

The Scuba Shop

St. Maarten ★ St. Martin

A guide to

Scuba Diving from your yacht

**In the waters of St. Maarten, St. Martin
(And the surrounding islands)**

This guide describes some excellent scuba diving sites that are easily and safely accessible from your charter or private yacht - sail or power. All of the yacht anchorages shown in this guide are approved by the major yacht charter companies and will be discussed more fully during the chart briefing given by your charter company.

For non-divers and for the time between dives, the yacht anchorages described are well protected and comfortable in good to moderate trade wind conditions. Most of them have magnificent beaches, many have beach bars and other water sports activities. Many of the scuba diving sites are ideal for snorkelers who can explore the shallower reef areas.

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Use of this guide

This guide is to be used only by certified sport scuba divers with current valid certification from a recognized scuba training organization. At all times scuba divers must dive within the recognized sport diving limits and guidelines, and within the limits of their certification level.

It is your responsibility at all times to exercise good seamanship when anchoring your yacht, and your dinghy, at a dive site. You must ensure that you use sufficient scope (you may have to lengthen your dinghy anchor line), and check thoroughly that your anchor is well set and will not damage any coral. Please adhere to all guidelines and instructions issued by your charter company.

As a scuba diver it is your responsibility prior to diving, to check that local weather and sea conditions, including currents, are suitable for diving. You must also thoroughly check your own equipment, as well as that of your buddy, paying particular attention to the air supply. You must plan your dive, and then dive according to this plan. Always dive with a suitably experienced buddy and display your diver down flag prominently, exercising special caution in areas where there is boating and jet ski activity.

Although extensive care has been exercised in this guide to accurately describe dive site conditions, the publisher makes no warranty, expressed or implied, for any errors or omissions in this guide. This guide is not to be used for navigational purpose.

Should you feel that you have any additional information that would be useful for inclusion within this guide, we would be grateful to hear from you.

General diving information

Dive Sites - St. Maarten / St. Martin and the surrounding islands offer very interesting and varied diving at moderate depths, which means easy and relaxed diving. Besides numerous varieties of reef fish, you are likely to see Great Barracudas, Tarpon, Flying Gurnard, Moray eels, Snake Eels (there are no sea snakes in the Caribbean), Stingrays, Spotted Eagle Rays, Lobster, Shrimp, Crabs, Turtles and Sharks - both Nurse and Reef, etc. There are numerous well established coral reef systems with a wide variety of beautiful soft and hard corals in pristine condition.

Marine Park - The St. Maarten Marine Park has set mooring buoys at all the deep water dive sites. While these sites are buoyed, they are limited to boats under 36ft, and as such are not suitable for the average charter vessel. In addition, these sites are too far from recognized yacht anchorages to safely dinghy to with a single engine charter yacht dinghy. However, if your vessel is less than 36ft, or if you have a large dinghy suitable for offshore work, The Scuba Shop has copies of the St. Maarten Marine Park Map to enable you to dive these sites.

Weather - The area experiences pleasant warm temperatures year round, with sunny skies, minimal rainfall and steady easterly trade winds. 85% of the time the prevailing direction is between North-East in winter to South-East in summer. Wind velocity is stronger during the winter months and weakest during late summer. The average air temperature varies from a low of 28°C/82°F from December to February, to a high of 31°C/88°F from July to September. The average sea water temperature varies from a low of 25°C/77°F from January to April, to a high of 28°C/82°F in September.

Visibility - All this means that you will experience very pleasant scuba diving conditions with excellent visibility. This will be as much as 120 feet or 36 meters in very calm conditions.

Wetsuits - Although the water is relatively warm, it is advisable to wear at least, a 3mm "shorty" wetsuit. Ideal comfort would be provided by a 0.5mm Scubapro or a 1mm Mares neoprene full suit.

Northerly Swells - Northerly swells are generated mainly by north Atlantic storms, usually between December and March. These conditions do affect certain dive sites, as noted in the guides.

Fishing - While you are scuba diving, let your motto be "take only photographs and leave only bubbles". Spear fishing and the removal of any items from the sea while scuba diving is generally prohibited, and this is very strictly enforced in Anguillan waters in particular. St. Maarten, St. Martin and St. Barths all have Marine Parks which protect the reef systems with rules and regulations which specifically prohibit spear fishing and removal of any items from the sea while scuba diving and in many cases also while snorkeling. In addition, the CITES International Treaty has severe penalties for the transportation of Turtle Shells, Conch Shells and many other sea shells and corals.

Ciguatera Warning - Unfortunately, ciguatera fish poisoning does exist in the areas described in this guide. If transmitted to humans by the consumption of affected fish, it can be very serious. This in itself is a very sound reason for shooting only photographs.

Deep Sea Fishing - Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, tuna and Marlin can be caught and are delicious to eat. If you are chartering a yacht you can rent a trolling rod or purchase a hand line and lures from our store in oyster pond. If you are staying in a hotel on St. Martin / St. Maarten you can join a half or full day deep sea fishing trip.

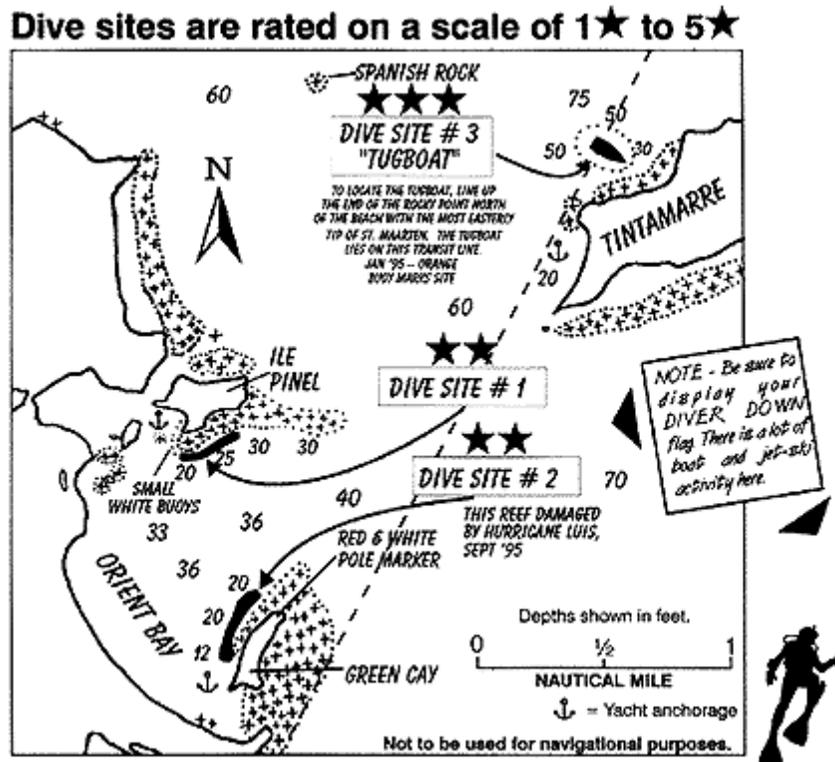
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ADDITIONAL REFERENCE

For additional Dive Sites, refer to Brian Savage's "The Complete Diving Guide The Caribbean Volume 2". For additional Cruising Information, refer to Chris Doyle's "Cruising Guide to the Leeward Islands".

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Dive site #1 - Ile Pinel

Location: St. Martin (French side) in Orient Bay

Depth: 20ft - 36ft / 6m - 11 m (Ideal "Warm Up" Site)

Yacht Anchorage: Ile Pinel - This is an outstanding anchorage in settled weather. There are beautiful beaches, beach restaurants, very good snorkeling, numerous waters ports activities.

Dive Site: South-east of Pinel anchorage. There are 3 ways of doing this dive, firstly, if you are anchored close enough the white buoys demarcating the snorkeling area you can swim from your yacht, but look out forget skis and boats. Secondly, you can dinghy ashore to the small old dock at the start of the snorkeling area and make a shore dive. Thirdly, you can dinghy past the line of small white buoys which demarcate the snorkeling area, and anchor over sand in about 30ft / 9m Dive along the pretty coral reef abundant with small reef fish. Ideal for your first tune-up dive when the weather is good.

Snorkeling: Ideal snorkeling site

Sea Conditions: Not suitable in strong trade winds or in big swells.

Dive site #2 - Green Cay

Location: St. Martin (French side) in Orient Bay

Depth: 16ft - 26ft / 5m - 8m (Ideal "Warm Up" Site)

Yacht Anchorage: Green Cay - This is a good anchorage in settled weather with no swell. It is situated behind an uninhabited island with a beautiful beach and excellent snorkeling, close to the Orient Bay nudist beach and numerous water sports activities.

Dive Site: On the west side of Green Cay, about 150 yards / 150m north of the beach. There is a pretty coral reef with many small reef fish. Dive towards the north tip of Green Cay. Go by dinghy and anchor over sand, or swim from your yacht if you are anchored close enough. Ideal for your first tune-up dive in good weather.

Snorkeling: Ideal snorkeling site

Sea Conditions: Not suitable in very strong trade winds or big swells, when anchorage becomes roly.

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Dive site #3 - Tintamarre Small Tugboat Wreck

Location: St. Martin (French side)

Depth: Tugboat wheel house roof at 37ft / 11m. Vessel lying on sand at 50ft / 15m.

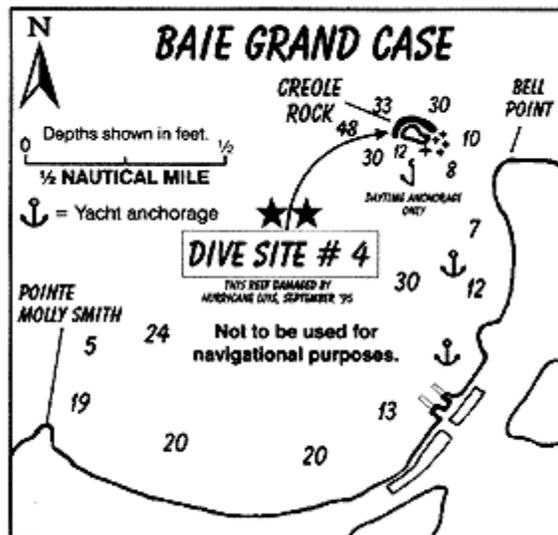
Yacht Anchorage: Tintamarre - The best anchorage is off a beautiful beach on the west coast of Tintamarre. It is a good anchorage in fair to moderate weather but roily in big swells, especially when from the north.

Dive Site: Go by dinghy around the rocky point north of the beach and head NNE for about 200 yards / 200m to a buoy which marks the site. If the buoy is missing (which sometimes happens), look for a large oval patch of light turquoise water over sand with a dark patch in the middle. This is the wreck in 50ft / 15m of water. Looking back you can still see yachts anchored off the beach. The tugboat was sunk about 7 years ago to form an artificial reef. It is sitting upright and is teeming with reef fish and often small reef barracuda (southern sennet). Take a close look at the great variety of corals that encrust the wreck, with small sea fans (gorgonian) on the windward side and snow like soft corals around the wheelhouse. Be sure to only enter the wreck in very calm conditions and only if you have wreck diving experience. Please do not damage the corals and make sure that your dinghy anchor line doesn't touch the wreck.

Snorkeling: Ideal snorkeling site in calm conditions.

Sea Conditions: This site is not suitable in rare north or westerly wide, very strong trade winds or big swells, especially when from the north.

CAUTION: Only surface at the buoy marking the wreck as power boats use the channel between the wreck and the shore.



Dive Site #4 - Marcel Rock (Ilet Requin)

Location: St. Martin (French side)

Depth: 20ft - 23ft / 6m - 7m (Ideal "Warm Up" Site)

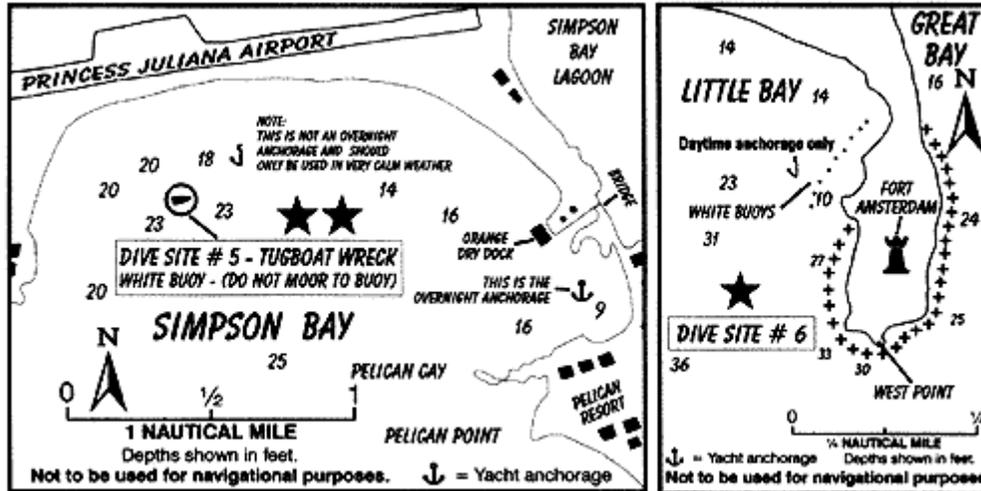
Yacht Anchorage: Anse Marcel Bay

Dive Site: Dinghy over and anchor off Marcel Rock. Although a rather shallow site, there are a number of interesting canyons and an interesting variety of marine life.

Snorkeling: Suitable in calm conditions.

Sea Conditions: This site is affected by strong trade winds and large northerly and westerly swells.

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Dive Site #5 - Sec De Grande Case

Location: St. Martin (French side) in Grande Case

Depth: 20ft - 23ft / 6m - 7m (Ideal "Warm Up" Site)

Yacht Anchorage: In the center to Western end of Grande Case Bay.

Dive Site: Dinghy over and pick-up one of the 2 mooring buoys. This dive site comprises a small reef with 2 rock outcrops reaching up to just 5ft / 1.5m below the surface. We suggest you explore the reef by swimming a figure of eight around the 2 rock outcrops. The reef is in good condition with an interesting variety of corals and marine life.

Snorkeling: Suitable in calm conditions.

Sea Conditions: This site is affected by strong trade winds and large northerly and westerly swells.

Dive site #6 - Creole Rock (Roche Creole)

Location: St. Martin (French side)

Depth: 13ft - 33ft / 4m - 10m

Yacht Anchorage: Grand Case -This is a very protected anchorage in all but the strongest winds and large northerly swells. There is a good, long beach with many fine restaurants lining the bay. There is also a daytime anchorage south of Creole Rock.

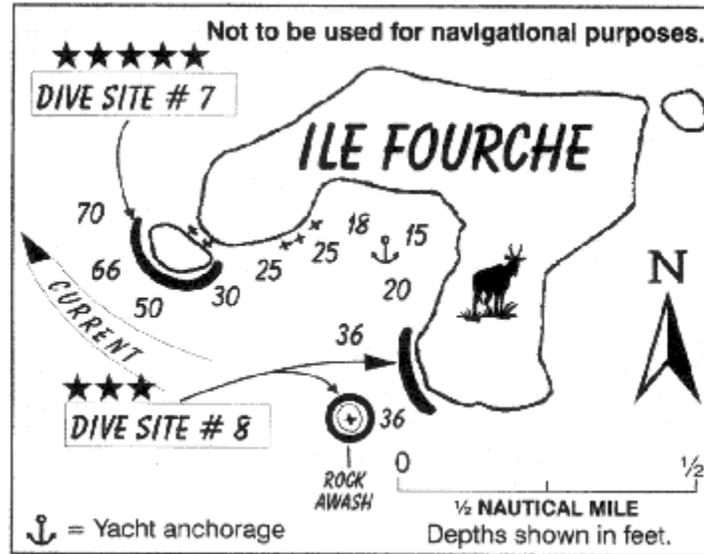
Dive Site: You can either anchor your yacht close to Creole Rock (day time only) or you can dinghy over if you are anchored off the beach. There is a pretty coral reef teeming with a large variety of fish. This is an ideal site in most weather conditions, especially for your first tune-up dive.

Snorkeling: Ideal snorkeling site in calm conditions.

Sea Conditions: This site is affected by strong trade winds and large northerly and westerly swells.

CAUTION: Do not snorkel or scuba between Creole Rock and Bell Point as this is a boat passage.

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Dive site #7 - Simpson Bay - Tugboat Anny

Location: St. Maarten (Dutch side)

Depth: 20ft - 23ft / 6m - 7m (Warm-up site only)

Yacht Anchorage: In very calm conditions you can anchor your yacht east of the dive site in 17 -23ft / 5 - 7m, but please be very careful to anchor well away from the wreck itself in order to avoid damaging the delicate corals on the tugboat. Don't, under any circumstances, moor your yacht to the white buoy which marks the wreck. Use as a day time anchorage only.

Dive Site: A white buoy marks the resting place of this small 40ft tugboat which is sitting upright. It is ideal for underwater photography, teeming with reef fish and lots of micro life.

Snorkeling: Suitable in calm conditions.

Sea Conditions: This site is not suitable for anchoring your yacht in moderate to strong trade wind conditions or swells. Also in such conditions it would not be safe to dinghy the 1 mile / 1.6 km from the usual yacht anchorage shown on the east side of Simpson Bay.

Dive site #8 - Little Bay off Fort Amsterdam

Location: St. Maarten (Dutch side)

Depth: 17ft - 30 ft / 5m - 9m (Warm-up site only)

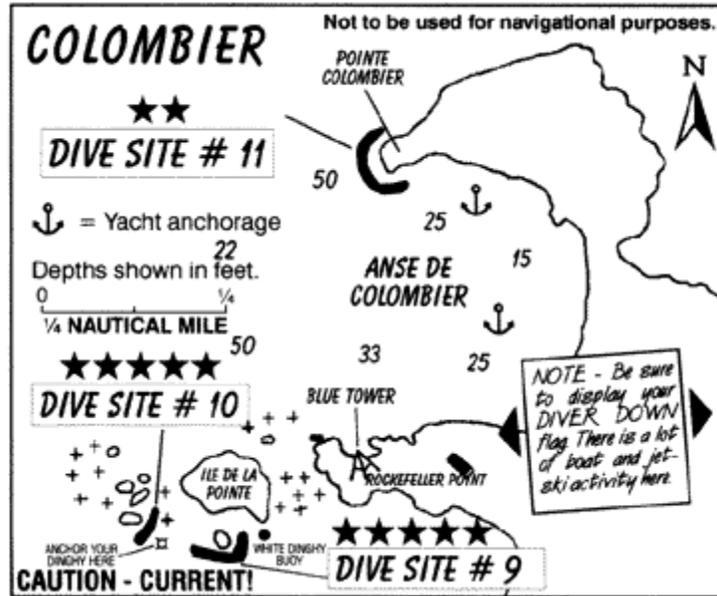
Yacht Anchorage: This is on the west side of Fort Amsterdam in Little Bay, about a third of the way into the bay in about 30ft / 9m of water. Use as a daytime anchorage only.

Dive Site: You can either dive off your yacht, or dinghy in and anchorage suitable distance off the shore. Work your way towards the Southerly end of the peninsula. The site comprises sporadic rock and coral reefs with a good selection of fish and the remains of several small wrecks.

Snorkeling: Suitable in calm conditions.

Sea Conditions: Not suitable in strong trade wind conditions, rare Southerly or Westerly winds and big swells.

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Dive site #9 - Ile Fourche Southwest Tip

Location: Ile Fourche (French)

Depth: 40ft - 66ft / 12m - 20m

Yacht Anchorage: Ile Fourche - The large bay is well protected from the north and east. A good anchorage in all but the worst weather and large swells or winds from the south or west. Inhabited only by goats, the island has a small 'landing beach' and good walks with magnificent views. Take thick shoes to protect against the large thorns.

Dive Site: Regarded as one of the best dive site in the area, easily accessible by yacht. 'Anchor your dinghy (or even your yacht in calm conditions), east of the small island off the south-west tip of Ile Fourche in about 33ft / 10m. Check for current that is usually running north-west and plan your dive accordingly. The best diving is on the south and south-west sides of this small island. Expect to see numerous varieties of fish, large barracuda, magnificent hard and soft corals, large sea fans (gorgonian) and 4ft barrel sponges. You will also have a very good chance of seeing stingrays, spotted eagle rays and turtles - even dolphins and a manta ray have been seen here.

Snorkeling: Ideal snorkeling site in calm conditions and no current, but only snorkel the first half of the dive site as the second half may be exposed to rougher seas and current.

Sea Conditions: Not suitable in rare south and west winds, or in very strong trade winds when the current can be strong, or in large swells. Check the conditions here before diving, and plan your dive accordingly.

Dive site #10 - East Side of Bay and Rock Awash

Location: Ile Fourche (French)

Depth: 30ft - 40ft / 9m - 12m

Dive Site: This is an alternative to dive site #9. It is shallower and not as good, but in certain weather conditions it is more suitable. Check very carefully for current at the 'rock awash'.

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Current Caution!

A 1 to 2 knot current setting approximately north-west may be flowing past the southwest section of the dive site, usually during or after strong trade winds. While most divers' can make slow progress against such a current, you will double or even treble your air consumption. Check the current before you dive and plan your dive accordingly. In current, the best would be to do a drift dive provided that you have a good dinghy and driver, and calm weather. Even after you have determined that the current is within your capabilities, turn around and head back when the first diver down to 2000PSI. Remember that the least current is on the bottom and the most current is at or near the surface. Also remember that you can get out of the current by swimming at a right angle to it, towards the shore.

Please do not let this caution put you off diving these sites if conditions are suitable as these sites are fantastic because of the current which brings clear, clean water with nutrients and lots of fish.

Dive site #11 (A & B) - Anse de Colombier - Pointe Colombier

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: Site A) 16ft - 26ft / 5m - 8m • Site B) 27ft - 43ft / 8m - 13m (Idea/ "Warm Up" Site)

Yacht Anchorage: Colombier- This is one of the best anchorages in the Leewards, with a beautiful beach, excellent snorkeling and a one mile hike to the nearest village. The anchorage is well protected in normal trade wind conditions but can be roily in northerly or westerly swells, also not good in rare SW to NW winds.

Dive Site: This comprises 2 adjoining dive sites which can both be dived together. Anchor your dinghy in the lee of Pointe Colombier, or you could even scuba from your yacht if you are anchored in the north of the bay. Dive site "A" is ideal as a warm up dive or night dive. Dive site "B" extends around the point in a westerly and then north-westerly direction and is deeper with interesting rock formations. Both sites have pretty hard and soft corals and a good variety of reef fish.

Snorkeling: Dive site "A" is an ideal snorkeling site.

Sea Conditions: This dive site is well protected by Pointe Colombier in all but the roughest conditions; however don't venture too far north around the point as you may encounter a current.

DIVE SITE #12 (A & B) - Anse de Colombier

A: North of Rockefeller Pointe • B: North of Ile de la Pointe

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: Site A) 16ft - 30ft / 5m - 9m • Site B) 26ft - 46ft / 8m - 14m

Yacht Anchorage: The same as for dive site # 11.

Dive Site: This site comprises 2 adjoining dive sites which are best dived separately, unless you enjoy a long, vigorous swim. Dive site "A" -Anchor your dinghy over sand north of the blue tower on Rockefeller Pointe in approximately 23ft / 7m of water. Explore the shoreline in a westerly direction. This site is ideal as a warm up dive. Dive site "B" -Anchor your dinghy over sand to the east of rock awash which lies off the north-east tip of Ile de la Pointe in approximately 28ft / 9m of water. Explore the reef in a north-westerly direction. Both sites have very pretty hard and soft corals with a good variety of reef fish.

Snorkeling: Dive site "A" is an ideal snorkeling site in calm conditions. The snorkeling is also very good in an easterly direction back towards the beach.

Sea Conditions: This dive site is only affected by strong trade winds and rare westerly to northerly winds and swells. Take care in anchoring your dinghy not to damage corals and ensure that you anchor line is long enough for the depths.

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Dive site #13 (A & B) - Anse de Colombier - West of Ile de la Pointe

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: Site A) Rock pinnacle starts at 30ft / 9m and descends to 55ft / 16m on the sand bottom. Site B) Mini wall plunges down to 70ft / 21m.

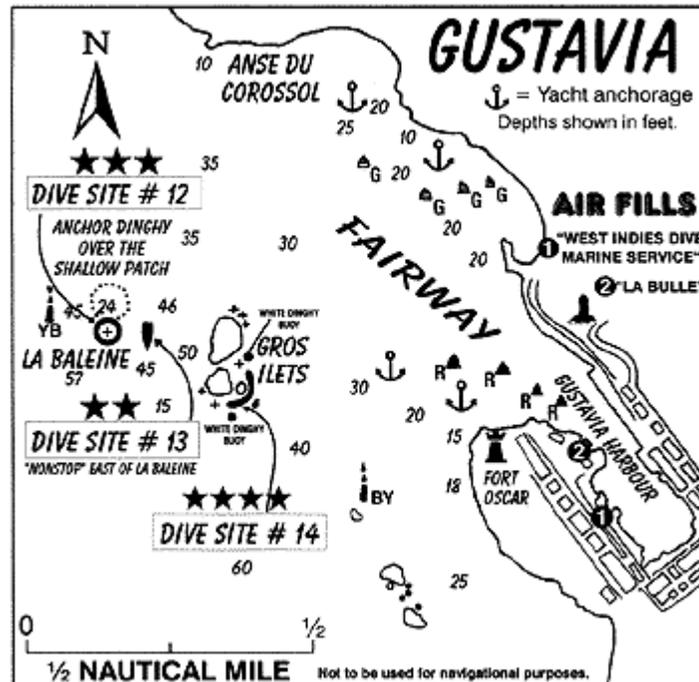
Yacht Anchorage: The same as for dive site # 11.

Dive Site: Pick up the mooring buoy and descend along side the mooring line to the rock pinnacle. Dive site "A" - take a leisurely swim around the pinnacle which has very pretty soft and hard corals, plenty of fish and a resident turtle or 2. When you arrive back at the mooring line on the western side of the pinnacle, head in a west-north-west direction (hint: we suggest you take a compass bearing on the rock before leaving the dinghy) towards the rock forming the wall - dive site "B" - which extends from the surface straight down to 70ft / 21 m. Take your time on the face of the wall exploring the 2 caves which house an incredible array of corals of all colors. This site has an amazing variety of fish and look out for the resident turtles. **Do not go beyond the left side of the wall as the ocean current can run very strongly in a north-westerly direction which will pull you rapidly around the point away from your dinghy and St. Barths**

Snorkeling: Not ideal for snorkeling unless conditions are absolutely calm and there is no current present.

Sea Conditions: Caution must be exercised at this site. Current is likely due to its exposed position and the sea will be rough during northerly and westerly swells and very strong trade winds. Check the conditions beforehand and plan your dive accordingly.

CAUTION: Read current caution note on page 11.



Dive site #14 (A & B) - Anse de Colombier - South of Ile de la Pointe

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: Site A) 30ft - 45ft / 9m -13m • Site B) 30ft - 60ft / 9m -18m

Yacht Anchorage: The same as for dive site # 11.

Dive Site: This comprises 2 adjoining dive sites which can both be dived together if conditions permit. Dinghy over and pick up the mooring buoy off the south tip of Ile de la Pointe. Descend directly under the dinghy to find dive site "A" which is shallower and has less current than dive site "B". If conditions permit head in a south-westerly direction to dive site "B" which is both deeper and can be subject to current. Both sites have very pretty hard and soft corals with a good variety of reef fish and also a good chance of seeing turtles, rays, great barracuda, etc. Site "B" has dramatic rock formations.

Snorkeling: Not ideal for snorkeling unless conditions are absolutely calm and there is no current present.

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Sea Conditions: Caution must be exercised at this site. Current is likely due to its exposed position, especially dive site "B", and the sea will be rough during northerly and westerly swells and very strong trade winds. Check the conditions beforehand and plan your dive accordingly.

CAUTION: Read current caution note on page 11.

Dive site #15 - La Baleine Outside Gustavia Harbour

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: 24ft - 57ft / 7m - 17m - Pinnacle

Yacht Anchorage: Anchor off Anse du Corossol or off Fort Oscar. Both are well protected in normal trade wind conditions, but can be roily in northerly or westerly swells. Corossol has a nice beach while the Fort Oscar anchorage is a shorter dinghy ride into Gustavia Harbour.

Dive Site: Anchor your dinghy over the shallow patch (24ft / 7m) north of La Baleine, which is the small rocky pinnacle which just breaks the surface ESE of the navigational (Cardinal) buoy shown on the sketch chart. This is an excellent dive site with very pretty hard and soft corals and plenty of reef fish. Here you will see giant barrel sponges reaching to five or six feet in height

Snorkeling: Not suitable for snorkeling.

Sea Conditions: This dive site is only affected by strong trade winds and rare onshore winds, or northerly and westerly swells.

Dive site #16 - Gros Ilets

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: 30ft - 45ft / 9m - 13.5m

Yacht Anchorage: The same as for dive site #15.

Dive Site: There are two white buoys for dinghies but please note that Gustavia dive clubs have preferential use of them. This is the best easily accessible dive site in the Gustavia area with very pretty hard and soft corals and abundant reef fish. This is also an excellent snorkeling site.

Sea Conditions: As per dive site #15.

Dive site #17 - Nonstop Wreck Outside Gustavia Harbour

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Depth: 30ft / 9m to top of upside down wreck and 50ft / 15m to sand bottom next to wreck.

Yacht Anchorage: The wreck of the Nonstop lies just to the east of La Baleine, and while you could swim to the wreck it is rather far and underwater navigational skills would be required. If conditions are very calm and you have sufficient anchor rode, you could anchor next to the wreck, however the best plan might be to have your non-diving buddies drop you off in the dinghy and wait for you to complete your dive. Whatever plan you decide on, remember that there is boating activity in this area. The 200ft Nonstop, which was a well known, luxury motor yacht, sank during hurricane Hugo, the center of which passed approximately 25 nautical miles south-west of St. Barths during September 1989. After unsuccessful salvage attempts, Nonstop now lies upside down with its bow pointing approximately north and its upper superstructure crushed. Many varied hard and soft corals have taken hold on the steel hull and the wreck is teeming with a large variety of reef fish. Do not attempt to penetrate the wreck of the Nonstop as it is very dangerous with carpets, furniture, wiring, piping etc strewn all over the interior. In addition, watertight steel doors and cabin doors pose a hazard, even in minimal surge.

Snorkeling: Not suitable for snorkeling.

Sea Conditions: Very strong trade winds, onshore winds, or northerly and westerly swells will cause surge and reduce visibility. Check weather and sea conditions before diving and plan your dive accordingly.

Dive site #18 - South of les Saints - Tarpon Alley

Location: St. Barthelemy / St. Barths (French)

Yacht Anchorage: Same as for Dive Site #15. /r Pivirbor6,4

Dive Site: *Only do this dive if you have a divemaster leading you!* Dinghy over and pick-up the dive buoy lying South-East of the Southerly tip of Les Saints. Proceed down the mooring line to the square concrete mooring block at approximately 43ft / 13m. Check your equipment and swim South 180 degrees for approximately 200 to 300 yards/meters along a series of flat areas and coral encrusted ridges with lots of marine life until you are at between 80ft and 85ft / 22m and 25m remembering to check your compass heading, and at the same time make a note of your surroundings to facilitate your return. At this point if you look up you should be able to see a school of very large tarpon hovering above you at about 43ft / 13m - if you swim slowly towards them they will let you get quite close before moving away with a swish of their tails.

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Once you have had a good look at these magnificent fish, you need to put your underwater navigational skills into practice while swimming North 00 degrees to locate the mooring block. It is worth spending some time exploring the very pretty corals in this area before heading up for your safety stop which is recommended on this dive.

Snorkeling: Not suitable for snorkeling at any time.

Sea Conditions: Strong trade winds, onshore winds, or northerly and westerly swells will cause surge and reduce visibility. Check weather and sea conditions before diving and plan your dive accordingly. **Do not dive this site unless conditions are very good.**

Caution: This dive should only be made by very experienced divers with good underwater navigational skills and suitable equipment. In addition the dive should not be made if conditions are not suitable in rough swells bad visibility and/or current.

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Marine Parks of St. Maarten / St. Martin (and the surrounding Islands)

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St. Barthelemy Natural Marine Reserve

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Saba Marine Park

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Website: www.sabapark.com

St. Eustatius National Parks Foundation and Marine Park (STENAPA)

Tel: (599) 318-2884 / Fax: (599) 318-2913

E-mail: semp@goldenrock.net

Website: www.statiapark.org

General Marine Park Rules

- Spear-fishing, conch and turtle collection is prohibited.
- Do not take any corals, plants or animals alive or dead.
- No historical artifacts may be removed.
- Do not stand on corals - exercise proper buoyancy control.
- Do not anchor on coral or in no anchoring zones.
- Do not litter.

Medical Emergencies

- St. Maarten Hospital • Tel: (599) 543-1111 • Facilities: Medium Language: English

- St. Martin Hospital • Tel: (590) 29 57 57 • Facilities: Minimum Language: French (a little English)

- St. Barths Hospital • Tel: (590) 27 60 35 • Facilities: Minimum Language: French (a little English) - Saba Hospital

• Tel: (599) 416-3288/9 • Facilities: Minimum Language: English

HYPERBARIC CHAMBERS

Arrange for transportation to chamber in an up-pressurised aircraft flying no higher than 900 feet or an aircraft pressurised to sea level. If the victim's buddy has dived the same profile, he / she should accompany the victim to the chamber.

Saba Hyperbaric Facility

Medical Director

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Emergency Ambulance Service

Tel: (590) 89 11 00

DIVERS ALERT NETWORK (DAN)

Divers Alert Network (DAN) USA (919) 684-8111

The Scuba Shop Rentals Rates

The newest scuba equipment available on the island from the major manufacturers: MARES, SHERWOOD, SCUBAPRO, DACOR, LUXFER, SEA PEARLS, TRIDENT, etc

US\$ RATE SHEET - EFFECTIVE 30TH NOVEMBER 2001											
Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day	Day
1	35	10	17	12	3	5	3	17	2	10	10
2	63	18	31	22	5	9	5	31	4	20	18
3	88	25	43	30	7	13	7	43	6	30	25
4	106	30	52	36	8	15	8	52	7	30	30
5	117	33	58	40	9	17	9	58	8	30	33
6	128	36	64	44	10	18	10	64	9	30	36
7	139	39	69	48	10	19	10	69	10	30	39
8	150	42	74	51	11	20	11	74	11	30	42
9	160	45	79	54	11	21	11	79	12	31	45
10	170	48	84	57	12	22	12	84	13	32	48
11	178	50	88	60	12	23	12	88	14	33	50
12	185	52	92	63	13	24	13	92	15	34	52
13	192	54	95	65	13	25	13	95	16	35	54
14	198	56	98	67	14	26	14	98	17	36	56
Full Set Includes: Tank, Regulator, BC & Weight Belt											
Extra Day	8	2	3	2	-	1	-	3	-	1	2
DEPOSIT	395	100	180	100	15	40	15	180	15	60	100
Deposit taken on Visa or Master Card											
TANK REFILLS: Tanks not rented from us = \$8.00 • Tanks rented from us = \$6.00											

TO SAVE YOU TIME, WE OFFER A TANK EXCHANGE SERVICE AT \$6.00 PER TANK FROM BOTH OUR SIMPSON BAY AND OUR OYSTER POND SHOPS. PLEASE GIVE US 4 HOURS NOTICE.