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Hello, welcome, Bonbini - Spanish Water, Curaçao is one of the most protected anchorages in the Caribbean. The local currency is the NAF (Netherlands Antilles Florin or guilder), but the U.S. dollar is accepted everywhere. The rate of exchange varies slightly between U.S. \$1.00 to NAF 1.75 - 1.80. The local language is Papiamentu, but most people speak Dutch, English, and/or Spanish.

Many first-time visitors find the information as stated below helpful. If you have a question or need something not addressed here don't be afraid to speak up during the daily (except Sundays) Curaçao Cruisers Net on VHF channel 72 at 07:45.

Corrections and new information are welcome; please contact sailing vessels SOL or ISIS. Enjoy your stay in Curaçao.

Meeting People - Happy hour on Tuesday and Friday 5.00 pm at the Fisherman's Harbor SnackBar.

CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION and HARBOR MASTER

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Customs -Address Capriles Kade, Tel:434-5300

Within 24 hours you need to check in at Customs and Harbor Immigration. The Customs office is open 24/7 and is located in Punda at the corner Handelskade/Capriles Kade, north of the floating bridge and west of the floating market. Customs will allow your boat to stay for 6 months.

Customs extension - If you need your boat to stay longer than 6 months, you need to apply for an extension at customs. A letter stating a valid reason is mostly sufficient for another half a year. If leaving your boat in a marina or shipyard, a letter will be provided by the marina or shipyard which will be sufficient for customs.

Immigration - Harbor immigration is at Otrabanda, over the floating bridge to the right, directly under the high bridge, Motet Kade. Tel:461-4100. Opening hours: 7 days a week 07.00 to 21.30. They will allow you to stay for 90 days. After that you need a visa extension.

Visa extensions - immigration Office at the American Business Center, Mortiersweg 5, Otrabanda 7385555.

If you need to extend your stay beyond your initial 90-day limit, you should apply for an extension at least 2 weeks early.; Be prepared with a letter stating reasons for your request, and copies of your boat's documentation or registration, passport, proof of financial means of support (e.g. credit card), and your immigration form & crew list.; This is a lengthy and ill-defined process, but your good faith efforts to extend legally will generally meet with success and minimal expense.

Harbor Master - Motet Kade, Tel:434-5972 434-5968 Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 07.30 to 11.45 and 13.30 to 16.30, Friday 07.30 to 11.45 and 13.30 to 16.00.

At the harbor inspection in the building next to harbor immigration you need to obtain an anchor permit. They will ask you to mark where you are anchored and bring all your documents. Cost of this anchor permit is \$ 10 .-. You should be in the permitted anchorages as shown on the welcome page of this WiFi station.

Please obey these anchorages to accommodate local sports activities and safety.

Leaving your boat - If you wish to leave your boat in Curaçao, it must be in a marina or else have a local person looking after it. You will need to present a letter to that effect and show your flight ticket to harbor immigration 24 hrs. before departure. Bring all your documents. Harbor immigration will check you out

from your boat. When returning to Curaçao you need to return to harbor immigration and check in again on your boat.

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Thievery comes and goes in this anchorage, so you are strongly advised to lock up your boat when not on board, and lock and lift your dinghy out of the water at night.; Reporting any occurrences to the local police station at Montana (599-9-767-1777) helps make officials aware of problems, and may aid you in recovering your property.; Notifying the Caribbean Safety & Security Net on SSB channel 8104 at 12:15 UTC, or e-mailing svSecondM@aol.com with details is the best way to alert other cruisers to potential problems.

Emergency and Important Telephone Numbers

Ambulance	912	
Hospital	910 or 462-4400	
Fire/Police	911 or 767-1777	nearby Montaña station
Coast Guard	913 or VHF ch.16	
CITRO	913 or VHF ch.16	For Search and Rescu at Sea
Doctor	736-0530 Emer.738-9111	Dr. R.H.Meijer, Praktijk Sorsaka, Caracasbaaiweg 274
Doctor	465-4530 Emer.560-1217	Dr. C.J.Deutekom, Grebbelinieweg 24
Dentist	461-6665	Chong Dental Clinic, Caracasbaaiweg 164
Veterinarian	522-2091	Pieter de Geus, Marinierweg 11a * Comes to your boat
Veterinarian	465-5182/461-7476	Abattoirweg z/n, Parera
Vaccination	462-5800	Gezondheidsdienst (Health sevice) Piscaderaweg 49

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Dinghy parking - The Fisherman's Harbor has a small dinghy dock. You can leave your dinghy there, but please use a long line as it is often crowded and lock your dinghy. If the dinghy dock is full the security officer will tell you where you may park your dinghy elsewhere.

The dinghy dock at Asiento is the pontoon on the left side near the starting tower. This dinghy dock is only for (temporary) members.

Buses - There are 2 types of buses. The governmental operated large buses, they operate on fixed routes. They run infrequently but the fare is cheap, NAFL 1.60 per person. The bus to town (Punda) leaves Spanish Waters from the roundabout at the fisherman's harbor. Returns from the main terminal (large parking lot close to the round market place); look for the bus to "Caracasbaai". For a detailed schedule see the table at the bottom.

There are also smaller, 9-passenger buses privately operated and they may be hailed at any "Bushalte" (or bus stop) as well as at the main terminal or any other convenient spot where they can stop safely. They operate only on popular routes e.g. not Caracasbaai. They are a bit more expensive than the bigger buses, but run a lot more frequently. At a small extra fee, they might drop you off route.

Public Bus Schedule - Monday through Saturday Depart Punda main bus terminal.

06.30 - 07.30 - 08.30 - 10.00 - 11.00 - 12.00 - 13.30 - 14.30 - 16.00 - 17.00 - 18.15 - 19.30 - 22.00
Buses arrive about 25 minutes later at the fisherman's roundabout.

On Sundays and public holidays Depart Punda main bus terminal

09.45 - 12.45 - 15.30 - 18.30 - 22.00

Buses arrive; about 20 minutes later at the fisherman's roundabout.

Bus route - Punda - Penstraat - Oranjestraat - Dr. M.L. King Blvd - Princess Beach Hotel - Sea Aquarium - Koraalspechtweg - Amandelweg - Anasaweg - Caracasbaaiweg - Jan Thiel - and return trip to Punda. A schedule with the times of the other buses on the island is available at the bus station at Punda. There they also sell bus tickets. If you buy 10 at a time, it's a little cheaper and a lot easier because you don't need to look for change to pay the bus.

Car rentals

Iemke, 561-4843

Best Value Car Rental (Mark), Santa Rosaweg, 510-3487

Rob Sprockel 767-1650 or 561-1760

Noordstar, Reigerweg 24, 737-5616

Limestone Holiday Resort 767-3007 Follow channel going north to Kima Kalki Marina, resort is on the left.

Taxi, airport shuttle - Urvin Alexander 694-6956-cell; 540-3048-cell

Parking facilities - You can park your car for free at or near the Fisherman's Harbor, contact the security officer about the best place. At Asiento is a paid car parking for (temporary) members. There is a 24/7 security officer but you park at your own risk!

Airlines and Travel Agent

Does & Cadushi Travel Tours; Caracasbaaiweg 164, 461-1626-office, 461-8813-fax. - www.doescadushi.nl

Mau Asam Travel, Schottegatweg Oost 37 (Corner Cas Coraweg) 737-0555 - www.mauasamtravel.com

American Airlines, Hato, 869-5707 - www.aa.com

KLM, Schottegatweg Oost 82 (Promenade Shopping Center), 736-1422 - www.klm.com/travel/an

D.A.E., Pietermaai 33-35, 717-0808 Ticket office Hato, 868-2233 - www.flydae.com

Insel Air, Dokweg (Maduroplaza), 737- 0404 Ticket office Hato, 839 1701 - www.fly-inselair.com

Arke Fly, Schottegatweg Oost 78, 736-1100. - www.arke.nl

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Supermarket Shuttle Buses

Run daily, except Sunday.; Approximately 1 hour shopping time, the following ones are free:

At 08:45 from Kima Kalki Marina to Vreugdenhil Supermarket *

At 10:00 from Fisherman's Roundabout to Vreugdenhil Supermarket *

At 10:00 from Fisherman's Roundabout to Best Buy Supermarket also on Sunday

At 16:30 from Fisherman's Roundabout to Best Buy Supermarket

* Near Vreugdenhil are also Budget Marine, Dijtham (hardware store), Napa, Het Washok laundry.

Business Hours - Most supermarkets are open Monday through Saturday, 8:00-7:00 pm, non-stop, and on Sunday mornings until 12:00 pm.; Hardware shops, etc. are open Monday through Saturday, 8:00-12:00 pm, and then again from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm.; These hours also apply to most stores in town. Banks are open 8:00-3:30 Monday through Friday. There are several cash machines

Banking - ATM on the main road, Caracasbaaiweg, close to the Botica Janwe, outside Budget Marine and inside Vreugdenhil.

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Mail address

ONLY FOR LETTERS NOT PARCELS:

SOV ASIEN TO

BRAKKEPUT ZEILHAVEN

CURAÇAO

NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

They DO NOT ACCEPT packages.

Kima Kalki Marina does accept packages, at a small charge.

The best way to have packages sent over is by using the office of the transportation company as end destination. This is an address for yachts in transit only, not a permanent mailing address.

Courier Services

DHL, Schottegatweg Oost 18, 737-0122

FedEx, Schottegatweg Oost 169, 737-3000

TNT, Dokweg 19, 733-1595

UPS, Abraham Mendez Chumaceiro Boulevard 7, 461-3966

Photocopying

Copy machine available at Kima Kalki Marina for a small charge.
Xerox chart and general photocopying; Schottegatweg Oost 2, 733-1300.

Public telephone - Available at the Fisherman's Harbor at the guard building.
Kima Kalki Marina and Seru Boca.

Trash - Outside the Fisherman's Harbor across the road there are red/yellow/green barrels for trash disposal. If these are full, there's more of them down the beach. you are not allowed to dump your trash at the fisherman's wharf anymore except for: batteries and old oil.

Temporary members of Asiento (Cost is NAF 35,- per boat per month) can dispose garbage in the green Kliko's.

Minimize your garbage and don't put boxes and bags with mostly air into the containers. You can also take your glass bottles to Vreugdenhil, wich has a glass container on the parking-lot.

Propane - "Propane Paul" Thyssen, 520 7474; Paul picks up tanks and delivers on Tuesdays at & Fridays at the snackbar at the fisherman's harbor.; This is not a fast process, so anticipate your needs more than a week in advance! Cost is \$ 20 for any size bottle; Camping gaz Bottles can not be handeld.

Diesel and gasoline fuel - Available at Curaçao Yacht Club fuel dock, 767-4627, VHF channel 68; Monday through Friday 12:00 - 18:00 (12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 1800 credit cards accepted.

Water - Hail "The Waterboat" on channel 72, they deliver to your boat on Mondays and Thursdays; order in advance.

at Asiento and at Kima Kalki Marina if you use your water jugs.

At Asiento contact Rigoberto Rodriguez at the workshop near the slip Tuesday-Friday between 2- 7 pm, (tel 767-3280)

You can also go with your boat to the Curaçao Yacht Club and tank water at the fuel dock.

Laundry - Het Washok is a laundry shop near Vreugdenhil Supermarket where you can drop your laundry and collect it the next day. Price NAF 3,00 per kilo.

Chinese Dry Clean and Laundry just after BestBuy on the right side of road.

There is a washing machine available at the snack bar at the fisherman's wharf.

You can drop off your laundry at Kima Kalki Marina on Mondays, pick up after 2 days.

Shower - Available at Kima Kalki Marina for a small charge.

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Marinas & Yards

Seru Boca Marina - 767-9042, VHF channel 67

Kima Kalki Marina - 767-3014-office, 660-2707, 697-7492-cell, VHF channel 72

Curaçao Yacht Club - 524-5208-fuel dock, 767-4627-office, VHF channel 68

Curaçao Marine - dry dock, haulage, & repairs; 666-9252

Royal Curaçao Marine Boat Yard, 461 2028

Engine repair, spare parts

DPG, Bertie Perret Lenlil, 747-5060

Marine Service Cumajo B.V. 529-6493, Vhf 72

Westech, Granaatappelweg 131, 461-4744 - Yanmar dealer - www.westech-curaçao.com

The maintenance man at Asiento can also help you in contacting any kind of mechanic you need, Rigoberto Rodriguez

Alternator repairs: Santa Rosa Motors, 737-5156

Marine welding

Marine Service Cumajo B.V.529-6493, Vhf 72

Westech N.V. Granaatappelweg 131 (Behind Vreugdenhil Supermarket) 461-4744

Rigging

Curaçao Rigging, boatyard Curaçao Marine, Parera, 512-0016. - www.curaçaurigging.com

Computer repair

Educat Center, Promenade shopping center, 736-4313

Electronic parts

Radio Shack, Fokkerweg 17, 465-3772

General boat hardware and supplies

ABC Marine, Caracasbaaiweg 158, 461-4476. - www.abcmarineparts.com

Budget Marine, Caracasbaaiweg 202, 462-7733. - www.budgetmarine.com

Budget Marine, Parera, Pletterijweg, 465-5686.

Iemke; ask for pricelist; 561-4843, cellphone.

Island Water World, Caracasbaaiweg 461-2144 - www.islandwaterworld.com

Marine Warehouse Curaçao, 520-7474.- www.marinewarehouse.net

Sailmakers and canvas

Rob Harms, Doyle sailmakers, Kapiteinsweg 4, 736-9838. Cell: 674-3832 - www.doylecaribbean.com

Thomas Sail & Canvas, Brakkeput Ariba (Entrance Beton centrale Tomco), 767-9015.

Fu Yong Chong canvas (Sunbrella) sales only. La Conceptionweg 4, 868-5269.

Watermakers

Barry Day aboard WITCHCRAFT; VHF channel 72.

Nautical flea market - and book/DVD swap usually on the first Sunday of each month. Listen to the Net for details.

For a more complete listing of information and services, please refer to a current cruising guide for Curaçao, such as "Gotta Go Cruising - The ABC Islands" by Waterson and van der Reijden.; Guides are available at most marine chandleries, or at www.abcCruisingGuide.com

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