

Featured Port

RICHARDS BAY -

A Gateway to Nature, Culture & Comfort



Richards Bay is one of the most popular and practical ports of entry for sailing yachts cruising the Indian Ocean. Located on South Africa's northeastern coast in KwaZulu-Natal, this port city is known for its deep natural harbour, safe marina facilities, and easy access to provisioning, repairs, and inland adventures.

Mooring & Marina Information:

On entry to Richards Bay, all yachts have to tie up at the concrete Small Craft quarantine dock, Tuzi Gazi, and await Immigration and Customs clearance.

There are no facilities at this dock, either ablutions, water or electricity.

Skipper and crew must stay aboard until cleared by the authorities, then contact Zululand Yacht Club at admin@zyc.co.za for berthing arrangements.

Zululand Yacht Club: Floating pontoons with water and electricity, mooring also available on request. Full ablution facilities through the ZYC, plus waterfront bar and restaurant. Chandlery, maintenance, haul-out facilities on site. Shops, cafes a short taxi ride away.

Entry Tip: Notify Port Control on VHF Channel 12 when approaching. Richards Bay is an official Port of Entry, ideal for yachts arriving from Madagascar, Mauritius, or Réunion.

Things To Do Ashore

1. **Alkantstrand Beach** – Just a short taxi or cycle away, perfect for swimming and sundowners
2. **Day Trips**
 - *iSimangaliso Wetland Park* – World Heritage Site with guided tours
 - *Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park* – Game drives to see the Big 5
 - *Boating in the midst of the Crocs & Hippos* – Explore mangrove-lined estuaries and tidal rivers by boat for a close-up look at the local wildlife
3. **Shopping & Provisioning**
 - *Boardwalk Inkwazi Mall* – Groceries, clothing, pharmacy
 - *Spar & Checkers* – Quality fresh produce and wine
 - *Local Markets* – Fruits, veggies, and crafts from roadside stalls

Cruising Essentials

- Coordinates: 28° 46' S 32° 2' E
- Richards Bay is an official Port of Entry. Please ensure all pre-arrival documents have been submitted well in advance.

Final Thoughts

Richards Bay is more than a safe harbour—it's a friendly, resource-rich stopover where cruisers can relax, repair, and enjoy South Africa's natural and cultural treasures.

Fair winds — and here's to the next landfall.