

RIAU ISLANDS INDONESIA – BATAM TO BELITUNG

ANCHORAGE	LAT/LONG	DEPTH	EXPOSURE	IC	DETAILS
Nongsa Pt marina, Nth Batam Island	1*12.19'N, 104*5.76'E	3-5M at marina berth.	Some wind & swell with NE wind.	Yes	Expensive marina, but offers all CIQ check-in for 1,000,000rp. Officials may visit your boat. Claim check-in 7 days/week, no extra \$ for w/end, but may take longer than 1 day. Must be marina guest to use check-in facility. Resort has free wifi, pool, bar, restaurant, free shuttle to ferry terminal. Motorbike hire 100,000rp for 1-2 hours (enough to get to nearby village to buy SIM cards) from Security.
Palau Anak Ladang, NW side of Palau Bulan.	1*07.28'N, 103*52.86'E	12M over mud	Well protected by small islands, some fetch from south.	Yes	Anchorage just off main channel from north to south in west Bulan area. Small water village nearby, large shipping container facility across channel. Some small boat/ferry traffic.
NW corner of Palau Combol	0*52.67'N, 103*48.88'E	13m over sand/mud	Protected from all directions, some fetch from south.	Yes	Anchorage in channel on west side of Palau Combol. Only minimal local small boat traffic noted.
NW corner of Palau Petong	0*38.01'N, 104*05.73'E	10 m over mud	Protected from SE thru S to NW.	Poor	Anchorage in bay with very small village ashore, several fishing huts and traps in bay. Locals seemed friendly but did not visit.
Channel between Palau Abang Besar and Palau Abang Kecil	0*33.98'N, 104*13.56'E	6m over sand/mud	Fully protected except for channel entrances.	No	Large bay on north side of channel between 2 islands. Well protected, no swell, clear water, some strong currents at times. Little boat traffic – mainly local fishermen. Small village with limited supplies (eggs, some veg) & small resort - Ranoh Resort (friendly to yachtees, mainly a day resort, with bar/restaurant) on Abang Kecil to south.
Off Benan Town in Benan Is. group	0*28.04'N 104*26.57'E	14M over sand/mud	Protected by 3 islands, open from SE to S, some fetch from W.	Yes	Huge “bay” with many anchoring options. This anchorage close to large village on P. Benan with busy ferry terminal, causing boat wash++. Village has shop (with beer), diesel, warungs. Note: unmarked shallow reef nearby at around 0*28.26'N, 104*26.26'E.
Sth side of Palau Ansunda, Benan Gp.	0*27.52'N, 104*25.04'E	14M over sand	Open only to SE in this position.	Yes	Minimal local boat traffic at this anchorage, more protection than off town, but does get swell from ESE.

NE corner of P. Senimpan, Benan Gp	0*27.16'N 104*24.78'E	13M over rock/sand	Well protected from S & SE wing & swell. ?some fetch from W.	Yes	More protection from wind & swell here than south of Ansunda. Very little passing traffic. Deep water within inlet south of this anchorage.
North Lingga Group, between P. Benaya & P. Batang, on west side of island group.	0*16.73'N, 104*23.98'E	9-10M over sand.	All entrances to this "harbour" completely closed off – all-round protection.	Yes.	Another huge bay with anchoring options. Entrance is narrow, with reef & rocks. Several small villages within bay, several passages to other areas from this bay viable for local boats. Quite a lot of passing boat traffic.
North Lingga Group, SW side of P. Pujunkayu	0*05.42'N, 104*32.34'E	10M over sand/mud	Among many small islands, protected from all wind.	Yes	Not much traffic but 2 large villages nearby, which we didn't visit. Very calm anchorage.
North Lingga group, west side of P. Gajah and along north coast of P. Lingga.	0*01.70'N, 104*29.62'E	15M over sand/mud	Anchored in small protected passage, some fetch from S.	No	Large village nearby. Anchorage in bay on north side P. Lingga, just off main passage from island group to sea. Passage easily navigable but several reefs/rocks in passage to avoid + whirlpools/overfalls.
South coast P. Lingga	0*15.74'S, 104*32.48'E	3-4M over mud	Open to NE thru SE, otherwise good protection	Yes	Very quiet area, long white beaches (good swimming), small resort/camp in corner of bay, road to main town of Diak nearby. Fishing huts and traps in front of bay.
SE corner of P. Selayer & across channel from north coast of P. Singkep.	0*19.32'S, 104*29.02'E	15M over sand/mud	All round protection but some swell creeps in from E/SE and from water taxi wash.	Yes	Busy area – small village onshore but many water taxis to P. Lingga pass by. Ferry terminal across channel links by road with Dabo, a large town 45 mins away (taxi = 300,000Rp). Terminal area has basic supplies, cafes, Polisi, & you can buy petrol at end of jetty.
Against coast of SE corner of P. Singkep	0*35.73'S, 104*30.69'E	5M over sand	Protected from NE to SW, but open to swell from east/south.	Yes	Quiet area amongst fishing huts. Perfect beach for swimming ashore – no reef/rocks, gradually shoaling sand. No facilities here.
Teluk Sekhana, Sumatra	0*55.32'S, 104*28.08'E	9-10M over mud	Completely protected.	No	Up a river at end of Teluk Sekhana. Good depths in centre of inlet & in river. Watch for large fishing hut and many buoys (? pearl farm?) to its south at bay entrance.
SW corner P. Bangka, Tg Kelian/Montuk Town.	2*04.79'S, 105*08.67'E	5M over sand/mud	Protected from NW to NE through N only.	Yes	Open roadstead against lovely beach, close to large town of Montuk. Gradual shoaling depth to beach. Ferry terminal + other industry here.
Rangka Island Group, in Selat Bangka, west coast of Bangka	2*25.55'S, 105*47.67'E	3M over sand/mud	Protected from N to E only.	No	Small indent in reef on S/SE side of P. Rangka Besar allows shallow access to bay to gain respite from N to NE winds. Used by local fishermen. No facilities but island group is very attractive.

Bangka west coast, sth of Tg Limau	2*55.69'S 106*17.25'E	2.5M over mud	Protected from N to E only.	No	Open roadstead. Very shallow – had to anchor approx. 1 mile off coast. Remote unattractive area, few fishermen, no sign of industry along coast. Shipping activity in channel.
South coast of Palau Lepar	3*02.17'S 106*50.25'E	4M over mud	Protected from W thru N to E.	Yes	Small bay immediately east of Lepar Channel. Open to some swell from S. Many fishermen about but no town obviously nearby. Lepar Channel very shoal in places – would need local knowledge to negotiate channel.
Sadai Town, Sth Bangka Island.	3*0.24'S 106*43.49'E	6M over mud	Virtually all round protection.	Yes	Quiet, comfortable anchorage at edge of good sized town at northern end of Selat Lepar, with busy fishing industry. Road to larger town of Toboali. Tie dinghy to water taxi dock – locals will show you.
Palau Bayan, just off Palau Lepar's north coast.	2*53.93'S, 106*46.27'E	5M over sand/mud	Virtually all-round protection.	Yes	Another quiet anchorage off Kupung Town on P. Lepar's north coast. Some rocks & reef in nearby channels. Good stop before setting off for P. Belitung.
Selat Nado, west coast Palau Belitung between P. Nado & P. Mendanau	2*56.01''S 107*26.08''E	11M over mud	Good all-round protection, open only to fetch from east.	Poor	Quiet anchorage in good-sized passage on west coast of Belitung, used by local ferries and fishing boats – lots of reef & rocks to avoid. *Marker missing & uncharted reef at around 2*57.18'S, 107*24.46'E.
Teluk Brang in SW corner of Belitung, SW of Tj Batuampar.	3*0.57'S 107*33.06'E	5M over sand/mud	Large bay giving almost all-round protection.	Yes	Calm anchorage surrounded by small islands & villages of fishing folk. Sand bottom with fringing reef patches, clear water. Road connects to Tanjung Pandan but little passing traffic. No buses/taxis seen.
Tanjung Pandan town, NW area of Palau Belitung.	2*44.86'S, 107*38.15'E	2.5M over mud	All-weather protection in the river off the town, a busy waterway.	Yes	Anchorage at the edge of a large busy town. Many boats in here & very little spare room to anchor. Dinghy parking at public jetty/local ferry wharf, easy walk to markets & town. Grubby harbour with tricky access.
Tj Kelayang, NW tip of Belitung	2*33.35'S 107*40.41'E	4M over sand & sea grass	Good southerly protection but open to N to NE. Some shelter from NW to N wind behind rocks in close.	Yes	Popular tourist destination and known yacht anchorage. Large wide bay with long sand beach, many scenic rocks & islets on west side. Care needed on approach to avoid rocks & reef. Turtles in anchorage. Ervan in café at end of jetty can help with many requests.
Tj Berikat, NE corner of P. Bangka	2*35.89'S 106*49.08'E	3.5M over sand	Protected from NW thru N to NNE only.	Poor	Tucked in behind headland over shallow sandy bottom. Many rocks against shore. No facilities, local fishermen pass by.

Palau Panjang, NE coast of P. Bangka	2*09.79'S 106*16.12'E	5-6M over sand & mud	Well protected by island & long sandspit from W thru N to NE.	Yes	Anchorage south of small island. Watch for uncharted rock/reef patch at about 2*10.34'S, 106*15.95'E, otherwise clear approach from Sth. Busy fishing area at night.
Tj Tuing, east corner of north coast of P. Bangka	1*37.37'S 106*02.92'E	4 M over sand & mud	Large bay with hook to protect from NNE thru N to W winds/swell.	Poor	Boats can get close in to shore before reef and to west of old stone jetty to get out of NW wind/swell. Approach clear from south. Many fishing boats work out of this area.
Palau Cebia, north of P. Bangka	1*13.16'S 105*16.50'E	11M over sand/grass	Protected only from NW wind & swell.	No	Amongst small group of islands between Bangka & Singkep. Reef & other islands provide some shelter. No facilities, small population.
P. Lingga, bay at its eastern tip.	0*19.14'S 104*55.67'E	3M over sand	Open from East thru S to SW. Some protection inside west side of bay entrance.	No	Sparsely populated bay, large but shallow and with wide entrance. No signs of facilities here. Good stopover in northerly winds.
Between Palau Penoh & P. Kongka Besar, Lingga	0*04.35'S 104*51.67'E	7M over sand	Good protection, open only from SE to W.	No	Large bay surrounded by islands & reef, with large village on P. Penoh. Centre of "bay" seems clear of reef. Mangroves along shore of P. Kongka Besar.
Palau Tapeuh, Lingga	0*09.40'N 104*28.79'E	5M over sand/mud	All round protection from islands & reef	Yes	Within enclosed waterways of north P. Lingga. Large village nearby. Fruitbats on Tapeuh take off at dusk.
Channel between P. Gin & P. Numbing, just south of P. Bintan.	0*45.66'N 104*42.77'E	14M over mud/rock	Within a channel, so all-round protection. ?some fetch from W.	Yes	Deep water in channel. Several villages in channel, some with shops. Very friendly locals, some may visit. Strong currents in spring tides. Nearby P. Rinti good for a swim.
Channel between P. Dendong & P Angkut, off SE coast of Bintan Island.	0*50.68'N 104*37.07'E	13 M over mud/sand	Small channel, fully protected from weather all directions.	Yes	Very close to large town of Kijang, in small waterway only used by min. traffic of small ferries & fishing boats. Amongst many small waterways. Bauxite mining on many of nearby islands but mangroves both sides here.
Palau Ayer Rajah, SE of Batam Island	0*58.08'N 104*08.53'E	11M over mud	At edge of deep bay, fully surrounded by small islands.	Yes	At SE edge of Batam. Very little traffic in bay but ferry terminal nearby. Village on other side of P. Ayer Rajah. Some fishing by locals in the bay.