

BLM CRUISERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE NOTES:
THE CRUISING WESTERN CARIBBEAN 2017

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Guides

Cruising Guide to Belize and Mexico's Caribbean Coast, Including Guatemala's Rio Dulce by Captain Freya Rauscher

The Cruising Guide to the Northwest Caribbean: The Yucatan Coast of Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and the Bay Islands of Honduras by Nigel Calder and Peter Hancock

Cruising Guide: Northwest Caribbean by Stephen Pavlidis

Cruising Ports: the Central American Route 6.5 by Captain Pat Rains

Guatemala: A Cruisers Guide to Rio Dulce by Lila Hartman and Roberto Trampini

Spanish For Cruisers by Kathy Parsons

Spanish for Cruisers: Boat Repair and Maintenance by Kathy Parsons

Global Site for Cruising Sailors <http://www.noonsite.com/>

Gulf Stream Report

Sideband Radio

6209 MHG @ 8:00 am local @ (1400 UTC) daily NW Caribbean Net on sideband radio 6212 and 6516 used for NW Caribbean Net as alternate frequencies when interference occurs.

Check in daily on the net so that cruisers can help track you—there is no Coast Guard

General Information for the “Central American 4”

DO NOT drink the local tap water. Drink only bottled water.

DO NOT bring firearms.

All phone services are pre-paid only.

Satellite phones can be used as hot spots for Wi-Fi.

Firearms:

Foreign visitors are NOT allowed to have firearms in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Or Mexico! Violation can result in imprisonment and/or confiscation of your boat.

Isla Mujeres, Mexico

Always plan ahead before you make a passage. Check the weather, study your charts and cruising guides!!

Advice

- Recommendation to make reservations is you plan to stay at a marina in Isla Mujeres.
- Exit documentation from the United States may be required and can be obtained from Customs in Key West.
 - Exit Form for US:
https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CBP%20Form%201300_1.pdf
 - Get the form stamped at the customs office in Key West
- Raise you dinghy and lock it every night in Latin America
- Do not leave an anchored boat unoccupied after dark, unless other cruisers are watching it.
- Avoid high crime areas.
- Isla Mujeres is 300 Nautical Miles from the Dry Tortugas
 - South or southeast winds are best
 - Cuba
 - **UPDATE: Regulations for entering Cuba from the United States:**
<https://media.defense.gov/2017/Mar/23/2001721106/-1/-1/0/1625-0106.PDF>
 - **Form 3300:**
http://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Portals/7/Seventh_District/docs/Cuban%20permitCG3300.pdf
 - **A travel warning was issued by the U.S. State Department on travel to the Republic of Cuba on September 29, 2017.**
<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/cuba.html>
 - **Documents Needed by US Citizens: Passport, Vessel Registration, OFAC License for each American Citizen aboard (self-declaration ok), BIS Export Permit id staying longer than 14 days, US Coast Guard form 3300 declaring all American citizens onboard, and Travel Medical Insurance (optional but may be required if purchasing Cuban medical insurance upon arrival.)**
- North winds can be a problem when crossing to the Yucatan Peninsula because the Gulf Stream causes big seas.

Marinas

- Outside Makax Channel, nearest a tourist town
 - El Milagro
 - Marina Pariso
- In the Lagoon (\$5 taxi, walk or bike) Better protection from waves, less wind, hotter.
 - Marina Puerto Isla Mujeres
 - Oscars
 - Marina Makax
- Other Marina Can in your guides or at:
 - <https://activecaptain.com/>
 - <http://www.noonsite.com>
 - <https://www.waterwayguide.com/explorer?latitude=21.149834573464354&longitude=-86.6656494140625&zoom=10&mode=marina>

Anchorage

- Holding is good in sand near the rear of the anchorage.

Check-in/Check-Out

- Meet with an agent named “Chepo” at Marina Pariso

- 6 copies of crew lists, passports, boat documentation, and “zarpe” (exit document) Temporary Import permit for over 5 days.
- Pay for tourist cards at the bank \$27. Health Department May want to see you.
- If you plan to fish, buy a fishing license for Mexico.
- Be sure you get a Zarpe when you check out of Mexico

Provisioning

- Free docks for provisioning
 - ≠ Capiniana de Puerto dock
 - UPDATE 10/23/2017: The port captains dock in Isla Mujeres is no longer available for dinghy' tie-up, use Bally-hoo Beach.... don't lock your dinghy to any dock and use long painters.
 -
 - Marina Pariso Dock
 - Bally-hoo Beach
- Grocery Stores
 - Chedraui
 - Super Che

Fuel Docks

- Makax Channel to lagoon

Phones

- Buy Telcel USB dongle for laptop or chip for unlocked GSM phone--4G Prepaid Service

ATMs

- Use only ATMs attached to banks, not free standing ATMs
- Get Mexican currency; exchange rates are sometimes high if you use US currency

Getting around

- Ferry to Cancun every hour
- Busses to Chechen Itza, Tulum
- Bus and a ferry to Cozumel

Isla Mujeres, Mexico to San Pedro, Belize

Route (Waypoints are provided at the end of this document)

Isla Mujeres to Puerto Morelos 29, NM Puerto Aventuras 59 NM (Make Reservations)

Isla Mujeres to Bahia de la Ascension 108 NM Anchor behind reef or behind (W) of Punta Allen.

Isla Mujeres to Bahia del Espiritu Santo 131 NM Anchor behind reef or behind (W) of Isla Techal.

Bahia de la Ascension to San Pedro, Belize 132 NM reef entrance small and not well marked.

Bahia del Espiritu Santo to San Pedro, Belize 114 NM reef entrance small and not well marked.

DO NOT attempt navigation into San Pedro reef without accurate waypoints!

NEVER enter San Pedro Reef at dusk, at night, or in big seas.

Belize

Navigation

Draft of 6' or less to navigate the full length of the Belize coast inside the reef.

Use the Freya Rauscher guide and chart plotter to navigate in Belize

Check the internet for waypoints posted by cruisers.

At Puerto Stux the bottom is shallow but soft.

Popular Areas

Caye Caulker, Tobacco Caye, Placencia, And Lighthouse Reef are popular cruising spots.

Robinson Caye, Blueground Range, and New Haven are all good overnight, protected anchorages,

Check in/Check Out

Check in and out of Belize in Independence, near Placencia.

30 day visas can be extended monthly, and after a full year you may be eligible for residency.

Take the Hokey Pokey Ferry and a Taxi to get your Zarpe when you check out

NO LIQUOR can be brought into the country.

Phones

Belize Cell (BLT) is the service provider. Get a GSM chip for your unlocked phone. Only offer pre-paid service plans.

Advice

If you want to see the Blue Hole—take a tourist boat.

Eat local: Stew Chicken is a whole chicken in sauce with rice and beans for about \$6 US.

Belize City has a high crime rate, stay away.

Scuba diving may require a local guide **in certain areas**—it's a new law to increase local jobs.

Use chaps on your dinghy to prolong its life.

A hard bottom dinghy is the desired dinghy with a 2 stroke Yamaha 15HP (available in the Bahamas).

Smile and be congenial even when things aren't quite right—anecdote:

A cruiser had paid all the fees and was waiting for lunch time to be over to collect her documentation. Just before the time was up, a lady off the street came in with a display of costume jewelry and walked behind the counter and began to visit with the clerk. When the cruiser approached the counter she was asked for another \$20. When she said she only had a \$50, the clerk handed the money to the lady with the jewelry, who then gave the cruiser the \$30 in change. She had to smile and remain cordial—to do otherwise could be dangerous in a foreign country. Remember that you are not in America, so your rights as an American are not valid there.

JASDIP: Just another shitty day in paradise.

Bay Islands of Honduras: Utila, Roatan, and Guanaja

STAY AT LEAST 10 MILES AWAY FROM THE MAINLAND OF HONDURAS!

Last reported check in costs: \$9 for 90 days, second 90 days \$90 because you will need to use an agent.

Utila

- 120 NM from Placencia to East Harbor, Utila. NE or E prevailing winds, slow going, big waves.
- Try to go east when the winds are light, use your engine and tack back and forth.
- Anchor near town in 15' of water. DO NOT block access to docks.

- **Check in/ Check out:** Port Captain is in a two-story building near shore with a dock in front check-in or out here for any of the three islands.
 - Check in Documents: 6 copies of your crew lists, passports, boat documentation and Zarpe
 - Checking out don't forget your Zarpe
- One of the cheapest places to get your PADI diving certification.
- Buy Tigo USN dongle for laptop or chip for your unlocked GSM phone. Only prepaid service available.
- Use **ATMS** at the Bank of Utila. Get Honduran Currency (Limpera).
- No need to check in or out when traveling to another of the Honduran Bay Islands.

Roatan

- Study the charts, entrance into French Cay Harbor is tricky, with few or no waypoints.
- Roatan Yacht Club in French Harbor reported closed as of November 2016. Their website says: “no existe”.
- Fantasy Island and Brooksey Point Marina are in French Cay Harbor. Taxi ride to town (\$5-\$10)
- All marinas may offer check in agent service.
- Barefoot Cay Marina is nice, but expensive—mainly big power boats.
- Holding in French Cay anchorage is good in 15' to 20' of water, drop your hook in sand.
 - **Check in/check out** at the Port Captain in Coxen Hole. Take a taxi (\$5-\$10) or ride collective bus. 90 day cruising permit. No need to check in when traveling between the three islands. No need to check in if you did in Utila.
 - Check in Documents: 6 copies of your crew lists, passports, boat documentation and Zarpe
 - Checking out don't forget your Zarpe
- All of Roatan is protected—do not collect wildlife from reef. Check local fishing regulations before putting a line in the water.
- There is an iguana farm there.
- Use the shrimp boat dock in French Harbor for dinghy landing, it is within walking distance to
 - Eldon's Supermarket
 - Bulk Food Gourmet Store
 - Parker-Hanifad Parts Store (Racor filters, hose clamps, fittings, etc.)
- Buy Tigo USN dongle for laptop or chip for your unlocked GSM phone. Only prepaid service available.
- Use **ATMS** at banks in Coxen Hole or French Harbor. Get Honduran Currency (Limpera).
- American Airlines has daily flights to Roatan from Dallas.
- **Fuel** dock at Fantasy Island Marina and Barefoot Cay.
- West End is a great little dive town. Anchor or pick up a mooring (not maintained) use waypoints to enter—very narrow reef entrance.
- There are many anchorages east of French Harbor.
- East of Oakridge is a high crime area and should be avoided.
- **DO NOT anchor alone in Port Royal or Barbaretta.**
- No need to check in or out when traveling to another of the Honduran Bay Islands.
- Be sure to check out of Honduras and get a Zarpe exit permit for your vessel and get your passport exit stamp.
- West end has moorings, but no mooring balls. You have to anchor and snorkel or dive to attach to the moorings.
- Last reported costs for diving

- PADI certification \$225 in 3 days
- Discovery Dive \$125

Guanaja

- 42 NM from Roatan
- Beautiful island with very few structures; most people live in the island town of Bonacca.
- No need to check in and out when traveling between the three islands.
- Main anchorage is called “El Bight”—good holding. 360 degree reef protection. Visit Bonacca.
- There are Barrier Island resorts on the SE end of the island. Graham’s Place has moorings.
- Beautiful, remote anchorage “Michael’s Rock” on the north side of the island.
- Manatee Bar and Restaurant at El Bight is known for great German food—they make their own sausage.

Rio Dulce, Guatemala

Navigation

- Utila to Livingston via Cabo Tres Puntas 131 NM
- Placencia to Livingston via Cabo Tres Puntas 57 NM
- Non-stop from the Dry Tortugas to Livingston 658 NM
- Caution: Livingston bar is sometimes 4.5’ at low tide. Tide at full moon is 2.4’. The bar is ever-changing. If your boat drafts more than 5’, don’t try to cross at low tide. More than 6.5’ might need help at high tide.
- Bridge at Rio Dulce has a 75’ clearance.

Check in/Check out

- Check in at Livingston. Recommended agent: Raul (he speaks English)
- Anchor 12 miles from Livingston at Cabo Tres Puntas, so that you can arrive early the next morning in Livingston.
- Plan to arrive in Livingston in the AM to meet with authorities on your boat and clear in with your agent.
- Anchor in front of town 150 yards off the fuel dock in Livingston. Stay onboard.
- Contact the ship agent Raul
 - at Servimar on VHF 16 or
 - call 011-502-5510-9104
 - Office 011-502-7947-0888
- Raul will bring the health inspector, the customs agent, the immigration representative and a military policeman to your boat. Put out fenders and smile a lot. Be hospitable, offers of Coke made with cane sugar are usually welcome.
- After the officials leave, you will be allowed to go to Raul’s office to pay your fees, (\$125 at last report) for 90 days. Take 6 copies of the following items: crew lists, boat documentation, passports, and zarpe from the previous country. Don’t forget all actual passports as well for immigration stamps.
- If you wish to keep your boat in Guatemala for more than 90 days, a one year extension is available (\$240 Raul). You must keep your boat at a marina if you want to stay longer than 90 days, not at anchor.
- After you check in it is a 22 mile trip upriver to the marinas; Burnt Key Marina in Texan Bay is 8 miles upstream.
- DO NOT try it in the dark. DO NOT stay overnight in Livingston.

- Remember to get your zarpe when you check out of Guatemala.

Marinas in Rio Dulce

- Reservations are recommended if you want to stay at a marina. You can find information on marinas and cruiser activities at <http://www.riodulcechisme.com> (“chisme” means gossip)
- There are 12 marinas and 3 boatyards with experienced personnel. There is inexpensive labor for cleaning, polishing and canvas work. If you are painting your boat or having it painted, you may need to bring your own paint.
- Marinas have armed guards at night. Theft is not a problem at most marinas.
- MAR Marina formerly owned by Marlena and Richard/divorce, now owned by Marlena’
 - http://marmarine.com/wordpress/index.php/?page_id=2
- RAM Marina opened by Richard after the divorce from Marlena.
- Others mentioned:
 - Luby’s Marina,
 - Tortugal Marina <http://www.tortugal.com/marina/>
 - Catamaran Marina
 - Captain John’s Marina <http://www.riodulcemarina.com/wordpress/>

Marine Surveyors

Captain John Brandes, SAMS Accredited <http://www.riodulcesurveyors.com/>

Provisioning

- Land your dinghy at Bruno’s for free and have a burger.
- Shop for groceries at the Despensa Familiar (owned by Walmart) for items not found in the local shops.
- Casa Guatemala has great food and proceeds go to needy locals.

Phones

- Buy Tigo USB dongle for laptop or chip for unlocked GSM phone. Prepaid service.

Medical

- Medical and dental care is inexpensive in Guatemala City. A good dentist in Morales is Dr. Sonja. Last reported prices: \$35 cleaning, \$35 white filling.
- Medical expense report: Gall Bladder surgery with hospital stay in Guatemala City at the University Hospital total of \$5600. (Reason for high end Medical Tourism)
- Prescription drugs sold over the counter (antibiotics, statins, everything except narcotics and Sudafed) Pharmacies are everywhere.

Fuel

- Fuel dock at RAM Marina.

Travel

- Water taxis to Livingston/Puerto Barrios.
- Colectivo vans to Morales and Puerto Barrios
- Tuktuks to local destinations. (3 wheeled vehicles)

Advice

- Do not leave your anchored boat after dark unless you have another cruiser watching it.
- Remember there is NO tort law here—watch your step.
- Foreign visitors are not allowed to have firearms.
- There are 2 seasons here: Dry Season and Wet Season

- Raise your dinghy at anchor and lock it at night
- If you stay awhile, you may need to purchase a ponga—they're tough.
- Avoid crime ridden area.
- Cologne, Panama has a duty-free zone where you can purchase many things inexpensively, including boat paint. Reported find for ship's paint: \$150 for 5 gallons. This is also a high crime zone.

Ideas for Gifts to Help Guatemalans

- Lucy lights (kids study at night by diesel light)
- Solar panels

More Information: Links Discussing Routes, Experiences, Tips, Etcetera

Blog about experiences in Western Caribbean

<http://www.saltysailors.com/articles-cruising/WCCP1.html#.WeOC7WhSzIU>

Cruising Route: Florida Keys to Northwest Caribbean: Mexico, Belize, Rio Dulce, Guatemala

<http://commutercruiser.com/cruising-route-northwest-caribbean/>

Free Cruising Guides by Frank Virgintino: Columbia to Rio Dulce (and several other Caribbean locations)

<http://freecruisingguides.com/>

Links to Free Nautical Resources/Open Sources

<https://sites.google.com/site/nauticalfree/>

Passages, Routes, Weather

<http://www.accidentalcruiser.com/features/weatherRouting.html>

Seven Seas Cruising Association: Guides

<https://www.scca.org/#/membership-benefits/%7C4tebaz7>

State Department: type in the country you plan to visit and find out about visa requirements, stays, etc.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>

Connections: Caribbean Cruisers' Facebook Groups

Caribbean Navigator

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/caribbeannavigator/>

Caribbean Safety and Security Net

<https://www.facebook.com/saphety.matters/>

Coconut Telegraph

Designed to keep Eastern Caribbean Cruisers connected and to share information.

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/182779075116058/>

Cuba, Land and Sea

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Cubalandandsail/>

Culebra Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/culebracruisers/>

Dominica Cruisers (P.A.Y.S.)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/626143870734279/>

Guyana and Suriname Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/443868782393141>

Isla Mujeres Cruisers Net

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1580270735543853/>

Palmas Del Mar Cruisers Net

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PalmasDelMarCruisersNet/>

Puerto Rico

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/culebracruisers/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/viequescruisers/>

Rio Dulce Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=rio%20dulce%20cruisers>

Rio Dulce Cruiser's Net (and VHF 69 @ 7:30am M-Sa)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/259764604511929/>

Roatan Cozumel and Belize Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/Roatan-Cozumel-And-Belize-Cruisers-1927072564218351/>

Sailing and Cruising the Bahamas

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1397974773866593/?fref=ts>

Sailing and Cruising: Cuba

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SailingandCruisingCuba/>

Sint Maarten Cruisers & Boaters

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/195582740528156/>

St Vincent and Grenadines

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/418001715012735/>

Tobago Cruisers

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/129897313763488/>

Trinidad Cruiser

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/138065706283722/>

USVI Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/255498741169452/>

Venezuela Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/547046078683243/?fref=ts>

Vieques Cruisers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/viequescruisers/>

Western Caribbean Navigator

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1247220142035977/>

Women Who Sail- Western Caribbean

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1700205336910401/>

APPENDIX A: WAYPOINTS BETWEEN ROATAN AND BOCAS DEL TORO

Here are the waypoints that supplement the information in our cruising notes. Please use caution when using these waypoints; we always worry that we might transpose numbers, so plot them up and make sure they look right:

ROATAN:

French Harbor 1 (Out)	16 20.84N	86 26.94W	Visual piloting
French Harbor 2	16 20.92N	86 26.93W	all the way in
French Harbor 3	16 21.13N	86 27.01W	
French Harbor 4	16 21.15N	86 27.0W	
French Harbor 5	16 21.16N	86 26.98W	
Port Royal Outside	16 24.07N	86 17.41W	
Port Royal Inside	16 24.3N	86 17.52W	

GUANAJA:

Guanaja1	16 24.12N	85 56.39W	SW end of island
Guanaja2	16 24.86N	85 55.01W	Chart 28125 is
Guanaja3	16 25.59N	85 53.97W	pretty accurate.
ElBightOut	16 26.93N	85 52.21W	Visual piloting
ElBightMid	16 27.09N	85 52.26W	

ElBightAnch 16 27.24N 85 52.13W

VIVORILLO ANCHORING SPOTS (depends on wind direction)

Pyewacket	15 50.62N	83 18.05W	W of middle island
Mandolin	15 50.09N	83 17.92W	
Limerick	15 49.67N	83 18.10W	S of S island

VIVORILLOS TO PROVIDENCIA, NORTH END

ViPro1	15 50.33N	83 19.9W	Outside Vivo
ViPro2	15 36.8N	83 01.39W	
ViPro3	15 34.2 N	82 49.0W	
ViPro4	15 15.03N	82 21.98W	
ViPro5	15 11.05N	82 16.7W	
ViPro6	15 07.0N	82 11.9W	
ViPro7	14 33.09N	81 56.27W	
ViPro8	13 32.12N	81 21.9W	Clears point/reef
ViPro9	13 30.9N	81 21.36W	Turn into anchorage

PROVIDENCIA SEA BUOY

ProvidenciaSB 13 23.95N 81 23.75W

ALBUQUERQUE CAYS

Alb1 (Outside)	12 13.0N	81 53.0W	Use extreme caution
Alb2	12 11.26N	81 53.11W	Visual piloting
Alb3	12 11.34N	81 51.84W	Reefs everywhere
Alb3a	12 11.15N	81 51.23W	
Alb4	12 10.01N	81 51.15W	
Alb5	12 09.76N	81 50.7W	
AlbAnch	12 09.73N	81 50.55W	

BOCAS DEL TORO, MAIN SHIP CHANNEL

BocasOut	09 22.5N	82 12.7W	Can see buoys here
Turn toward town	09 19.9N	82 13.5W	Chart 28052 accurate

APPENDIX B: Information & Resources for Rio Dulce, Guatemala

Information provided by cruisers in the area.

Clearing in Documentation

Raul Veliz 5510-9104 navieraservamar@gmail.com

launcha service for passport renewal: Q200 pp round trip - town dock/Livingston/
town dock Q450 per passport using Raul's service

Phone Numbers

Country code = 502

BOMBEROS 7930-5753 / monitor vhf 68

AMBULANCE / Spanish only 3164-7763

Rita (former Bombero chief) for emergency translation assistance 3067-5321 / 5715-0926

Alternator Repair & Electrical Service Roger @ Ram Marina 5157-8035

Almacen Naval – Alvin (owner) – Anna (@ desk)
Alvin@almacenaival.com anna-jordan23@hotmail.com
Aqua Marine Canvas - Elmer - 4966-7095 - aquamarine.riodulce@gmail.com
Bowling - Hoodee's Boliche English = 4947-5677 or Spanish = 4685-3972
Q25 p/p per hour (4 persons)
Chris Stanley – Seakist Services 5057-2093 seakistservices@yahoo.com Ac, reefer,
Day, Roger @ Ram - rebuilds alternators 5157-8035
Electrical Work – Mike (in Rio) 5030-8684
Fronteras Clinic – Dr Francisco Arenales 5412-8958
Mario – computer repair 5431-7862
Jenifer – courtesy flags 5335-8799
Jody – Trivia 5042-2260 jody1206@aol.com
Julia – Haleiva 4019-6677
Kevin – scooter rental, fruta del mundo tours 4076-2091
Hector – canvas (no English) 5185-5943
Launcha - Adventura Q200 round trip town dock > Livingston > town dock -can arrange Catamaran
pick up & return via Mauvy
Jewell = private rental for day @ Q700 (Livingston for documents)
Lance - San Felipe 4660-9396
Luby – woodworking @ monkey bay – round pilapa with red roof house 5487-4224
Luis Oliva – 14 passenger van and driver for hire (sumpango = Q4000) 4017-5755 5590-9076
Luis – canvas (fair English) 5176-8071
Luvius - woodwork (English) @ Monkey Bay 5487-4224
Machinist towards Abels – Dennis 5036-3320
Mario – computer repair 5431-7862
Miguel (volleyball) 4668-4746
Miguel – woodworking – souvenir crate - 5002-2379
My Peace – Jeff & Rose 3022-2420
OK Fine – Art & Jone 3273-0364
Rental car @ Brunos (private car) 5300-6353 (1/2=\$35 - D=&60 - wk=\$350)
Ruiz, Guillermo - diesel mechanic - 4150-5807
Sharon - As One 5204-3260
Ramiro – boat worker @ catamaran (work on steel boat @ dock) – boat polish 5996-5846
Richard – “Chinc” electrical 5687-0291
Ron – canvas (English) 5723-9848
Rum – driver – Esmon Diaz 5012-2176
Santos Leon – reefer / ac 5709-3235 – (no English)
Seakist Services - Chris Stanley 5057-2093 seakistservices@yahoo.com Ac, reefer,
Sharon – Rio Travel asonepiratelady@gmail.com
Systems Solaris – “Oberon” – Steve 5386-9019
Tom – canvas & rigger – Texan bay – 5776-5856 gensemer.tom@gmail.com “don’t use”
Trivia - Jody 5042-2260 jody1206@aol.com
Vet, Dr. Angel 4529-2199 4718-9075
Victor – canvas 5882-0281
Woodworker - Jamie 5183-9655
Wooley, Chris (diesel service, Jewel used) 4572-6803
boat sitting @ <http://www.seakistservices.com/rio-dulce-yacht-caretaking.html>

RESTAURANTS - MARINAS

Café Perico – buffet meals – German, pizza - river north of catamaran 5909-0721

Kangaroo Las Mexicanas - Gary 4513-9602

Mario's Marina - Marko 4212-8223

Tijax 7930-5505

American Battery – San Pedro Sula, Honduras (Cabaret)

Nova Foam – Guatemala City

Xantrex repairs The Electronics Shop Hector F. Urrejola P. 502-2427-8000 cell 5205-7675

<http://eshop.com.gt> / hurrejola@eshop.com.gt

Phone Service

Tigo – Red Digital

Text for minute balance = messages > to: 256 / message = “saldo” send

Renew minutes on line www.ezetop.com

Marinas

Mar Marine - Marlen Schumann – 7930 5088 info@marmarine.com.gt

Almacen Naval – marine supply store under the bridge – better source for materials of true construction, fabrication and repairs – can pay by credit card by contacting

Alvin (owner) @ address below – Anna (counter girl) speaks very good English

alvin@almacennaval.com anna-jordan23@hotmail.com

Batteries – info from Cabaret - American Batterias phone 2553-1770 2550-4303

soporteamerican@gmail.com Address barrio suyapa 8 calle 16 Avenida . San Pedro Sula.

Several people have ordered batts out of Marios Marina. We, had someone drive up there and pay cash for our batts. and they drove them back to us. Because they were going up there anyway. But talk to Fine Line, Or contact Marco at Marios he is sending a truck to pick them up for them. Susie and John

More information/Referrals

Café Perico - reservations before 1500 - serving 1900-1930 - Wed pizza buffet – Fri German

Buffet Andre 5909-0721

Kangaroo Las Mexicanas – Gary 4513-9602

Manjuana Scott & Tracy, marina managers 5838-5819

Tijax - 7930-5505

Hector – Canvas - on Bruno's grounds / doesn't speak English / 5185-5943

Luis – Canvas – speaks fair English – referred by John on Triumphant (Palencia) –used for c/p cushion recovering, jug covers (2 wrong), skylight hatch covers (sloppy fit, corners not reinforced, had to send back 5176-8071

Ron Garcia – canvas –speaks good English - referred as doing excellent work – does not look for payment until project is complete – pays attention to detail - though may not show up as scheduled 5723-9848

Mario – Computers - on road to San Felipe, kitty corner from pipe store

Cell Phone - Red Digital (Edder) - triple days vary, announced on net /

Yamaha Enduro / at Shell Bay / 25hp short shaft; prop, tank, hose, kill switch / no elect start available
charge 24,500Q (\$3,182) – cash 24,010Q (\$3,118)

Medical

EMERGENCY

AMBULANCE / Spanish only 3164-7763

Rita (former Bombero chief) for emergency translation assistance
3067-5321 / 5715-0926

Hospital on Puerto Barios - English speaking specialist available

DOCTORS:

Dr Francisco Arenales 5412-8958 in Fronteres @ clinic (2013 pain in left arm)

DENTIST:

Dr Sonia Olavarrueth de Diaz 7947-7648 7948-9547

Centro Commercial El Sol, 2. Nivel Morales, Izabel.

Ophthalmologist - Ceasar Cisney 7947-8079

Dr Sandra (My Peace) 5772-7814

Guatemala City

Las Torres – 250Q per night with Rio Dulce discount –13 calle 0-43 zona 10

US Consulate Avenida Reforma 7-01 zona 10 502-2326-4000 Mon – Thur = 0800-1700 Fri = 0800-1230 closed to American services first Thur

Apple Computer Repair 2277-9999 14 St - 4a Ave - 210 / Zona 10

Las Torres > left 2 blocks > left 2 blocks

Antigua

Stay @ private home in downtown - \$65 pp per week – incl meals – owners second home – provides a level of privacy – contact Isle Daovali(?) 502-7832-6417 / 5553-8977 speaks a little English, teaches Spanish “so is easy to understand” – referred by boat doing language school

Cargo shipping into Guatemala

TRANSCARGO \$14 per cubic foot (2012 = my estimate of 10.7 cf = \$200) - no customs issues, handled by transcargo

Bon Bini / Transcargo 10301 NW 108 Avenue Suite 2 Medley, Florida 33178 Ph. (305) 594-1111 in guat, their data is Transcargo Ave. Las Américas 20-12, Zona 13 Tel. 2332-5989 / 2332-5951 / 2332-5720 /2332-5820 Rio dulce chisme advertisement 04-06-13 guzmanjl@mac.com 2360-0407

email is transcargogt@gmail.com

karlacosillo@gmail.com (she handled 12-12 awning materials)

lilytagarcia@hotmail.com

patsygarcia1056@comcast.net 786-287-9011

Fla – coordinates packing & shipping of containers

banking information (for payment to US bank)

Bank of America - Jose Luis Guzman - Acct# 3625719248

Can pay by depositing (or transferring) funds to bank in US – pay pal – or
in office

Pay in US\$ or Quetzals

Banking information (for payment in Guatemala)

BAM Banco Agricola Mercantil – Jose Luis Guzman – Acct # 31-3003548-6

Can deposit US dollars only in this account number

Cargo Shipping out & into Guatemala (Eastern Caribbean, CA, SA)

as per FoxSea - Robert & Vicky - 08-22-14 (friend used to ship generator) ships out & into East
Caribbean, Central & South America

www.crowley.com based in Jacksonville, Fl