

2017 SAIL MALAYSIA PASSAGE TO THE EAST



PRE-ENTRY INFORMATION BOOKLET



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I. INTRODUCTION – Welcome to Sail Malaysia!

Malaysia is situated between 1 and 7 degrees north and has traditionally been the centre of regional trade due to its strategic location. While the west coast of Peninsula Malaysia is well traveled and documented among cruising yachts, the eastern side of the country (east coast of Peninsula Malaysia, Sarawak and Sabah) offer a much quieter scene.

For circumnavigators, we understand the passion to continue west. If you just did that, you will really miss some of the most spectacular destinations the sailing world has to offer. Eastern Borneo has the most diverse marine ecology in the world, also known as the 'Manhattan' of the underwater world. Even the Magellan fleet had to backtrack eastwards to find what he really wanted...

You will quickly discover long sandy beaches and idyllic islands, unspoiled and unhurried. Some of the best diving sites in the world are located here and some still waiting to be discovered.

Sail Malaysia welcomes you to the rally stops, where you will again be showered with a warm Malaysian style welcome. Along the way, you will also discover the vast range of diversity in heritage, religion and culture that is inherent in our country.

Visiting Malaysia, as many of you already know, is hassle-free and convenient for long-term stopovers. The destinations that you will visit are also easily accessible by air. Travelling to any part of the world or receiving friends and family at the rally stops should not be a problem to anyone.

There is so much to look forward to. The journey is as much about self-discovery as it is about visiting our friendly hosts. This event is a continuation of our efforts, and on behalf of the many sponsors and supporters along the way, to promote marine tourism in Malaysia. We invite all sailors to join the Sail Malaysia Passage to the East and Discover Malaysia by Sea!



Purpose of This Document

This Pre-Entry Information Booklet is intended to provide interested **2017** participants a general overview of the event and what to expect. This document also comes attached with the entry form.

The information contained in this document and the website www.sailmalaysia.net is the OFFICIAL information published by Sail Malaysia. Regular updates about the event will be posted on the website and sent via email to interested parties on the mailing list.

Organiser Contact Details

The Sail Malaysia Passage to the East is owned and managed by SM Yachting Sdn. Bhd. (1184683-V), a private limited company registered in Malaysia. All correspondence to the organizers of Sail Malaysia should be directed via email to

mail@sailmalaysia.net

FOR EASY REFERENCE, PLEASE INCLUDE THE NAME OF YOUR YACHT IN THE SUBJECT SECTION OF YOUR EMAILS.

RALLY START

The OFFICIAL START of the rally will begin in:
Puteri Harbour Marina in Nusajaya, Johor
 (01°25'.12N 103°39'.49E)

Date: 2 May 2017 at the marina office

12 noon – 3 pm: Event registration
 3 pm – 7 pm: Technical Briefing

For those arriving from the north, we will start to **regroup** at the following locations:

Rebak Marina Langkawi	06° 17' .48 N 99° 41'.70 E	4 April 2016
Pangkor Marina Island	04° 12'N, 100 ° 36'E	13-14 April 2016

Please inform us where you will be starting your journey as it will help us manage our resources better.

II. RALLY ENTRY

How to Register

1. You can either fill in the form in our website or fill in the Registration Form attached with this document. If you can't download the registration form, then send us the details via email.
2. THE OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS IS: mail@sailmalaysia.net
3. Upon receiving your details, we deem that you have read and agreed to the details in this document.
4. We shall confirm your participation by replying to your email.
5. A completed form together with the details you sent will be ready for signature when we see you at the rally stops.

Entry Costs

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| a. Early Bird (before 15 April 2017) | RM 1,260 per yacht (Thai Baht 10,000) |
| b. After Early Bird period (normal fee) | RM 1,500 per yacht |

The date above refers to the date of registration, and not the date of payment.

If you are joining only for the Peninsula Malaysia sector, which is up to Pulau Redang, then the fee is RM 600 per yacht.

If you are joining us from Kuching, Labuan or Sabah, then the fee is RM 700 per yacht.

Benefits:

- i. Organised rally stops listed in the Rally Schedule.
- ii. Entry permits to Anambas and Natuna
- iii. Entry permits to Pulau Tioman marine park and all of Sabah Marine Parks
- iv. Two Sail Malaysia t-shirts and Sail Malaysia rally flag
- v. Other souvenir and goodies provided to you by our hosts

The following are not included in the registration fee:

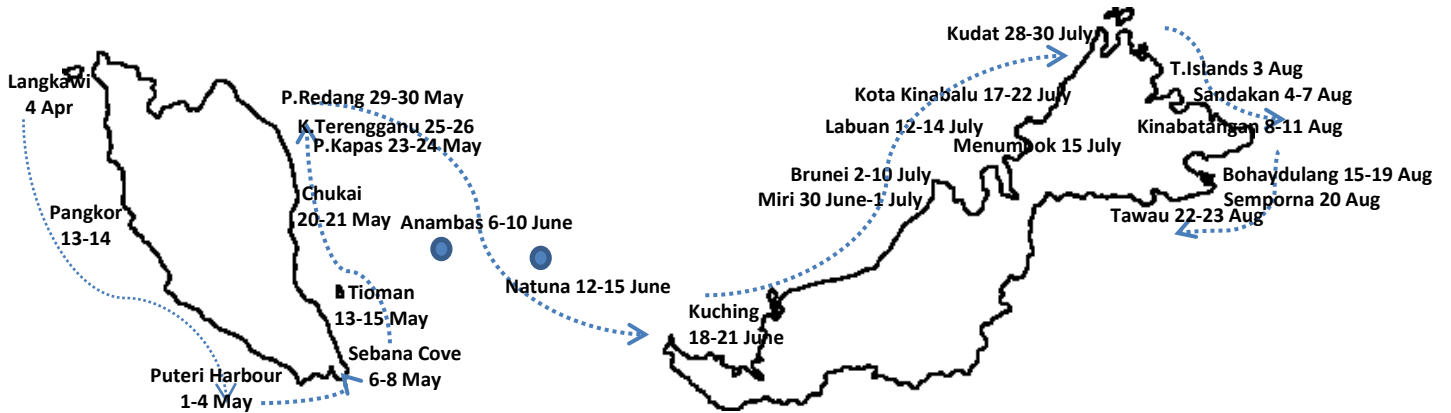
- i. Marina costs
- ii. Port clearance charges, if any and park fees. This will be discussed in more detail at the technical briefing on 2 May.
- iii. Items classified as 'Optional Tours' or events.

Payment methods

1. Payment is only by cash or bank transfer. Once we receive your registration form, we will send our bank details so that you can make a cash transfer. This is quite straightforward in Malaysia. If you are not in Malaysia, don't worry. The cash transfer can be made once you arrive.
2. Alternatively, you can pay us when you see us at the rally stops.

III. RALLY DETAILS.

At this moment, the details of the rally are being discussed with our hosts. The dates below may vary not by much, a few days at the most, if at all.



Date	Destination
3-4 April	Rebak Marina Langkawi
13-14 April	Pangkor Marina Island
1-4 May	Puteri Harbour Marina
6-8 May	Sebana Cove Marina
13-15 May	Pulau Tioman
20-21 May	Sg. Chukai
23-24 May	Pulau Kapas
25-26 May	Duyong Marina, Kuala Terengganu
29-30 May	Pulau Redang
6-10 June	Anambas Islands, Indonesia
12-15 June	Natuna Islands, Indonesia
18-21 June	Kuching
30 June-1 July	Miri Marina
2-10 July	Brunei
12-14 July	Labuan
15 July	Menumbok
17-22 July	Kota Kinabalu
28-30 July	Kudat
3 Aug	Turtle Islands, Sabah
4-7 Aug	Sandakan Yacht Club
8-11 Aug	Sg. Kinabatangan
15-19 Aug	Tun Sakaran Marine Park
20 Aug	Semporna
22-23 Aug	Tawau

Our Indonesian partners will continue with the Back to Down Under Rally after Tawau to Australia/New Zealand. More updates later.



Activities that you can expect from Sail Malaysia Passage to the East

Destination	Reception	Land tour	Rally Dinner/ similar	Others (Games, etc)	Optional activities	Comments (* denotes rally highlight)
Rebak Marina Langkawi	*					Cocktail reception
Pangkor Marina Island			*		*	Luncheon*
Puteri Harbour Marina	*		*	*		Technical Briefing Rally Dinner
Sebana Cove Marina		*				Johor Tour
Pulau Tioman	*			*		Games with locals*
Sg. Chukai	*	*				Tour, reception
Pulau Kapas				*		Beach cricket
Kuala Terengganu		*	*			Rally Dinner
Pulau Redang				*	*	Dive/Snorkel*
Anambas, Indonesia	*		*			Hosting, dive/snorkel
Natuna, Indonesia	*		*			Hosting, dive/snorkel
Kuching		*	*			Tour to OrangUtan*
Miri Marina	*				*	Annual Miri potluck
Brunei	*				*	Hosting
Menumbok			*			Open House*
Labuan	*			*		Rally Dinner*,duty-free
Kota Kinabalu			*	*	*	Technical Briefing Annual games*
Kudat	*			*		Kudat Festival*
Turtle Islands				*		Turtles!!*
Sandakan			*	*		Rally Dinner* Sanctuaries
Sg. Kinabatangan				*		Wildlife*
Tun Sakaran Marine Park				*		Dive/snorkel*
Semporna						Festivities*
Tawau			*	*		Rally Dinner*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. From April to August, you will have the opportunity to experience the very best of Malaysia. The schedule is designed with plenty of time in between so that your journey is unrushed.
2. Rally yachts listed under Sail Malaysia will be under constant surveillance of the Maritime Department, especially in Borneo. This is just an extra precautionary step to ensure that your journey is smooth and trouble-free. More details will be discussed at the technical rally briefing.
3. In Eastern Borneo, ESSCOM (Eastern Sabah Security Command) will take charge of your security. The rally fleet will be under by multiple layers of coordinated protection, provided that we follow ESSCOM's rules and guidelines. ESSCOM's rules are easy to follow. See *Destination Notes* below for more details.
4. Following the inaugural success in 2015, Anambas and Natuna are eagerly waiting to host you again this year. Please note that a separate registration is necessary for Indonesia and we will advise you by email.
5. Visa extension. Malaysian entry visas can be easily renewed by hopping across to Singapore from Johor Bahru or Nusajaya. Visas can be renewed again by following the rally to Brunei, and then checking back into Malaysia in Labuan.



Sukan Rakyat in Tioman



IMPORTANT RALLY INFORMATION

The notes below are relevant for the Sail Malaysia Passage to the East registered participants only.

A. INTRODUCTION

1. **Malaysia.** The *Sail Malaysia Passage to the East 2017* refers a Malaysian yacht rally event starting from the west coast of the Peninsula to the east and Sabah. The event is open to all cruising boats.
2. **Organiser.** The Sail Malaysia programme is wholly owned and managed by SM Yachting Sdn. Bhd. Our role is to organize the rally stops for you in Malaysia and to coordinate with our friends in Southeast Asia and Australia on your journey within Malaysia.
3. **Our objective.** The overall objective of this event is to introduce Malaysia by sea by organizing rally stops along the route and welcoming you with our Malaysian-style hospitality.

B. YOUR JOURNEY

1. **Planning Your Journey.** The technical Briefing in Puteri Harbour Marina is vital in helping you plan your journey across Malaysia. We also recommend that you get hold of the Sail Malaysia Cruising Guide (hard copy at RM 70) and the free downloadable text-only version in www.sailmalaysia.net.
2. **Security.** The rally will co-operate with all security services and keep all rally participants updated with the latest official recommendations.
3. **Communication 1.** Emails and our website will have the latest information. We will also have representatives at all rally stops.
4. **Communication 2.** If you need to communicate **immediately** with us, mobile phones will be the main mode. All mobile operators have excellent coverage throughout Malaysia and the charges are relatively cheap.
5. **Communication 3.** Periodic radio skeds will be organized during the rally period for everybody's benefit. This will be detailed at the Technical Briefing in Puteri Harbour Marina.
6. **Customs and Immigration.** Customs and immigration clearance in Malaysia is typically 'hassle-free'. Notwithstanding that, we will advise you on the procedures of each stop at the technical briefing.
7. **Marina Berthing.** All marinas along the route are aware of the rally and welcome the participants. However none will provide us with a blanket booking for berth, for practical purposes. Therefore, for those who wish to berth in the

marinas, you will be required to communicate directly with them to confirm bookings.

C. ABOUT THE EVENT

1. **Event Format.** The event format is free and easy up to Kudat. Notwithstanding that, we do recommend that you plan your journey through all the rally stops. This is the best way to observe the diversity of our country. The rally schedule is also planned in such a way that you have ample time for self-discovery in the most interesting places. Between Kudat and Tawau you will be required to be in a convoy coordinated by ESSCOM.
2. **Rally Stops 1.** The rally stops are listed above in the Rally Schedule. Each stop will contain a mixed bag of events, such as receptions, dinners, tours, games, activities, etc. The details are currently being finalized.
3. **Rally Stops 2.** Along your journey, you will find some places extremely tempting and it's just so easy to stop and skip some of the others. Again, we recommend that you go to all of them as each destination have its own set wonderful surprises that might otherwise be missed.
4. **Press Conferences and Boat Visits.** These activities will be included in this year's rally as part of our program to create awareness about the cruising lifestyle. These activities are optional and it is perfectly understandable if you do not wish to take part. Please do not hesitate to inform us and we will maintain strict privacy.

D. DESTINATION NOTES

1. **Technical Briefings.** We will be setting up 3 important briefings for the rally:
 - i) in Puteri Harbour on 2 May,
 - ii) in Sutera Harbour Marina, Kota Kinabalu on 20 July, and
 - iii) in Kudat Marina Resort on 30 July (for those going from Kudat to Tawau)
2. **Pulau Redang.** Once you arrive in Tioman, it's always tempting to stay put until Anambas and Natuna. However you will miss one of the jewels in the passage, which is Pulau Redang. Coral Island Resort is a great host and we highly recommend this journey.
3. **Eastern Sabah.** Malaysia has a zero tolerance on kidnapping in Eastern Sabah. Therefore, the security detail in this area will be different from other parts of Malaysia. ESSCOM will be taking the lead in your passage in this stretch of water, and as long as we do that, we will be able to enjoy what is known as some of the best cruising grounds in the world. It is highly likely that you will need to register and sign an agreement that you will adhere to ESSCOM's guidance to enter eastern Sabah. Unfortunately, this is necessary because in

the past there have been some rogue yachts who think they are better than our security forces and decide to wander off on their own with total disregard of ESSCOM's guidelines. If you think you are likely to be the next 'wanderer' then eastern Sabah and this rally post-Kudat is not for you.

IV. GETTING AROUND

If you wish to travel or receive friends & relatives by air, below is the proximity of the airports to the rally stops (measurement – approximate drive time). All local airports connect to Kuala Lumpur.

Destination	Driving Distance to Airport
Pangkor Marina Island, Perak	3 hours to Penang International Airport. 4 hours by bus to KLIA (Kuala Lumpur Int'l Airport)
Admiral Marina, Port Dickson	45 mins to KLIA
Puteri Harbour Marina, Johor	1 hour to Changi, Singapore 1 hour to Senai Airport, Johor Bahru
Sebana Cove Marina (eastern Johor)	1 ½ hours to Senai Airport, Johor Bahru
Tioman Marina	Only charter flights available from the airport. Ferry services available to the Peninsula.
Chukai River anchorage	30 minutes to Kerteh Airport. 1 ½ hours to Kuala Terengganu Airport
Pulau Kapas anchorage	1 ½ hours to Kuala Terengganu Airport (includes boat ride from island)
Duyong Marina, Kuala Terengganu	30 minutes to Kuala Terengganu Airport
Pulau Redang	10 minutes to airport on the island
Kuching Marina	30 minutes to Kuching Int'l Airport
Santubong anchorage	1 hour to Kuching Int'l Airport
Miri Marina	15 minutes to Miri Airport
Labuan Marina	15 minutes to Labuan Airport
Sutera Harbour Marina	20 minutes to Kota Kinabalu Int'l Airport
Kudat	20 minutes to local airport. Flies to Kota Kinabalu Int'l Airport every other day.
Sandakan Yacht Club	30 minutes to Sandakan Airport
Tawau Yacht Club	30 minutes to Tawau Airport
	<i>All airports listed have direct flights to Kuala Lumpur</i>



V. RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

The websites below can also provide you with a comprehensive description about Malaysia and what you can expect to see while visiting:

Website	Description
www.tourism.gov.my	Official Malaysian Tourism website offers complete up-to-date information on events around the country.
www.virtualmalaysia.com	Tourism website that also provides references to local travel agents.
www.thecoastalpassage.com/papers/TCP39.pdf	Story by SY Charmar

Wishing everyone fair winds and a great time discovering Malaysia!

