



**DREAM YACHT**  
WORLDWIDE

# Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE BAHAMAS | EXUMAS

## BASE ADDRESS

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Palm Cay Marina

Yamacraw Hill Rd

Nassau,

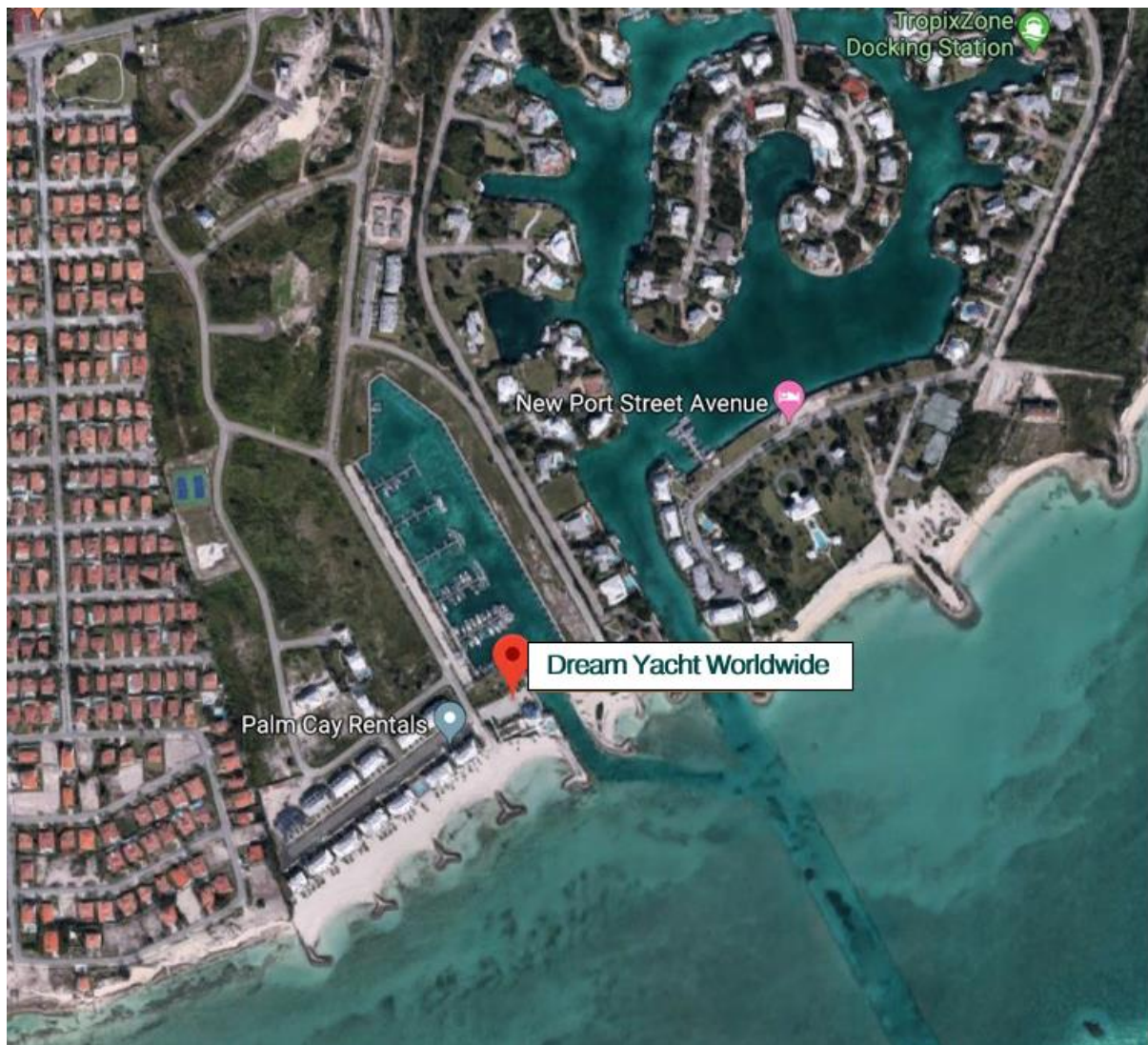
New Providence, Bahamas

GPS POSITION: N 25 01.129 W 77 16.277

OPENING HOURS: 8am- 6pm

## BASE MAP

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## BASE CONTACTS

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If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

### **BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:**

Base Manager: Donella Bethel

Phone: 1-242-677-9923

Customer service manager: Vanessa Deal

Phone: 1-242-677-9923 & 1-242-445-6405

Technical manager: Dian Joseph

Phone: 1-242-801-1108

## BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers       | <input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry       | <input type="checkbox"/> ATM                         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi         |  |

White sand private beach, pools & convenience store on site.

*\*Access to swimming pool and private white sand beach is 10 USD per person.*

## BASE INFORMATION

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### **LICENSE**

Sailing license required:  No  Yes

### **PAYMENT**

The base can accept:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Cash



## **EMBARKATION TIME**

Embarkation time is at 5pm. Chart and technical briefing will take approximately one hour each the following morning.

## **YACHT BRIEFING**

All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-60 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience. You will be able to depart the marina before 11am.

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

## **STOP OVERS**

For all DYW charters starting and/or ending in Nassau, the first and last night at the marina is free of charge.

## **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

Disembarkation is at 10am.

To assist in making checkout as smooth as possible, we ask that you arrive back at the base a refueled tank. The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

## **BAGGAGE**

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

## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: 1-242-677-9923
- Marina emergency telephone number: 1-242-422-6086
- Bah. Air Sea Rescue Association (BASRA) emergency telephone number: 1-242-325-8864
- Royal Bahamas Defence Force (HQ) emergency telephone number: 1-242-362-2926
- VHF base channel: 74
- VHF marina channel: 16
- VHF emergency channel: 16



## HOW TO GET THERE?

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### **ACCESS BY PLANE**

Lynden Pindling International Airport (NAS): The airport is 23.5km from the base, which is a 35-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights to Nassau with Delta, United, American and Air Canada airlines. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

### **TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE**

If you need an organized transfer from the airport, please contact our customer service manager. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.

### **ACCESS BY ROAD**

From the airport, go east and at the first roundabout take the first exit. At the second roundabout, take the second exit towards John F Kennedy Dr. At the roundabout, take the third exit towards Tonique Williams-Darling Hwy. At the roundabout, take the second exit towards Independence. At the roundabout, take the second exit towards EW Hwy. Turn right on Robinson Dr and continue on Prince Charles Dr. Turn right on Fox Hill Rd. Turn left on Yamacraw Hill Rd. Palm Cay resort will be on the right.

Information subject to change without notice.



## PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:  Yes  No

### LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Solomon's Yamacraw  
Yamacraw Hill Road  
Nassau

Day	Time
Monday - Saturday	7am – 9pm
Sunday	7am – 7pm

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

### FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are conveniently located at the base and all nearby marinas.

### HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- Villa & Condo rental, Palm Cay Marina
- Hilton Colonial
- Atlantis Resort

### RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- Palm Cay Club House
- Latitudes Restaurant (waterfront dining), East Bay Street
- Wild Thyme Restaurant & Bar

## AREA GUIDE

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### LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

The Bahamas' Exumas island chain offers 365 cays to discover, one for every day of the year! The archipelago sits less than 30 miles south-east of Nassau and extends south for about 90 miles.

On your Exuma yacht charter you can explore the delights on the northern cays, including Highbourne Cay, Warderick Wells Cay, Shroud Cay, Norman's Cay, and, to the south, Staniel Cay.

Sailing the Exumas is ideal for those that enjoy solitude, nature, unspoiled beauty and quaint, low-key beach settlements. You can also experience some of the most amazing diving, snorkeling and fishing here in the Out Islands of the Bahamas.

### TOP THINGS TO DO IN THE EXUMAS:

1. Head to Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park

This 176 square-mile park can only be reached by boat or seaplane. The park is a great find for divers, with its underwater world of limestone, reefs and caves. Animal lovers will appreciate the numerous kinds of tropical birds, iguanas and hawksbill turtles.

2. See the famous swimming pigs

Vacationers from around the world have flocked to Big Major Cay to see the unusual, inhabitants here – swimming pigs. You can bring along pitted fruits and vegetables, as well as fresh clean drinking water, to give them - it's one of the most popular things to do in the Exumas.

3. Swim with nurse sharks

Make for Compass Cay during your Exuma yacht charter, where you can get into the water with friendly nurse sharks and swim with them. You can also feed the sharks with fish if you have any to spare.

4. Snorkel at Thunderball Grotto

Head to Staniel Cay and just across the water from the yacht club, you'll find the amazing Thunderball Grotto, where the James Bond film Thunderball was filmed. Snorkel this marine cave at low tide and marvel at the shafts of sunlight that illuminate the cavern.

5. See the rare Northern Bahamian Rock Iguanas

Sail to Allen's Cays to see the rare Northern Bahamian Rock Iguanas, which are only found in the Exumas. You can feed these gentle creatures with grapes but beware that the iguanas can grow to a large size and can jump high!

**CURRENCY:** The Bahamian dollar (BSD). US dollars (USD) are also widely accepted.

**VOLTAGE:** 110 V

**DIALING CODE:** +1(242)

## **INTERNET**

If you use your phone, don't forget the roaming fees. You'll also find Wi-Fi available in some marinas, cafes and restaurants. Internet access is intermittent in Exuma Park.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

## **REGULATIONS**

Fishing regulations are strict. A fishing permit, issued at the time of inbound clearance, is included in the cruising permit fee, and valid for three months.

Spearfishing is restricted to Hawaiian sling only. Spears, fish traps, nets (excluding landing nets) and spearguns are prohibited. No marine life at all may be captured in the national marine parks or reserve areas.

Visiting sailors are expected to do their best to cause as little damage as possible, both ashore and afloat. In particular, avoid anchoring in coral, which is easily destroyed. Mooring buoys have been installed at some locations and these should be used in preference to anchors.

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## SAILING CONDITIONS

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### SAILING AREA

If you love animals, you can swim with nurse sharks at Compass Cay, swim with pigs at Big Major Cay and feed the iguanas at Allen Cays. It's the perfect tropical destination for a yacht charter.

Visit Highbourne Cay to snorkel the Octopus Garden reef at Horseshoe Bay during your Exuma yacht charter. You can see stromatolite reefs on the east coast, dating back 3.5 billion years and, if the weather is calm, you can also snorkel the Elkhorn and Staghorn reefs. Also, you can spend the night at Highbourne Cay Marina, where you can enjoy the beach, hike the island path and trails and relax during happy hour at the marina restaurant overlooking the gorgeous bay.

Staniel Cay is a popular destination for those exploring the Exumas thanks to its two hotels and three markets. You can also see the Thunderball Grotto, a scene from a James Bond movie. Warderick Wells Cay is the perfect jumping off point for visiting the Exuma Cays Land and Sea Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty. You can hike Boo Boo Hill with its blow holes, as well as explore some of the world's oldest stromatolite reefs.

### WEATHER

The best time to visit the Bahamas is from December to April, when temperatures cool slightly to between 82-88°F. It's a great place to visit year-round as the temperatures are comfortable and rarely dip below 60°F.

The hottest months in the Bahamas are July and August, and the wettest months are May and June. The islands fall within the hurricane belt, so hurricanes may be a factor between June and November (the Atlantic hurricane season).

### TEMPERATURE

Climate in Exumas, Bahamas:

- Summer High: The August high is around 88°F
- Winter Low: The January low is 66°F

### WIND SYSTEMS

Sailing conditions in the Bahamas include easterly winds between 10 and 15 knots and care is needed as the water can have shallow depths. The tidal range is up to 3.5ft.



## **LOCAL FORECAST**

You can find Exumas weather forecasts on [WindGuru.com](https://www.windguru.com) website. The Cruisers Net broadcasts weather forecasts and tides each day on VHF channel 68 at 8.15am.