

NW Indonesian Anchorages – by SY Gryphon 2 – January 2014

Location	Lat	Long	Holding	Comments
1 Pulau Bunyu	3 34.6	117 46.4	Good 6m mud	Coal mining island ...keep away from dusty terminals and barges Some people anchored to east of island with no problem but less shelter
2 Tarakan	3 17.96	117 34.38	Good 8m mud	Land at blue roof building. We cleared in with rally but variable ease if DIY...3 days to 3 hours! All services in town. Lots of wash from small ferries etc
3 Tanjung Sepikat	2 38.52	117 48.73	Good mud 6m	Flat calm when we were there but exposed to east. Many fish traps to south.
4 Derawan				Mooring buoys laid for 2013 rally of varying quality. Some broke and some dragged All have 2 ropes with swivel below buoy...ideal for catching a keel. Some too close together. Can anchor in 12 m ? to se of moorings. Entrance easy...follow n reef around. Lovely affluent village. Don't miss the trip to the jellyfish island Kakaban or swimming with mantas!
5 Maratua	2 14.81	118 37.71	Sand 9 m	Entrance is easy with good light but beware strong currents reportedly upto 6 knots. Start at 02.15.435N 118.38.660E and enter sw keeping obvious reef to port and curve around to anchorage. Plenty of room to anchor. HW +1.5 on Tg Birai
6 Tolitoli	1 02.90	120 48.35	Mud 6m	Beware of shoal area just to n of this. Land at blue roofed stage to n. Contact Hendra at tourist office for all services. Delightful town with no tourists... be prepared to have your photo taken.
7 Tanjung Pinjang	1 02.49	120 44.56	Mud 8m	
8 Palaleh	1 02.98	121 57.79	Sand 15m	Maybe better slightly ne behind island. ...less swell. Friendly curious villagers. Dramatic scenery, goodish snorkel
9 Tudi	0 54.78	123 23.74	13m Sandy mud	Excellent shelter.easy entrance but watch out for reef to north
10 Nunuka	0 52.56	122 43.05	Mud 20m	Watch out for reef to each side of this spot. Reasonable shelter. Possibly better further in if you have good light. Given fish by curious returning fishermen
11 Bolaanguki	0 50.82	123 56.83	Soft mud 18m	Excellent shelter in perfect setting. Friendly village with a few basic shops.
12 Menado	1 29.24	124 49.96	Sand? 18m	Very little water suitable for anchoring. You need to be unpleasantly close to sea defence rocks. Very swelly on occasion. Good holding but altogether a rotten anch...but 3 supermarkets close by and Lucky will help get diesel, arrange tours etc
13 Korakora	1 43.47	124 58.77	Mud 15m	Opposite to Menado. No swell at first but big thunderstorm sent swell in, plenty of space but no habitation
14 Bitung	1 27.47	124 13.795	Sand 15m	Strong tide through channel. Ebbs ne ? Can also anchor off town itself.

15 Banteran	0 59.018 N	124 54.624	Sand and coral patches 12m	Maybe better across in corner of bay but we tried with limited success to get out of swell. Strong adverse SW winds appear to drop overnight
16 Jiko Bulantaya	0 37.59N	124 32.89	Sandy mud 15m	Excellent anch in sw monsoon. Very friendly village with diesel in small amounts (We got 40 l with no problem and much cheaper than at Menado)
17 Kanari Bay	0 14.25S	122 15.85	8m Sand	Good holding in well protected bay with reefs all round. Visited by a curious fisherman. Possibly fresh water ashore from stream. Tiny village.
TOGIAN ISLANDS	We found that applying an offset to our C Map charts of 290T by about ½ mile made the charts surprisingly accurate			
18 Pulau Palembang	0 19.28	121 56.81 E	10m Sand	Excellent holding in channel between island and village. Owner of resort on island very welcoming to yachts. Village easily got 100 l diesel . Some basic shops but market only once a week.
19 Wakei	0 24.89S	121 52.62	15m Mud	Good holding near mangroves. Diesel in town but beware getting ripped off by tout ..easy to find shops yourself! Market with fresh veg.,fish and very fresh meat. (A cow slaughtered and butchered while you waited!)
20 Channel inside Pulau Bobaku	0 25.13 S	121 47.58	20m sand?	Good shelter except from n.w. No village reasonable snorkelling
21 Channel inside Poyalisa Resort	0 32.01S	121 39.63	15m sand	Excellent holding , pleasant anchorage friendly resort.
22 Selat Batudaka	This is the channel through the islands starting at Wakai. It is very straightforward with 10m throughout. There would be numerous attractive places to anchor including off a large village. The channel is obvious but has marks with red and white discs to indicate which side to go where there are reefs close to the channel.			
23 Telok Layang	0 24.46	121 06.39	15 m rock and sand	Suspect holding but delightful bay with no sign of life at all. Reefy but easy to see with good light. Good shelter. Reef badly damaged
24 Pulau Dondola	0 25.317	122 37.538	18m Sand patches in coral	Good lunchtime stop for snorkel in clear water. Good coral OK fish. Not really a night time stop
25 Bangai	1 34.757S	123 29.11	Sand	Comes up very quickly. Anchored in 15 m dropped back into 6m.Easy to get diesel at garage up dirty river just to n.e. of anch below broken bridge. Market there too but we did not stop.
26 Pula Sidoela	1 53.643	123 10.875	Sand 15m	Pretty island with OK reef. Max came out to visit us and we had sundowners with him and his family on the beach, who are the only residents. Shelter from s and e
27 Labuantobelo Buton Channel	4 26.211	122 56.408	Sand 14m	Good anch behind island. Water is a bit murky but reef is visible with good light . Big offset.
28 Pulau Panjang	5 15.98S	122 41.702	Sand and old coral	Open to anything west but breezy and quiet. Possibly more protected anchorages around the corner but there are many seaweed farms.

29 Baubau	5 27.129	122 36.439	Sand and broken coral 12m	Took 2 goes to get a bite but then holding good. Shelter all round but long fetch to N could make landing interesting. Mukmin our contact was able to get diesel from the fish dock 1 km to west. Also arranged car and was a great host for 2 days. Email mrmkm_37@yahoo.com 081245872001
30 Teluk Laikaing	5 36.32S	119 32.18	Sandy mud 10m	Watch out for seaweed farms everywhere. Anchor clear of coal barge access to power station. Bought fish from locals returning early am.
31 Makassar	5 08.14S	119 23.66	Mud 10m Good holding	Anchorage in lee of Pulau Lae Lae.

We used Sempo 082188970829, the local boatman, who is reliable and speaks some English but a bit expensive at 60,000 a round trip. Possible to anchor close to large hotel but still probably best to use a water taxi as landing is congested. Arief 081243334760 is local Mr Fixit and he has all the contacts but has rotten time keeping and his English is difficult to understand. Tour guide Rusli 081241658880 is maybe better as he has English learnt from the BBC World Service , but will not know the offices so well. His tour to Tana Toraja is a must and Sempo will sleep on board and mind the boat for 200,000 a day. Immigration is out of town for Visa extension but harbour master and customs are close by in port...but we did not bother visiting as our last clearance was for Batam. Sempo will get fuel and Arief was able to get a gas bottle filled... a rare event. All services but city is too big for easy shopping except in Malls.

32 East Belitung	S2 50.94	E108 18.12	Sand 4 m	Better than expected in NW winds. Offshore reefs give some protection from swell... but see below
33 Sungai Manggar	Entrance close to above		Mud 5 m	We entered the river at top of 2.2m tide and had a minimum total depth of 2.2 over the bar. Enter between rock groynes possibly favouring n side. Plenty of room inside to anchor. Land at large motor yacht, belongs to the regent. Frans at local tourist office on +6281368338977 very helpful and can arrange fuel. Good market etc close by.

Lingga and Riau Islands

34 Pulau Keran	S2 33.43	E 107 59.56	Hard sand 6m	Good anch behind island....a little swell entered but with good light could get closer in. Beware reef just to s.e. of this position.
35. Pulau Sunsa	S00 18.74	E 104 59.26	Coral rubble and sand	Anchor behind island . The fishing boats will be in the best spots resting during the day. The current runs fast through the gap. Do not anchor too close to N tip of island as the reef comes out a long way...we had to move and fouled our anchor too.
36. Pulau Penoh	S00 04.48	E104 51.07	Mud 6m	Lovely anch off stilt village with good protection. Could anchor anywhere in lagoon as no obvious bommies
37. Pulau Setemu	N 00 13.667	E 104 29.08	Mud 8m	Perfect quiet and seclusion, excellent shelter.
38. Pulau Benan	N 00 28.07	E 104 26.88	Mud 10m	Poor village with OK restaurant on the pier. Some basic shops.
39. Pulau Abang Besar	N 0 33.27	E 104 12.23	Mud 6m	Large bay open to south. Possibly alternatives through channel between Abang Kecil and Abang Besar
40 Pulau	N 01 00.06	E 104 47.00	Moorings	Private island.. no landing but no objection to

Pangil Kecil				using the moorings apparently
41 Pulau Mopor	N00 55.14	E 104 42.9	Sand 4m	Enter from nw inside outer reef which is marked by a stick, close to fishing structure. We did not land
42Pulau Nikoi	N 01 02.90	E 104 42.60	Sand 6m	Good holding and reasonable protection. Goodish snorkelling on reef. S\$120 pp landing fee to use all resources of resort including excellent lunch and dinner and breakfast next a.m. Worth it to pretend you are rich for the day.
43 Pulau Kekip	N 00 47.77	E104 34.26	Mud 6m	Many children came down to welcome us... we went and threw them lollies. Village looks poor but we did not land.
44 Tanjung Pinang	N00 56.17	E104 26.267	Mud 6m	Good protection but some swell from ferries etc. Diesel by can from stilt house with flowers 300m ne of this anch. Dinghy or water taxi to town. Security reported to be iffy?
45 Nginang	N01 01.3	E 104 09.55	Mud 11m	Good shelter in sight of industry of east Batam.
46 Nongsa Point Marina	N1 12.06	E 104 05.52		Good marina, but subject to some swell and seaweed in NE monsoon. See below.
Weekly rate S\$4 per foot per week. Diesel S\$1.45 per litre. A long way to shops (300,000 return by taxi) but free shuttle bus to ferry for Singapore and Fri,Sat,Sun to shopping malls. Booze supposedly duty free but still expensive compared to Langkawi, Tioman, Labuan. The marina office is very helpful and do all clearance necessary ... at a price S\$230. Pleasant pool. OK restaurant but you need transport to get to any alternative.				
46 Pulau Bunut	N 00 47.353	E 104 34.945	Mud 12m	Good holding and quiet but large tug and tow arrived early a.m. and moored to bank for loading bauxite.
47. Pangkil Besar	N 00 56.084	E 104 43.794	Sand 6m	Good holding but maybe better protection under small island to east.
48. Berelas Bakau	N 1 02.988	E 104 40.453	Sand 5m	Pretty anch close to island. OK reef and part time beach bar ashore.
49.Pulau Maol	N 1 11.44	E 104 22.361	Sandy mud 5m	Pleasant anch but some swell from passing ships in straits.
50 Pulau Ajap	N 00 47.602	E 104 36.596	Sandy mud 12m	Bauxite mining all around so beware of tugs and tows