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SAIL INDONESIA WEBSITE

Sail Indonesia, in partnership with **YCBI** (Yayasan Cinta Bahari Indonesia), is a web based event and is promoted, organised and managed using the internet and email only; we do not use telephone, post or facsimile. The website is used as the primary means of communication with participants and intending participants. Entries will be confirmed by return email and listed on the website after you enter. You should check the website for confirmation of receipt and status of your entry 3-4 days after submitting your entry.

The Sail Indonesia web site at News page at <http://www.sailindonesia.net/news/news.php> has the latest information and updates as well as links to useful web sites. Stories from those who have made this journey before you are at <http://www.sailindonesia.net/news/stories.php>. There is far too much information to mention here so please take time to look at it before you go.

ORGANIZER CONTACT DETAILS

All correspondence to the organisers of Sail Indonesia should be directed to email: mail@sailindonesia.net Please include the **name of your yacht** in the Subject section of your emails.

All information on the Sail Indonesia event including listing of your entry status after you enter will be detailed on our website at <http://www.sailindonesia.net/news/entries.php>

PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

This Pre-entry document is to provide intending participants in the 2008 Sail Indonesia event with an overview of the event and the various requirements of entry, departure from Darwin, entry into Indonesia and general information.

The information contained in this document and all information Sail Indonesia provides to you in our publications and on our website is the OFFICIAL information, regarding such things as Indonesian visa renewal, entering intermediate ports in Indonesia, filling of gas bottles, checking out from Indonesia etc. As you will hear, people before you have done these things in different ways but we can only advise you of the official regulations.

This is not an entry form, and it should be read in conjunction with information provided on the website, which is updated regularly. An Entry Form will be emailed to you in 8 weeks time.

This document covers preliminary information only, and will be updated by more detailed information to participants after entry has been confirmed together with information provided at the Rally Technical Briefing in Darwin.

START and PRE-START FUNCTIONS

The **Start** for the first leg of 2008 Sail Indonesia event, the Darwin to Kupang Rally, will be at 1100 hours on **Saturday 26 July 2008**. A **BBQ dinner** for participants will be held at the Darwin Sailing Club on the evening of **Saturday 19 July 2008**. This is an opportunity for all participants to meet in an informal setting before the Start.

A **Technical Briefing** on the Darwin Kupang Rally, the Sail Indonesia event and follow-on destinations including Singapore and Malaysia will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre on **Tuesday 22 July 2008**. The Technical Briefing will provide formal instructions regarding the Rally start and finish, Customs clearance out of Australia and into Indonesia, radio scheds and procedures and a range of other valuable information.

ENTRY INFORMATION

Entry Costs

The entry fee for Sail Indonesia 2008 is \$500 AU. Included in your entry fee is:

- The cost of your Indonesian Cruising Permit (CAIT) and your Sponsors Letter for obtaining your Indonesian Social Visas,
- The Barbeque in Darwin for all crew members,
- The Rally presentation and dinner in Kupang with entertainment and cultural shows,
- Exemption from payment of the Indonesian Customs Duty bond on your yacht on arrival in Indonesia
- Participation in the events that follow throughout Indonesia
- Automatic entry to follow-on events in Singapore and Malaysia.

Not included in your entry fee is:

- Your Indonesian Visas or Visa extension fees
- Inwards port clearance fees when you arrive in Kupang (approximately Rp200,000 in 2007),
- Your dinghy fees on the beach in Kupang,
- Indonesian Flag, not smaller than yachts national flag. The Indonesian flag is flown with the red uppermost.
- Port Clearance fees and charges if any (for example if your yacht is over 18 tons),
- Marina costs,
- Tour costs or connections, or
- Any charges and costs when you enter or leave Indonesia.

Entry Procedure

Due to the high level of interest in the event, organisers will send Entry forms for Sail Indonesia 2008 to intending participants in a staged manner. Entry forms will begin to be emailed out late in February 2008 in groups of 30 in the order in which the initial expressions of interest were received. One week will be allowed for intending participants to confirm their intent to enter the event, prior to the next batch of entry forms being sent to other intending participants.

Entry forms will be emailed to you to the address provided in your expression of interest. Entries, including all attachments and confirmation of payment, will need to be emailed to mail@sailindonesia.net

The Western Passage via Kupang will be limited to 130 yachts as facilities there cannot cope with any more yachts. The closing date for entries is June 17 2008 or when the maximum number of entries is reached.

Entry Documentation

Scans of the following documents will be required as part of your entry for Sail Indonesia 2008, so if you want prepare these items now so they are ready when you receive the entry form. These documents are required to apply for your Indonesian Cruising Permit – known as a **CAIT** (Cruising Authority Indonesian Territory):

- a) A Scan of the Ship's Registration Certificate,
- b) A Scan of the details page of all crew passports. Note that all passports must have at least **6 months validity** from your proposed entry date into Indonesia
- c) A Scan of a Passport style photo of the captain only
- d) These scans should be in colour and scanned at around 100 DPI in JPG format; NOT in PDF format
- e) A Crew List of every person on the yacht, including their next of kin details
- f) Information regarding an itinerary of proposed travel within Indonesia. We will offer you an itinerary that follows the rally route if you wish, which will enable you to visit any port from Kupang to Batam just south of Singapore. We will also need to know your next port after you clear out from Indonesia.
- g) A scan of a photo of the vessel if possible.

ARRIVAL IN DARWIN

Yachts in Sail Indonesia 2008 should arrive in Darwin at least 2 weeks prior to the start to give you time for those last minute chores and repairs

Customs and Quarantine

If your yacht is not yet in Australia, go to [Australian Customs](#) and [Australian Quarantine](#) web sites for further information. The Australian Quarantine Service may want inspect the hulls of yachts for unwanted marine organisms when they arrive at their first port of call in Australia. From June 2006 Australian Customs require that yachts arriving in Australia must give notice of arrival at least 96 hours before arrival at their first port in Australia. The Australian Customs office in Darwin is located at 26 Lindsay St; phone +61 1300 363 163 or +61 1300 558 282

There are also Northern Territory Government regulations regarding the entry of yachts into Darwin's marinas to prevent the spread of marine pests. In some cases, your yacht will need to be inspected by divers, or hauled out and treated if necessary to kill any of these marine pests before you can go into a marina. The marina managers will be able to help you arrange these inspections. These inspections are free but any haul-out costs will be at the yacht owner's expense. For all information, visit the NT Government Fisheries web site at <http://www.nt.gov.au/dpifm/Fisheries/index.cfm?header=Vessel%20Inspections>

Contact with Sail Indonesia Organisers in Darwin

Sail Indonesia does not have an actual office in Darwin. On arrival there, please make contact with the Sail Indonesia team members at the earliest opportunity by one of the following;

- By email to mail@sailindonesia.net
- By VHF Radio on Channel 77 at 0810 CST daily commencing Monday 30 June 2008, or by,
- Meetings that will be scheduled at the various marinas and Sailing Clubs in Darwin where you will be met by our staff. These meetings will commence Monday 30 June 2008 and details of meeting points and times will be posted on notice boards at marinas and yacht clubs throughout Darwin and advised on the VHF sched.

At these scheduled meetings, participants will be given,

- The latest updated **Arrival Information Document** on the Rally, including Customs clearance details and arrangements for purchase of duty free fuel and goods,
- A **CD** containing cruising information for Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand,
- **Formal Sail Indonesia Rally Identification Badges** to ensure entry in the various official functions in Darwin and Indonesia,
- **A Rally T-Shirt Order Form.** Sail Indonesia does not sell T Shirts; they are available directly from the manufacturer. To keep costs down they must be ordered and prepaid with the order form provided by Sail Indonesia Organisers; they will then be made in one lot and delivered to you at the Rally Barbeque on July 19.
- You will be able follow up with any specific questions.

Participants should also listen to the **VHF sched every morning** (Channel 77 at 0810 hours) for information updates from Organisers.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE DARWIN

Documents and Visas

You will need the following before you leave Darwin:

1. **CAIT (Cruising Authority Indonesian Territory)**, which is a 3-month cruising permit for your yacht. This CAIT is obtained by the Sail Indonesia organisers. CAITs are valid for a 3 month period only, and CAITs for the 2008 Sail Indonesia fleet will expire at the end of October 2008. If a

yacht wishes to re-enter Indonesia or extend their visit in Indonesia, they must apply for a new CAIT. The CAITs can take anywhere between 4 and 7 weeks to process.

2. Indonesian Social Visa

If you intend to stay in Indonesia for less than one month, you may be eligible to obtain a "Visa on Arrival". In Kupang a 7 day "Visa on Arrival" will cost US\$10 and a 30-day "Visa on Arrival" will cost US\$25. **Note:** The "Visa on Arrival" is not extendible and if you overstay the stated period you will have to pay a **US\$25 per day fine** when you exit Indonesia. If you plan to apply for a **Visa on Arrival** in Indonesia, check that you are in fact eligible. Some nationalities cannot be given a Visa on Arrival and **MUST** have Social Visa. Some nationalities are not permitted to enter Indonesia at all. For further information visit the Indonesian Embassy's website: <http://www.kbri-canberra.org.au/consular.html>.

If your nationality is not listed as eligible for "Visa Free Entry" or for "Visa on Arrival" or you wish to stay in Indonesia longer than 30 days then you must purchase a "**Social Visa**" at a cost of \$60 AUD from the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin before you leave. The Social Visa takes four working days to process.

For participants intending to stay in Indonesia for longer than 1 month you must purchase an Indonesian Social Visa from the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin which will cost you \$60 AUD per person. This "Social Visa" is for a period of up to 6 months; however it is only enabled for 60 days when you first arrive in Indonesia and must be extended for additional 60 day periods at a time, at least 5 days prior to the expiration of the previous period. There are charges for this of around \$50 US per extension.

A CAIT must be available in order to obtain visas for those traveling on your vessel. Sail Indonesia will supply a list of all persons included on your CAIT and you are able to go directly to the Indonesian Consulate in Darwin and apply for your Social Visa. Indonesian Social Visa application forms are able to be downloaded from the Darwin Indonesian Consulate website: <http://www.kri-darwin.org/pdfs/General%20Visa%20Form.pdf> Social Visas take a minimum of four working days to process.

If you add any 'last-minute' crew in Darwin who are not listed on your CAIT, you will also need a Sponsor Letter from the Sail Indonesia Organisers and there will be a \$30 fee for this. You will need to provide a photocopy of the crew's passport and a letter from the Skipper certifying the person is joining the yacht.

Links to government websites regarding visas and immigration requirements for Indonesia Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand are at <http://www.sailindonesia.net/links/asianlinks.php>

Australian Customs

The Organisers provide Customs with a list of participating vessels and crew names. Following this, and about two weeks prior to departure:

1. The skipper needs to go to Customs House, 21 Lindsay St (ground floor) and provide a crew list, copy of all passports and the ship's registration papers. If the skipper is not the owner, a letter of authorisation from the owner will be required. Customs will give the skippers the required forms and you will be able to pick up a fuel order form.

You can then make arrangements to purchase duty free fuel and duty free goods. Information and order forms will be given to you when you meet with Sail Indonesia team members in Darwin.

2. Arrangements for Customs clearance out of Australia will be confirmed at the Technical Briefing on July 22. However, provisional arrangements are for clearance of all yachts from one location - at the Darwin Sailing Club on Friday 25 July.

Insurance

Some yachts have obtained insurance for the trip in the past. However, please be aware that if you have insurance for Australian waters this may terminate once you have cleared out of Customs, unless otherwise specified.

Insurance covering situations requiring medical or emergency evacuation is also recommended.

Health and Vaccinations

In Indonesia Typhoid, Hepatitis, Tetanus and Malaria are common. There has been a rise in the incidence of Malaria across Indonesia in recent months and, in 2005 there was an outbreak of Polio in Java as well as areas of bird flu in Java and Bali. Every crew member should consult a doctor for detailed advice on the prevention and treatment of tropical diseases. Make sure you have all special medical prescriptions filled before you leave as the same type of drug may not be readily available in Indonesia. A detailed overview of health considerations for travelers in Indonesia can be found at the following website:

<http://www.mdtravelhealth.com/destinations/asia/indonesia.html>

The Travelers Medical and Vaccination Centre located at the first floor of the Cavenagh Centre, 43 Cavenagh Street in Darwin; phone +61 8 89817492. They specialise in tropical medicine and vaccinations. There is usually a few days wait for an appointment. Yachts with medically qualified people on board are asked to make their qualifications known to Sail Indonesia Organisers.

Radio Frequencies and Schedule

HF Radio and VHF protocols and schedules will be confirmed at the Technical Briefing. A formal HF radio sched will operate for the duration of the Rally between Darwin and Kupang, and may continue informally thereafter. The HF Race Communication Frequencies are Primary 4483 KHz or Secondary 2524 KHz. Yachts willing to act as radio relay or support vessels for this sched should advise the Sail Indonesia Organisers.

VHF Channel 77 is the channel used by Sail Indonesia for local nets in both Darwin and Kupang. Both scheds will take place daily at 0810 hours local time. The Darwin sched will commence on Monday 30 June 2008; the Kupang sched will commence when yachts arrive at the destination. Kupang time is GMT+8:00.

Charts and Tidal Diaries

Tide charts for Darwin are on our website at <http://www.sailindonesia.net/links/weather.php>

Copies of charts for Indonesian waters are a necessity and can be obtained in Darwin. They are not available in Kupang.

Bahasa Indonesia

English is not widely spoken away from the main centres. The Indonesian language, Bahasa Indonesia is not a difficult language, so before you leave Darwin get yourself a phrase book and at least arrive with a few words - and remember, if in doubt, smile. Some of the children have a smattering of English from school. Learning some essential phrases and/or a phrase book/dictionary is useful. Those people that do speak some English like to practice it and are delighted if you speak a little Indonesian.

An Indonesian travel guide eg Lonely Planet, is also going to be a useful asset to you. This should be purchased before you leave Darwin/

Yacht Spare Parts

Obtaining yacht spare parts in Indonesia is almost impossible; engine spares may be available but they will be difficult to locate away from the main centres. The best thing is to take any spares you may need with you, especially fuel filters.

LPG Gas Bottles

Indonesian government regulations do not permit gas bottles with non-Indonesian connections to be refilled in Indonesia so you should take 3-month supply of gas with you. If you wish, you can have your gas system modified to take Indonesian bottles while you are in the country.

Travel Warnings

It is most important that you check the latest information on travel advice and the security situation for the countries and places you propose to visit. This information is available from a number of Government Websites including <http://www.smartraveller.gov.au> and from most other embassies in Australia.

Weather

The predominant weather system in the region during the period is the south-easterly trade winds, generally ranging between 10-25 knots. Once north of the Indonesian chain of islands, northerly afternoon sea breezes can also be expected. Recommended weather links for Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand can be found at:

<http://www.sailindonesia.net/links/weather.php>

Currency

It is advisable to obtain some Indonesian Rupiah before you leave Darwin so that you have local currency as soon as you come ashore. Both Australian and US dollars are easily exchanged in Kupang and other parts of Indonesia. Note: banknotes must be in mint condition as defaced or torn notes will not be accepted by the banks or moneychangers.

If you intend using ATMs to obtain money in Indonesia, make sure that you advise your bank of your intended travel in the country, as some cards/accounts require prior notification of international use.

How you can help

You are going to meet some very poor people in Indonesia who will offer you enormous hospitality and generosity. Before you leave Darwin please go to a second hand shop and buy a bag of children's clothes that you can give away when you get the opportunity, also exercise books, writing pads, pens, and pencils are also highly valued gifts for school children, so be sure to take a range of appropriate 'give away' supplies with you. Sail Indonesia is now supporting young students to undertake a course of study at the University of Kupang and you will be asked to make an optional donation of AUD\$25 to the **Sail Indonesia Kupang University Scholarship** fund. Further information on this fund can be obtained from the website at:

<http://www.sailindonesia.net/indonesia/scholarship.php>

SAILING IN INDONESIA

Whilst Indonesian waters offer spectacular sights and experiences, sailing close to the shore at night is not recommended unless absolutely necessary. Indonesia is an island maritime nation with thousands of trading and fishing boats of varying types and sizes; at night, many will be unlit or worse showing navigation lights that may be reversed or simply wrong. Additionally there are also many types of unlit fishing platforms and traps in both coastal and deep water areas. The number of pearl farms in Indonesia is increasing; it is not unusual for these farms to be patrolled by boats with armed guards.

Do Not rely on any lights being operational in harbours; around most harbours there are abundant fish traps (large and small) and people out on small unlit canoes at night. Some have lights but some do not. Some fish traps are large, floating bamboo structures, usually with accommodation on top and measure approximately 6x6 metres. All these craft are particularly difficult to see at night, as often there is not even a mast and sail to alert you to their presence. Radar is generally

ineffective at picking up these craft and it is advisable to be alert and vigilant and have a person on the bow with a spotlight to check for clear water ahead. Even with this precaution, it is possible to have some very near misses.

ARRIVAL IN KUPANG

Kupang is a very busy port with a large number of ship movements around the clock, and at night extra care is needed as the local shipping navigation lights may be incorrect, partially operational or not working at all. The anchorage area in Kupang will be supplied at the Technical Briefing.

As you approach the finish area contact the Kupang Rally Office on VHF Channel 77 to announce your arrival to the onshore radio to get any last minute information or instructions. Again take great care in the waters close to shore as this area has not been officially surveyed and at night there a large number of unlit canoes and fish traps that are difficult to see and do not show up on radar.

After you have crossed the finish line, anchor in the CIQ area where entry formalities will be completed. Yachts arriving during the night will not be cleared until the following morning. The Kupang Rally Office radio will be open from 0700 – 1630 hours (Kupang time) daily. Kupang time is GMT+8:00.

Kupang Arrival Documentation

Multiple copies of the following documents are required on arrival in Kupang for Indonesian Customs and Immigration clearances:

- a) Copies of Cruising Authority Indonesian Territory (CAIT)
- b) Copies of passports of all those travelling on the boat
- c) A copy of your Ship's Registration Papers
- d) A copy of your Crew List
- e) DO NOT FORGET to keep Australian Customs outgoing port clearance papers from Darwin as they will be required when you arrive in Indonesia.

Copies of some of these documents may also be required at intermediate ports of call. Copies of these documents will also be required when you finally clear out of Indonesia.

Anchorage

Anchor in the designated CIQ mooring area and advise the Kupang Rally Office of your arrival on VHF Channel 77. If you arrive during the night, make contact with the Kupang Rally Office after it commences at 0700 hours the following morning. The CIQ mooring area will be very busy and to make sure that Indonesian CIQ can identify the yachts that have not been cleared it is best to have a LARGE "Q" flag and remember, the Indonesian national flag must also be displayed. This red and white flag is flown with red uppermost.

Kupang Customs, Immigration and Quarantine (CIQ)

Arrival clearance generally takes place on board the yachts. **You cannot go ashore until you are cleared.**

Officials boarding your yacht will include Customs, Immigration and Quarantine Officials. Your yacht will be inspected and your paperwork will be collected at this time. It is a good idea to safely stow duty free goods and any valuables out of sight. Please don't offer the officials any alcohol or gifts. Foreign yachts are a cause of great curiosity, so be patient but firm as your vessel is your home. *It is not necessary to give the officials that come on board your yacht any "presents" and it is best not to invite them to have a drink as this will slow down the processing of incoming yachts behind you.*

Copies of your paperwork as well as all crew passports and Arrival Cards will be taken ashore for processing. Make sure you write down the name of the Customs official who has taken your passports and papers for future reference should you need it. At this stage you are cleared to come ashore in Indonesia. Before coming ashore, you should:

- advise the Kupang Rally Office on VHF Channel 77 that you have received clearance,
- take down your “Q” flag and
- re-anchor in the general mooring area (as per the instructions supplied at the technical briefing).

Your passports and formal clearance into Indonesia will take about 24 hours to be processed and will be made available for collection from the CIQ office on the Ground Floor of Teddy's Hotel (immediately behind Teddy's Bar). Payment of Port Fees takes place at this time.

Welcome ceremonies in Kupang will most likely commence on Friday 1 August 2008.

Kupang Dinghy Service

The local community in Kupang has formed a co-operative to care for your dinghy while it is on the beach in front of Teddy's Bar. There is a charge of around Rp20,000 per day for this service which is around US\$2. The dinghy boys will keep inquisitive locals away, help you carry the dinghy to and from the water and also help you with any baggage you may have or garbage you bring ashore, all this for \$2 per 24 hour period.

Kupang Rally Office

The Kupang Rally Office will be located on the foreshore of Teddy's Bar between the hours of 0700 and 1630 daily. As soon as you come ashore, please contact with the office for any messages and latest information. The Kupang Rally Office will also be on VHF Channel 77, the official Rally channel during office hours, and a sched will be run daily in Kupang at 0810 hours Kupang time.

Currency

In Kupang you can change money at money changers located near to Teddy's Bar where you come ashore, also at banks and ATMs around the town. All banknotes other than Indonesian must be in perfect condition with no tears or other marks otherwise banks and moneychangers may not accept them.

Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns Guns

Indonesian regulations regarding firearms and ammunition are very restrictive and rigidly enforced. The penalty for possession of unregistered or illegal firearms can be as high as **15 years in prison**.

Your firearms **MUST** have Certificates of Registration from the country of origin and clearance papers from your last port (in this case, Darwin). Proof of purchase or receipts are not acceptable. On arrival in Kupang you must declare, and provide an inventory of, all firearms and ammunition to Indonesian Customs.

In 2004, a foreign boat captain spent four months in a Bali jail for not declaring his shotguns and ammunition. In 2005, a Rally skipper declared his shotguns with the receipt from the store where they were purchased. The weapon was not registered and his gun was confiscated; he was also threatened with court proceedings and a possible 15-year jail term. It required significant negotiation and the intervention of his country's diplomatic mission to resolve the issue.

Dress in Indonesia

Dress standards mean a lot in Indonesia. Smart casual clothes are ideal especially when dealing with officials and it is best not to wear expensive jewelry when you are out and about. Remember, Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim country and as such women, in particular, should dress modestly.

Duty Free Alcohol in Indonesia

Most of you will have duty free alcohol on board and Indonesian laws regarding taking it ashore from your yacht are similar to most other countries in the world. If you take any ashore for your own

benefit, be discreet as the fines from the local authorities can be very high. For those of you who drink beer the cost of a large bottle of beer in Indonesia is Rp15,000-20,000 which is less than AUD\$2 .

DURING YOUR STAY IN INDONESIA

Kupang – your introduction to Indonesia - "*Different Field, Different Grasshopper*"

The saying above was 'discovered' in Flores by Belle Holahan sailing on the catamaran *Simpatica* and it best describes your upcoming Indonesian experience. Getting things done is often a bureaucratic nightmare combined with you often having to make 'facilitation' payments to ease the way when obtaining goods or services. Additionally, the Western concept of time is not familiar to the population of Indonesia; the wonderful phrase "*Jam Karet*" delivered with a smile (translated as "rubber time"), will explain why the parts you are waiting for or the taxi you have ordered is late or does not arrive all. These two things alone mean that Indonesia is a very different kind of place and sometimes getting the simplest task done can take all day.

These frustrations will be more than compensated for by the generosity and sheer friendliness of the people of Indonesia combined with the amazing array of sights, scenes and culture you will experience in Kupang and throughout your journey in Indonesia.

Sail Indonesia Program of Events in Kupang

A four day itinerary for your entertainment will be provided by the Sail Indonesia Local Kupang Committee. This will include a Welcome Ceremony, Tours, Cultural Presentations and some free time for pursuing your own sight seeing. This program will be confirmed at the Technical Briefing, posted on the website and updated daily on the Notice Board at Teddy's Bar.

Local Information Desk and Guides

A local information desk provided by the local organising committee can provide information about getting around Kupang. There may also be a number of official guides who can assist you during your stay. These young people are generally students at the local university who wish to practise and improve their English language skills. They will provide valuable assistance to you and can accompany you to the markets, bank and shopping etc. No formal payment is required but it is recommended that you provide a gratuity to the guides you use, as well as pay for any food and refreshments.

Kupang Airport

The Kupang Airport "El Tari" is around 15 kilometers from town. There is a twice weekly air service from Darwin and also many daily flights that connect with all other ports in Indonesia.

Shopping in Kupang

Kupang has a shopping center a short Bemo (local taxi) ride away from the anchorage called the "Flobamora Mall" where most grocery and other items are available. Within a 10 minute walk from the anchorage off Teddy's Bar there are a number of Banks as well as Automatic Teller Machines. Also there are also a number of restaurants and cafes close to the anchorage.

There are also a number of fresh food markets with a large array of very fresh fruit and vegetables at very cheap prices. Go early! There is also a fresh fish and meat market. Be warned – it is not for the faint-hearted as you never know what you might find trussed up and offered for sale. Furthermore, the smell of fish and meat can be quite overpowering for the Western olfactory senses – there is no refrigeration. It is helpful to have command of basic Bahasa Indonesia (particularly numbers) if you are going to do a lot of shopping at the fresh food markets.

The Toko Citra Utama shop located at Jalan Cakdoko 43 Kupang 85111 can do full size copies of marine charts.

Transport in Kupang

The most effective means of transport in Kupang are the local buses, called 'bemos'. The bemo to Flobamora Mall is number 1 bemo, bemo number 6 runs by Teddy's also 6 returns to Teddy's. To the Telkom office take bemo 1, 2 or 3 and return on number 2 bemo. The numbers can usually be found on the roof of the bemo, but it pays to ask.

Internet Facilities

Internet facilities in Kupang as with the rest of Indonesia are often very slow and not very reliable in the Internet cafes offering access. However a better service is available at the TELKOM office up the hill, just a short ride on the number 2 bus (bemo) from the anchorage.

Communications

The GSM phone system is in use in Kupang and you can use your own mobile phone. If you wish, it is a simple and cheaper option to purchase a local SIM card from one of the many phone shops near to Teddy's Bar in Kupang. The SMS service is very cheap. Note: prepaid phones purchased in Australia may not work in Indonesia. To call from outside Indonesia the country code is +62. The other cheaper option is to go to one of many Wartel shops where you can make international calls from a booth and simply pay at the completion of the timed call.

Water

Water is available in Kupang but as with all water taken on in Indonesia, it must be purified before you can drink it. A large selection of processed bottled water is available everywhere in Indonesia and if you wish you can buy drinking water quite cheaply in 20 litre returnable bottles. Water, delivered to your yacht, can be arranged through the Kupang Dinghy Service.

Food and Provisioning in Indonesia

For those who appreciate western delicatessen items such as processed meats, cheeses, crackers olives, wine and so on these items are not available in the areas you will be going until you get to Singapore so you will have to stock up on these items before you leave Darwin

Diesel Fuel in Indonesia

Diesel fuel (*solar*) costs around Rp 5,000 per litre in Indonesia and it is readily available at almost every place you will visit. Petrol (*bensin*) is also readily available. However, it is best to fuel up at larger ports you will be visiting, as the smaller villages may not have any to sell to you.

In the past diesel fuel was usually transported to the yacht in jerry cans. In Bali, since the nightclub bombings, it is now illegal to carry fuel in jerry cans (jerry jugs) unless the seller has a special permit. This is also the case in other parts of Indonesia usually enforced by dockside fuel vendors who can take advantage of this situation and increase their price above the general rate; as usual the "*Different Field Different Grasshopper*" rule applies.

You will be able to take on fuel in Kupang, organised through the Kupang Dinghy Service. The fuel will be bought to you on a small boat and your tanks will be filled by hand. There will be a slightly higher price for this 'door to door' service, but it is worth it. It all sounds complicated and it is.

While the cleanliness of fuel in Indonesia has improved over the years, it is still highly advisable to filter all fuel going into your tanks.

Yacht Spare Parts

Obtaining yacht spare parts in Indonesia is almost impossible. Engine spares may be available but they will be difficult to locate away from the main centres. The best thing is to take any spares you may need with you, especially fuel filters.

Importing yacht parts into Indonesia can be complicated and difficult as the Indonesian Customs

procedures are very bureaucratic for yachts in transit; in any case, these services are only easily available in Kupang, Bali, Surabaya and Jakarta. Most importantly, to avoid having to import taxes on items you are expecting, even though you will be taking them with when you leave Indonesia, you will need to go to the Fedex or DHL office with your paperwork to make import arrangements BEFORE the items arrive in the country. If you do not do this, you will have to pay full import duty of 30 percent and there is no way around this.

Medical Services

Medical services away from the main urban centres vary from limited to non-existent. If you do need medical services, SOS International in Bali and Jakarta offer a first rate service. In Indonesia, medical supplies are very reasonably priced and are available at most "Apotik" (chemist) stores, even general prescription drugs. The very popular stomach upset "Bali Belly" may not be in fact a bug but rather the result of different food or too just much fun. A very effective remedy you may wish to try first are activated charcoal pills called "Norit", easily obtained from any Apotik store.

Bargaining

Bargaining is the system of commerce in the smaller local markets away from the large stores and supermarkets and usually around 60 per cent of the original asking price is about what you could expect to pay, but again as with all things in Indonesia there are many "different types of grasshopper".

Laundry

Laundry in Kupang can be arranged through the Kupang Dinghy Service.

LPG Gas Bottles

Indonesian government regulations do not permit gas bottles with non-Indonesian connections to be refilled in Indonesia so you should take 3 month supply of gas with you. If you wish you can have your gas system modified to take Indonesian bottles while you are in the country.

Ceremonies

These are very important and are taken very seriously. It is advisable to be respectful and comply with local customs. They will also expect you to participate in various aspects of the ceremonies, particularly singing and dancing. Anyone able to play an instrument, even a lager-phone or beer carton should advise the group. You will be amazed by the dances and music of the region!

AFTER KUPANG

The events after Kupang scheduled through Indonesia are not designed to be followed in sequence as part of a route. The members of **YCBI** are not sailors and these stopovers have been arranged by the individual islands without the sailing time between events being fully taken into consideration but that is all part of the charm of the country, so you will have the ability to pick and choose.

Details of the full program will be posted on the website as they are confirmed, and members of the committee including Raymond Lesmana will provide additional information at the Technical Briefing. Raymond and his team will be at every rally port of call to assist with liaison with the local organisers and provide information to yachts.

Contact with the West

Many of the islands and villages you will be visiting in Indonesia have not had a lot of contact with contemporary *western culture* through tourism and the like. It is best if all visitors are mindful of this fact and, therefore, respectful of the local culture and customs. It is also worth adding that Indonesia is not a drinking culture. The culture is obviously quite different to that of Australia. Males, in particular, should be careful that they do not compromise the future of single women

through liaisons that might be deceptively called holiday romances. There is no such a concept in Indonesia and females may view the liaison as a serious long-term relationship – with marriage as the obvious outcome. Families and community may see the relationship in yet another light and the woman's reputation in such a small and close knit community could be damaged.

Security and Theft from Yachts

Firstly, don't leave temptation on deck. In 2004, two rally yachts were broken into and robbed while unattended at anchor off the town of Labuan Bajo on the western end of Flores. It is always advisable to exercise care and vigilance when near villages, in any port and especially when you have people on board for Customs clearance or refueling. It is always best to practice neighbourhood watch and not to leave your yacht unguarded at any time unless in a marina.

Arrival in Bali

Do not attempt to enter Bali Harbour at night as the channel is very narrow with unreliable and dim navigation lights against a bright background; often some of these lights may be not working at all. The port is officially closed at sundown, so entry at night may void your yacht insurance. When you arrive off the entrance to Benoa, call the Bali Marina on VHF Channel 77 to let them know you have arrived and to receive any last minute instructions. Calls are not always answered promptly so it is best to begin calling when you are 2 hours away from the port entrance.

Entering the Port of Benoa in Bali

The Benoa Harbour leads begin at the Sea Buoy at 8°45'14 S, 115°14'55 E. Be aware there are very strong tidal currents and overfalls in the area of the entrance. Follow the leads (just below a lone palm tree on the hill above) on a course of 255° True, past Buoys Number 1 and Number 2 to the beginning of the dogleg channel. Maintain a course close to the Red (left) side channel markers keeping well clear of all green markers. Continue 30 metres past the last Buoy #8 before turning North staying close to the main ship wharf then on to the Marina, located at 8°44'28"S and 115°12'48"E.

The long established Bali Yacht Services (contactable on VHF Channel 11) offers a wide range of services to visiting yachts.

Bali is able to cater to any requirements of the tourist. Just ask the staff in the Marina office for any assistance with tours, transport or shopping.

Visa Extensions in Indonesia

“Processing visas for foreigners means navigating one's way through a maze of bureaucracy in which there are few clear rules of engagement. The pitfalls usually involve corrupt officials manipulating overlapping regulations to their benefit, with a mass of paperwork and meaningless technicalities slowing down what should be a relatively straightforward process.”

This was written in *The Jakarta Post* and describes the Visa renewal process fairly accurately.

If you have a **"Social Visa"** it is extendible for a total period of up to 6 months; however it is validated for only 60 days when you first arrive in Indonesia. At least 5 days prior to the expiration of this initial period you must have it extended. You will need to find an agent to do this for you and there are charges of around Rp500,000 per passport for the agent to provide each passport holder with a **Sponsor Letter** and to arrange the extension of your visa at an Immigration office. You may not be able to extend your visa at the Immigration Office yourself as you will need the sponsor letter. But as they say **“Different Field Different Grasshopper”**.

Indonesian Visa extensions in Bali

At this time Bali Marina management will extend visas for yachts with Rally Cruising Permits and their charges should be checked. Wayan Kotha from Bali Yacht Services will arrange the extensions for around \$50 US for each passport. Raymond Lesmana from YCBI/Sail Indonesia will advise participants of recommended visa extension arrangements.

Again, remember if you intend to go to Indonesia and stay in Indonesia for longer than 30 days you must purchase a "Social Visa" in Darwin prior to departure

Clearing out of Indonesia

The clearance port(s) and final clearing out arrangements will be advised by Raymond Lesmana at the Technical Briefing in Darwin.

As yachts clear from Indonesia, they should send an email to Sail Indonesia Organisers mail@sailindonesia.net confirming the date and their port of departure.

BEYOND INDONESIA

A range of events and functions are being organised for the Sail Indonesia fleet in Singapore and Malaysia. These will be detailed on the website and at the Technical Briefing.

Visas for Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand

All participants should check with the Diplomatic Missions from these countries to check your own visa requirements. Go to <http://www.sailindonesia.net/links/asianlinks.php> for further information.

Guns Guns Guns

Singaporean and Malaysian regulations regarding firearms and ammunition are also very restrictive and rigidly enforced. Both countries apply severe penalties for possession of ammunition, unregistered or illegal firearms. You **MUST** check with the diplomatic missions of the countries you intend to visit as to their regulations regarding firearms.

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