lots of nets, floats and semi submerged logs in the channel.

Anchor in 4 metres to the Southeast of the village. There are restaurants ashore in the stilted Muslim fishing village. This was one of the locations where the second Brigit Jones movie was filmed.

Do not approach Hin Mot Daeng 008 deg 14.10min N 098deg 33.65min E

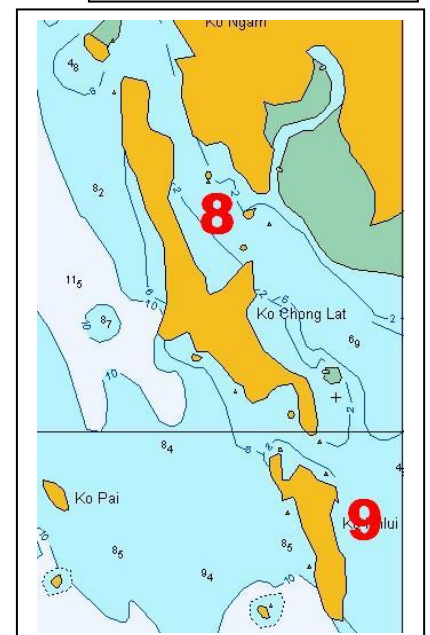


2-8 Ko Chong Lat North 008deg 16.45min N 098deg 37.80min E

A beautiful, sheltered spot in 10 metres on a muddy bottom. Enter the anchorage from the Northwest passing between Ko Ngam and Ko Chong Lat and taking care of the shallow spot to the North of Ko Chong Lat. Tides can be strong here so take care when swimming from the yacht. If leaving via the South beware of the reef at the Southeast end of Ko Chong Lat. No restaurants.

2-9 Ko Khlui North 008deg 15.00min N 098deg 38.25min E

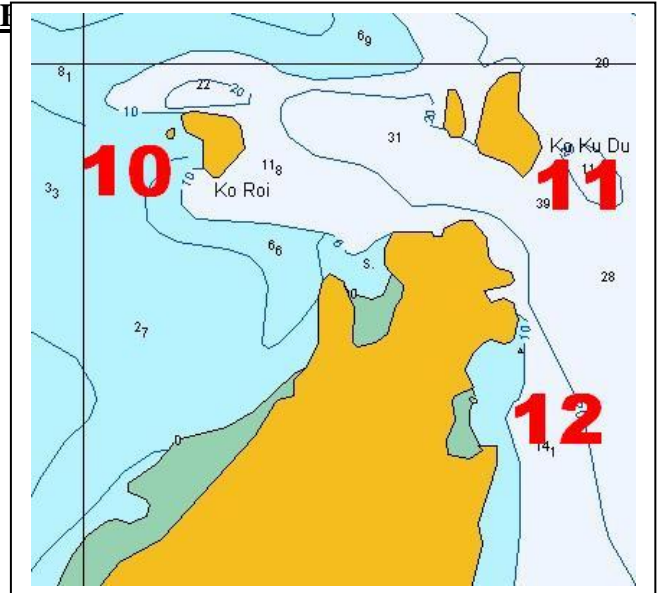
Anchor in the middle of the passage in 4 to 5 metres. Beware of shallow water in the bays to North and South and on the entrance and exit to the anchorage from either direction. Another good anchorage can be found to the East of Ko Khlui just off a spectacular inlet but this can be exposed to ground swells in the Southwest season. No restaurants.



2-10 Ko Roi 008deg 11.25min N 098deg 36.45min E

Anchor on the West side of this beautiful island to the south of the rock stack in 6 to 8 metres. Ashore there are two sandy beaches and a very large hong accessible on foot from the Northwest beach at low tide and by swimming in at all but the highest tides. Strong footwear is a must. Good in the Northeast season and reasonable in the Southwest. No restaurants.

Beware of the shallow water to the West of Ko Roi



2-11 Ko Kudu Yai 008deg 12.00min N 098deg 38.00min E

Anchor in Northern end of the channel between the two islands, favouring the west side of the channel in 5 to 8 metres. There are two great hongs on the larger island both of which can be accessed by dinghy. The Southern one is very pretty while the one at the top of the Northeast bay is the home to a colony of giant fruit bats, which can be seen rising up from their roosts at dusk. Other wildlife includes monkeys, eagles, hornbills, kingfishers and large monitor lizards. If the wind is especially strong it can be funnelled through the gap making it uncomfortable overnight. No restaurants.

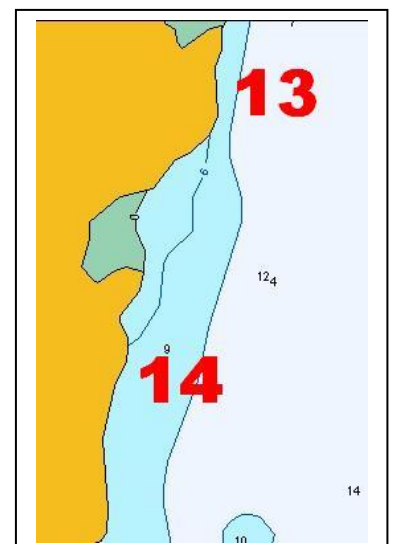
Beware of the shallow mud flat extending some distance off the beach at Ao Muang

2-12 Ko Yao Noi - Ao Muang 008deg 10.15min N 098deg 38.30min E

A good spot which is sheltered in the SW season but will be uncomfortable in stronger NE winds. Anchor well off the beach in 8 to 10 metres being careful of the mud flat that shelves extremely rapidly from depth. Ashore is the Paradise Ko Yao resort which welcomes visiting yachtsmen. The large mud flat extending out from the beach makes access difficult at low water so look for the small wooden jetty at the Northern edge of the bay which has a channel leading to it marked by wooden sticks where you can leave your dinghy.

2-13 Ko Yao Noi Resort 008deg 08.65min N 098deg 38.15min E

Anchor in 5 to 7 metres on the muddy bottom. There is a good quality resort complex ashore with a restaurant. There is good shelter in the Southwest season but will be uncomfortable in stronger Northeast winds.

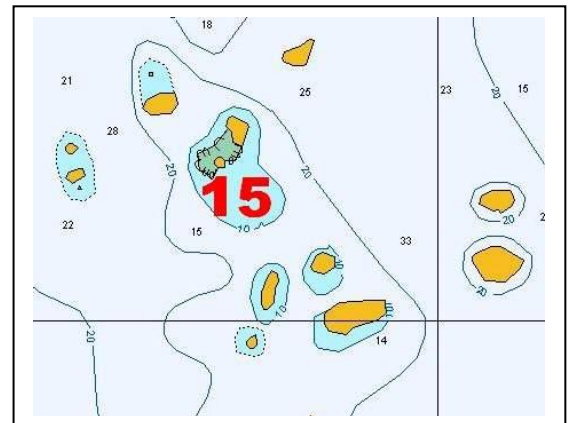


2-14 Long beach and Sabai corner 008deg 06.50min N 098deg 37.80min E

There are several choices of restaurant here, the best one at the North end of long beach being the Ko Yai Island resort. A Swiss/French owned resort with an excellent Thai and European menu at reasonable prices. Look for the conspicuous blue roofs and the resort is ½ a mile to the North hidden behind a line of palm trees. Anchor outside the large red mooring buoy in 8 to 10 metres. Take care when going ashore at low water to avoid the reef that extends along most of the beach. It is best to land directly opposite the mooring buoy. A pretty resort with views over Pak Bia and Koh Hong which is sheltered in the Southwest season but not suitable as an overnight stop in the Northeast season. There is a long hose pipe in the gardens that you can use to fill jerry cans. At the Southern end of the beach is Sabai corner restaurant and bungalows. They can pick you up from anchorage 16 if you call 076 597497.

2-15 Ko Pak Bia 008deg 07.00min N 098deg 40.35min E

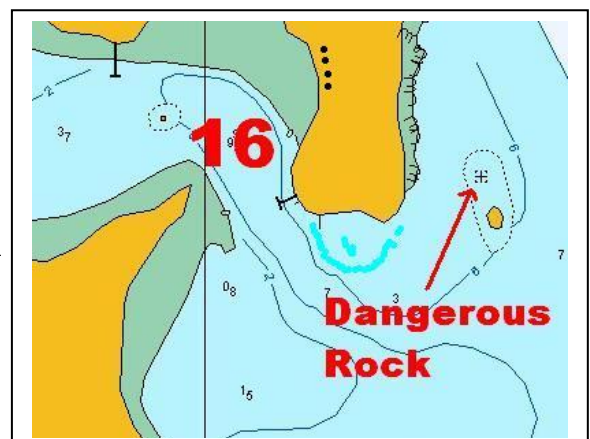
Approach from the South or Southwest and anchor in 15 metres on a sandy bottom to the Southwest of the mushroom shaped rock. A good spot in the Northeast season but exposed in the Southwest. A sandy spit joins the two islands at low water and to the North of it is a good bay for snorkelling but one which cannot be entered in the yacht due to the tall coral outcrops that litter the bottom. No restaurants.



Do not pass between Ko Nok and Ko Yao Noi as there are rocks in the channel

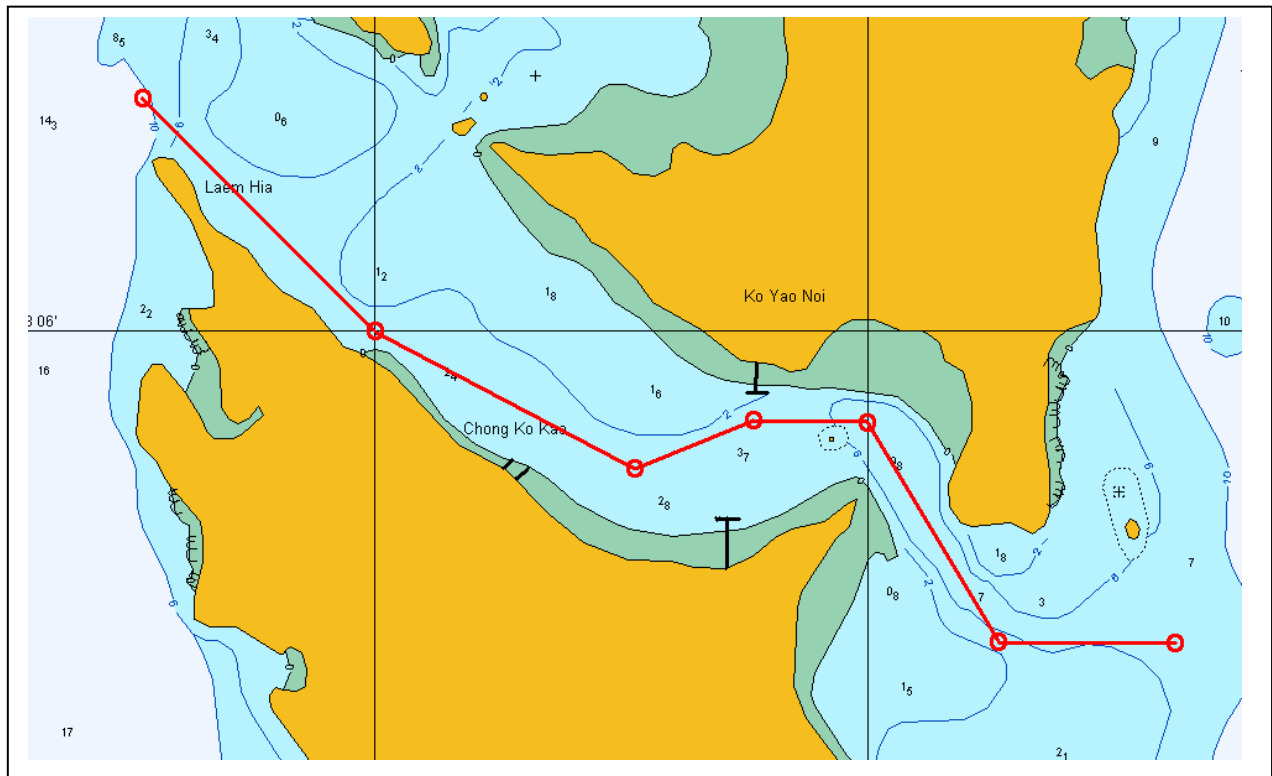
2-16 Ko Yao Channel 008deg 05.25min N 098deg 36.20min E

There is a good restaurant at the mouth of the channel with a small floating pontoon giving access at all but the lowest tides. Further in is a very secure anchorage in both seasons. Anchor well clear of the rocks visible in the middle of the channel and marked with an isolated danger post. There are a few small Muslim villages on the North side of the channel where you can get provisions and the largest of which has a large concrete jetty where you can take a longtail to Phuket. It is also possible to get a tuk-tuk to the village where basic provisions are available or around the headland to Sabai Corner and Long beach which both have numerous resorts and restaurants.



**Yachts may only pass through the channel between Ko Yao Noi and Ko Yao Yai
on high tides more than half a metre above the draught of the vessel
A yacht that draws 2.0 metres must have a tide over 2.5 metres**

Ko Yao channel pilot



**The total distance through the channel is 7.75 miles.
You should be half way through the channel at high tide.**

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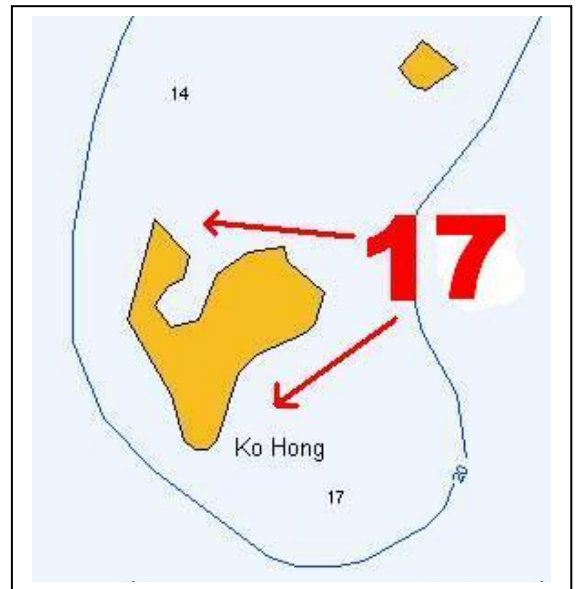
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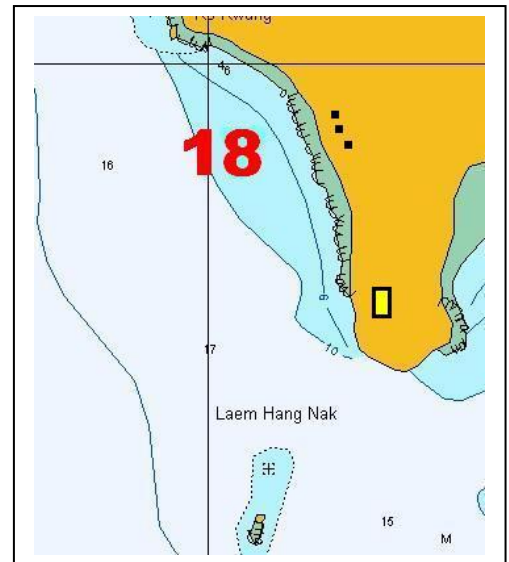
2-17 Ko Hong Krabi 008deg 05.00in N 098deg 40.70min E

The best anchorage to access the large hong that gives the island its name is on the North side in 15 to 20 metres being sure not to anchor on the coral. It is possible to enter the hong by dinghy over the shallow bar at high tide and explore the lagoon, which at 200 metres across is one of the largest in the area. If there is not enough water to enter and leave the hong by dinghy you will need strong shoes, as the rocks are sharp with many sea urchins. This anchorage is not suitable overnight in the Northeast season. On the Southeast side of the island is a pretty bay with good snorkelling suitable overnight in the either season in calm conditions only. Beware of the fringing reef that comes up suddenly as you approach the beach and can be exposed at low water. Lots of mooring buoys have been laid but the ones closer to the beach are very close to the reef and are not suitable for yachts. Anchor a good distance offshore in 15 metres to avoid damaging the reef. There is a National park ranger station ashore and you will be asked for the 200 baht per person park entry fee. There are no restaurants.



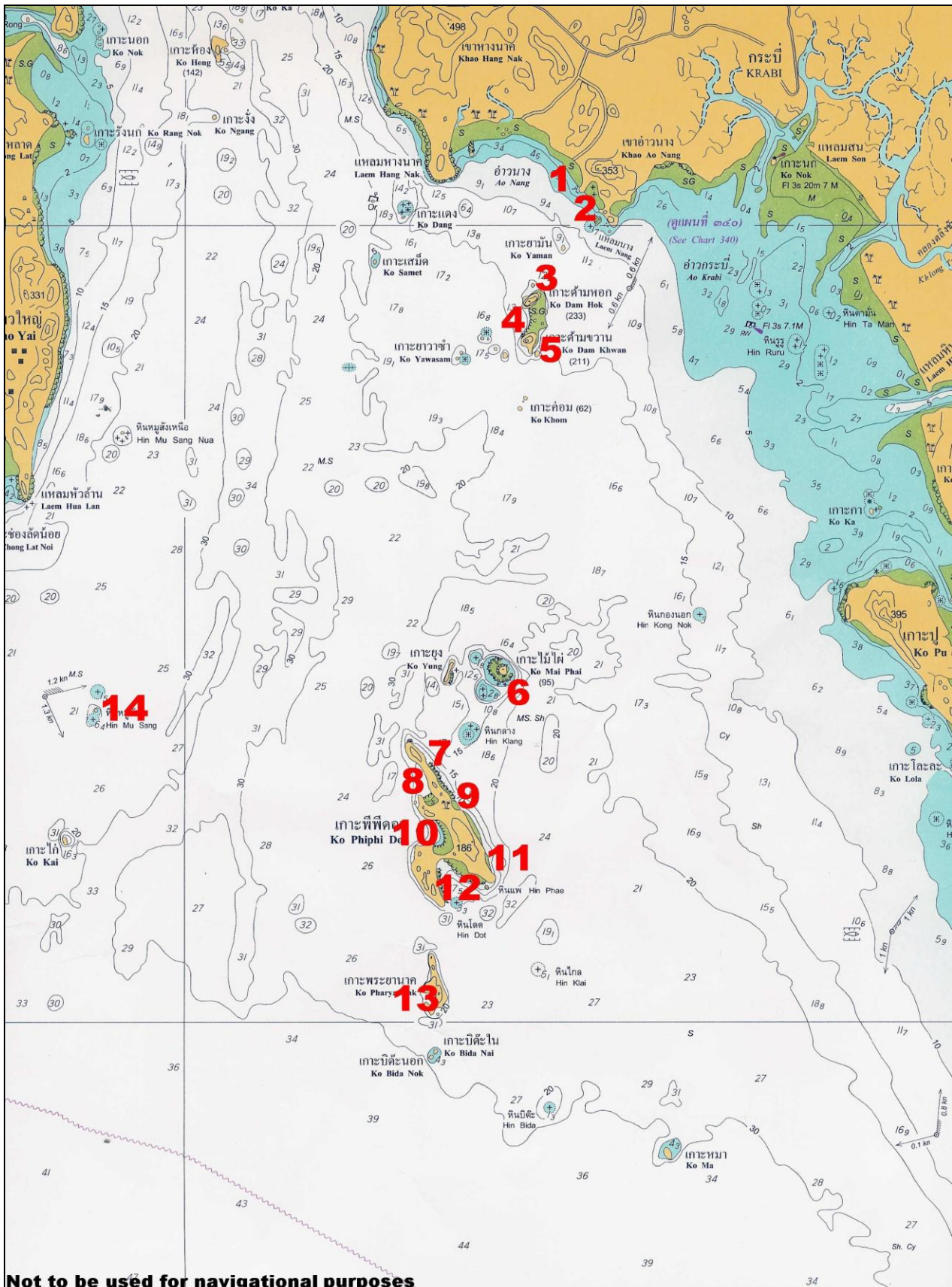
2-18 Sheraton Krabi 008deg 02.50in N 098deg 45.40min E

Anchor in 6 to 7 metres opposite the Sheraton Resort. Ashore there are several restaurants in the Sheraton and another smaller resort with a restaurant as well as several independent small local restaurants serving excellent Thai food. A great stop in the Northeast season but definitely not suitable in the Southwest season. The impressive building with the gold roof and spires on the hill overlooking the bay to the North of Laem Hang Nak is a summer palace of the King of Thailand. If the King is in residence you may be directed away to the South by police launches.



Beware of the dangerous reef to the North of Ko Daeng

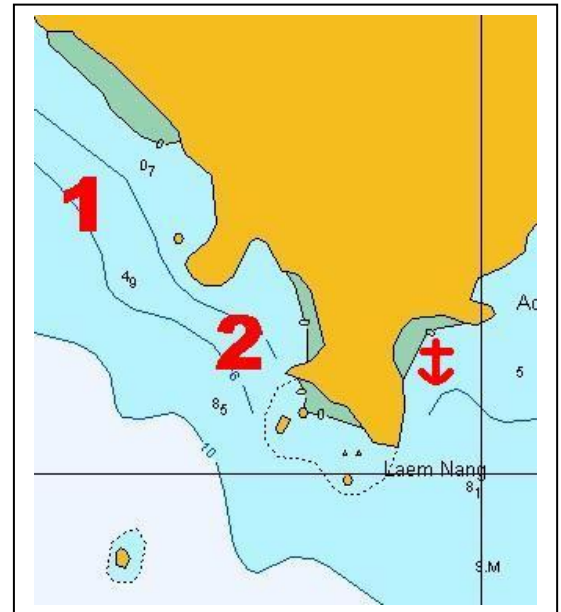
Chart 3 Ko Phi Phi Group



Cruising Guide - Ko Phi Phi group

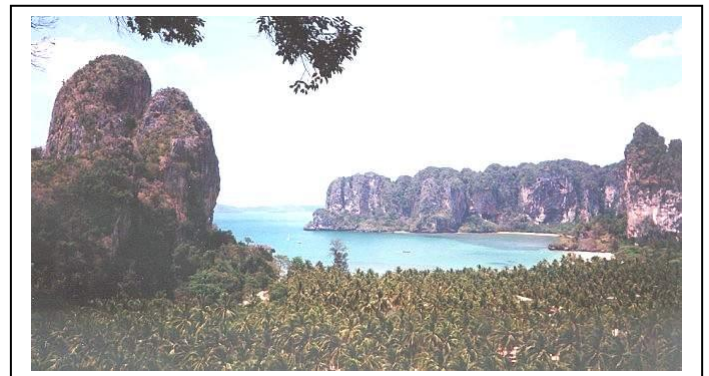
3-1 Ao Nang – Krabi 008deg 02.00min N 098deg 48.00min E

This anchorage is suitable in the NE season only. Anchor on the Southern side of the bay in front of the main town in 4 to 5 metres being careful of the many fishing stakes along the Northern side of the bay. The main town has numerous bungalow and restaurant developments, basic provisions and a busy nightlife in the many bars. Beware that the beach dries out a long way at low tide so check the tide tables before going ashore and be prepared to carry the dinghy a long way. Local Thai youths can normally be persuaded to assist you with the dinghy for a few hundred baht. The next bay along is only accessible by sea and is dominated by a new 5 star resort still under construction. You can catch a local taxi into Krabi town where there is an excellent fresh market and larger supermarkets.



3-2 Rai Le Beach - Krabi 008deg 00.60min N 098deg 49.70min E

This spectacular anchorage is suitable only in the Northeast season. Anchor in a minimum of 2 meters of water well offshore on a sandy bottom. The beach is separated into two parts by a rocky outcrop. The North beach is fairly rocky and caters to backpackers and budget travellers as well as a growing climbing community with several bungalow and restaurant developments. The Southern beach has more upmarket resorts including the Rai Le Bay resort and spa. This is one of the

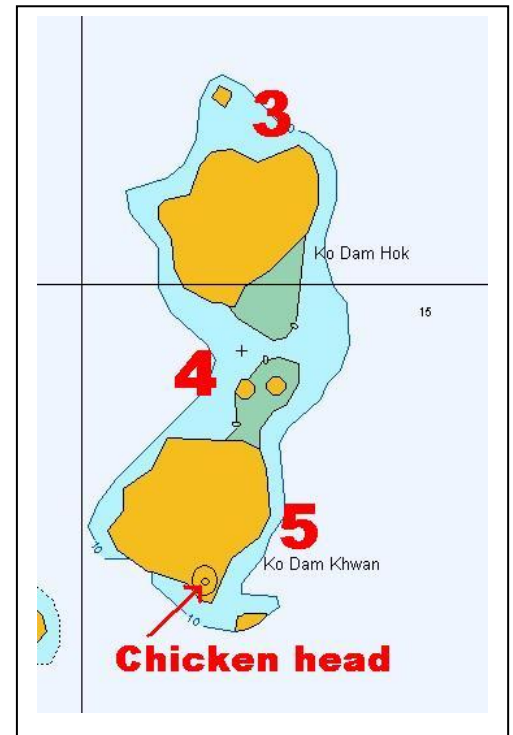
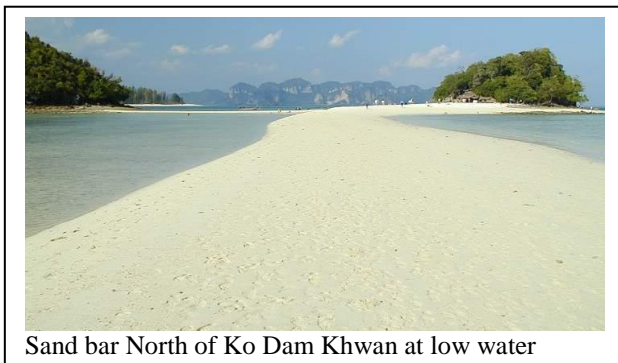


few restaurants on the beach that serves alcohol, as many are owned by Muslim families, although you will find several bars that serve alcohol and you can bring alcohol into most restaurants if you ask first. There is an ATM machine behind the Rai Le Bay resort and small supermarket with basic provisions along the small street next to the coffee shop. The only access to these beaches is by longtail from Ao Nang beach to the North as there is no road. It is possible to take a longtail to Ao Nang or even around the headland to the East and up the river to Krabi town to buy provisions in the excellent fresh market and supermarkets. The trip takes half an hour and costs 80 baht shared one way or 1200 baht for the whole longtail for a return trip. To the Southeast of this bay is the beautiful Tham Phra Nang beach. Pass well to the west of Ko Nang and anchor a good distance of the pretty reef that runs along the entire beachfront and out to Ko Nang . Around the headland to the East is Ao Nam Mao, or drunken water bay. As the name suggests this bay can be bumpy in any conditions and is not as pretty as the other two beaches although you can find shelter here in the Southwest season. The dive boat moorings are extremely long so give them plenty of swinging room. Be careful of the large muddy sand bank that fills the bay and anchor in no less than 4 metres.

3-3 Ko Dam Hok North 007deg 58.60min N 098deg 48.65min E

Anchor to the East of the small island off shore of the sandy beach in 10 metres. There is a restaurant and bungalow development ashore which opens in the Northeast season only and a good reef to the East of the beach, which runs all the way to Ko Dam Khwan. There is a large troop of tame monkeys ashore. Good shelter in the Southwest season but can be exposed to strong Northeast winds.

Do not attempt to pass between Ko Dam Hok and Ko Dam Khwan in the yacht as the islands are joined by a reef. This reef extends out for some distance so avoid hugging the coast when sailing down the East side of the islands.



3-4 Ko Dam Khwan North 007deg 57.60min N 098deg 48.40min E

Anchor in no less than 12 metres to the West of the small island. A shallow reef extends from Ko Dam Khwan to Ko Dam Hok with and is great for snorkeling. Not suitable overnight in the Southwest season but sheltered from the Northeast.

3-5 Ko Dam Khwan East 007deg 57.40min N 098deg 48.80min E

Anchor to the East of the island in 10 to 12 metres on sand but beware of large coral heads and make a snorkeling inspection once settled. This spot provides good holding in the Southwest but can be exposed in all but calm Northeast conditions. The strange rock tower at the Southern end of the Island is known as “Chicken head”



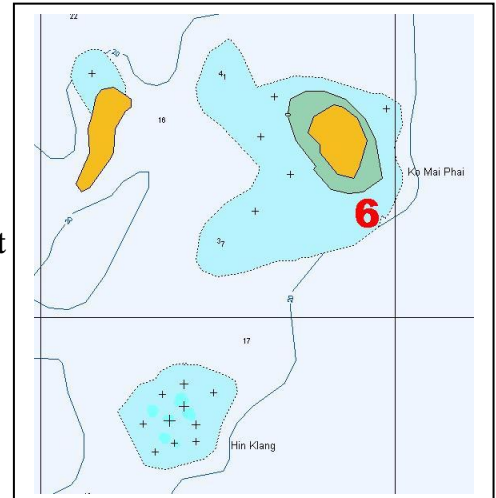
Chicken Head, courtesy of Billy Black photography.

Do not pass between Ko Yung and Ko Mai Phai

3-6 Ko Mai Phai 007deg 48.55min N 098deg 48.00min E

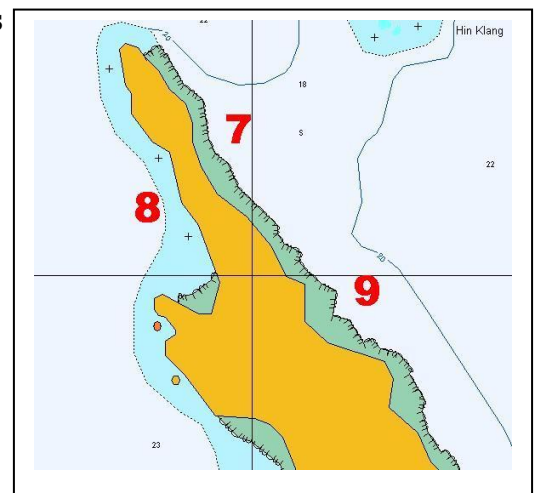
Anchor on the sand in 7 to 10 metres to the Southeast of Ko Mai Phai being careful not to drop on the reef which is still in good condition and a favorite dive spot. Do not attempt to pick up one of the mooring buoys as they are laid in very shallow water but are ideal to tie the dinghy to while you go snorkeling. Beware of strong currents. Ashore you will find a daytime only restaurant and a national park ranger station on the Northeast corner of the island. Not suitable overnight.

Beware of the submerged reef at Hin Klang
007deg 47.45min N 098deg 46.75min E



3-7 Ko Phi Phi Don - Northeast 007deg 46.30min N 098deg 46.60 E

This small bay, suitable only in the Southwest season has good holding in 8 to 10 metres well offshore and outside of the bay. Ashore there is a pretty beach with a good coral reef. Beware of the large mud flat in front of the beach, which can be exposed for up to 200 metres at low tide. Ashore is the Holiday Inn, one of Phi Phi's best resorts and a small local restaurant. During the Northeast season you can anchor at anchorage 8, Lanah bay and walk across the island to this beach.



3-8 Ko Phi Phi Don – Lanah Bay 007deg 46.50 min N
098deg 45.40 min E

Suitable in the Northeast season only, anchor well offshore in 12 metres being careful of the shallow reef at the Southern end of the bay which makes access to the beach difficult at all but high tide. On the Northern side of the bay is a rocky landing point from where you can walk across the island to the Holiday Inn. Around the headland to the South is a small bay and island suitable as a lunchtime stop or overnight in the Northeast season only for 1 or 2 yachts. There is a nice beach with good coral but no restaurants.

3-9 Ko Phi Phi Don – Loh Ba Gao Bay 007deg 45.70min N 098deg 47.00min E

Anchor a good distance off in not less 15 metres. Beware of the large rocky sand bank in front of the beach, which can be exposed for up to 500 metres at low tide. The only development on the beach is the Phi Phi Island village resort and spa. This is a 5 star traditional Thai style bungalow resort with two excellent restaurants and a comfortable bar.



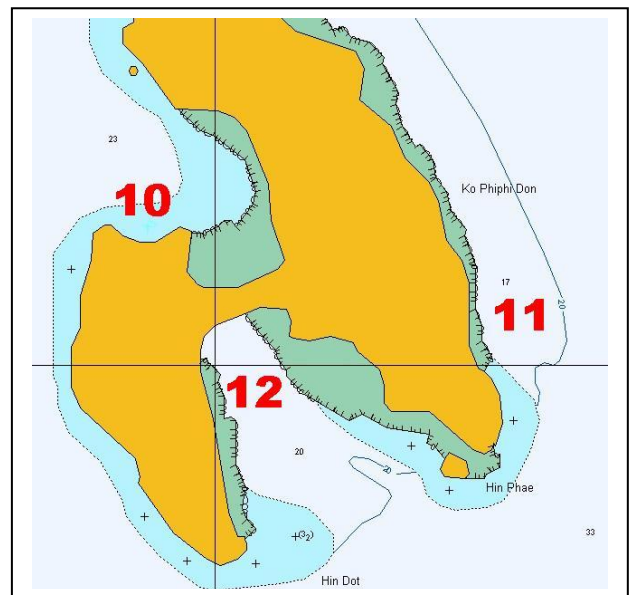
Tonsai bay on the left and Lohdalum beach on the right viewed from the look out point looking west. Lutz Pestel

3-10 Ko Phi Phi Don – Yongkasem beach 007deg 44.85min N 098deg 45.65min E

This small beach, also known as monkey beach, is sheltered in all but Northwest winds and is just West of Lohdalum bay, which is not suitable for yachts as there are many large coral heads that rise up from over 20 metres. Yongkasem is a pretty beach fringed by a coral reef so anchor well offshore in 15 metres. There are no facilities ashore and it is not recommended to take the dinghy to Lohdalum beach unless the tide is rising as the beach can dry out for over 400 metres at low tide. No restaurants.

Do not enter Lohdalum bay

3-11 Ko Phi Phi Don – Ao Loh Moo Dee 007deg 44.00min N 098deg 47.80min E



A pretty beach with good snorkeling. Ashore is a small bungalow and restaurant. Anchor in 10 to 12 metres well offshore of the sand bank that extends over 200 metres from the beach in places. Good for a quiet stop but should only be used overnight in the Southwest season.

When entering Tonsai bay stay in the middle of the bay.

There are several large rocks off the Southeastern tip of Phi Phi Don around Hin Phae and along the whole length of the large reef on the Eastern side of the bay.

Depths decrease suddenly from over 20 metres to under a metre at the edge of the reef.

See aerial photo on the next page, which has been enhanced to show the reef.

3-12 Ko Phi Phi Don – Ton Sai Bay 007deg 43.70min N 098deg 46.50min E

This wide bay is protected in both seasons with a large reef on both sides of the bay, especially the East side, so pay attention to your charts and depth sounder and the position of other sailing yachts. It is better to favour the West side of the bay when anchoring to avoid the water traffic heading for the pier and never swim more than a few metres from the yacht as speed boats can sometimes enter and leave at high speed. There is a small bay just inside the Southern tip of Ton Sai, which is generally quieter but is only suitable as a lunchtime stop. Anchor to the South of the numerous moorings in 10 to 13 metres taking care to give sufficient swinging space to the reef on the West side of the bay which rises vertically from 10 metres to almost dry out at low water. The village at Tonsai is a mix of several small bars, restaurants and shops along the shore and back along narrow side streets. A good bar and restaurant is “Hippies bar” along the beachfront path to the East of the bay with good food and fire dancing shows each night at 11pm. For Scuba diving trips contact Barakuda diving in the main street of the village.

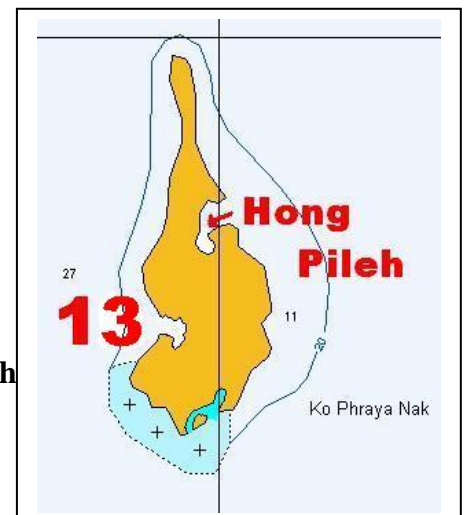


Tonsai Bay, Ko Phi Phi Don - Barakuda Diving

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3-13 Ko Phi Phi Le– Maya Bay 007deg 40.75min N 098deg 45.65min E

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Hong Pileh, Phi Phi Le. Lutz Pestel

3-14 Hin Mu Sang – Shark point 007deg 47.85min N 098deg 37.55min E

Known locally as shark point, this large rock stands a few metres above high Water and is marked by an isolated danger post. There are plenty of good quality moorings here. It is possible to snorkel but you normally need to go diving to see the harmless Leopard sharks that abound here. Half a mile to the north is Anemone reef, which is marked by a single mooring buoy and is covered in soft corals that sway in the sometimes strong current. Do not anchor within 200 metres of either of these sites to avoid damaging the coral. One mile East of these reefs lies the wreck of the King Cruiser. This 85 metre ferry hit Anemone reef under very mysterious circumstances on May the 4th 1997 and sank in 32 metres without loss of life. It is marked with a single buoy. No restaurants.

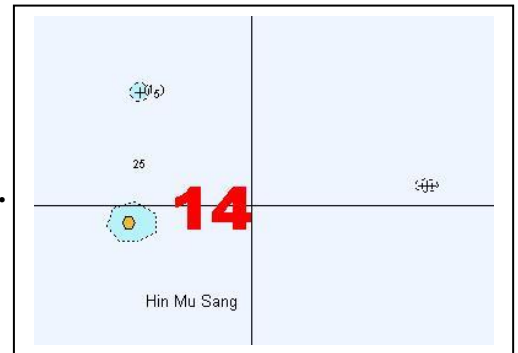
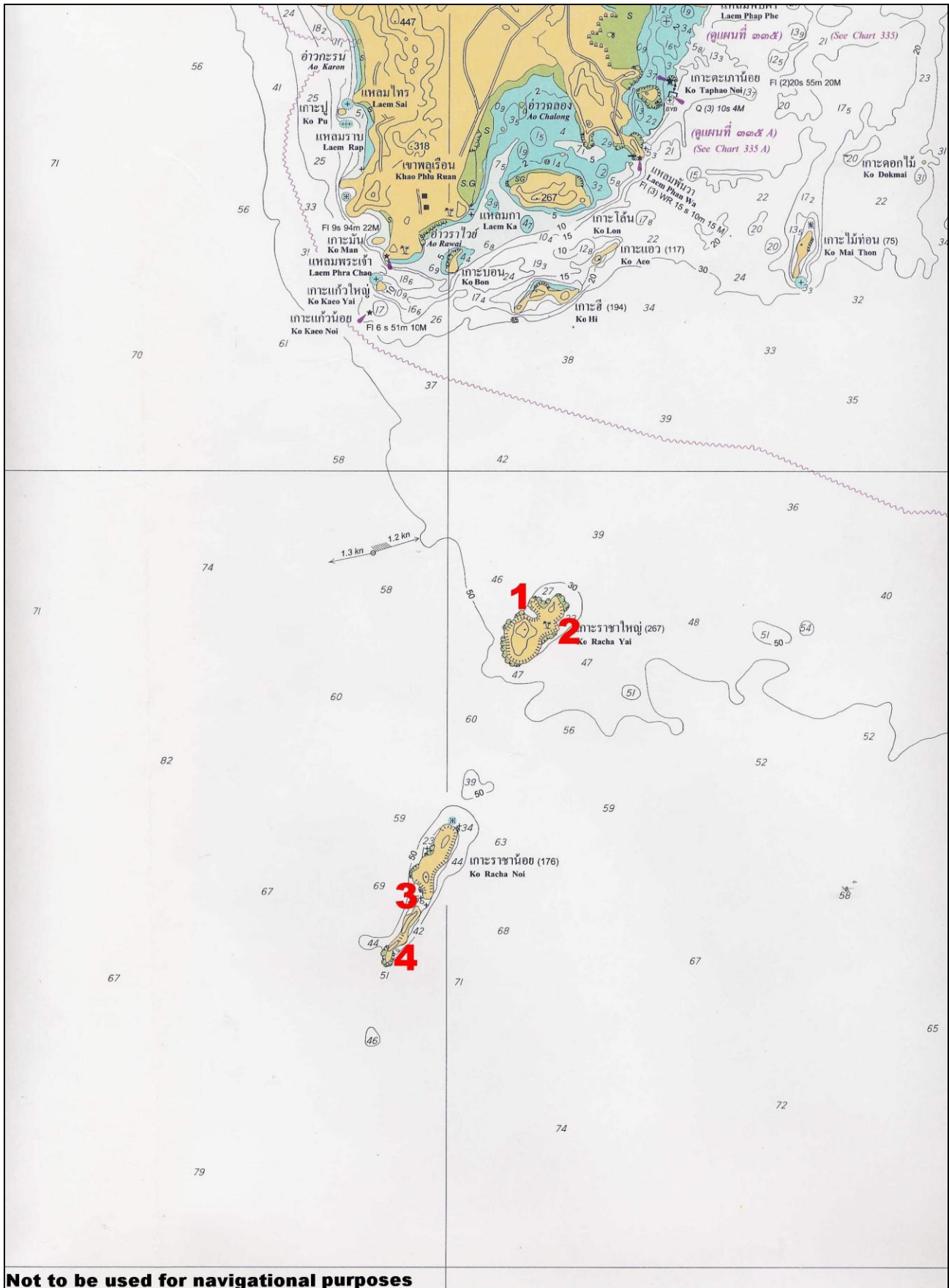


Chart 4 Ko Racha Group

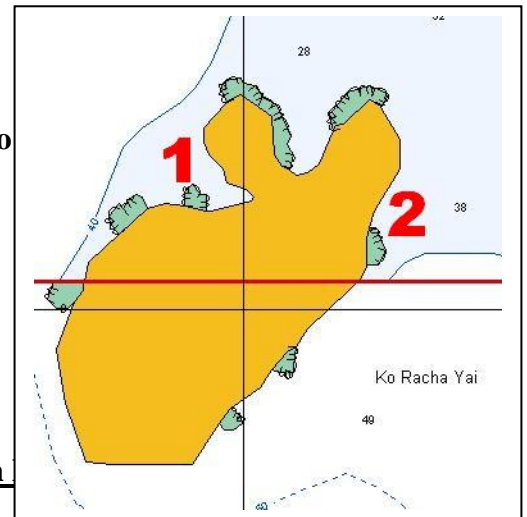


Cruising Guide - Ko Racha Yai and Noi

4-1 Ko Racha Yai West – Bungalow bay 007deg 36.60min N 098deg 21.80min E

This anchorage is suitable in the Northeast season only. Anchor in the middle of the bay in 10 to 15 meters on a sandy bottom with patches of broken coral. There are some large coral heads nearer to the beach so do not approach too close. This bay is a favorite spot for dive boats during the day but generally quiet overnight. Ashore is a beautiful beach with several good restaurants as well as the 5 star Racha resort. Raya divers can arrange day dive trips.

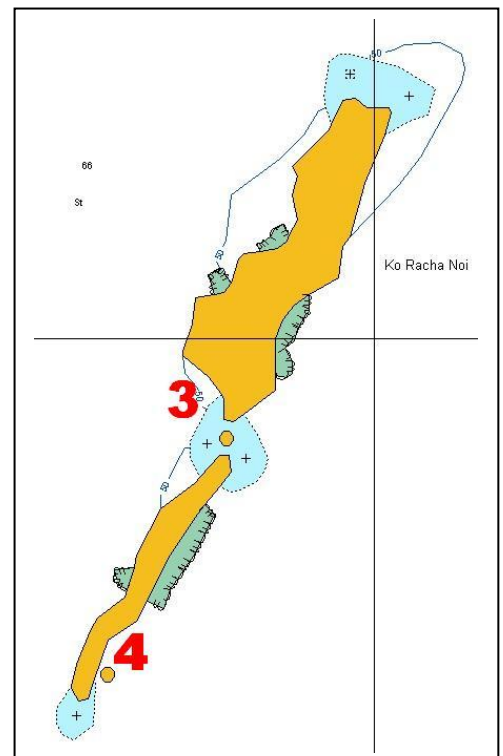
Do not enter the Northern bay of Ko Racha Yai as it shelves very rapidly



4-2 Ko Racha Yai East 007deg 36.50min N 098deg 22.75min

The Northeast anchorage is in 10 to 15 metres again on a sand and broken coral bottom. The moorings here should only be used by dinghies as some are in just a few feet of water. Swimming and snorkeling is good but strong currents can be found just outside the bay so be careful. It is not suitable overnight in the Northeast season and can be exposed to ground swells in the Southwest season. Ashore is the Ban Raya resort and a path leading to Bungalow bay.

Do not enter the Northern bay of Ko Racha Noi as it has many coral heads



4-3 Ko Racha Noi - West side 007deg 29.65min N 098deg 19.00min E

The west side of Ko Racha has a good anchorage in deep water near to the gap between the two islands. Suitable in the Northeast season only there is good snorkeling in the clear water. You can make the passage between the islands by dinghy and at high tide only. No restaurants. Not suitable in the Southwest season.

4-4 Ko Racha Noi - Southeast side 007deg 28.20min N 098deg 18.55min E

Anchor in 15 metres off the small island on the Southeast corner. This island is joined to the bigger island by a sandy spit at low water and very deep water and upwelling currents can be found only a short distance offshore. Suitable as a lunchtime stop only. No restaurants.

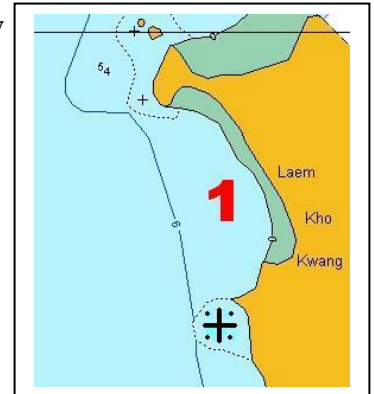


Cruising Guide - Ko Lanta to Ko Muk

5-1 Ko Lanta Northwest 007deg 38.0min N 099deg 01.0min E

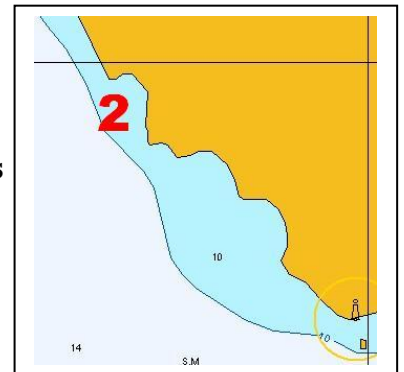
This is the largest settlement on the West coast with lots of bungalow resorts and restaurants. Anchor in the middle of the bay in 4 to 6 metres. It is possible to find most basic provisions in the small town behind the beach. Not suitable in the Southwest season.

Beware of the shallow reef and dangerous rocks to the South of this anchorage



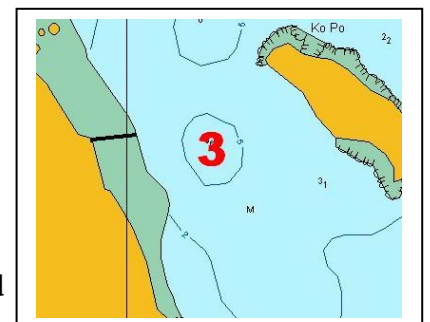
5-2 Ko Lanta Southwest 007deg 29.65min N 099deg 04.15min E

Anchor in 6 to 8 metres off the sandy beach. This bay is home to the beautiful five star Pimalai Resort and spa, which has a private floating pontoon and should not be used to tie your dinghy to. You can use the restaurants in the resort if suitably dressed. At the Northern end of the bay there is a river entering the sea, which leads to a waterfall. There is a good restaurant called “Why not” just behind the village in the middle of the beach which serves great fish, Thai, BBQ and cocktails and has a fire dancing show and can organize elephant treks. The “Same Same” restaurant at the south end of the bay is also good. This anchorage is not suitable in the SW season.



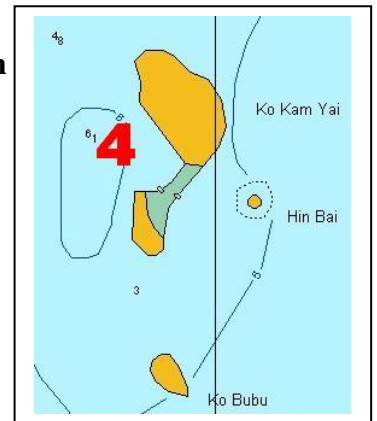
5-3 Ko Po/Talat Lanta 007deg 32.85min N 099deg 06.65min E

Approach this anchorage from the South only leaving Ko Po to starboard. Anchor in 4 to 5 metres either close to Ko Po or just off the main jetty at Talat Lanta town. There is a fisherman’s jetty to the South of the main jetty where you can take your dinghy to fill water jerry cans but it dries at low water springs. There is an interesting Thai restaurant to the North of the main jetty built on stilts overlooking the bay called “Fresh restaurant” which is very good and reasonably priced. It also has a supermarket behind it on the main road. There are lots of stalls selling fresh produce but they will all be closed by 7pm. You can buy diesel (sola) and gasoline (benzene) in small quantities opposite the restaurant and also at the shop next to the public jetty about 300 metres North of the restaurant which is more convenient for the dinghy. This impressive new structure has stainless steel handrails and steps but can only be accessed in the dinghy by approaching the beach at 90 degrees and in tides above 2 metres. On this jetty you’ll find the charming Mango House with over-the-sea accommodation, free showers, self-serve laundry service, take away deli foods and wine and a restaurant and bar.



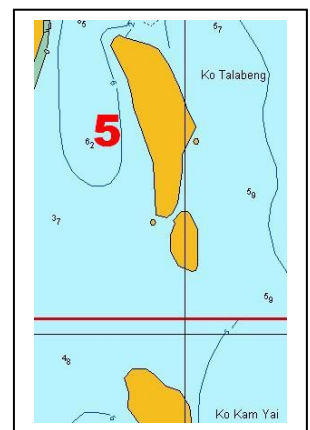
5-4 Ko Kam Yai/Noi 007deg 35.0min N 099deg 08.20min E

Enter the channel from the South only keeping the beautiful Ko Bubu and Ko Kam Noi to Starboard. Anchor to the West of Ko Kam Yai in 5 metres. There is a jetty and a mosquito riddled abandoned resort ashore on Ko Kam Noi but no restaurants.



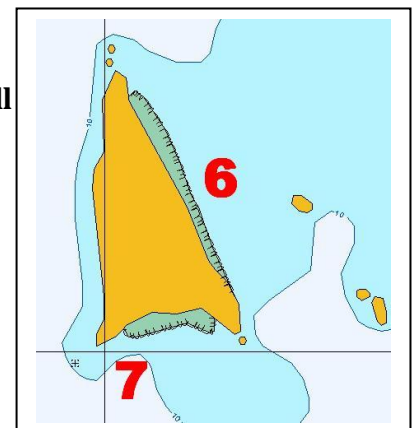
5-5 Ko Talabeng 007deg 37.50min N 099deg 8.20min E

This is a good anchorage in both seasons with the sheer side of Ko Talabeng offering an impressive backdrop. No restaurants.



5-6 Ko Ngai Northeast 007deg 25.75min N 099deg 12.75min E

The East coast has good anchoring along its entire length clear of the coral reef that borders the beach and can make landing difficult at low water. There is a restaurant at the end of a small jetty on the Southern end and several other resorts with restaurants to suit every budget along the beach towards the northern end where you will find better shelter during the Southwest season. Three hundred metres North of the jetty is the excellent Ko Hai resort and restaurant. Not suitable overnight in the NE season.

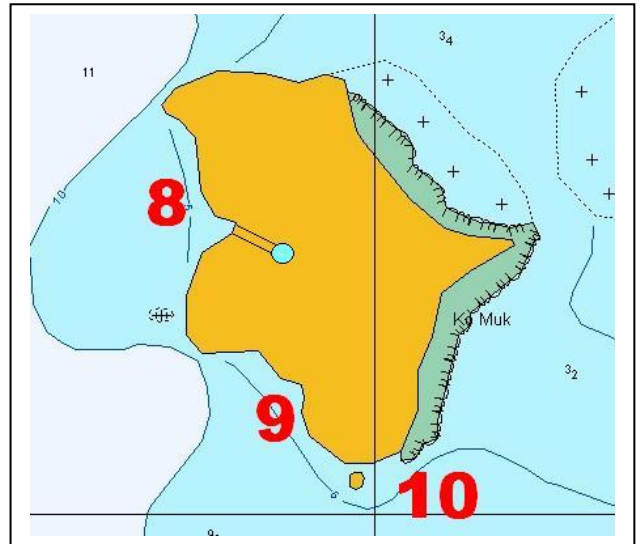


5-7 Ko Ngai West 007deg 23.75min N 099deg 11.85 E

The Southern side of the island is a good overnight stop in the Northeast season only. There is an excellent reef with good snorkelling. Anchor well off shore in no less than 10 metres. Ashore are several bungalow and restaurant developments. On the East coast there are three beaches but no facilities at all. Anchor in 8 to 10 metres off any one of the beaches.

5-8 Ko Muk Northwest 007deg 22.7min N 099deg 16.8min E

Anchor on the West side of Ko Muk in a small bay between two sheer cliffs just offshore of the small sandy beach. A few hundred metres to the South is the entrance to the Emerald cave, which has a buoyed and roped passage leading to it. You can swim or take a canoe or dinghy through the dark 80 metre long passage to the Emerald cave at most states of the tide but you should take care if using your engine to avoid any swimmers and you must carry a good waterproof torch. Once inside the cave proceed into the darkness until you see light ahead. This leads to a large and towering hong open to the sky. This is not suitable overnight in the Southwest season when it may not be possible to enter the cave. The cave is better visited in the late afternoon or early evening when there are fewer tourist boats. During the Southwest season you can anchor off the Northeast side of the island. Enter the anchorage from the North only staying well offshore to avoid the reef and be careful not to go too far to the South as the depth decreases dramatically. No restaurants.



5-9 Ko Muk Southwest 007deg 21.6min N 099deg 17.3min E

A quiet and comfortable spot in the Northeast season, anchor in 6 metres off the beach. There are two resorts with restaurants on the beach, Charlie beach and Sawadee. One hundred metres back from the beach you will find Haad Farang bungalows, Meow's and the Rubber tree plantation restaurant run by Mr. Bang which serves excellent Thai and western food as well as a small shop. A little further along the road you will find "Mookies" restaurant. They can get you provisions and diesel if you order in advance and has free hot showers.

5-10 Ko Muk Southeast 007deg 21.5min N 099deg 18.5min E

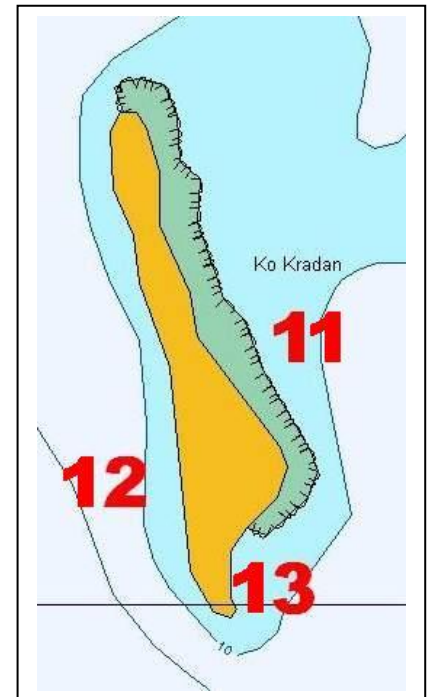
This anchorage is suitable as a lunchtime stop only except in very calm conditions. Anchor in 3 to 4 metres off the Southeast facing beach. Ashore you will find a new resort and restaurant. There is a small sandy spit with very shallow water behind that can offer some protection in the Southwest monsoon season

Do not approach Hin Khai Muk 007deg 19.7min N 099deg 17.9min E

Beware of the reef stretching along the entire East coast of Ko Kradan.
Depths decrease very dramatically from 8 to less than 2 metres in less than a boat length.

5-11 Ko Kradan East 007deg 19.6min N 099deg 15.3min E

Anchor well off shore in no less than 12 metres making sure you have room to swing and do not get too close to the reef which varies in width along the length of the beach. Sheltered in the Southwest season and OK in the Northeast but the wind will be on shore so use plenty of chain and dig the anchor in well. From the Southern end of the beach follow the footpath that starts just to the North of the Amari villa to “Paradise lost” and “Viewpoint restaurant”, which are a 5 minute walk and run by a Hawaiian called Wally. It is better to find the restaurant in the daylight and bring a good torch for the walk back. Ice is available here as well as some provisions. The best snorkeling around Ko Kradan can be found at the Southern end of the island.



5-12 Ko Kradan West 007deg 18.9min N 099deg 14.8min E

Anchor to the North of the reef which extends from the Southwest corner of this island in 10 to 12 metres. Not suitable in the Southwest but sheltered from strong Northeast winds. From the Southern end of the beach follow the signs for “Paradise lost” and “Viewpoint restaurant”, which are a 5 minute walk and run by a Hawaiian called Wally. It is better to find the restaurant in the daylight and bring a good torch for the walk back. Ice is available here as well as some provisions.

5-13 Ko Kradan South 007deg 18.1min N 099deg 15.5min E

Anchor in the Southeast facing bay in no less than 10 metres. There is a good reef with numerous lion fish but this is not a good overnight stop in either season unless conditions are very calm.

Do not approach Hin Nok 007deg 15.min N 099deg 17.7min E

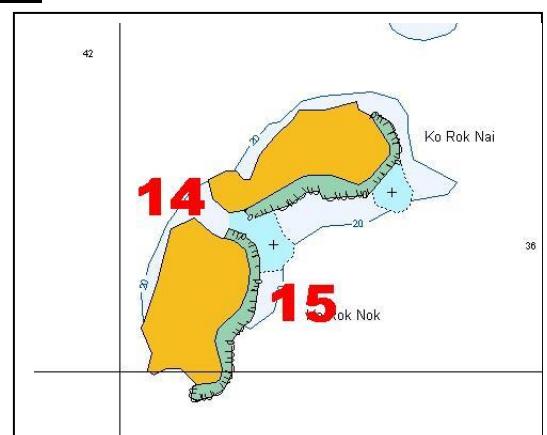
The mooring buoys at the Rok Nok group are not suitable for yachts.

Do not attempt to pick up a buoy

5-14 Ko Rok Nai West 007deg 13.10min N 099deg 03.60 E

This anchorage is suitable as an overnight stop in the Northeast season only. The anchorage is on the Western side of the channel between the two islands in 6 to 8 metres on sand. It is not permitted to light a fire or BBQ on the beach. Good snorkeling can be found along the reef on the East side of Ko Rok Nok.

The mooring buoys at the Rok Nok group are not suitable for yachts. Do not attempt to pick up a buoy



Beware of the shallow water to the East of Ko Rok Nai

5-15 Ko Rok Nok East 007deg 12.30min N 099deg 04.30min E

Anchor on the sand in 12 to 15 metres being careful of the reef, which rises quickly from depth and has several ridges protruding out into deep water. Do not drive along the length of the reef and only approach the shore with caution at right angles to the reef. Be sure you will have a safe swinging area. Good snorkeling can be found all along this reef. Not suitable in the Northeast season. It is not permitted to light a fire or BBQ on the beach.

5-16 Ko Ha Yai 007deg 25.7min N 098deg 53.6min E

The islands of Ko Ha (five) are a small isolated group about 11 miles WSW of anchorage 2 and roughly midway between Ko Rok and Ko Phi Phi. They do not offer any protection overnight in either season unless the conditions are very calm but are a good lunch stop if making the direct offshore passage from Phi Phi to Ko Rok. There are three good anchorages. One is in the small bay to the East of the middle group of islands and the other is on the East side of Ko Ha Yai, which is the largest and furthest South of the group. Drop anchor in 10 metres on the sand. On the South side of the Northern most island is another pretty spot. No restaurants.

