

## Anchorage East Malaysia, Sarawak and Sabah

A list of anchorages used by us during the Sail East Malaysia rally.

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<b>PENINSULAR MALAYSIA</b>				
Jasons Bay	1 54 .3	104 07.7	5 m Mud	Rolly keep out of fishing boat channel
Sibu Island East Bay	2 12.86	104 03.66	Sand and mud 4m	Saw a turtle...and jellies
Sibu Island South				Well sheltered except from north but we could not find sand to anchor
Pulau Besar East				Looks good anch near new pier on sand
Pulau Babi Besar	2 28.742	103 57.25		Good anch but became roly with south 18kts
Pulau Raja	2 41.99	103 53.98	Sand 12 m	Close to odd shaped islet. Good snorkelling. Well protected from south
Pulau Tioman East	2 49.33	104 09.51	Sand 8m	Good holding but roly with west wind. Land at marina.. may get berth, first come first served! Good snorkelling off islet 1 mile south
Pulau Tioman West				Reported good anch in pretty bay with restaurant
Pulau Tulai	2 54.80	104 06.09	Sand patch in 16m shoaling quickly to coral lump in 7m	Horribly roly for 2 hours in westerly. Tar blobs in water spoilt otherwise pretty bay
Roadstead at Kuala Pahang	3 32.14	103 27.97	Sand and mud 4 m	Sheltered from south by new breakwater....but became very roly overnight. Entrance to river has clear red and green buoys at entrance so probably better to enter river?
Chukai River	4 14.254	102 25.72	4m Mud	Good holding and pleasant town with all services to hand
Kapas Island	5 13.73	103 15.73	5m Sand	Perfect anchorage, beautiful islands good bar on southern one, turtle sanctuary on north one
Terengganu				Marina or anchor close east of it. Easy entrance through new breakwaters. Strong tides. Dinghy ride to excellent town with all services. Marina can arrange fuel, gas, laundry etc. Good pool!
Redang East Bay	5 46.11	103 02.15	Sand 9m	Noisy with launches and disco, reasonable shelter
Redang North Bay	5 47.25	103 03.62	Sand 8m	Posh hotel , good snorkelling off east shore, swelly with wind in north.
Others Redang				Reportedly other good anchs off east and south coast
Pulau Bidung	5 36.47	103 03.62	Sand 12m	Interesting mem. to Vietnamese boat people ashore and some wrecks in bay by new jetty. Goodish snorkelling with turtle in bay.
<b>SARAWAK</b>				
Santabong River	1 42.91	110 19.39	Mud 8m	Suspect holding, foul near biggest jetty, crocs and dolphin in river. Useful village ashore..land at fish farm or village creek. Buses to Kuching

Pulau Lakei	1 44.86	110 30.03	Rock	Pleasant anch but poor holding where we were
Miri Marina				Good marina , rotten showers etc. Helpful office, friendly town a bike ride away. Cheap bike hire in town
Pulau Keramam	5 13.095	115 08.73	Sand 5m	Excellent holding behind sand spit but annoying roll with swell hooking around end
Pulau Labuan	5 16.35	115 14.9	Mud	Anchored east of dead marina and west of oil jetty. Good holding 11 m. Hailed water taxi to ferry terminal pier 5 RM. Duty free easy to get as close to water taxi at ferry term. We entered properly but no need if not stopping and as it is a separate state you have to do all again at KK.
<b>SABAH</b>				
Pulau Tiga	5 43.66	115 39.81	Muddy sand	Excellent holding in 4 m and good shelter from south. Watch for reef close E of this position. In s wind anchor off resort to N of island between pier and buoyed area
Suteri Marina, KK	5 58.02	116 03.37		High class resort with helpful marina RM2 /ft /day. May be full but we were allowed to Med moor. Shuttle bus to town. Hr master's office is 30minutes away so we cleared in at Kudat instead ..just do not tell them you stopped at KK
Pulau Gaya	6 00.76	116 03.32	Mud 21m	Access by marked channel close to town...direction of buoyage changes. Much better anch. than off marina which very exposed to S swell.Did not land but there is reported to be a ferry to KK from resort.
Kudat				Small free marina with no water (except shore standpipe) or elec. If no space in marina can bow anchor and stern to sloping wall. 20min walk to town
Pulau Bangi	7 10.46	117 00.67	Mud 11m	Pestered by 1 boatload begging children
Pulau Mandidarch	6 56.086	117 20.05	Sand and mud 14m	4 boats dragged when here in a violent 50 knot westerly squall, one ending up on the reef, floated again in the morning. Perfect when we were there.
Pulau Lankagan			Mooring in 22m	Resort island . We were unable to land as wind came up strongly over night. Conservation charge and other fees apparently. Crystal clear water..reefs look good. Island is a charted slightly out on C Map ...slightly too far west
Pulau Silingaan	6 10 29	118.03.675	14m sand?	Beach covered in turtle tracks. Good holding in 30+ squall. Park office ashore with big turtle hatchery. Apparently not supposed to land without permit only available in KK! Allowed us to anchor but requested out of the water by 5.30 and no lights showing at night
Sandakan YC	5 50.3	118 .307	12m mud and rubbish. Navy will dive for free for fouled anchors!	Dragged in 45 knot winds and anchor retrieved with car tyre and assorted plastic bags and sheets. Much fishing boat and other small craft traffic. Reputation for theft but no boats had a

				problem. Good services in town a short walk away. Yacht club charges membership 50 RM and 10 per day...but worth it.
Kinabatangan River	Northern entrance on 2.3 m tide had minimum depth of 3m. Most recent C map was reasonably accurate. We used these waypoints.... 5 53.7 118 15.7 5 50.5 118 19.0 5 48.9 118 20.2 5 47.6 118 20.4 Keep left! 5 46.8 118 20.1 River is easy to navigate as far as Sukau where low wires (16m ?) stop most boats . Anchorage can be had anywhere on heavy mud. These are those we used. There was no commercial traffic only resort launches and local small craft. We rented local guide for river trip upstream. Most resorts cannot feed you as they bring in food with tourists. A few groceries in Sukau and Thursday market.			
River anchorages	5 40	118 23		Kg Abai
	Near river cliff just below ferry			Kg Sukau
	5 33.2	118 20.2		Off attractive creek
	5 40.2	118 23.3		Off another attractice creek leading to large ox bow lake with much wildlife, including orangutan we missed again!
	5 42.4	118 24.6		River anchorage
Dewhurst Bay	5 37.01	118 35.36	Mud 4m	Good anch. Easy entrance but avoid spit on nw side of entrance, otherwise easy. C map good
Evans Island	5 24.05	118 55.34	Mud 6m	Peaceful and breezy. C map accurate for entrance.
Dent Haven	5 14.975	119 15.7	Mud 5m	Became very roly with swell hooking round headland
Tungu Lighthouse	5 00.87	118 53.41	Mud	Excellent holding in onshore 45 knot squall, otherwise not a recommended anch...too exposed
Pulau Gaya	4 35.73	118 43.44	Sand 5m	Most of atoll too deep. This shelf good holding but a bit roly to swell from S. Clear water with rubbish. Colourful reef, friendly begging from obviously needy locals.
Semporna	4 28.658	118 39.185	Mud 13m	Good holding, rough and ready town, landing up creek, security questionable ??
Semporna Navy base Kuli Babang	4 25.121	118 35.464	Mud 5m	Calm, well protected . Navy rib came around and wanted to know numbers on board. Restricted area but allowed to stay.
Semporna Tagassan Bay	4 21.81	118.33.46	Mud 5m	Less protected than above but better for waiting for tide through Semporna channel. Ebbs south west.
Pulau Silungun	4 19	118 27		Did not anchor due to masses of floats and rain squall but potentially could in better conditions
Horn Reef passage	4 15.2	118 25.3		Did not anchor ...20m but could do and well protected by reef gfor most of tide.
Horn reef	4 16.032	118 28.47	Sand 12m	Near beacon, poor snorkelling
Marbul	4 14.710 4 15.0	118 38.34 118.38.15	Sand 8m Sand 19m	Moved closer to dive rig, so we could eat there. They will pick up and return for ok 60 rm buffet Best snorkelling on far side of island. Horrible contrast ashore between posh dive resorts and very poor village. Beggars afloat and ashore.

Roach reef	4 10.984	118.381	Sand 9m	Small island reclaimed from sand with buildings but mostly abandoned except for 2 fishermen sleeping. Good holding sheltered from sw but a little bumpy when we were there in northerly. Good snorkelling on opposite side of island,
Tawau	4 14.95	117 52.52	Mud 5m	Similar to Sandakan but better shelter and less wash from local boats. Excellent yacht club with pool, cheap beer and good food. Town 10 min walk for all services, immigration, customs, harbour master and Indo consulate by taxi for visa. Fuel easily available by taxi or reportedly a fuel barge.