

cruising with marinalife



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Bahamas Hopping

Cruising the Islands of the Bahamas

The 700 islands of the Bahamas offer boaters the opportunity for many diverse experiences and adventures. Whether you're into fishing, diving, snorkeling, or just island hopping, the Bahamas has something for everyone. The Marinalife team understands that crossing the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas can be daunting the first time however with careful planning and decent weather, it is easy to access from several south Florida ports. Also, the Marinalife team is here to assist you in planning your cruise to the Bahamas to help make your journey easy and hassle-free. ►



Marinalife has put together a cruise through the Bahamas that gives you a sampling of the many islands and marinas that you can visit by boat.

Suggested Departure: Old Port Cove in North Palm Beach, Florida

LEG ONE

West End, Grand Bahama Island

Suggested Marina: Old Bahama Bay

(Port of Entry On-site) (tel: 1.800.444.9469 or 242.350.6500) The Marina offers quick and efficient on-site Bahamian Customs and Immigration. The resort offers restaurant/bar, pool, shuttles to Freeport, bone/deep sea/reef fishing, an array of amenities and daily special events. The marina is only 56 miles from Palm Beach, is a full-service marina destination with 72- slips featuring a controlling depth of 8 feet at mean low tide.

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage and 10% off hotel rooms.

LEG TWO

Green Turtle Cay, Abacos

Suggested Marina: Bluff House Beach Hotel & Yacht Club

(tel: 242.365.4247 or 800.745.4911) The Bluff House Beach Hotel recently completed construction of their multi-million dollar 45-slip marina. This facility include a new fresh water pool with cushioned chaise loungers surrounding it, sparkling new showers and toilets, a laundry facility with washers, dryers, ironing boards and irons. They also offer gas, diesel, water, electric hook ups and ice.

Marinalife Discount: 20% off transient dockage and 10% off room rates.

LEG THREE

Great Guana Cay, Abacos

Suggested Marina: Orchid Bay Yacht Club and Marina

(tel: 242.365.5175) Orchid Bay is an intimate community with much of the island life revolving around the bay on which it is located. With several miles of pristine beaches & a well developed reef system just off shore, Guana Cay has some of the best snorkeling in the Abacos. The marina has 32 deep water slips accommodating vessels 21' wide & 9'deep. With food, fuel, showers, ice, and a freshwater pool.

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage.

LEG FOUR

Marsh Harbor, Abacos

Suggested Marina: Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour

(tel: 242.367.2736, or 800.468.4799) Home to the largest full-service Bahamas marina, Abaco Beach Resort & Boat Harbour boasts 190 protected slips & every possible marine amenity. Sheltered on the southeastern shore of Marsh Harbour, with natural protection by offshore cays, the marina can cater to yachts up to 200' in length, & deploys Bahamas boat charters & rentals of all types. The marina is fully modernized, offering everything from cable television & telephone hook-up to

electricity, with three-phase for the largest slips.

Marinalife Discount: 10% discount on room rates and discount off transient slips when booked through Marinalife.

LEG FIVE

Treasure Cay, Abacos

Suggested Marina: Treasure Cay Hotel Resort and Marina (tel: 242.365.8250 or 800.327.1584) Treasure Cay offers a well protected, modern 150 slip marina. Located within short walking distance of the beach, the hotel, the Spinnaker Restaurant, the Tippy Seagull Bar & pool, and fishing tournaments.

Marinalife Discount: 20% transient dockage. Valid Sept.-February. And 10% off hotel.

LEG SIX

Harbour Island, Eleuthera

Suggested Marina: Valentine's Resort and Marina (tel: 242.333.2142) Valentines Resort offers a full-service marina with 39 slips for yachts up to 160 feet. The dock is lighted, and features full electric, unlimited fresh water, ice, wireless internet, & cable hook-up. In addition, Valentine's has become known as the "Sportfishing Center of the Bahamas." Please note that you will have to pass through Devil's Backbone on your way to the marina. The safest way to run the Devil's Backbone is to hire a pilot to take you safely through this area. You can usually hail a local pilot on VHF Channel 16 or the marina will help arrange this.

LEG SEVEN

Powell Pointe, Eleuthera

Suggested Marina: Cape Eleuthera Resort & Yacht Club (tel: 242.359.7208) Eleuthera's largest full service marina, Cape Eleuthera Yacht Club with 55 slips, 12 foot MLW entry, 450 foot Mega Yacht Dock accommodating up to 200' vessels. Powell Pointe Resort at Cape Eleuthera is an all-new, upscale, world-class resort offering exceptional cuisine, water sports, activities and miles of spectacular private beaches – all in a lush secluded Caribbean wilderness setting of 4500+ uninhabited acres. A tropical paradise framed by sunlit skies and pristine shorelines.

Marinalife Discount: 10% off any provisioning or retail items at Out Island Outfitters.

LEG EIGHT

Staniel Cay, Exumas

Suggested Marina: Staniel Cay Yacht Club (tel: 242.355.2024 or 954.467.8920) The Staniel Cay Yacht Club, approximately 75 miles south of Nassau and 250 miles of southeast of Florida, offers the perfect getaway for cruising yachtsman, private pilots and anyone seeking a comfortable,



casual vacation on a remote and unspoiled island. The marina offers fuel, electricity, fresh water, ice, bait, etc. Even at low tide the dock can accommodate drafts up to 8 ½ feet. We have 18 secure slips that accommodate skiffs to mega-yachts. Power: 30, 50 or 100 - amp service (1 and 3 phases) Water: purified by a Watermakers, Inc. reverse osmosis watermaking system.

Marinalife Discount: 10% off transient dockage from July 15 - December 27, 2008 and 10% off hotel accommodations from July 15 - December 15, 2008.

LEG NINE

Highbourne Cay, Exumas

Suggested Marina: Highbourne Cay Marina (tel: 242.355.1008) A small marina with 16 slips. As a visitor in the marina, you are able to walk around the island. Electricity, water, fuel, laundry, barbeque area and grocery store are provided. ▶



LEG TEN Nassau

Suggested Marina: The Atlantis

(tel: 242.363.6068) Rivaling the legendary Marina of Monte Carlo, The Marina at Atlantis is the premier facility in The Bahamas. This luxury yacht harbour accommodates vessels of up to 220 feet. The marina also offers a variety of charter services. Guests of the marina enjoy all of the features and services of Atlantis.

LEG ELEVEN Chub Cay, Berry Islands

Suggested Marina: Chub Cay Club Marina

(tel: 242.325.1490 or 800.662.8555) The marina has state-of-the-art concrete floating docks, currently there are 110 slips catering to yachts up to 200 ft. Customs and Immigration are available at the marina. Fuel is also available. The Harbour House is open, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, the new infinity-edge pool and tiki bar opened April 2007 and offer magnificent views of spectacular sunsets. The new 20,000 sq ft clubhouse is scheduled to open late 2007.

LEG TWELVE South Bimini

Suggested Marina: Bimini Bay Resort & Casino

(tel: 242.347.2900) This state-of-the-art marina complex features slips up to 200 ft. First-class dockside utilities and amenities include electric power, potable water, washdown water, lighting, and more. The many amenities include on-site harbormaster, customs and immigration office, and coming



soon a boating supply store, mini-market, dive shop, restaurant and bar, liquor store, bait and tackle market, gas station, restrooms, and dry dock all within easy walking distance from the grounds of the hotel & golf course.


SUGGESTED PORT OF ENTRY IN THE U.S. Miami, FL

Suggested Marina: Miami Beach Marina

(tel: 305.673.6000). This is a great marina to end your Bahamas voyage. Located in the heart of South Beach & adjacent to Government Cut. The marina provides easy accessibility to great fishing, sailing, & cruising. The Art Deco district has fine dining, entertainment & beautiful beaches, within walking distance of the marina.

Marinalife Discount: \$.25 off per foot Monday-Thursday.

BAHAMAS ENTRY REGULATIONS

All visiting boaters must clear customs and immigration upon entry into the Bahamas and U.S. citizens will now need a valid U.S. Passport to enter the Bahamas (this applies to everyone on the boat). As you enter port, fly the yellow quarantine flag and notify Customs of your arrival. The current entry fees are: vessels up to 35 feet: \$150.00 (valid for two entries during a 90-day period) and vessels over 35 feet: \$300.00 (valid for two entries during a 90-day period.) The entry fee applies to vessels with four persons or less and covers the cruising permit, fishing permit, Customs and Immigration charges, and the \$15.00 per person departure tax for up to four persons. Each additional person above four will be charged \$15.00 departure tax. (Rates as of 12/07) Information provided by Bahamas Tourism. For more information visit: www.bahamas.com 

Please give us a call (1.800.Rent a Slip) to start planning your next cruise. The Marinalife team can help provide a wealth of marina options and information to simplify logistics so that you can have a more enjoyable boating experience from start to finish.