

SEA TOPAZ – ANCHORAGE NOTES SULAWESI, INDONESIA (2012)

AREA	ANCHORAGE	POSITION	DEPTH/HOLDING	NOTES
BORNEO				
Pulau Bungyu	Pulau Bungyu	03deg 35.067'N 117deg 47.264'E	Good holding, firm mud 8 metres, firm bite	Anchored on north/east side of island after sail from Tawau. Some very long fishing platforms on the way. Coal mines ashore and many coal barges; either on the move or anchored.
Anchorage for Tarakan	Tarakan	03deg 17.758'N 117deg 34.436'E	Good holding, mud 9 metres	Dewi and Rory our local contacts arranged for check-in; this took two days. This area is very busy with small boats off Kampung Ajar; there is a strong current. Maxsea and Navionics not accurate. It is very hard to take dinghy ashore; we used a local longboat.
East coast of Borneo	KG Kurung Tigau	02 deg 27.151'N 117deg 58.500'E	Good holding, mud 7 metres	We sailed in deep water most of the way. A large bay with many big FAD's (Fish Attraction Device). No sign of life.
East coast of Borneo	Pulau Derawan	02deg 17.555'N 118deg 14.745'E	Reasonable holding loose coral, 15 metres	We tried the south side of the island first, but it was on a lee shore. The anchor held during two electrical storms during the night 25 kts.
SULAWESI				
North coast of Sulawesi	Teluk Belonligum	01deg19.095'N 120deg 55.428'E	Good holding soft mud, 11 metres	We tried to anchor off the village first, but that did not give much swinging room in between reefs. We explored the lagoon; found 28-50 m, ended up right into the top end. Both Maxsea and Navionics were out by 0.5 m in NS and EW directions.
North coast of Sulawesi	Manado	01deg 29.259'N 124deg 49.992'E	Reasonable holding mud/sand 20 meters	Not an ideal anchorage with predominantly onshore winds. We went ashore in the small harbour "The Marina" and tied the dinghy up at the back of a large commercial catamaran. Lucky is the self appointed yacht service man. He helped us to check in, arranged diesel, water, laundry, rubbish and a tour to Minahasa. Good supermarkets and restaurants ashore. The anchor held with 30 kts of wind one night.
North coast of Sulawesi	Kima Bajo	01deg 36.188'N 124deg 52.037'E	Soft mud, reasonable holding 20 meters	Large bay, we went in as far as we dared and anchored between the two resort jetties. We had a good meal at "Cocodame Resort". Mosque very loud.
North coast of Sulawesi	Petimati Bay	01deg 40.902'N 125deg 09.374'E	Good holding sand, 15 metres	Big bay with a Resort onshore, nice beach and snorkelling. Off shore wind
East Sulawesi coast	Bentanan Bay	00deg 59.803'N 124deg 53.834'E	Good holding, probably sand, 15 metres	We arrived after dark. Big bay with fishing boats showing lights.
East Sulawesi coast	Jiko Buhe-taya	00deg 37.586'N 124deg 32.955'E	Excellent holding, sand, 18 metres	Village of Molobog. Friendly, curious locals came to visit us.
East Sulawesi coast, Gulf of Tomini	Gorontalo	00deg 30.597'N 123deg 03.714'E	Poor holding, soft mud 17 meters	Very difficult anchorage; many small fishing boats, mud banks with very little water over them, not easy to go ashore and tie up a dinghy. Difficult to get diesel. Not recommended; Wakai or Ampana better.
Togean Islands	Pulau Waleabahi, Kanari Bay	00deg 14.262'S 122deg 15.857'E	Excellent holding, sand mud, 13 metres	Large bay with many fringing reefs, but clear water. Few local huts ashore, very few friendly people. Good. snorkelling. Well protected. Lovely remote bay.

Togean Islands	Wakai	00deg 24.673'S 121deg 52.232'E	Good holding, mud, 14 meters.	Position was passed the ferry terminal. Wakai offers some provisioning. Anwar and Ellie, our local contacts arranged diesel and water. No ATM or restaurants. Unreliable mobile phone signal; the only one in the Togean Islands. Plenty of curious children in dugout canoes. Friendly town.
Togean Islands	Pulau Pangembang	00deg 19.283'S 121deg 56.891'E	Excellent holding on sand in 7-10 meters	Anchored in the channel between Pulau Pangembang and the village of Katupat. Beautiful clear water with good snorkelling. Small locally run resort who welcomed us. Hired a local boat to visit no 1 reef (amazing snorkelling), Karina Beach and Jelly fish Lake, Bajo village on Pulau Taolek.
Togean Islands	Atoll reef	00deg 25.275'S 121deg 41.063'E	Small sand patches amongst coral heads, poor holding in 11-20 meters	We had been told that it was possible to anchor there. We tried several times, but could not get a bite and time was running out to find an alternative anchorage.
Togean Islands	Siatu	00deg 28.921'S 121deg 41.044'E	Sand, excellent holding, 10 metres	Large shallow bay, Bajo village nearby; a fisherman came to sell us very small lobsters
Togean Islands	Bomba	00deg 32.171'S 121deg 39.373'E	Sand with coral patches, good holding, 5-9 metres	Anchored between Island Retreat Resort (American run) and Poyalisa Resort (locally run). Diving on reef of Pualu Taupau with the dive master of IRR (amazing), supper at both; PR was more fun. With great care it is possible to anchor off Bomba village and in lagoon opposite Poyalisa.
Banggai Islands, East Sulawesi	Banggai Town	01deg 35.951'S 123deg 29.638'E	Sand good holding dropped in 26 metres sat back towards shore in 11 meters	We anchored away from the town, near fishing boats. Dirty busy town, very difficult to find a place to go ashore and tie dinghy up. Many small boats. Jemi and Alex our contacts arranged diesel and water. ATM's and local market. We visited a local high school.
Banggai Islands, East Sulawesi	Pulau Sidoela	01deg 53.630'S 123deg 10.925 E	Sand and coral reasonable holding in 18 meters	Beautiful clear water, good snorkelling and lovely beach with tiger cowries. Suhardin, a local guesthouse owner, who we had met in Banggai Town came to visit us. He claimed we were the first yacht in these waters
Banggai Islands, East Sulawesi	Pulau Bundu	01deg 55.376'S 123deg 08.930'E	Coral and sand, good holding in 15 meters	Large, well protected bay with the fringing reefs well marked. Snorkelling not great, on the island many dead palm trees and waste land. Tiger cowries on the beach. Fishermen blasting the reef late afternoon.
Banggai Islands, East Sulawesi	Pulau Togong Bojoko	02deg 07.090'S 123deg 37.813'E	Sand with dark patches of coral/weed 5 meters	Anchored about 1 mile off shore. Islands mainly mangroves. Small beach, no reefs for snorkelling. Lovely swimming in clear water.
East Sulawesi, Buton Channel	Pulau Labuan Blanda	04deg 26.267'S 122deg 56.297'E	Sand with good holding in 20 metres	We anchored behind the reef near two fishing boats
East Sulawesi, Buton Channel	Labuan Lebutan	04deg 56.072'S 122deg 47.686'E	Sand good holding in 14 metres	Small island with a large reef. Local man who collects sand from the island came to ask for 10.000 rupiah (US\$ 1) for anchoring.
South Sulawesi	Baubau	05deg 27.147'S 122deg 36.352'E	Sand, good holding, 14 metres	Anchored off KFC in town amongst big local boats; they don't leave much swinging room! Hard to go ashore and tie up dinghy with many small outrigger boats. Mukmum, from the local tourist office was our contact, we got water, but no diesel. Good local market, but not much else.
South Sulawesi	Tanah Biru	05deg 32.098'S 120deg 21.504'E	Sand, excellent holding in 12 meters	Large bay with a sloping sand bottom. Traditional wooden boat building on the beach

South Sulawesi	Teluk Laikang	05deg 36.570'S 119deg 32.728'E	Sand, very good holding in 8 metres	Large new power station and large areas of floating lines with small plastic bottles for seaweed farming. We were visited late at night by armed police; they were friendly. We were in a restricted area.
South Sulawesi	Makassa, behind Pulau Lae-Lae Besarr	05deg 08.129'S 119deg 23.667'E	Good holding, sand in 8 metres	Arief, our contact arranged for checking in and visa extension as well as diesel, water, laundry rubbish and Sempo, who looked after our boat while we went by bus to Tana Toraja for four days. He was also our water taxi. Makassar is a big city and offers everything you might need.