

BASE GUIDE

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THE BAHAMAS | ABACO

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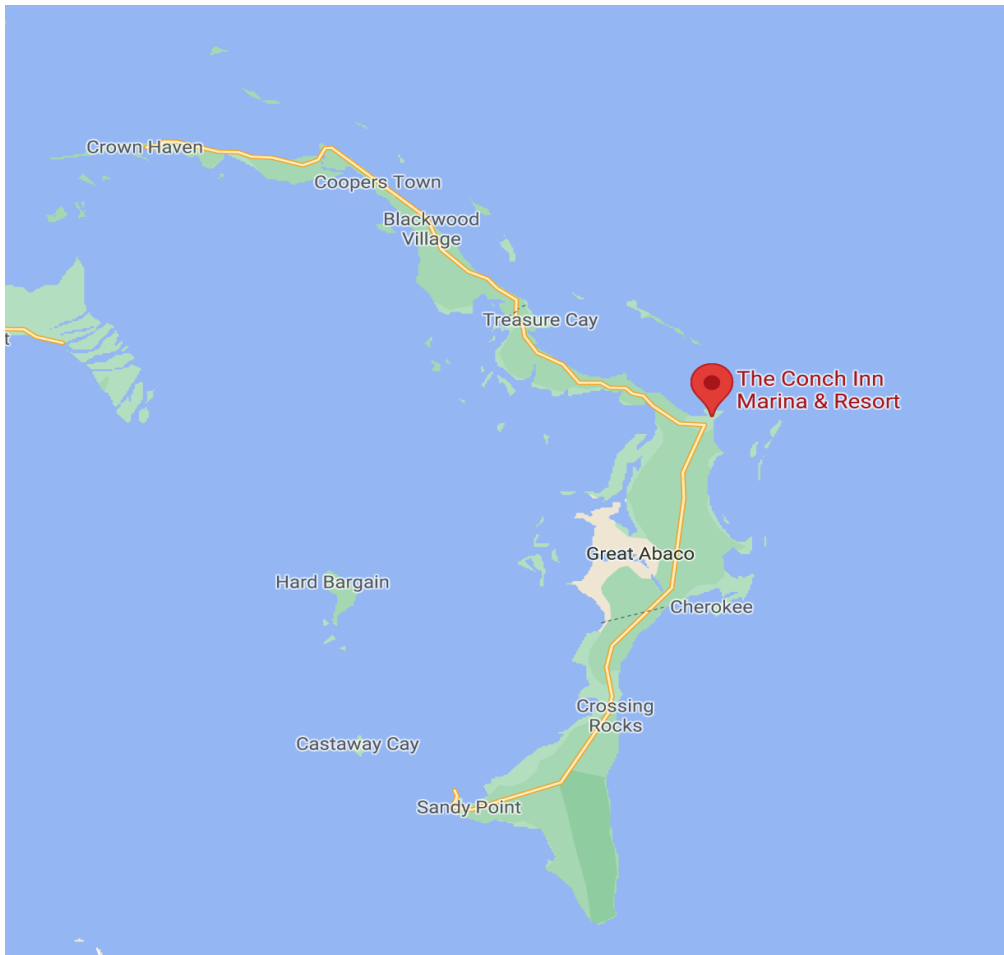
BASE ADDRESS

The Conch Inn Marina
700 Bay Street
Marsh Harbour
Abaco

GPS POSITION: 26.54674° N, 77.05222° W

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 5pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

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

Base Manager: Terriance Edgecombe
Phone: 1-242-577-0063

Customer Service Manager: Vanessa Deal
Phone: 1-242-445-6405

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing licence required: Yes No

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation time is at 5pm.

Chart and technical briefing will take approximately 1 hour each the following morning.

YACHT BRIEFING

The technical briefing will be a very detailed walk-through of the usage of the vessel's technical equipment and/or amenities.

The chart briefing will provide detailed information on safe and accurate navigation, the vessel's navigational instruments and usage, mooring, anchorage and assistance in, or with, itineraries.

The safety briefing will provide relevant information and proper usage of all vessel safety equipment and walk-through of the vessel's general inventory.

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The client will depart the marina before 11am.

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For all DYC charters starting and/or ending in Abaco, 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 vessel's equipment, along with a general visual check of its interior and exterior will be thoroughly conducted. A diver will be present and have a check of its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. Our diver checks the state of the hull on the Saturday at 8.30am - 10am. The 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: 1-242-826-0228 / 1-242-445-6405
- Marina emergency telephone number: 1-242-367-4000
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: 242-325-8864
- VHF base channel: 16
- VHF marina channel: 16
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Leonard M. Thompson International Airport (MHH): The airport is 5.1km from the base, which is a 12-minute journey by car/shuttle. There are regular flights from Florida, Georgia and Nassau, Bahamas American Airlines, Silver Airways, Bahamasair, Delta Airlines and United Airways. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact 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 Leonard M. Thompson International Airport, head southeast for 600m. At the roundabout, take the second exit to onto Great Abaco Hwy. Stay on Great Abaco Hwy

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for 2.3 km. Continue straight on to Don Mackay Blvd for 1.0 km. Turn right onto Queen Elizabeth Dr and then turn right onto Bay St. The Conch Inn Marina will be on the left.

PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No

LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Maxwell's

Stratton Dr, Marsh Harbour
Phone: 1-242-367-7283

Monday to Thursday – 8am-7pm
Friday to Saturday – 8am-8pm
Sunday – 8am-4pm

Abaco Groceries

Marsh Harbour
Phone: 1-242-367-0278

Monday to Wednesday – 7.30am-6pm
Thursday to Saturday – 7.30am - 7pm
Sunday – 9.30am-4pm

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:

- [Abaco Beach Resort and Boat Harbour Marina:](#)
Bay Street, Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island
- [Abaco Inn](#)
Hope Town, Elbow Cay

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- [The Jib Room](#) (grill/steakhouse)
Marsh Harbour
242.367.2700
- Coco Beach Bar & Grille (Caribbean, fusion):

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Treasure Cay
242.365.8470

- **Pineapple Bar and Grill (American grill):**
Green Turtle Cay
242.365.4039
- **Treasure Sands Club (Caribbean, fusion):**
Treasure Cay
242.365.9385

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

The Bahamas' Abaco island chain is a true vacation paradise and makes for a wonderful sailing vacation. Enjoy calm, electric-blue waters, warm breezes and friendly locals, all of which lure visitors to this destination time and again.

Unlike some islands in the Bahamas, the Abaco Out Islands are still largely unspoiled by crowds and tourism. Fishing and diving are world-class and snorkelers should head to the impressive Pelican Cays Sea Park, off Sandy Cay.

While sailing in the Abacos, head to Elbow Cay. The most well-known of the small colonial townships on the outer cays, it's popular for its colorful architecture and 130-year-old lighthouse that is visible for miles. You can climb the steps of the candy-striped lighthouse, visit the small museum and then eat at one of the many restaurants lining the harbor.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN THE ABACOS:

1. **Relax at Treasure Cay Beach:** Head for Treasure Cay, which is listed in National Geographic's Top 10 Beaches in the World! The sand on this long stretch of beach is incredible and it has every convenience you could want, including excellent bars and restaurants as well as tennis, golf, swimming and a few shops, making it one of the most popular things to do in Abaco.
2. **Visit Hope Town:** Sail to Hope Town, one of the prettiest harbors in the Bahamas. Dominating the town is the well-photographed red and white striped lighthouse – one of only three kerosene-lit, manned lighthouses in the world, and still relied upon by sailors in the Bahamas. Climb the stairs for an amazing panoramic view of your cruising ground.
3. **Snorkel at Pelican Cays Sea Park:** For a daytime anchorage, head for the west side of Sandy Cay. From here you can dinghy to the reefs on the east side, which form part of the Pelican Cays Sea Park with its protected coral and sea life. One

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of the top things to do in Abaco, there are some small moorings for you to tie the dinghy to when diving or snorkeling this beautiful underwater area.

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

VOLTAGE: 110 V

DIALING CODE: +242

INTERNET

There is free Wi-Fi in our marina, which you can use on your Abaco yacht charter. You'll also find Wi-Fi available in some marinas, cafes and restaurants.

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave no 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.

Information subject to change without notice.

SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

The Abacos offer 130 miles of cays and islands, including the famous Walkers Cay, Green Turtle Cay, Great Guana, Man-O-War and Elbow Cay, to name a few. The boomerang-shaped Abaco Islands span from Walkers Cay in the north to Hole-in-the-Wall in the south, just 175 miles east of Florida's Palm Beach and 55 miles north of Nassau.

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Snorkel along Great Guana Cay's seven-mile beach and enjoy a cocktail at Nipper's Bar. Relax at Treasure Cay, often voted one of the most beautiful beaches in the world, or take in the relaxed atmosphere at Man-O-War Cay. Animal lovers will want to visit the swimming pigs at No Name Cay.

Green Turtle Cay is not to be missed on any Abaco yacht charter. Rent a golf cart to explore the entire island, including the tiny settlement of New Plymouth, and several idyllic beaches including Gilliam Bay and Ocean Beach. The lovely Green Turtle Club and Bluff House resorts make nice stops for dinner or drinks.

WEATHER

The best time to visit the Bahamas is from December to April, when temperatures cool slightly to between 82-87°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 Marsh Harbour, Bahamas:

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

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 Abacos weather forecasts on the WindFinder.com website. Cruisers Net broadcasts weather forecasts and tides each day on VHF channel 68 at 8:15am. Radio Abaco broadcasts weather forecasts every day at 6am and 6pm on 93.5FM.