



CLUB NAUTICO CARTAGENA

Guide for Cruisers **Bienvenidos!!**

After exploring the remote and beautiful San Blas Islands in Panama, or coming from the jet-set pace of Florida or the Eastern Caribbean, you will find your stay in Cartagena, Columbia, to be unique and enriching. This magnificent city offers safe streets, friendly people and an amazing array of things to see and do. From touring the city's many historical sites, taking in some culture at the theater, sampling from the myriad of fantastic and reasonably priced restaurants, or spending a day at the beach, "boredom" will not be part of your itinerary here! We hope that this guide will assist you during your stay.

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1. Checking in – What to do first

Cartagena's port captain does not deal with any yacht captain directly and will insist on the use of an agent. You will need to talk to your agent any time you would like to move your vessel, be it for pleasure (going to the Rosario Islands) or work (going to the yards).

MARITIME AGENT CHOICES (AGENCIA MARITIMA)

Alasmar. Rep David Arroyo has been working with cruisers for many years.
arroyod511@gmail.com, +57 313 523 0742 Tel:3135230742

Ocean Blue. Representative Sra. Fallon has built up a very solid and helpful reputation. Cell 57 300 5324240. Also 301 4159087 e/mail>
oceanblumaritimeagency@gmail.com

White light. Rep William Royo has been assisting cruising boater for more than 8 years. [tel:+\(57\) 3008168424](tel:+(57)3008168424)

Global Linda Rep Angelica Torres Cel +57 3113774325
mariaa199110@gmail.com

Logimar <http://www.logimarsas.com> +57 5 660 8242 Manga, Edificio Twins Bay- Oficina 1508 attentive and able service. Call CH16. Opposite small motor yacht marina adjoining Polic station: SE end of Manga.

NOTE: Pet owners should also be aware that there are entry requirements applicable to pets : ask your agent for clarification.

TEMPORARY IMPORTATION FOR YOUR VESSEL

On arrival, your agent will need to apply for a **one-year temporary importation permit** for your vessel. This can add a modest charge on top of the basic agency fee. Clarify this with whomever you chose as your agent. We understand that you can approach the Customs office (DIAN) directly but this must be done within 2 days of arrival. Verify with agent. This 1 year temporary importation can be extended for one further year in almost all cases.

PORT CAPTAIN'S OFFICE BCH Building, 5th floor (Multi-story office building facing Parque Centenario) La Matuna, Av. Daniel Lemaitre, CENTRO.

Immigration

Upon clearing with immigration, normally you will be issued a 60-day tourists' visa. This can subsequently be extended on a monthly basis for up to a ***six month total stay per 12-month period***. Time spent outside of the country does not cancel out the time you have spent in Columbia, as in Panama for instance, but instead is added on to your original expiration date. **If you are planning to be here for longer than 60 days, remember to renew your visa before the 60 days runs out.**

Before going to Immigration for your visa renewal after your first two months here, stop at the nearby bank to pay the fee.

Banco de Bogota, Caribe Plaza (Mall) or **Bancafe** Pedro de Heredia, Sector Lo Amador, # 19-204. Payment is made to Account No. 14299001-9, Codigo 103. The charge for monthly renewal is \$48.100 pesos for each passport. Lines in the bank can be long so plan on going early. ("Prorrogar Turismo" = "to renew a visa") The counter at the entrance has the deposit forms and a sample of how they should be completed. (If you have any doubts contact your agent)

D.A.S. (Immigration Office), Pie de La Popa, Sector Lo Amador **Tel: 656-2524**. There are many PUBLIC holidays in Colombia, so it's a good idea to call first to make sure they are open. Forms are in Spanish, so take a dictionary if necessary. Also your 'Agencia Maritima' will be happy to assist.

<p>American Consulate. Alfredo (Freddie) Gonzales Rubio, Agente Consular de los Estados Unidos de America, Calle 77B No 57-141 Oficina 511, Barranquilla. Tel: 075 3532001 Cel: 310 632 3870. E-mail: agrpersonal@enred.com</p>
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American Citizen Services, US Embassy, Bogota, Colombia. e-mail: ACSBogota@state.gov (US Embassy warden in Cartagena: Adriana Michele) Cel: 315 731 9050. E-mail Adriana@gmail.com)

Panamanian Consulate: Centro, Plaza San Pedro Claver. Tel: 655 1055.

Consulado Italiano: Centro, Calle de Colegio 34-75 piso 2. Tel: 664 1583.

Allianza Colombo Francesa: Centro, Plaza Fernando de Madrid. Tel: 664 7344.

Germany (Alemania): Frank Bolle. Crespo, Cra.2 No. 67-143 piso 1, Edificio Cielo Mar. Tel: 656 6080.

España: Centro, Calle Don Sancho No. 36-79, Tel: 664 1644.

British Embassy, Bogotá. Consulate, Cartagena . Graham Binns Tel: 653 8050 Cel: 311 215 5152.

2. Club Nautico Marina

RECONSTRUCTION

PLEASE BE PATIENT while we are completing some small but very important construction projects. Liveboard cruiser relax and wifi zone. Additional bathrooms. Dock extensions etc. We hope you will be here to take advantage of these new facilities

Welcome to our family-run marina. Our marina is dedicated to the needs of cruisers and we depend on your goodwill and good-sense.

Some do's and don'ts:

If you don't want to lose your dinghy while at anchor **never leave it in the water at night**—raise it up and secure the outboard with a chain to the mother ship (also remove the fuel tank). All dinghies stolen (to date) were left in the water attached by a painter or a wire cable.

The **Coast Guard** do a good job patrolling the anchorage but don't take them for granted. You can take effective measures to protect your property. Club Nautico also runs a patrol launch at night to keep these incidents to a minimum.

PLEASE dress with consideration for the conservative residential barrio where we are located. We have to respect our neighbours.

PLEASE keep your pets on a leash and clean up if they should poop anywhere in the marina. The local neighbourhood also requires dog owners to clean up.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL of unscrupulous persons trying to engage you in dubious activities, particularly prostitution. **Child prostitution is totally prohibited** (as clearly it should be) and strong action will be taken against any involved. Help Colombia fight this grave problem.

DO NOT wear expensive jewelry while walking around town.

DO NOT deal with money-changers on the street.

DO NOT bring people from the street to work on your boat. We have several trustworthy and able hands that can assist. Many of those workers (not all) recommended in this guide can access the marina at no additional cost. This is because they have a history of assisting the marina when asked. Anybody not within this group working on the marina must be approved by us before access is permitted (usually this means professional risks insurance and a daily fee payable each day on arrival at the marina gate).

DO NOT undertake major repair work while on the dock. No welding, grinding/sanding of fiberglass, painting (other than varnishing). The boats yards have the necessary facilities, permits and contingency plans for such work to be undertaken.

DO NOT employ minors (less than 18 yrs old) for any reason. It is illegal.

BERTHING AT THE CLUB'S

The Port Captain's office insists the marinas carry copies of all required paperwork. Before berthing you should be able to provide copies of the following documents: Boat registration, Captain's passport (principal page), Acta de Visita (initial acknowledgement from PC's office), Temporary Importation (customs document provided through your agent—you can actually

apply for this directly within 24hrs of arrival) and the **Certificado de Permanencia**. The latter 2 docs can take up to 8 days to obtain. Your agent may be able in special circumstances to obtain a special permit to allow your boat to come on the dock without all these documents (if for example you have a flight booked, medical issues etc).

LEAVING YOUR BOAT

If leaving your boat unattended **make arrangement with someone (approved by the marina) to look after it**. A minimum requirement is that they should be capable of attaching a line to an underwater mooring (free diving). We will be happy to recommend suitable caretakers. If leaving the country get a letter from your maritime agent declaring that your vessel is here so you will not require an outbound ticket on your return to Colombia.

GENERAL NOTES:

While we do provide security in keeping with our desire to maintain the informal family ambient, the 'Club' (Club Nautico Cartagena Ltda) will not be held responsible for you personally, nor your crew/guests. Neither will the Club be responsible for your property during your stay here. At all times the Captain/Owner remains responsible for all matters concerning his vessel and property (the Club is always ready to offer assistance).

TYING UP:

We are happy to help but finally the responsibility remains with the vessel's captain. Electricity is either AC 110 or AC 220 (at 60 HZ). **Please check voltage and polarity with the assistance of our electrician before utilizing sensitive electrical equipment**. ALSO, low voltage can occasionally occur: take measure to protect against this. The Club will not be responsible for consequential damages.

GETTING CONNECTED

Cruisers' VHF Hailing Channel in Cartagena – Channel 68

Phone Calls - To call a local phone from a cell phone you must use the prefix 035. See **Telephones**

3. Money

DO NOT USE MONEY CHANGERS ON THE STREETS! Such operations are illegal and you will likely be cheated.

The monetary unit in Colombia is the peso. At the time of this writing, the exchange rate is 3000 pesos to \$1 U.S. Numerous banks and ATMs (cajeros), are conveniently located throughout the city. There are good ATM machines nearby (eg. Just inside the local Carulla supermarket and the nearby Banco Colombia). Most ATMs give only 600,000 pesos per withdrawal. **The ATM at Citibank in Centro near the Exito supermarket allows withdrawals of up to 2,000,000 pesos as a single transaction.**

Colombian banks do not accept telegraphic transfers unless you have a checking account with them. You can however pay marina bills through bank transfers!

If you really need US Dollars, the Western Union at the basement floor of the Caribe Plaza mall, but at a hefty fee. **A good alternative would be Casa de cambio 'Jackie' located in the old city (Centro) calle de Colegio. Jackie used to be in charge of the bar at Club Nautico. A casa de cambio that you can trust and obtain a good 'rate'.**

SECURITY NOTE:

Please be careful taking large sums out of banks. Bancolombia (Bocagrande branch) and Banco Occidente (Centro near the Torre de Reloj) are good choices due to their location. Do not use the banks in outlying shopping malls for large withdrawals.

4. Transportation

CN recommends taxi drivers **The Elite Taxi service**, cel 302 3341133, 304 6376118 322 6139343.

Taxi drivers in Cartagena are for the most part friendly and honest, but check on the fare before you take off. The official rate from Manga to Centro is 7000 pesos, 8000 at night. Manga to

Bocagrande, 10000 pesos. Centro to Bocagrande, 7000 pesos. Taxi to or from the airport is approx 20,000 pesos. An average hourly rate if you'd like your cab to wait while you do your errands is 30,000 pesos.

Buses run continuously throughout the day along Av. Jimenez from Manga to Bocagrande for 2300 pesos, depending on the bus, and whether or not it has air conditioning. For the Transcribe (modern mass transport bus system) buses you will need to purchase a bus pass in advance *tarjeta transcribe.

Transport to Barranquilla, a major industrial city 70 miles North East of Cartagena. By Coach from **El Terminal de Transporte** or Colectivo door to door (Transportes DOYFI Tel: 660 8118 Cel: 300 808 7725 or Barranquilla 370 2633). Reasons for going: **American Consulate**, Carnival (Feb), Perkins parts etc.

4A. Car Rental.

National Tel: 665 3336, Cel 315 751 4050 www.nationalcarrentalcosta.com

5. Provisioning

If you're an early riser, you will hear the neighborhood of Manga come to life with the distinctive cries of the local street vendors hawking their wares—"Mango! Mandarina! Aguacate! Piña!" Don't hesitate to buy from them! You might also pick up a "tinto" from one of the boys toting the thermoses. Tinto is a tiny but stout cup of sweetened coffee for a mere 300 pesos.) Good quality produce, meats and poultry are available from the fine grocery stores throughout the city. Pork and beef are especially good here. Treat yourself to "Lomo fino" tenderloin, either "cerdo" (pork) or "res" (beef). There is not much variety in canned goods. Wines and liquors tend to be expensive in the grocery stores. Plonk starts at about \$6.00usd a bottle

Carulla: Manga, 2 minutes walk from Club Nautico. Helpful packers can often help by bringing your shopping cart to Club Nautico.

↳ Bocagrande, Calle 14 and Av. San Martin.

↳ Manga, "Carulla Express" 1 ½ blocks east of Club de Pesca.

CARIBE PLAZA: Modern large mall 15 mins walk from the marina. Well organized taxi rank in parking area to get your goodies back.

JUMBO: ↳ Large Chaín store similar to Walmart. Across the small bridge between Manga and Pie de la Popa, then right 100 yards. **Caribe Plaza** Mall (also Home Center).

Exito Large combination grocery / department store similar to Target in the states or Gigante in Mexico. ServiBanca ATM allows 400,000 peso withdrawal.

↳ Centro, Sector San Diego near India Catalina statue by city wall.

Bazurto ↳ (Mercado Bazurto) - Cartagena city market. A huge market that sells almost anything. Inexpensive vegetables. Humble as it gets. For the adventurous!

BUTCHERS

A good butchers is accross the road from the neadby Carulla supermarket

Productoros Carnicos Aliados (PCA) Manga, corner of Calle California & Porta Av.. Good selection of meats and poultry. Will vacuum freeze pack with a day or two notice.

Jorge Vega Butcher for Donde Olano Cel: 310 659 1985. Really nice fellow and will deliver to your boat. You may need to meet him at the gate if staying at the Club de Pesca.

SPECIALTY FOODS

El Bistro Calle de Ayoa, Centro. Heavy breads - Oatmeal, whole wheat, rye, onion, linseed. Get there before mid-afternoon or it will be gone.

Leon de Bavaria Calle Arsenal No. 10-B-65, Centro w/ a blue awning, **664-4412. E-mail: leondebavaria@hotmail.com**. Stefan. German deli and restaurant offering fresh German sausages, German beers and canned foods.

FRUTI DELICIAS Juan Pablo Florez. **Cel: 317 220-2850**). Vacuum packed concentrated fruit juices

from the Valle de Cauca.

Pacho: Centro Comercial Getsamani, first store on left. **Wines** at prices less than in the grocery stores. Also, various other imported food items not otherwise available, at good prices.

Italian Cheeses Giovanni: Tel: 662-6138, Cel 316 275-2182 or 312 672-5992. Buffalo Mozzarella, block of Mozzarella, ricotta fresca, provolone, provolone ahumado, parmesano, gorgonzola, sold in kilos. Prices: 23,000 to 35,000 per kilo, depending on cheese. He will deliver to clubs.

BOOZE

The best values to be had for purchasing alcohol in Cartagena are the import stores located in “Contraband Alley” or “Centro Comercial Turistico”, that runs between Calle Larga and Av. Arsenal in Getsemani near the Convention Center. Prices are substantially less than in the grocery stores. You will also find good prices on various other imported food items not otherwise available.

6. Propane

Take your bottles to the Porter at the entrance gate to Club Nautico. He will be able to arrange the fill Monday to Friday. Check for rates. The fill station is 25 mins taxi ride out of town. Small European Butane bottles will be filled with propane and may be returned only 75 % full. This is for safety reasons since propane liquifies at a higher pressure than Butane

Propane Stove and Propane Systems Repair and Service. Oswaldo Cardenas. Tel: 681 2977. Cel: 310 665 6721. Spanish only. Limited spares. Replaced solenoid valve, cleaned burners on non-working stove SV Caravela.

7. Fuel (Diesel and Gasoline)

Note: about 10% ethanol is used in diesel (locally referred to as ACPM (Aceite combustible para motores): BIO diesel is fine for most engines manufactured in the last 25 years that have been provided with suitably resistant fuel line seals.

Todomar Marina: Gas and diesel at the dock opposite the Convention Center, where power boats are stacked 3-high in racks. Tel: +57 5 665 4177 Cel: +57 301 6052866

Club de Pesca Fuel Dock: Tel: 660 4597, 660 6615 “Estación de Servicio” CH 71 (VHF). Diesel, gasoline, lubricants, ice, water. **Access to the fuel dock is considered tricky by some.**

Marina Sta. La Cruz, Manga, just before container loading docks. Accessible by dinghy for diesel and gasoline, plus lubricants. Access considered ‘tricky’ by some.

Fuel and tank cleaning: Pending recommendations
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8 . General Hands

For boat cleaning, varnishing, head overhaul, running errands, piloting, underwater work, obtaining parts and general repairs, there are quite a number of workers. Most of them are at Club Nautico on the docks, ready, willing and able! **While these men are experienced and hardworking, it is important that you oversee the job to insure your own satisfaction.**

The going rate for general unskilled boat work is 90 -120 mil pesos per day. (US\$28 - 26-38) Negotiate the price before the job is started. Underwater work (cleaning hull bottoms) can be significantly higher (average \$35US for a bottom clean lasting approx 1.5 hours).

Please note that you may not bring in outside workers unless they have received prior approval by Club Nautico (the same applies to the Club de Pesca). It is more likely that permission will be granted for skilled rather than unskilled assistance. All outside workers, if accepted, must have ARP or ARL (professional risks insurance).

Alberto Vasques, Experienced seaman. Speaks some English. Great for underwater work and hard deck work. Able dinghy repairs.

Jose Cana. Varnishing specialist. Tidy. Dependable and knowledgeable.

Eduardo Parra. General. Dependable.

Carlos. Cel: 312 664 8060 Good thorough and dependable worker. Recommended by Akka and Patience (2009)

Jaimito. Hard worker. Exterior boat cleaning (including underwater). Also good with 2 stroke outboard repairs.

AT THE CLUB DE PESCA: (will need special authorization to work at Club Nautico):

Reynaldo Padilla Cel: 312-617 8368 email: reynsyst@yahoo.com. Hard worker, trustworthy and great at varnish.. \$25 a day. Reynaldo also finds hard-to-get stuff.

Vicderno Chaberra Arroyo. Cel: 310 635 3896; 314 585 4787. General work. Good attention to detail. (Recommended by SV Simpatica October 2009)

9. Boatyards/Haulout Facilities

Ferroalquimar lcarrasquilla@ferroalquimar.com **Albornoz, via Mamonal,**

Cel 3205653277

This a well organized and ordered yard with a good choice of contractors. Changed ownership in the last 3 years and big improvements are evident. Nice clean restaurant catering to guests and workers alike. Comfortable internet TV room-. Decent bathrooms (with better in construction) plus careful performance monitoring of contractor teams. They will do the extra to assist. Big 300 ton travel lift with bay that can receive vessels to 35 feet beam and 11 ft deep. Certainly worth discussing your project ideas with them.

Manzanillo Marina Club gerentemmc@gmail.com **Bosque,** Calle Malaga Diag. No. 53-76 (Sector Zapatero) Tel: 669 4180, 669 4067

Owned and run by watersports enthusiasts Mauricio Lemaitre and sons. VHF Ch 78. Max draft 7 ft . Travel lift rated to 40 tons but small. A ketch may need to remove its mizzenmast; a sloop must remove its forestay or backstay. Fax/ Internet service. They have a good team of recommended workers. Gelcoat, Fibreglass, Woodwork, and Mechanical work can all be reliably contracted through the marina. Comfortable wash, lounge area. Wifi.

Todomar. Albornoz via Mamonal (close to Ferroalquimar), Carrera 56 No. 5-77. www.todomarchi.com. e-mail **Carlos at csbogal@todomarchi.com,**
Cel: 311 651 2977.

Manager Frank Londoño is a US educated engineer. Julio is Jefe del Patio. 45 ton travel lift. Slips will take a 10 feet draft (check that they have the stands to accommodate deep draft vessels). Good skills available on site. Good flat-bottomed stands. Big yard, good drainage, gravel so it can be dusty. One shower, one toilet. 20 minute ride from town.

Club de Pesca. e-mail: cpescacartagena@costa.net.co 30 ton hydraulic lift . Boat stays in the cradle. Max draft 6'0". Two day haulouts only. Not often used outside the Club de PESCA membership..

The use of a guide from Club Nautico (costing around \$30US) is recommended when taking your vessel from Club Nautico to the yards.

FOR LARGER VESSELS

Naval Yard (Cotecmar): Bocagrande. Contact: Capitan Garcia, Jefe Comercial. **Cel: 315 723 1521**
Tel: 665 5354 E-Mail jdcom@cotecmar.com. This yard cannot handle fiberglass vessels due to insurance restrictions.

See **Ferroalquimar** (above) with their newly installed 300 ton travel lift.

Astilleros Vikingos: e-mail ativik@latino.net.co Excellent skills are available.

10. Surveyors

Francisco Bernet Granado (Paco) Surveyor for local and international insurance companies.

Suggested by Francisco of Navega colombia as a good choice for boat surveys required for insurance purposes. E-mail: fbgseguros@gmail.com Cell 317 6586523

COMPASS ADJUSTOR

Captain Victor M. Estevez. Tel: 665 1822; 665 6248.

11. Boat Brokerage and Yacht Delivery

Cartagena Boating Team. Manga, Avenida Miramar Cra. 17 #24-06 Cel 310 610 4645 Tel 57 5 660 5669

e-mail: gerencia@cartagenaboatingteam.com

Contact: **Alfred Schallhauser**

[www: cartagenaboatingteam.com](http://www.cartagenaboatingteam.com)

Official Agents in Colombia for: Lagoon, Beneteau, Bordeaux, Catana, Fontaine-Pajot, and North Sails (manufactured in Argentina to the exacting standards of NS at a very competitive price)

Delivery Skippers.

Eugenio Montoya: On board Spica at CN.

Fabian Arcila Cel: 300 805 1816.

Delivery Crew

Alberto Vasquez regularly on the docks at CN. Excellent crew, speaks some English. Has sailed to Aruba and beyond many times, cast iron stomach.

12. Mechanics

DIESEL ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION REPAIR

Elvis (el Profe) . Taller Castro. Cel: 313 523 7843 316 770 6886. Tel: 674 6422 Casa 661 9581.

Has a very loyal following due to his ability, honesty and reliability.

Taller Los Primos. Candelario Prieto (Nene) Bladimir Hernandez (Chino). Experienced in marine diesels (Yanmar, Ford Lehman, Perkins (not Prima), Volvo etc). Transmission repair, Jabsco pump repair. Motor alinement. Tel: 311-651 4283, 311 679 7664. These mechanics have both solid supporters and also (it has to be said) detractors. They have more than 20 years experience working with mechanical repairs on sailboats. Make your requirements very clear (if tidyness is essential make that very clear).

Charly Transmi. Cell 311 6510182. **General marine engineer.** Has established good reputation. Installing anodes , drive seals.

(As with everyone make sure you have a clear quotation before the job starts (from the yard or the contractor himself). If you don't ask the sky may be the limit!

Francisco Perez Cel: 314 563 4033 315 626 5304 (Assistant Efren) Good work on French cat.

Diesel Precision: Av. Pedro de Heredia, Sector Espinal #18B-198. Tel: 656 3060; 656 3085. Or contact rep. Luis Gomez, Cel: 312 621 6640, who speaks some English. Specializes in injectors. Highly recommended by cruisers, inc. Navy Blue (2009).

Note to cruisers: We need another really good recommendation for engine rebuilds (and someone capable with complex overhead cam marine engines like the Perkins Prima.

DIESEL PARTS

<p>Tesa Marine. Deals with Yanmar and Yamaha principally. Bosque Ave. Crisanto Luque Diag.22 #37-54 (closely link with regional Yanmar principal distributor in Panama city of same name)</p>
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Carta Diesel Ltda. Efraín Florez Vergara; Gerente Tel: 662 7392 Cel: 310-364 0490. Incl. starters and alternators, impellers, new and used.. ('Very helpful' from Cade SV Sandollar).

Agro Diesel del Caribe Ltda. Bosque. Tel: 662 3169; 669 1388.

Todomar Marina, Bocagrande. Yanmar parts.

Marina Sta. La Cruz, Manga, just before container loading docks. Volvo and Yamaha parts.

Diesel Power. Tel: 370 1512 Cel: 311 808 5420 Rusmiro Maestre Mejia Cummins, Caterpillar, FP, Mahle. Parts importers for larger diesels.

Agro Ingles. Barranquilla Calle 45 No. 46-141. Tel: 370 3604 E-mail: mach@metrotel.net.co. Perkins.

Fuel Polishing. Often a boat laid up for a few months with have fuel problems. Particularly

if using the local diesel with its added ethenol (hydroscopic). Fuel polishing is a simple way of recycling your fuel through filters to removed sediment, mold growth and water.

Hydrocleaner.ventas@gmail.com Cel # 315 545 6821 (note: we have had no feedback on this service as yet so it is a preliminary entry into this guide:)

13. Electrical

STARTER MOTORS & ALTERNATORS

MultiElectricos: Pie de la Popa, Lo Amador, Cr.20 C34-32 (Opp. Home Mart) **Tel: 656 2111.** Lena speaks English. Excellent reputation amongst cruisers. Helpful and resourceful. Have workshop plus good source of fan belts (all diameters).

Taller Reconstruin. Av. Pedro de Heredia. Sector Cuatro Vientos No. 44c-80. **Tel: 669 8101 Sr.** Edwin Puente. Starter motor rewinding and repair.

Turbinas y Mangeras, Pie de la Popa, Lo Amador. Outstanding with hydraulics and electric motor rebuilds.

REPAIRING MARINE ELECTRONICS

Laboratorio Electronico Aleman: Manga, Av. Jimenez, Calle No. 26-18 B19. **Cel: 316 312 7570. Tel/Fax: 660 4222. (Stands by on Ch. 68)** 'Resourceful and very capable' (Sven is German and speaks perfect English). **Highly recommended.** He has become a little frail recently but his mind remains brilliant!

JB on S/Y PHILANI ANCHORED OFF Club Nautico is a very experienced engineer from South Africa and often works closely with Sven. Cell&whatsapp]57 3155402898. JB and Michelle also have a canvas workshop in Manga.

ITEC Electronica Maritima, Santa Lucia Shopping Center, 2nd floor, Oficinas 1 to 8. Centro Commercial. **Tel: 663 3909 Fax: 663 3643.** www.iteccolombia.com. (Standard call out charge 45 mil pesos). Well-equipped HQ diagnostics. (Call Idiana and ask for Carlos). **Very able.**

Radio Mundo Marino: Getsemani., Av. El Pedregal 25-76. **Tel: 664 2420.** Repairs Icom radios amongst other brands.

MARINE ELECTRICIANS

Emigdio Gonzalez. Speaks good English and is recommended by Capt Alvaro of 'Katana', a 65foot Mason. **Cel: 313 587 2064.** Did great work on Toto (105 ft Palmer Johnson). (also good with watermakers, hydraulics etc.

Alex Gonzalez. **Cel: 312 635 5673; 316 7778827.** 'Great Electrician' (SV Simpatica 2009)

ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

La Casa del Sonido Matuna, Ave. Venezuela #9-45. **Tel: 664 5928, 664 5352, 660 1826.** Next to Exito. Switches, plugs, cables, adapters, connectors, jacks, etc.

Electronica Cartagena Centro, Av. Daniel Lemaitre 31-72, bajos del Hotel San Felipe. **Tel: 664 3268; 664 7091 Fax 664 3937.** (just off Parque Centenario).

14. Engineering

Ignacio Sierra: Bosque, Calle de la Giralda, No. 53-16. **Tel: 669 4202. E-mail:** gspicker@hotmail.com. Www.fisltda.com. Managers/Owners Srs. German and Vicente Spicker both speak good English. Well-equipped machine shop for marine fabrications. Also have swaging equipment.

Taller Palmer: Calle 2da de Mamonal 21A-119. **Tel/fax 674 3019 Cel: 300 483 4229.** Javier Rios, Manager. Industrial and naval mechanical engineering. (Recommended by SV Stormbird 2007.)

Taller Kali: Av. Cristante Luque. A nearby basic alternative to above. No English. More steel fabrication but also good for custom brass/bronze machined fittings.

Also see JB above.

15. Stainless Steel & Aluminum

WELDING & TUBULAR FABRICATIONS

Bianney Torres. MEGA YATES, Bosque. **Cel. 316 6339418; 3135125759.** (Assistant Julio Miguel).

Home Tel: 662 1441. Bianney does very high quality work, consistently delivering what cruisers want. Highly recommended.

Todomar: The in-house team at the haul out yard (see Marinas) seems pretty good. Specialists in aluminium welding.

Note: If going outside the above recommendations you may obtain lower quotes but beware: the results could be disappointing.

SUPPLIES:

Inox Caribe Ltda. Tel: 666 5975; 666 6374.

Tubocol. Km 2 Cra.de Mamonal (just after the bridge).

16. Chrome Plating & Anodizing

Niquelados Industriales. Freddy Gomez Navarro. Pie de la Popa, Lo Amador, Calle El Progreso. **Tel: 656 5903.** Good work at reasonable per-piece prices (Akka & Attitude, 2009).

Planta Industrial de Niquelados. Ing. Daniel Coronel Daniel. Pie del Cerro, Av. Antonio Arevalo No.31B-174. (At the foot of Cerro San Felipe.) **Tel: 666 5124 Cel: 315 684 1004.** Also do silver and gold plate, electro galvanizing, anodizing.

Aserorias Nicrometal CIA Ltda. Barrio El Prado, Trans 33 No. 29B-54. **Roger Garcia Galvis** **Cel: 316 690 6541** .Excellent re-chroming , good value (SV Wild goose 2010)

17. Welding Supplies

Soldar Ltda. Bosque, Diagonal 21, by the 'Coko Rico Pollo' chicken restaurant.

18. Foundry, bronze & aluminum

(When preparing molds be aware that shrinkage can be a problem!)

Fumeco Ltda. Bosque, Diagonal 20 Av. Pedro Velez, #52-14, **Tel: 669 4835.** Good for casting propellers.

Eliceo Asebedo. Getsemeni, Calle Pedregal.

Ely Cardenas. Calle Santa Fe, No. 18 to 40 **Tel: 666 1361.** Good detail work (SV Endless Journey).

19. Glass /Acrylic

TodoBidrio. Av. Escallon Villa Calle 11 de Noviembre, near Plaza de Toros, **Tel: 669 8130.** (Their Motto: We spell badly but install great.) Windshield repair and installation. Sandwich and tempered safety glass. Will cut to specification.

C.F. Casa Automotrik E. U. Cel: 315 715 7255; 311 411 6698. Sr. Cleyderman. Can assist with installation of acrylic and other laminates.

20. Galvanizing Hot Dip

Galvamar. Bosque, Av. Pedro Velez No. 51-70. **Tel/Fax 674 1046.** Call Daisy (Directora Admin) **Cel:312 626 2229. Office: 310 355 0080. E-mail: galvamar@hotmail.com.** The work is done in Barranquilla. They pick up and deliver for approx 6000 pesos per Kilo. The quality has been good with plenty of zinc (occasionally a chain link may stick because of this).

Note (ed): talked to Daisy (Feb 2019). looks like they are planning a facility in Cartagena with centrifuges (important for hot dip chain galvanizing)

21. Batteries

Several stores on Pedro de Heredia have D8 and D4 truck batteries at good prices.

Energias Alternas. Tel: 664 4842 Cel: 3135852214. Calle Largo Just past entrance to Centro Comercial Getsemeni. Fernando is very helpful; speaks English. T105 6 volt golf cart batteries for around \$200US. US and Trojan AGMs. May be able to supply VAT exempt (Foreign vessels) solar panels. Highly recommended by cruisers.

22. Paint & Painters

Antifouling options: Pintuco, Sika (better known for Sikaflex products) Hempel, Sigma and

occasionally Ameron and International. The local product Pintuco in its ablative form for sailboats appears to be as good as the imported products. It is the popular choice amongst the local sailing community.

PINTUBOL: Zona Industrial de Mamonal, KM3. **Jaime Villalba Olier Tel: 668 5106 Cel: 311-539 0833.** This is an industrial yard behind locked gates. Wear long pants or you will not be admitted. Not a retail place and very hard to find. Main distributor for **Pintuco** products, industrial and naval. Rep. Armanda Alvear Vasquez. **Pintuco also supplies International paints which could now be considered their 'premium' product.**

Resinas y Pinturas: Av. Pedro de Heredia Sector Toril 22A-141 **Tel: 669 2083.**

SIKA: Mamonal, Sector Albornoz. Good English speaking technicians. Good basic vinyl high copper antifouling tested by the military. They also have an ablative antifouling

HEMPEL: Mamonal, Sector Albornoz. **Tel: 665 0037.** Contact Ing. Carlos Corral **Cel: 315 7362973** (speaks English). Best results with Black ablative 55% solids. 3 coats or more recommended. They have a non TBT antifouling suitable for Alum boats (check the specs).

SIGMA: Bellavista, Cr. 56 5A-69. **Tel: 667 3370; 667 2647.**

Jaime Falquez: Cel: 310 3689116. Epoxy anticorrosivos and vinyl antifouling (similar to SIKAAAlso for antifouling PINTUCO International, Sigma, Hempel, and Ameron (ablative 52% copper).

Acripinturas del Caribe Ltda., Av. Pedro de Heredia, No. 18-A-25, sector Espinal, **Tel: 666 3289.** DuPont paints.

Decoraciones el Pintor: Getsemani, Parque Centenario con Calle de La Magdalena. **Tel: 664 3165.** They sell **Pintuco Epoxy similar to West System 4:1 mix .**

(Please note that repainting work involving fibreglass/gelcoat grinding/sanding and gelcoat/polyurethane finishing should be undertaken in the yards not the marinas)

PAINTERS:

For polyurethane & gelcoat hull refinishing there are various options but quality control vigilance is important. Keep a close eye on your project and an excellent job should be your reward at about 25 - 30 % US prices. These men can do excellent finishing work (but may indulge in short cuts so be warned).

Please draw up a written agreement before starting any major project. Be wary of the lowest quotation since when a project starts it may be difficult to maintain the original agreement. Also, contractors employed at Ferroalquimar may be your responsibility not the yard's. Unless contracting through the yard itself don't expect them to bail you out if things go wrong. Most of the teams need supervising on a 2 times per week basis (making sure commitments are kept).

Note: Most of the yards now insist on being the primary contractor so it may be advisable to negotiate directly with the yard rather than the folk that actually do the work.

Alvaro Simanca and Jader Estrada Cel 3012127298 . 300 2589522

Highly recommended by several (recent very good posting on Noonsite: email simancasalvaro27@gmail.com. They have their own dock /workshop facility in Bosque (sector Cartagena) for extensive projects (in water). They are approved contractors working with Ferroalquimar (one of the best haul out choices)

Flavit and Jaime: Cel: 311 3403240

Recommended by SV Andromeda (major repaint plus sugar scoop transom fabrication(2008)). Also very highly recommended by Catamaran Simpatica (2009). recent work on a motoryachts Taganga, Amos and Copacetic (Fiberglass and painting). Contractor with Ferroalquimar yard.

Jorge Garcia Galvis: Cel: 315 629 3796 Tel: 662 4873. Painting and fiberglass repair. A good crew based at Ferroalquimar yard.

Alfonso and Crew based at the Club de Pesca and Ferroalquimar. Cel: 311 680 3855. Good work with SV's Contigo, Inshallah

Victor Potes Ortega and crew. CEL: 321 530 0196. Outstanding Fibreglass work/boat builder/painter. Intelligent and humble craftsman. Often at Club Nautico

Jose Castro and crew: Cel: 311 679 3875. Professional, Honest, Reasonable (SV Asylum).

William Berrick: Cel: 315 201 4652. Good worker. Finishes on time and estimates accurately.

Manuel Ortiz: Ask for him at Club de Pesca. He comes with excellent references.

23. Hardware and Chandleries

Home Center. Caribe Plaza Mall, Av. de los Lagos, Pie de le Popa. A significant improvement on Home Mart This is a serious home improvement center 15 mins walk from Club Nautico. Compare with Home Depot.

Ferreteria Industrial de la Costa. Av. Pedro de Heredia #19-46 Tel:(035 prefix if using cell phone) 666 4286 Good selection of tools. Will also fabricate parts.

Ignacio Sierra Taller (workshop). Bosque. Dr. German Spicker. Tel: 669 4202; 6694242. Cel: 300 810 3869. Stainless Steel / Bronze / Aluminium hardware: bolts, screws, valves , zincs, cutlass bearings, Prop Shafts. www.fisltda.com e-mail: gspicker@hotmail.com.

Torhefe Av.Pedro de Heredia, #19-230. Tel: 666 1753. Large selection of stainless steel fastenings (incl. springs), as well as Stanley Tools. Also have machine shop in Barranquilla.

La Casa del Tornillo, Av Pedro de Heredia, Sector Los Alpes (just past the Castellana shopping mall). Tel 663 0138/ 651 3720. Responsive customer service.

CHANDLERIES

Aquatico Surtidor Nautico: Manga, Av. Miramar Calle 24 (next to Club de Pesca). Tel: 660 6418; 660 5338. Random selection of goods at "marine" prices, inc. Harken, Garmin, Perko brands. Tohatsu outboards.

Marine Sport (beside entrance at Club Nautico): Manga, Tel: 660 8227; 660 8268. Cel: 315 733-1212. New in 2009. Ancor electrical supplies, Sikaflex, 3M products, filters, Yamaha outboards.

Ferremarina: Bosque, Diagonal 21, 40-75, Tel: 662 2663; 662 1101. Cel: 301 260-8155; 300 816-8612. E-mail: ferremarina2@yahoo.com. General boat hardware including stainless steel cable and anchor chain. Can source rigging at competitive prices.

24. Bearings, (O-rings, gaskets, hose fittings)

Multi-Caucho: Pie de la Popa Cl 32, Av. Pedro de Heredia, Tel: 666 1773, Fax: 666 4839 (suppliers of Sikaflex caulking and 'Tip Top' dinghy glue). Can make seals, rubber gaskets to order.

Multi Rodamientos Ltda.: Av. Pedro de Heredia (next to Multi-Caucho, above) for bearings.

Recorres y Mangeras: Pie de la Popa, La Subida, Av. Pedro de Heredia. Hose fittings (incl. Hydraulic). Gaskets made while you wait.

Empaques Cartagena: (gasket makers). Lo Amador, Calle Santander No.20 D45. Tel: 666 0957.

Colsoportes (gasket makers). Lo Amador Carrera 20c No 32-25. Beside MultiElectricos (highly recommended for alternator and starter motor repairs). Excellent headgasket made for SV Sea Adler.

25. Filters

The following three shops are located next door to each other. What one place doesn't have, the others probably will. All the staff are very helpful. Limited English but eager to please.

Lubricantes y Filtros Av. Pedro de Heredia 21C-140. Tel:(035 prefix if using cell phone) 6661935; Cel: 316 557 0487; 316 619 8169. All types of filters: water and diesel. Shell Lubs. Sikaflex 221, Loctite, Mac Batteries, Racors. **Ing. Edwin Villareal.**

Lubricantes Engranes y Mecanismos, San Jose de los Campanos Cra.100A #35-10

cel: **310 704 7370 – 310 681 4773 – 320 462 7653**. Recently presented (Jan 2019) as option by well recommended mechanic Elvis Castro. Very keen to assist.

Solofiltros Pie de la Popa, Av. Pedro de Heredia C21-34, (next to Lubricantes). **Tel: 666 0808**. Big selection of filters.

Filtros y Mas: Pie de la Popa, Av. Pedro de Heredia (next to Lubricantes). **Cel: 312 6493615; 300 833 3487**. **Humberto Guerrero Rivera** very helpful. Has wide variety of paper filters and cartridges suitable for watermakers, plus gaskets and o-rings.

26. Dive Tanks & Stores

Buceo Cartagena Divers: Calle del Jardin #39-190, Bocagrande

Cel: 300 817 6942 (suggested by OCC David Dec 2018). Good rate to fill dive tanks.

Caribe Dive Shop Hotel Caribe at Bocagrande. Cra la No. 2-87 Local No. 9. **Tel: 665 3517**. Also offers dive tours and scuba instruction and certification.

Diving Planet. Laguito, Edif. Alonso de Ojeda No. 2-50. **Tel: 655 0154** Beatriz Ossa (Marine Biologist and Advanced PADI instructor) Padi diving courses. Rosario and other sites.

27. Woodworking (incl: Galley counter mods)

PILOT HOUSES, HARD DODGERS, INTERIOR REPAIRS AND REMODELING

Victor Potes. Another outstanding carpenter/fibreglass boat builder. Has a mold from which he can make a great 10 foot sailing dinghy (hull only). **CEL: 321 530 0196**. Often foimd at Club Nautico.

Pedro Garcia Bettin: **Cel: 312 292 9083**. Fiberglass repair, fabrication. Recommended by Tisha Baby, 2009.

'**Tutti**', has done excellent wood and glass work for many cruisers. He knows how to use most tools so if you have a router (which he doesn't) you can trust him to use it.

Note: The above have authority to use the limited Club Nautico facilities (those mentioned below require a permit although are considered trustworthy).

Pedro Castro Barrios. Cel: 316 4630433. Tel. 675 4158 Address: Olaya Herera, Sector Rafael Nuñez Cra#53 casa 3787. Excellent carpenter recommended by SV's Songbird and Coconut

Gaston Betruz Fernandez: **Tel: 665 8315 Cel: 315 688 7161** Recommended by SV Makai.

28. Wood Supplies

Home Center: (also listed under hardware.) **Caribe Plaza** Mall, Av. de los Lagos, Pie de le Popa. A serious home improvement center 15 mins walk from Club Nautico.

Johny Wood (was Jhon Mejia, just in case the Taxista forgot) (John is commonly spelled 'Jhon' in Latin America) Pie de la Popa, La Subida, Av. Pedro de Heredia.

Escaleras de Colombia: **Tel: 662 8392**, Javier Camacho owns a teak farm. Good quality.

Maderas Ramos: Getsemani.

Maderas Carillo: Getsemani, Cr 10 B 25 -70 Plaza del Pozo, **Tel: 664 2802**.

PLYWOOD

'**Formaplac**' An exterior grade plywood with a waterproof glue.

HARDWOOD INFORMATION

'**Abarco**' A resistant straight grained hardwood used in wood boat construction. Available everywhere. Sometimes, depending on how it is cut, twists a little on drying. Used on Club Nautico's dock.

‘**Ceba Rojo**’ Mahogany-like appearance. Resistant, particularly against termites. Takes an age to dry. More scarce than Abarco.

‘**Cedro Rojo**’ Red Cedar. Select carefully. A nice wood used for furniture.

‘**Roble**’ Oak. Not as hard as American white oak but seems consistently resistant.

‘**Teca**’ Generally teak is in very limited supply and not of the best quality.

29. Fiberglass, Minor Repairs & Materials (See also: Woodworking)

Hull repair, modifying chainlockers, propane tank boxes, etc.

Alvaro Simanca and Jader Estrada Cel 3012127298 . 300 2589522

Jose Castro and Crew: Cel: 310 614 6557. Recommended for fibreglass, gelcoat and painting.

‘**Tutti**’. Club Nautico’s high quality mainstay in the past.

MATERIALS

Resinas y Pinturas: Bosque, Near Ron Tres Esquinas.

Resinas Y Pinturas: Av. Cristante Luque.

Etonador: Mercado de Bazurta, Av. Pedro de Heredia. Paint and resin/glass supplies. If you're timid take a 'hand' with you. This area is where the poor do their bargaining.

El Cazador: Mercado de Bazurta, Av. Pedro de Heredia. Can supply good spearguns (locally made).

30. Fire Extinguisher Recharging

Seguridad Industrial de Colombia, LTDA: Barrio Chapacua, Manzana H L 25. Gabriel Florez, **Tel: (035 prefix if using cell phone) 663 0796.**

Seguridad Industrial Naval y Comercial: Barrio San isidro, Cell 312 6195551 e-mail: seginac@yahoo.es

31 Liferaft Inspection

ASTEMAR Safety Equip. Cel: 315 702 1102 (Maria) Rudolfo de la Vega, Tech. Manager speaks excellent English. Certified RFD liferaft inspection center. They sell Viking liferafts (about \$4000US for 6 person). ‘Totally accredited and legit’ (SV Philani 2018).

32. Outboard Motors, sales, parts, repairs

Marina Santa La Cruz: (Eduardo Londono, Ltda.. (5 mins walk South East from Club Nautico) Juan Manuel Diego, **Tel: 660 8385, Fax 660 7569 E-Mail jdiago@eduardono.com.** Yamaha spares.

Motomarina: On the Av. Miramar (close to Yamaha market). **Suzuki** parts.

Aquatico Surtidor Nautico: Manga, Av. Miramar Calle 24 (next to Club de Pesca). **Tel: 660 6418; 660 5338. Tohatsu and Neptune** outboards.

Marine Sport: Manga, Av. Miramar Cra 17 Calle14-6. (next to Club de Pesca, around the corner from the above.) **Tel: 660 8227; 660 8268. Cel: 315 733-1212. Yamaha** outboards.

Delemiro Contreras: Call Reynaldo Padilla for information. **Cel: 312 644 5883.** , “Delo” works out of Club de Pesca, excellent repairs on dinghy engines.

33. AB Inflatables

Formerly manufactured in Venezuela, now Colombia (Barranquilla).

Outstanding Hypalon quality. Available with Aluminum or Fiberglass hull. Can be delivered directly to Club Nautico. www.abinflatables.com.

Tel (ABMARINE): (57 5) 379 5132. E-mail: info@abmarinegroup.

34. Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Hermanos Malos: Av. Pedro Romero 29–130. **Tel: 669 3782, 669 3243. Cel: 311 402 8916.**

Antonio has a very solid reputation, approved at CN.

Nestor Diaz: Taller de refrigeración /air con. **Tel: 313 523 6142.** ‘Excellent worker, good value’

REFRIGERATION PARTS

Refrigeración La Mona. Barrio Lo Amador 19#32-97. **Tel: (035 prefix if using cell phone)658 2899.** Luz Eida Graciano (La Mona). Original parts/spares.

35. Sail Repair, Canvas, Upholstery & Fabrics

Michelle and JB (S/V PHILANI) Have small shop in Manga close to marinas. Excellent canvas work, interior, stackpaks, fitted sheets (limited light sail repair). **Cel & Whatsapp. 57 315 540 2898.**

Esteban Perez. Manzanillo, Tapizeria Moderna: Tel: 310 651 4545; 317 772 9940.

Excellent upholstery, dinghy covers and canvas work. He talks fast so try and get him to slow down to avoid misunderstandings (mas despacio por favor!).

Victor Herrera Cel: 315 704 2200 or 317 820 4411. Meticulous work (sail repair, canvas and rope work). Highly recommended by SV Gypsy Wind (also as an ad hoc Spanish instructor).

Renzon Herrera: Barrio Paraguay, Diagonal 24 No. 24-26 (behind the Juan xxiii church).

Cel: 313 532 9894. Brother of the above but independent. Same experience. (some upholstery work less than perfect, Attitude 2009).

Jorge Torres: Cel: 314 537 6391. Upholstery slipcovers, fitted sheets, but no canvas work.

A designer, he’ll help with planning as well. Recommended by Simpatica, Makai 2009.

Mauricio ???*_ Works with Colombian Armada’s Tall ship Gloria Cel 315 578 4640

Monica Alvarez: Cel. 311 4243061, 315 773 9435. Cushions, covers. Beautiful work, but her prices have increased quite a lot.

SUPPLIES

Calypso: Centro, Av. Daniel Lemaitre #10C-22-28. (near Exito supermarket just outside the old city wall.) **Tel: 664 4582 Fax: 664 0777.** Big supply of upholstery and outdoor fabrics, foam rubber and Styrofoam. *Sunbrella available and excellent marine vinyls.*

Las Nuevas Botas: Centro, Centro Commercial El Cañonazo, Kra 11 No. 32C-49 Apto 19. **Tel: 664 0373 Cel: 315 682 7681.**

CoralCosta: Pie de la Popa and Caribe Plaza Mall. Large selection of household fabrics and decorating items. First location has more.

SEWING MACHINE REPAIRS AND SERVICE

Taller de reparacion de Todo Tipo de Maquinas de Coser. Turbaco, Barrio Bellavista, Clle Principal No. 13B-76 **Tel: 655 5114 Cel: 315 760 3956, 312 677 2058.** Denizar Hernandez will come to Club Nautico. Excellent!

Zair Anaya at Multirepuestos: Centro, Calle Porvenir. **Tel: 664 5401; 664 2411.** Another excellent Singer sewing machine repairman.

36. Seamstresses

Creaciones ROXANA: Centro Comercial Getsemani, N1A 07. ‘Roxy’ does fine work altering and/or making clothes for both ladies/girls and gents.

Johana Fashion. Inirida Diaz Angulo Nuevo Bosque Mza. 25 Lt 15 etapa 1a. **Cel: 300 804 7901.** e-mail johanafashion31@latinmail.com

37. Rigging

There is no (as yet) professional rigging shop in Cartagena (maybe things are changing—see below). The people mentioned below are willing assistants and can offer limited recommendations. We would advise that all cruisers check their rigging themselves, possibly with advice from other cruisers with greater experience.

Mario Julio: A rigger working at Club de Pesca.

Ariel Palacio: ,Often based at CN, is a source of willing and competent assistance.

Ignacio Sierra Ltda. Bosque, Av. Pedro Velez, Can fabricate many useful rigging items for good prices.

Importing rigging can be arranged simply using (www.sailingservices.com) **Sailing Services (Florida USA)** delivered through a freight forwarder in Miami (see **Importing #43**). Should take no more than 2 weeks. Discuss best delivery options with Javier Hoyos (#43)

38. Computer Repair/Supplies

Centro UNO, Centro, Sector La Matuna, Av Venezuela Second floor. Full of computer stores. Try **COMPULAGO** (REP. LUIS speaks English) Tel: **(035 prefix if using cell phone)660 2294**. Good local technical support here

Felix Malo: Cel: **311 410 5647**. skype **Felbad** felbad@yahoo.com. Very capable and often at CN in the morning. Felix fixes hardware and software problems including wifi configuration issues. Speaks reasonable English.

Centro Commercial Getsemani. The area off of Calle Largo is flourishing with repair facilities. Fair prices.

COMPUCLINICA: Tel/Fax **664 1147** Cel: **316 816 6253**. Technician Javier speaks very good English..

39. Cleaning (see also General Hands)

CARPET CLEANING

Lavamos C.H. Manga, Av. Jimenez No.20-55, Tel: 660 4020, Sr. Cesar Herrera.

DRY CLEANING

LavoMatic: Manga, inside Carulla supermarket (also does regular laundry). Open 8 am – 8 pm, Mon-Sat.

Lava-seco: Manga, Calle Real No.21-23, **Tel: 660 6131**.

Costamatic: Centro, Av. Daniel Lemaitre, Cl 32 No.9-60, beside Banco del Estado (multistory building). **Tel: 664 6488**.

Lourdes Bermejo de Halley. Meticulous and thorough Yacht quality interior clean (see John at Club Nautico)

40. Charts

Escuela Naval Hydrographic Dept. CIOH, Manzanillo. **Tel: 669 4104**. They have a beautiful chart books (Colombian Charts) available at very reasonable prices. Charts are high quality.

41. Radio Nets and Weather

David Jones Weather: 0730 local time on 8104.0, 0800 local time on 12.365

George. 06.15 local 7241LSB switching to 7086 LSB at about 06.25 local.

BBC World News airs in the morning on 15.190 @0630 local time.

www.nws.noaa.gov/om/marine/swatlanticbrief.shtml This is the source of the above weather info.

42. Copies

There are many places to get copies made in Manga, Centro, and Bocagrande. The internet café at the Carulla supermarket in Manga makes copies of regular-sized documents. For special needs:

Ingenerio Y Deseno. Centro Commercial Getsemani. **Tel: 660 2473**. Upstairs at Calle Larga entrance. Excellent value and quality and only a short walk from CN. They can copy any size chart. Ask for Alvaro who speaks English.

Aurora: Centro, Calle de Colegio/Porvenir, next to the University law school.

43. Importing into Colombia

Normally orders for ‘Yate en transito’ **over 1000 US or 18kilos** weight will be held in Bogota awaiting custom clearance involving a paper trail involving your ship’s agent and roughly

150US in clearance/warehouse fees (**plus a 2 week wait**). An alternative to this tedious bureaucracy is to contact Javier Hoyos (see below) who can arrange delivery and clearance with a minimum of fuss at very competitive rates.

Javier Hoyos, Tel: **315 731 9614, 313 599 9636**, E-mail: roundservice@gmail.com Javier has made importing into Cartagena comparable to services available in Panama. Javier's office is at Club Nautico. Contact to receive mail and to import goods for yachts in transit. He speaks good English. Tell him exactly what you're planning to import (including dimensions) and whether insurance is required.

Follow his instructions to the letter.

Fedex is your clear choice for urgent deliveries, getting credit cards, etc. **The others don't measure up (yet).**

International Business Cargo (freight forwarder): 5151 NW 74th Ave., Miami, Fl. 33166.

Contact: Kathy Castillo (in Miami) e-mail: inbc@fdn.com Tel. **305-592-9602**.

Kathy comes well recommended by several cruisers: an efficient and responsive operation providing an economical delivery service (customs cleared). Shipping every Friday from Miami (3 days to Barranquilla). Prices and further info from Kathy (above).

For those staying long term in Cartagena the FLYBOX service operated through the national airline Avianca may be a good choice>

<https://www.flybox.co/>

Fedex is your clear choice for urgent deliveries, getting credit cards, etc.

44. Medical

A full range of medical facilities are available in Cartagena. Dental work is excellent value with the most up-to-date equipment; well trained dentists, many from the University of Cartagena with its national reputation as a center of excellence. Cosmetic surgery and skin cancer treatment are good, as is Lasik eye surgery, which corrects near and farsighted vision in an operation barely lasting 10 minutes and burning a surprisingly small hole in your pocket!

Pharmacies are everywhere and you will find most of your prescription needs available and reasonably priced. Prices vary considerably among the pharmacies, and even among branches of the same pharmacy. It pays to shop around. Many drugs that are prescription only in other countries can be purchased over-the-counter in Colombia. Most pharmacies have reference books to find a generic equivalent of name-brand drugs.

HOSPITALS & EMERGENCY

Before they will accept a patient **all hospitals require identification and some indication of financial means.**

Basic observation and minor injury treatment (including precautionary X-Rays) at a mid range clinic (Clinica Ami below) will cost roughly \$300US per day. In the case of Clinica Ami, a family or friend must stay with the patient (and assist doctors and nurses) until observation period is concluded. Costs for Hospital Bocagrande will be higher; **intensive care treatment can be multiple times higher.**

If patients (or their guardians) cannot show adequate financial means there is the risk of summary transfer to a poorly equipped public hospital. Keep your international insurance up to date or affiliate yourself with a local insurance provider (or reserve adequate funds to self-insure).

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Cartagena MD services. WWW. CGNAMD.COM (Informative website in English). Cel 305 297 2972 (also whatsapp). E-mail: contact@cgnamd.com. **24 hr on call doctor.** Will do house/boat calls. Perfect English. Well connected to medical community for referrals (recommended by Michelle (Philani))

Medihelp Services Colombia: Bocagrande, Cr.6 5-101 Tel: **(035 prefix if using cell phone)665 2538,665 2549**. Best equipped, if cost is no object

Hospital Naval: Bocagrande, emergency clinic. A military hospital open to general public.

Clinica AMI (Sala de Urgencias): Pie de la Popa, Cr 21 30, Calle de la Candelaria, Tel: **656 2854**,

666 2760.

Hospital Bocagrande: Bocagrande, Calle 5 & Cra. 6.

Clinica Urgencias: Manga, Av. Jimenez, **Tel: 660 4588.** 24 hr. emergency clinic.

Clinica de Fracturas: Manga, Calle 26 No. 15-73 across the street from Clinica Urgencias. **Tel: 660 5652, 660 6011.** Emergencies, x-rays, reconstructive surgery, lab.

GENERAL

Clinica AMI S.A., Urgencia: Pie de la Popa, Calle de la Candelaria. **Tel: 656 2854; 666 2760.**

Maria Auxiliadora: Clinica de la Mujer, Alcibia, Av. Pedro de Heredia, **Tel: 662 4954.** Women's clinic.

(These Clinics are all private: there are public hospitals but with limited facilities)

CARDIOVASCULAR

Clinica AMI S.A, Consultorio 207, Cartagena

Teléfonos (035 prefix if using cell phone) [6562007](tel:6562007) · [6580300](tel:6580300) · [6664111](tel:6664111)

Correo electrónico: uccltda@hotmail.com

CHIROPRACTOR

(Quiropraxis): ALSO Acupuncture, Homeopathy etc

SIMILIA. Dra Katya Velez Garces and Dr. Aristides Alfonso Saldarriaga. **Pie de La Popa (this barrio adjoins Manga),** Callejon Lequerica, Transversal N20 -96 **Tel. 660 1164**

Cel: 301 424 5011, 300 814 2949, 310 635 5722.

DERMATOLOGIST

Luis Miguel Covo Segrera: Bocagrande, Centro Medico, Calle 5 No. 6^a. **Tel: 665 0410. Cel: 312 6697144.** lumico@costa.net.co. Speaks English. Excellent references.

DENTIST

Dental Spa, Eduardo Covo Morales/Felipe Frieri: Bocagrande (Castillo Grande), Av. Pinango Calle 5A #6-108. **Tel: 665 2778 Cel: 303 535 7602** ffodontologo@yahoo.com. www.felipefrieri.com. Best to contact by e-mail, suggesting a time/date; he responds quickly. Speaks English. Felipe Frieri and his associate Eduardo Covo Morales are well recommended by many cruisers (2009).

Ramirez Acosto Ricardo (known as Dr. Ricardo): Centro Medico Los Ejecutivos (a good residencial area 15 mins taxi ride away), Consultorio 201. **Tel: 661 3455.** Speaks a little English only. A one-stop dentist: root canals and crowns a specialty. Very careful/methodical work, and great value. Great feedback.

Yesica Fajardos, Dental Plus: Manga, CrA 17 Av. Pastellilo. (next to Mimo's ice cream.). **E-Mail: yesicafajardos@yahoo.com Tel: 660 5366. Cel: 300 271 3358.** Great and convenient for routine dentistry and cleaning.

Alicia Najera Pereira Clinica Ami, Pie de Popa, **Tel: 666 3230, 660 5582.** Recommended by Manfred Alwardt (Marine agent Mundo Mar /Delfina Express) who can also be on hand to assist with translations to English and German.

ENDOCRINOLOGY (EDOCTRINOLOGIST)

Villalba Yabrudy Ladina: Centro Diagnostico Cardiologico, Castillo Grande Cl. 5 No.6-47. **Tel: 655 0515.** Some English.

EAR NOSE AND THROAT

Luis Fernando Padilla, MD: Centro Medico PRISMA Consultorio 501 **Tel: 665 6425.** Very well equipped, modern clinic. Very competent young doctor who speaks good English. Recommended by SV New Morning.

Faustino Espana Fernandez: Centro Medico Bocagrande, Calle 5 No. 6^a-19, Consultorio 504. **Tel: 665 4900.** Had the grace to recommend the above when his English was found wanting. For Spanish speakers well recommended.

GYNOCOLOGY (GINECOLOGIST)

Orlando Bustillo Jr. MD: Centro Medico Bocagrande, Unidad de Ginecologia y Obstetricia, Calle 5 No. 6^a-19 Consultorio 308. Reservations **665 7095**; **Cel: 315 734 0835**. www.gobustillo.com. He speaks English though his staff does not. Recommended by Patience, Akka, (2009).

Dr. Nestor Martinez Pizarro: Centro Medico Bocagrande, Ginecologo/Obstetra Consultorio 503. **Tel: 665 7369**. **E-mail: nemap152@yahoo.com** US trained.

Note for women and those who love them: There is a blood test for early detection of ovarian cancer called CA125. This is generally not available or ordered in the US because of possible false positive results. However, it is the only early warning test available, so. With the understanding that a positive result may be false and a re-test should be performed, you may want to take advantage of the ability to have this screening while in Cartagena.

OPTOMETRY

Dr. Alvaro Perez MD: Centro de Glaucoma. MANGA, 3rd Avenue No. 21-88 **Tel: 664-3011 6604531** Cel. 300-77979199 **E-mail: info@centrodeglaucoma.com**. He is an ophthalmologist and his wife Dr. Linda Fernanda Moreno, an optometrist. (I would highly recommend his services.' SV Will o the Wisp.)

Optika Reflejos: Centro, Calle Roman No 5-38. (Through the clock tower gate, it's the street on the far right of the big building of shops.) **Tel: 664 9634 , 664 0272**. **Dra. Gloria Amparo Diaz**, the owner, is charming and her exam was very thorough. Prices were 20 to 25% cheaper than Caribe Plaza Centro Comercial Bocagrande opticians.'Service was quick and all of the staff went out of their way to help, despite language differences'. Very good value.

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Jaime Valiente, MD: Centro Medico Comfenalco. **Cel: 310 367 6817**. Very good English, Excellent care (Suzanne, SV Trio).

Edgardo Rivera, MD: Clinica AMI , Pie de la Popa. **Tel: 656 2747**. Speaks very good English. Runs and attends med conferences in the US.

Clinica ASIMED: Manga, Av. Jimenez. **Tel: 660 9461**. Advisable to make an appointment before going. Some Spanish useful.

PLASTIC SURGERY

Dr. Pedro Camacho Lopez: Centro Medico Bocagrande, Consultorio 507. **Tel: 665 2318, 665 1363 ext 57** Spanish speaking only but works closely with CN favorite Dermatologist Dr Covo Segretero who speaks excellent English.

Luis Eduardo Bermudez: **Tel: 483 7165; 213 5125; 691 9021 (in Bogotá)**. **E mail: bermudez@cirustetic.com colombiaestetica@yahoo.es** Works with clinics in Bogotá and Cartagena. Highly recommended by Australians Ernie and Julie (SV Sovereign 2).

LASIK EYE SURGERY

Clinica Oftamologica de Cartagena: Pie de La Popa, Calle 30. **Tel: 656 0290; 656 0291**, **E-mail: clinoftaletgred.net.co**, Drs. Rolando Bechara & Carlos Alfonso. They are very experienced in Lasik eye surgery. Those thinking of eye surgery(at prices substantially less than the USA) should not overlook the internationally known centers of excellence in Bogota.

UROLOGY

UROHELP: Bocagrande Centro Urologico Integral Cr.6A N0.5-101. **Tel: 665 7565**. **E-mail: info@medihelpservices.com www.medihelpservices.com**. Dr Gabriel de Leon Manotas. Very well-equipped and efficient. Dr Gabriel speaks some English and has an effective interpreter.

Dr. Antonio Velilla: Centro Medico Bocagrande, Cr.6A N0.5. **Tel: 665 7290**.

PHYSICAL THERAPY

Jorge Vasquez Ramirez, MD Manga, 4 Callejon #26-56. **Cel: 315 727-6415; Tel: 656-3701**. Close to Club Nautico. Orthopedist, specializing in foot and heel problems, Sets broken bones, does physical therapy. Highly recommended, 2009. Spanish only.

Rehaz/Physical Therapy C. Mover: (near Castillo San Felipe) Pie del Cerro, Barrio El Espinal, Calle 30 No. 14-43. **Tel: 646 4664 656 0494**. Excellent 1 on 1 care. Complete P.T. center

with modern equipment. Spanish speaking only but usually there are English-speaking clients available to help out. Charges approx 30,000 pesos per session (\$15US) (info Suzanne, SV Trio.)

Dra. Liliana Bajaire: Centro Comercial Bocagrande.

Sra. Ericka Zabaleta (massage therapist): Manga, **Tel: 660 6592; 666 2509** (Casa).

LABS/TESTS

There are many labs from which to choose. Here are some suggestions:

Laboratorio Clinico: Centro Comercial, Getsemani, 2B-04 second floor. **Tel: 664 4546.** Dr. Javier Palacio Vargas speaks some English. All the usual tests: blood, urine, throat, cultures. Easy 10 minute walk. Results in 24 hours.

Escanografia Bocagrande Calle 5 #6-111 (across from the Centro Medico. **Tel: 665 7736; 665 3436. E-mail: escanobgde@telecom.com.co.** Dr. Arnold Puello Benedetti. Latest equipment for mammograms and sonograms. Little English spoken by reception staff, but very accommodating to foreigners, offering discounts (mammograms for 130,000 pesos in 2009.) No referral (prescription) is needed.

INNOCULATION

CENTRO Integral de Vacunacion: Edificio(building) Citibank, Piso (floor) 4. **Cel: 300 818 7100; 316 317 3629.** Offers all the major vaccinations.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

ORCA: Next to **C.Mover** (See above under Physical Therapy).

Note concerning prostitution:

AIDS continues to be a risk. Club Nautico has a policy against the use of our premises for soliciting and may prohibit the entry of certain persons plainly engaged in prostitution. We are strongly against (as is the law) the involvement of minors (less than 18 years old) in prostitution. Identification may be requested in certain cases; tact being of secondary consideration.

45. Veterinary Clinics

Note! Heartworm is alive and well in Colombia! Be sure your pet is treated monthly. Also, ticks are plentiful here. "Frontline", an effective topical flea and tick medication that is applied every six weeks or so, is readily available at vet clinics and pet stores.

Guau (woof in Spanish!). Manga Cl 24 A 20-23 , Avenida Jimenez. ((035) 6436149. Currently your top choice in Manga. Closest to the marinas.

Mascotas: Manga, Av. 4a #18, B 03. **Tel: 660 5026; 660 6344.** Dr. Santa Maria. Excellent clinic open 24 hrs. for emergencies with on-site lab and x-ray. Recommended by Verite,2009

46. Telephones.

Colombia Country Code: 57. Cartagena: 5

Sim cards and data packages can be purchased from local vendors but must be registered within 2 days. You might be better off taking the 15 minute walk to Caribe Plaza and obtaining your sim card from PanAmericana where it can be registered at the same time. Your Maritime agency should be happy to assist you on this. The restaurant MABARE (**MarinaBarRestaurant**) at Club Nautico has an open hotspot so enjoy a cold one while calling home.

To place calls to fixed line phones from a cell phone, dial 035 before the 7-digit number.

INTERNATIONAL CALLS FROM CELL PHONES. International calls:

Comcel: 00 444 (then country code and number)

TIGO: 00 414 (then country code and number)

Movistar: 00 9 (then country code and number)

47. Internet Cafes

Red Colombia: (close to Club de Pesca) Manga, Av. Jimenez Edif. Ana Teresa, Local 2. Diagonal to Davivienda. Machines with Linux and Windows. Scanner available. Open everyday. Tel. booths and photocopying. 2500 pesos an hour. Open every day.

Carulla supermarket (close to Club Nautico): still operates Internet booths

48. Post Office

On the road leading to the perimeter wall from **Plaza Telecom**. Don't use the post box outside; have your letters franked by the attendant inside. The office of **Summa Avianca** facing Citibank, Centro also handles Airmail. It ain't cheap! Airmail to and from Europe took 20 days each way in 2009.

49. Tourist Information

There is a tourist information booth just inside the Torre de Reloj gate to the Old City (Centro). The main tourist information office is in Plaza de la Aduana.

At the tourist information offices and at many hotels, you can get:

Donde: A free monthly magazine (in Spanish) with maps, and information about special events.

BACKGROUND READING ABOUT CARTAGENA

Cartagena de Indias, City of a Thousand Wonders A tourist guide that can be found in small shops selling tickets for boat rides and in racks at newspaper and magazine stands.

A Brief History of Cartagena, by Eduardo Lemaitre. The green copy is in English and **available from El Palacio del Inquisicion in Plaza Bolivar**. An excellent, readable short history of the city from its discovery through to colonization with its gold, pirates, independence, and days of the republic.

GUIDES

Many knowledgeable tour guides eagerly await your business. As “personality” factors into the success of a trip, be it a half-day city tour, eco tour, or emerald-buying spree. We feel it's best to advise you to ask others who “have done it”, who they used and how they fared. Be sure you clearly state your desires—what you have in mind, and settle on the price before leaving.

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

You can spend weeks exploring this fascinating city. While every church is worth exploring, make a point of visiting San Pedro Claver in Plaza de San Pedro Claver, and the Cathedral in Plaza Bolivar. Here are some of the historical highlights that should not be missed:

Museo Naval: Located in Plaza Santa Teresa, just behind Iglesia San Pedro Claver. **Iris** is an excellent English-speaking tour guide and can explain the many interesting displays. He is also available to give a walking history tour of the center.

Museo de Oro: Plaza Bolivar. Free admission. With more than just gold, the museum has interesting models of Indian communities and an historic overview of the Zenu society and their amazing flood control, gold and weaving. You can ask for an English overview of each of the 3 exhibit rooms. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Palacio de la Inquisición: Plaza Bolivar. Fascinating and gruesome.

Castillo San Felipe: The largest fort in the city, this makes for a great early morning walk. Beautiful view of the city. Seeing this on a “cruise ship day” should allow you to tag along and have a guided tour! Bring a flashlight—it's riddled with tunnels!

Museo de Arte Moderno: Plaza de San Pedro de Claver. Beautiful gift shop next door featuring fine quality Colombian craftwork.

Teatro Heredia: Check for special cultural events in a classical setting.

Centro de Convenciones: Modern event center.

El Convento de la Popa: For its history and panoramic view of the city, La Popa is a must! A taxi can take you up; the drive is breathtaking! Do not walk up or down from here – the barrio at the bottom of the hill is said to be very dangerous!

Casa de Marqués de Valdehoyos, Calle de la Factoria. Colonial aristocrats' house.

50. Spanish Lessons

Amaury Martelo: Has been teaching cruisers successfully for many years. Normally found mornings at Club Nautico. **Cel: 313 5263910. Home 662 8658** (prefix 035 if calling from a cell phone). Highly recommended by cruisers.

Oscar Quintana Cel: 300 846 9805 Recommended by SV Glide. History graduate. Good preparation.

Universidad Tecnológico de Bolívar: Manga, Calle del Bouquet Cra.21 No. 2-92. **Tel: 660 6041 Ext. 433 Fax. 660 4317. E-mail: everano@unitecnologica.edu.co**. Their base in Manga offers occasional intensive Spanish classes (summer school).

51. Haircuts, Manicures, Pedicures

Luz Guerrero Peluqueria Manga, Av. 26, just before you get to Laboratorio Aleman. **Tel: 660-5542; Cel: 311 400 3004**. No English, but Meybi gives good haircuts. Manicures, pedicures also available. (Used to be next to Danna's pizza.)

Gente Uno (Federico): Centro, Sector La Matuna. Centro Comercial Invercredito, Local #19. **Cel: 300 836 6338 Tel: 664 9160**. Fabulous, with a great personality but speaks almost no English.

Caribbean: Manga, Av. de la Asamblea No.27-71. **Tel: 650 0040 Cel: 300 801 8571**. Contact: Delcy (no English). Unisex, Facials, foot/hand spas, sauna, etc. 5 mins walk to spoil yourself,

Gladys Romero: Tel: 652 4581. A fine local woman who will come to your boat for manicures & pedicures. (Recommended by Lulu 2009).

Diego Moya: Bocagrande, Avenida San Martin 9-96. **Tel: 655 1518**. Haircuts, massages, manicures and more.

52. Swimming

Feeling land-locked in the marina? For you water-lovers, there are some options!

Bocagrande The beaches on Bocagrande are all free and open to the public. They are, however, often overrun by vendors offering foods, massages, cabanas, etc.

La Boquilla: You can spend a great day at the beach here too.

Hotel Charleston. Cruisers welcome to enjoy their fabulous rooftop pool—talk about a view! Also upscale. Show your appreciation by a purchase at the poolside bar or restaurant in exchange for the showers, lockers and towels.

Hilton Hotel Bocagrande. Looks out-dated, but has several beautiful swimming pools and a very nice section of private beach. \$12US buys you a day's access to their recreational facilities.

Hotel de Las Americas. 'Hotel to the soap opera stars'. Pool/day passes available for \$25 US per person.

Hotel Caribe: Bocagrande. Day passes or monthly passes (75,000 pesos) give access to the pool with swim lanes, lounge chairs, gym and showers. Great deal!

53. Hotels (5 star!) and Hostals (2/3 star)

Hint: Hotel tour offices are a good way to book a day trip or week-long getaway.

Hotel Caribe: Bocagrande, Tel: 665 0155; 665 1160. The "Grand Dame" of Cartagena's hotels, it has 40's charm with modern facilities. Unique grounds with caged animals and birds. Laned swimming pool.

Hotel Santa Clara: Centro, Plaza San Diego, Calle de Toro, Cr 8 #39-29. **Tel: (035 prefix if using cell phone) 650 4700; 664 8040**. Exquisitely restored convent with fabulous grounds and services. Don't miss at least seeing the bar with tombs down the stairs! If you need to ask the price....!!

Hotel Casa la Fe: Centro, Calle segunda de Badillo #36-125. **Tel: 6640306 www.casalafe.com**. High-end.boutique style, beautifully restored. Run by ex sailor Geoff and Carmen Chew

Really close to the marinas:

Hotel Puerto de Manga, cel 316 8303190 Small hotel opposite the Carulla supermarket (2 mins from CN) . Kitchen facilities and swimming pool (sv Philani 2018)

Hotel (Hostal) Casa de las Palmas: Getsemani, Callejon de las Palmas (40yds off Calle Larga,). **Tel: 6643630; 664 1765**. Family atmosphere. Nice ambience, Rooms incl AC, cable TV start at 125,000 pesos (\$65US) inc. b'fast.

54. Exercise Classes

There are a surprising number of opportunities to join an exercise class within walking distance to your marina! Call for times as they may change.

Walk the Wall! If you're an early riser you can make the perimeter of the entire old city before it gets too hot! Later in the day, wait until about 4pm. The walk from Manga around the wall and back is approximately 8 miles. The wall alone is 4 miles.

Yoga: Manga Centro Armonico de Desarrollo Humano, Callejon Santa Clara, Cra 19. 24-37. (A block from Club Nautico.) **Tel: 660 4827. E-mail: cadh44@hotmail.com.** Owner/instructor **Eduardo** teaches in Spanish with a smattering of English. Excellent manner and teaching style. Delivers the essence of yoga — nonjudgmental awareness, detachment, connection between the exterior and interior worlds. Also dance and martial arts classes, aromatherapy, acupuncture, Reiki treatments. MWF at 7 AM.

Aerobics: Aerobic class outside at the south end of the malecon, weekdays at 5AM.

Yoga and T'ai Chi Classes: Manga, 4 Callejon de Manga #27-82. **Tel: 660 0690.**

Bodytech Centro Deportivo: Caribe Plaza Mall. Very well-equipped and trendy exercise club.

Fitness Venture Gym: Bocagrande, Av. San Martin Centro Cial. El Pueblito, 2nd Floor. **Tel: 655 0792/ 665 5979.** (There is no sign so just go to 2nd floor). Very well-equipped, great atmosphere and instructors. Highly recommended by SV Bruja.

55. Theater & Movies

CineColombia: Caribe Plaza Mall. www.cinecaribe.com for showtimes and reservations. Multi-screen. Most U.S. films are in original language with Spanish sub-titles, except kids' movies which are dubbed. Wear a sweater – the a/c is fierce!

Teatro Heredia: Centro, Cl 323 Plaza de Aduana. Check the local newspaper, El Universal, for concerts, dance and ballet. This elegant theater is located in a lovely part of the old city. The shows are often very special and worthy of a stylish night out.

56. Night Life

In Cartagena, the night is young at 11PM, so if you partake of the night life, plan on staying up late! (And if you do, use good judgment and take a taxi back to the marina.) Bocagrande is the place to be for tourists' bars and discos. In Centro, the old city, you will find many off-beat places that cater to the large student population and the less packaged visitors!

Baluarte de San Francisco Centro, Plaza Santa Teresa with a beautiful view on top of the wall across from the Hotel Charleston. A great spot to enjoy an after dinner drink, live music and Spanish dancing.

La Tarzana: Centro, Plaza de los Coches. 100% Salsa Club.

Quiebra Canto, Café Galeria: Getsemani, Cra 8B25-110, Edificio Puerta del Sol. **Tel: (035 prefix if using cell phone) 664-1372.** Beside the old Teatro Cartagena facing the avenue between Parque Centenario and Muelle Pegasus. Typical salsa bar. Plenty of local color and a good mix of people. Nice view from the balcony.

La Havana: Getsemani, Calle Media Luna y Calle del Guerrero. www.cafehavanacartagena.com. Live music in typical Cuban ambience. Good & of course, expensive) mojitos. Dodgy neighbourhood – use taxis to and from.

Av. del Arsenal Playa: The street along the waterfront in Getsemani on the way to Centro has many clubs, bars, and eateries.

CoMarCa, Ltda. Centro, Plaza Santo Domingo No. 3-16. **Tel: 664 9960.** A fabulous collection of fascinating boat artifacts dating back to who-knows-when! A true treasure trove for the 'old salt' in you! Its owner Alvaro Sierra is a fascinating host.

57. Restaurants

Where to begin? With such a variety of restaurants in Cartagena—Chinese, French, Italian, Spanish, Middle Eastern and more, deciding to eat out poses a problem--“Which restaurant tonight?” Most

restaurants here charge a 15% tax and the standard tip (“propina”) is 10%. Many restaurants add the propina onto the bill – it’s your responsibility to check. And like restaurants in other Latin American countries, it is necessary to ask for ‘la cuenta’, the bill, in order for it to be brought to your table when you have finished your meal. Don’t plan on eating dinner much before 7PM as many restaurants don’t even open till then or later, and you’ll likely be the only occupied table at that time!

Small restaurants throughout town advertise ‘comida corriente’. This is typical Colombian fare, usually a complete meal including soup, rice, patacones (fried plantain) and meat, chicken or fish, for a very reasonable price-- \$3-4 US. Great for lunches! Following is a small sample of some favorites among cruisers and locals. Each ‘\$’ symbol represents approximately \$10 US per dinner. “Buen provecho!” (**And yes, you can drink the local water: it’s quite good & cheaper than the small bottles available.**)

- \$ **Narcobollo:** Avenida Jimenez 5 min walk from marina. **Mostly a lunch place.** Good variety of TYPICAL local food. **Name hides a fascinating history.**
www.narcobollo.com/narcobollo
- \$ **El Bistro** Centro, Calle de Ayos #4-46. Inexpensive, delicious food, great for lunch, gets busy. German owners. Several specials on the board, plus sometimes Indian specialties. Great soups. They also sell loaves of bread, mostly wheat. The onion bread is wonderful.
- \$ **Crepes and Waffles.** Two locations: Bocagrande, Calle 3 No. 4-76 and Caribe Plaza Mall. If you’re in the mood for a gourmet ice cream sundae, this is the place. But there’s also a huge selection of main course crepes, pitas, dessert crepes, blintzes, entrée salads. Cruisers’ favorite and extremely reasonable.
- \$ **Mi Dulce Café:** Bocagrande, Calle 6-A, Carrera 6 #3-2. **Tel: 665 2827 Sylvia.** Good food. Also a training center for women in distress. A day care for worker’ children is behind the restaurant.
- \$\$ **Mabare. Actaully the Club Nautico marina restaurant.** A haven away from the midday heat. Great Pepper and Sizzler steaks. Comfortable and with free open wifi internet.
- \$\$ **Mila.** Calle de Ayos (next to El Bistro) **Cel: 314-516-1246, 1247.** Serving sandwiches and dinner. A beautiful space with amazingly good desserts. Some breads.
- \$\$ **De Oliva:** Manga, Cra 17, No. 24-116. **660 6861. Cel: 310 601-0636**
deolivarestaurante@gmail.com . Quiet, air conditioned, great service, fine food with a mid-Eastern touch. The manager, Irene Dimitrio, speaks excellent English. Highly recommended by cruisers. Open for lunch and at 6pm for dinner.
- \$\$ **El Mar de Juan** Centro, Plaza San Diego, Calle del Torno, **Tel: 664 0004.** Good seafood restaurant with lovely ambiance and live music.
- \$\$\$ **La Cevicheria,** Calle Stuart, on the side of the Santa Clara Hotel. Amazing ceviche and other seafood. Try the Suprema de Supremas, shellfish in tomato sauce, served in a crab body or the Tostones Madre Teresa. No reservations. Cash only. Lunch or dinner.
- \$\$\$ **Quebracho** Centro, Calle Baloco 2, near Hotel Charleston, 664 1300, 664 1190 wonderful “Lechoncito,” roast baby suckling pig, good chicken dishes, osso buco. Great atmosphere.
- \$\$\$ **Café Santísimo.** Excellent. Wonderful ambience
- \$\$\$ **San Pedro** Plaza San Pedro. ‘Their Tiramisu was to die for’. Excellent TEL(035 prefix if using cell phone): 664 5121
- \$\$\$ **Quebracho** Centro, Calle Baloco 2, near Hotel Charleston, 664 1300, 664 1190 wonderful “Lechoncito,” roast baby suckling pig, good chicken dishes, osso buco. Great atmosphere. Ask for Rosita, who speaks excellent English.
- \$\$\$\$ **La Vitrola** Calle Baloco, Centro. Great ambience including occasional live music. Excellent. TEL 6648243
- \$\$\$\$ **Hotel Santa Clara** Centro, Plaza San Diego. A super Sunday brunch buffet starts at 11:30. Very good.

58. Shopping

There are simply too many fine stores to list in depth, and discovering them on your own is part of the fun. Following are some shops that have been recommended more than once by cruisers. **Buyer beware!** *When the cruise ships start rolling in (September, October....), prices around town start going up, up, up!*

LOCAL ARTS & CRAFTS

Artesanias Tradicionales Colombianas(ARTC): Centro, Calle Sta. Teresa, Casa Mapfre, Local 3
Tel: 6662541 Cel: 300 312 8101 e-mail marypz_2@latinmail.com. Mola bags, molas, cushion making etc (Mary).

Las Bovedas: Centro, in the wall at the waterfront. A huge “mall of stalls”, somewhat repetitive but there are some fine things to be had. Avoid cruise ship days. Store #13, **El Cacique**, is owned by **Luis Restrepo**, a very nice, helpful man who speaks very good English.

Fegali Joyeros: Centro, Calle San Juan de Dios, between the Hotel Charleston and San Pedro de Claver. Finer quality gifts and artifacts. Interesting inventory.

Art Gallery : Agua de Lluvia: Calle del Santisimo No. 8-19. Excellent & unusual high quality crafts, fabrics, pottery, woodwork.

Gallery del Cano: Centro, Plaza Bolivar next door to the Gold Museum. Finely crafted true Colombian crafts. Also beautiful copies of pre-Colombian jewelry. Higher prices. A smaller store is located in the Hotel Santa Clara.

Art Cartagena: Centro, Claustro de la Merced (beside the Teatro Heredia). **Cel: 315 718 9483; 315 557 6088.** E-Mail: normauparela@hotmail.com; www.artcartagena.com. Norma Uparela Brid. Select gallery showing some of Cartagena’s best creative talent.

Artesenias El Sinuano: Centro, Calle de la Iglesia #35-68. Wither and Milton Martinez. Excellent selection of older, better quality molas, both Panamanian and Colombian. Good people!

CIGARS

Cava del Puro, Centro, Calle de Las Damas no.3-106, Pasaje de la Candelaria Local 1-3, Tel 664 9482. Careful! What is being sold on the streets is NOT what you get! For real Cuban cigars, come here. Also try their Colombian cigars. Very good & reasonably priced.

CLOTHING

The street between the Charleston Hotel and Plaza Santo Domingo has a variety of fine women’s boutiques. You will find good clothing in all price ranges throughout the city.

COFFEE

Coffee Boutique Centro, Calle Estanco del Aguardiente (first left past the University of Cartagena heading NW). Something new and worth a try (friend of Sr. Jesus Hoyos, Club N’s photographer).

Juan Valdez Centro, Corner of Calle de la Universidad and Calle San Agustin. Great coffee, even iced and they serve (and sell) decaf as well. A bonus, next door is a Brian Zola ice cream shop.

Coffee And...Bocagrande, Pierino Gallo Shopping Center, Upstairs. Very special coffee even for Colombia!

****Remember, you’re in Colombia! Good coffee is not hard to find! And by the way, there really IS a Juan Valdez***

59. Emeralds

You won’t get far walking down the streets in Old Town without being approached by someone who has, by far, without question, the absolutely very best buy on emeralds! AND, he’ll probably promise you a “special price today!” The fact is, emeralds are a great buy in Cartagena. But you need to do some homework. Don’t rush, and enjoy the shopping experience.

Mr. Emerald: Between Plaza Santa Teresa and Plaza San Pedro. #3-99 Calle San Juan de Dios, Old Walled City (mundanely referred to as El Centro). **Tel:(035 prefix if using cell phone) 665-6781. Cel: 300 817 0606. E-mail: Leland@MisterEmerald.com.**

Owner Lee Miles (also a keen sailor on his passport 40 Garabato and local host for the OCC and SSCA) will take time to show you what to look for in an emerald with no obligation to buy. He has a large, high quality inventory and offers substantial discounts to cruisers.

Lucy's Jewelry & Emerald Store: Centro, Calle Santo Domingo & Calle de la Iglesia #3-77. **Tel: 660 0973. E-mail: lucysjewelry@hotmail.com, www.lucysjewelry.cartagenainfo.com** Lucy has an excellent reputation among cruisers for her warm personality, patience and business ethic as well as her ability to supply beautiful jewelry. **Ask for Lucy personally.**

60. Travel Agencies & Airlines

Mar y Mar: Centro, Calle de la Factoria #36-17. **Tel: 664 2964; 664 3843. Fax: 664-2964.** Nasli speaks English and has an excellent reputation for helpfulness.

La Tienda del Turismo: Bocagrande, Cra 3 No. 8-156. **Tel: 655 1919. Cel: 315 6829370 (Airport Tel: 666 3640 6666757) e-mail: info@latiendadelturismo.com.** Their rep Nalda del Rio Cantillo is highly recommended by SV Cyrano.

Calamari Tours: Bocagrande.Cl 5ª No. 4-10. **Tel: 665 0529; 665 2470; 665 6896. Cel: 315 731 4686.** Maria del Pilar speaks English.

FENIX Tours: Bocagrande, Cl 5a no 4-10, Centro Turistico del Caribe, Local 102. **Tel: 665 0529: 665 6896. Cel: 315 731 4684.** Maria del Pilar Daza Covo has always had an excellent reputation.

Avianca Airlines: Bocagrande, Cra. 3 No. 8-129. **Tel: 665 1950.**

Copa Airlines: Centro, Calle Castelbondo No. 2-107. **Tel: 664 8289.** If going to Panama look for good deals on **WINGO**.

61. Out-of-town

If you are planning to travel within Colombia, it is important to keep in mind that while security has greatly improved throughout much of the country, some journeys by road continue to present a risk! It may be safer to fly, and/or make arrangements with a tour operator!!!

Islas de Rosarios: If you don't want to sail to these beautiful islands yourself, boats are available for hire from the fishing dock just outside the clock tower, for day trips. A popular stop there is the Aquarium. There are several full service chalet facilities available to enjoy a 'crystal water' break. The **Santa Clara Hotel** (5 star) owns **Hotel San Pedro de Majagua**-- beach bungalows. Make travel arrangements and reservations at the Santa Clara Hotel in the city. Also check out **Isla Kalua** (near the Oceanario) for a special treat. **Cel: 311 635 2117. E-mail kaluaisland@yahoo.com.** Another great place for a weekend relax is the Island Cabaña hotel complex on **Isla Pirata** (the Eastern end of the Island group).

Horticultural Gardens: Turbaco. Day excursion a taxi ride away. Get together with the gang at Club Nautico and turn the visit into a party (and save).

National Aviary: www.aviarionacional.co/ Km 14.5, Vía Baru, Cartagena, Bolivar.

Santa Marta: The town is a 3 to 4 hour long bus ride away. Museums, beaches, restaurants. Gets you out of the hustle and bustle of Cartagena. Hike to the Lost City (5 days). Dockmaster John has details.

Villa Babilla Ecological tour, croc farm, ½ day trip, reported to be well worth the effort! Contact **Juan Carlos Lopez**, tour guide. **Tel: 663 9068, 663 9058.**

FURTHER AFIELD. Use Cartagena can be your base for exploring. So much to see!!

- *Many cruisers have compiled information for this guide over the years, with coordination and assistance from John Halley, dock master at Club Nautico. Feedback from cruisers is both welcome and needed to keep information current. Provide your input to John at Club Nautico, and help others in your wake enjoy their stay. Thank you, y bienvenidos a Cartagena.*

CRUISING THE COLOMBIAN COAST TO PANAMA

Report of meeting organized by Lee Miles (Mr. Emerald), and Doug and Linda (SV Que Linda). Some 40 cruisers were at Club Nautico for the meeting held January 2007.

VHF CHANNELS 16, 13, 11

The Port Captain's office and the Coast Guard are happy to see cruisers making intermediary stops at the Islas Rosarios, Islas San Bernado (Is. Tintipan), Punto San Bernado, Isla Fuerte and Zapsurro Bay (on the Colombian Panamanian border).

Between Cartagena and Panama there are Coast Guard Stations at Islas del Rosario, Coveñas (which covers both Islas San Bernardo and Isla Fuerte), and Turbo in the Gulf of Urabá (which covers Zapsurro Bay). There are significant gaps in the coverage of VHF along the coast, although the fixed stations are supplemented by Coast Guard units that are constantly on patrol.

The Coast Guard asks that you help them support you by:

1. Filing a VOLUNTARY float plan or itinerary with Port Captain's office.
2. Reporting your departure upon getting your anchor up in Cartagena.
3. Reporting any suspicious vessel or activity anywhere you see it.

1. File a VOLUNTARY float plan

(By e- mail when getting your zarpe)

Planned itinerary from Cartagena until leaving Colombian waters. Those boats leaving the Netherlands Antilles or elsewhere headed for Colombian waters may do so as well, e-mailing to the same address. Port Captain's Office e-mail: navescp05@dimar.mil.co.

Note: You can fill out the Spanish version of the format below and cut and paste it into a message to the Port Captain's Office.

FORMAT TO REPORT FLOAT PLAN (ITINERARY) TO PORT CAPTAIN'S OFFICE, CARTAGENA

E-mail To: cp05@dimar.mil.co

Subj: Reporte Itinerario de embarcación extranjera

Text:

PARA: EMBARCACIONES MENORES, CAPITANIA DE PUERTO, CARTAGENA
FORMATO REPORTE ITINERARIO DE EMBARCACION EXTRANJERA

ESTA ES LA EMBARCACION DE NOMBRE _____ (Name of Vessel)

DE BANDERA _____ (Country/Flag)

TIPO _____ (Velero (Sailboat), Motoryate (powerboat))

AGENCIA MARITIMA _____ (Ship's Agent in Colombia if known)

ITINERARIO _____
(tentative itinerary in Colombian waters, approximate dates)

PUERTO DE ORIGEN Y FECHA _____ (Port you are leaving from and ETD)

NOMBRE DEL CAPITAN _____ (Captain's name)

2. Procedure for reporting departure

Call "Guardacostas" on Channel 16/13/11

They will answer and ask you to change channel, normally to Channel 14 .

Indicate the name of your vessel, your current position, and which way you plan to exit the Bay of Cartagena (Boca Chica or Boca Grande)

FORMAT FOR REPORTING DEPARTURE/(arrival) TO COAST GUARD STATION, CARTAGENA)

Either call on VHF Channel 16,13,11 or e-mail to: cp05@dimar.mil.co

Subj: Reporte Salida (llegada) Embarcación Extranjera

Text:

FORMATO REPORTE ESTACION DE GUARDACOSTAS CARTAGENA

"ESTACION DE GUARDACOSTAS:"

ESTA ES LA EMBARCACION _____ (Name of Vessel)

DE BANDERA _____ (Country/Flag)

TIPO _____ (Sailboat(velero), powerboat(motoryate)

AGENCIA MARITIMA _____ (Ship's Agent in Colombia)

PUERTO DE DESTINO _____ (Final destination, including intermediary stops)_

PUERTO DE ORIGEN _____ (Port you are leaving from)

NOMBRE DEL CAPITAN _____ (Captain's name)

LA NAVE TIENE _____ (Number of crew members) TRIPULANTES

LUGAR DE ZARPE O ATRAQUE _____ (Place of departure, Fondeo del Baia interna (anchorage in Cartagena Bay), Muelle de ClubNautico/Club de Pesca etc)_

3. Reporting suspicious activity

Call at any time on VHF channels 16, 13, 11.

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There are significant gaps in the coverage of VHF along the coast, although the fixed stations are supplemented by Coast Guard units that are constantly on patrol.

You may send a confidential e-mail to <cp05@dimar.mil.co>. This address can be used for communications relevant to all locations along the Colombian Caribbean coast from Venezuela to Panama.

FORMAT TO REPORT SUSPICIOUS VESSELS

If you sight a suspicious vessel or for any other reason need to contact the Colombian Coast Guard anywhere along the Colombian coast:

Telephone: +57 (5) 655-0316

Satellite Phone: 881631710707

Mobile(cell phone) +57 315 702 0120 or +57 310 710 1668.

or e-mail cp05@dimar.mil.co

To: cp05@dimar.mil.co

Subj: Reporte de motonave sospechosa u otra anomalía (suspicious vessel or other anomaly)

Text:

REPORTE DE MOTONAVES SOSPECHOSAS A ESTACION DE GUARDACOSTAS
CARTAGENA

GUARDACOSTAS

ESTA ES LA EMBARCACION _____ (name of your vessel)

EN POSICION LATITUD _____ (degrees/minutes Lat.)

Y LONGITUD _____ (degrees/minutes Long.)

RUMBO _____ (your course in degrees)

VELOCIDAD _____ (your speed in knots)

SE A VISTA UNA EMBARCACION SOSPECHOSA ('I have seen a suspicious vessel')

TIPO _____ (description suspicious vessel: fishing boat (Nave pesquero, fiberglass skiff with outboard motor(s) (Lancha con Fuera Bordas, etc)

COLOR DEL CASCO _____ (hull color of suspicious vessel)

COLOR DE LA SUPER ESTRUCTURA _____ (superstructure color)

RUMBO _____ (its heading in degrees)

VELOCIDAD _____ (its speed)

POSICION LATITUD _____ (Position of vessel :Degrees, minutes Lat.)

Y LONGITUD _____ (Degrees, minutes Long.)

HORA EN QUE SE VIO LA EMBARCACION _____ (Time of sighting and time zone)

Get to know your immediate surroundings

Barrio's **MANGA, CENTRO, SAN DIEGO, LA MATUNA and GETSEMANI.**



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Official anchorages for recreational vessels.

The Port Captain has expressed his concern that many sailboats are anchoring well outside the designated anchorage area. Try to anchor within the designated areas or as close as possible to them. Be careful to allow frigates/cruise liners (plus tugs) manoeuvring room to moor alongside the dock immediately to our South East. Note that although designated an official anchorage 'Area de Fondeo No. 1' effectively is not so. The Coast Guard will ask you to move for security reasons (too near to military base).

Area de Fondeo (Anchorage) No. 1 (Bahia de Las Animas) (special anchorage area not always allowed)

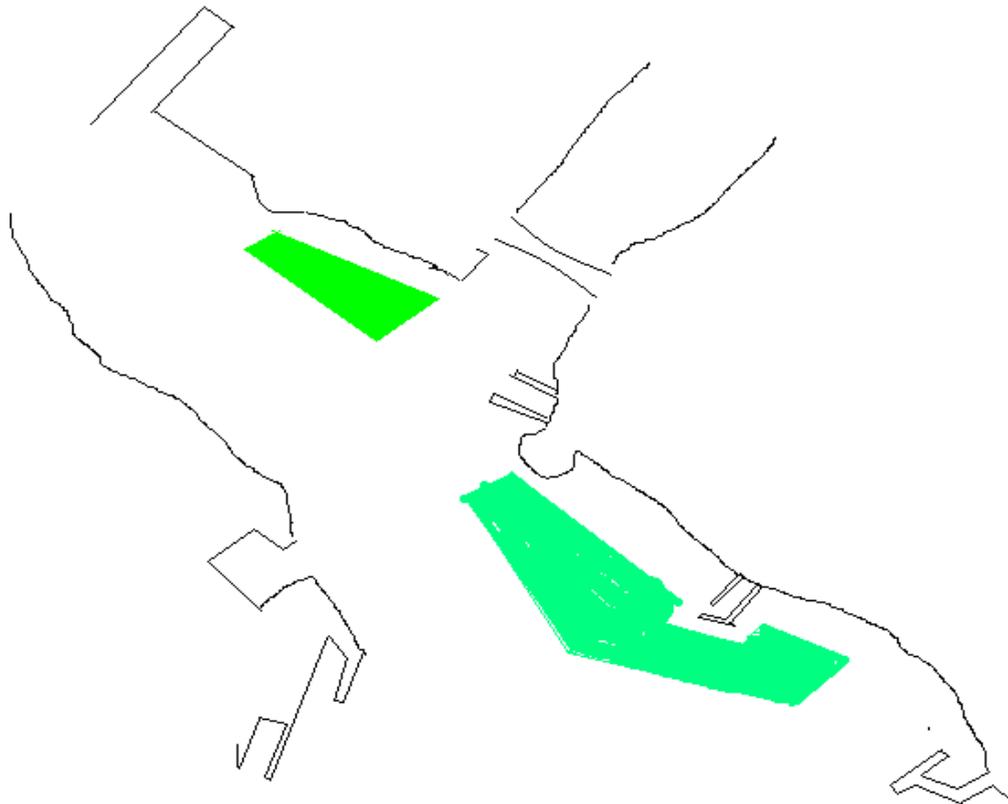
1. Lat: 10deg 25' 5.6'' N Long: 75deg 32' 52.5''W(approx)
2. Lat: 10deg 25' 4.6'' N Long: 75deg 32' 53.8''W
3. Lat: 10deg 25' 0.4'' N Long: 75deg 32' 44.7''W
4. Lat: 10deg 24' 58.3''N Long: 75deg 32' 47.5''W

Area de Fondeo(the main anchorage surrounding Club Nautico)No. 2 (marked out by following positions):

1. Lat: 10deg 24'49.7'' N Long: 75deg 32'' 41.0''W
2. Lat: 10deg 24'43.9'' N Long: 75deg 32' 34.9''W
3. Lat: 10deg 24' 39.8''N Long: 75deg 32' 26.7''W
4. Lat: 10deg 24' 38.0''N Long: 75deg 32' 28.0''W
5. Lat: 10deg 24' 41.2''N Long: 75deg 32' 37.1''W
6. Lat: 10deg 24' 48.6''N Long: 75deg 32' 42.4'' W

It is important to keep some distance from the 'Muelle Turistico' (also referred to as the Terminal Turistico) as this is occasionally used by visiting frigates where Tugs will need working room.

Keep well inside the Red Buoys marking the channel leading to the Bahia de Animas and the docks 'Muelle de Bodeguita' and 'Muelle de Pegasus'



Emergency Calls (Numeros de Urgencia):

The following are free (no charge) phone numbers (can use any type of phone)

Centro regulador de Urgencia.....	125
Policía Nacional.....	112
Firestation. (Bomberos).....	119
Traffic Police (Transito)	127

The following are fixed line phone numbers. To call a fixed line (7 digits beginning with # 6) from a local cell phone first dial the prefix **035**:

Ambulante (Servicio de Ambulancia AMI) (035) 665-3119, 665-3121

Coast Guard (Estación Guardacostas Cartagena) (035) 655-0315

Cell phone (international): +57 310 710-1668 OR +57 315 702 0120

CoastGuard Anti Narcotics info net (Red de Cooperantes) (035) 655 0316

Cel: +57 310 710 1668 146 – 152 (free)

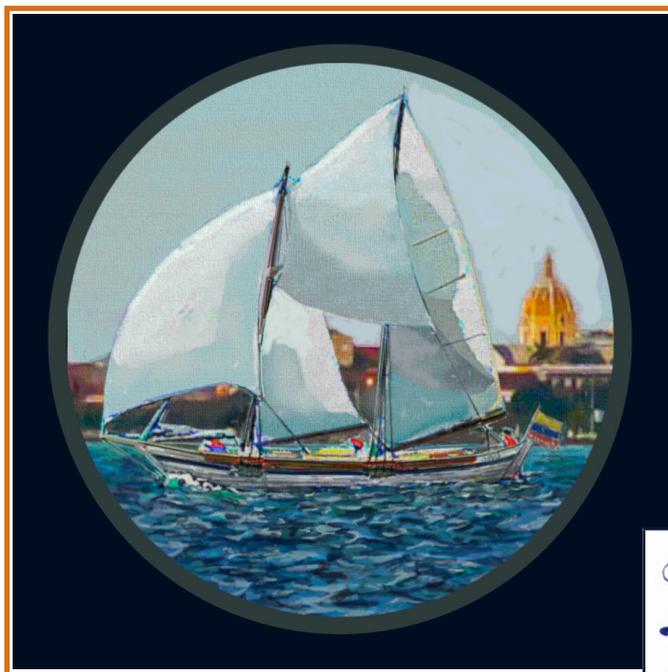
Other emergency numbers in case of suspicious activity within the Inner Bay of Cartagena: 655 0316 (prefix by 035 if using a cell phone) and cell No. 314 596 0131

Civilian coordinator in Cartagena: Lee Miles: E-mail:

Leland@MisterEmerald.com or www.MisterEmerald.com

Please help to keep this Guide up to date by sending a note to John at Club Nautico. It is almost entirely based on cruiser feedback

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