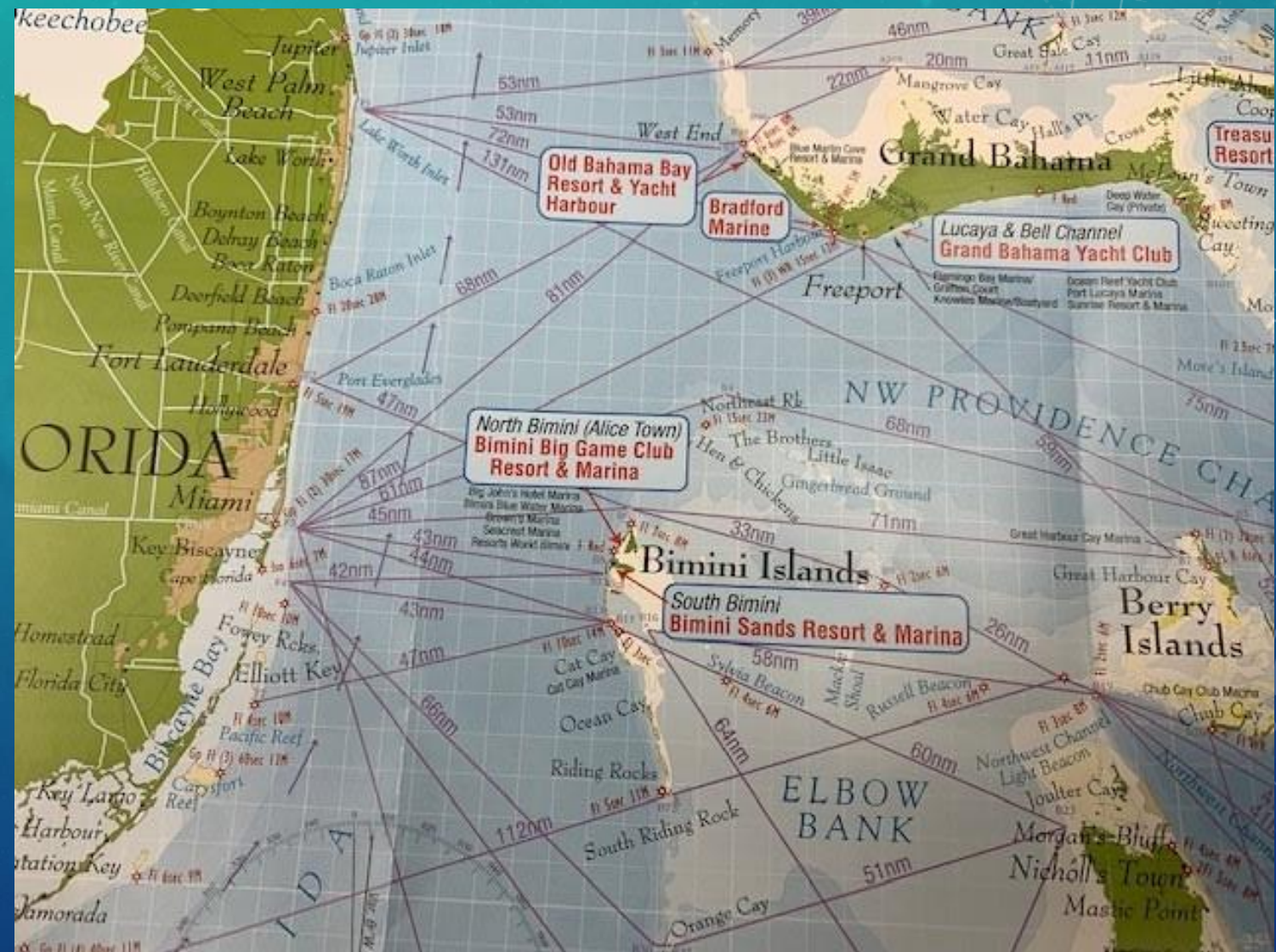


# GETTING AWAY TO THE BAHAMAS





# Getting to the **Bahamas** From **Florida**









# ENTERING THE BAHAMAS BY BOAT

- What do private vessels need in order to enter The Islands of The Bahamas?
  - To enter The Islands Of The Bahamas, private vessels need the following:
    - a) One (1) copy of The Bahamas Customs Clearance Form PDF
    - b) One (1) Bahamas Immigration Card per person
    - c) Proof of Citizenship—Passport
    - d) Vessel registration documents (Vessel title / proof of ownership)
- What is the clearing process for entering the islands?
  - Visiting boaters must clear Customs and Immigration at the nearest designated Port of Entry. As you enter each port, fly the yellow quarantine flag and notify Customs of your arrival. Only the captain is permitted to leave the boat until your vessel has been cleared.



# OBTAINING YOUR CRUISING PERMIT

- There are two ways to obtain a cruising permit including pre-registration online via official cruising permit vendors, before you arrive in The Bahamas or filling out paperwork upon arrival at Bahamas Customs and Immigration. More details outlined below:
- 1) **Online (preferred):** Prior to travel, boaters can submit an electronic declaration, or apply for a permit through one of the official cruising permit vendors. These online systems are the preferred and easiest way to clear customs. Those boaters who choose to pre-register online will still have to proceed to see Bahamas Customs and Immigration at their Port of Entry.
- 2) **In-person:** Boaters can also obtain this permit when they visit Bahamas Customs and Immigration at their Port of Entry, upon arrival.



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BAHAMAS ELECTRONIC SINGLE WINDOW

*Inbound  
Declarations*







<https://www.bahamascustoms.gov.bs/visitor-info/marine-vessel-declarations-cruising-permits/>

### PLEASURE VESSEL CLEARANCE

#### **PLEASURE VESSELS (Digital Submission Process)**

- The digital submission of pleasure vessels came into effect in the Islands of the Bahamas as of the **February 22nd, 2021**. All pleasure vessels will be entered and paid for using the **Cruising Permit Module** within the Click2Clear system. Bahamas Customs aims to go paperless and cashless in the near future and this process is to facilitate that very same notion.

### Clearing Inbound: (Click for Tutorial)

- Log onto our portal using the "Cruising Permit" button on the landing page for the Official Customs Website ([www.bahamascustoms.gov.bs](http://www.bahamascustoms.gov.bs)). No username or password is required to log in.
- Select "Pleasure Vessel" from the menu below the login fields.
- Once logged in, select the "Pleasure Craft" to open the module and start in "Create Inbound" to begin declaring your vessel arrival.
- Fill out all fields following the tabs to the right to continue the process from the Header Tab to the Summary Tab. Once completed, validate and submit your voyage

### Payment: (Click for Tutorial)

- After submission is payment. Select the "Payment" module and click "Pleasure Craft Payment". Where it asks for a Business Transaction Number, enter the Rotation Number you would have gotten from your Online Submission and submit.
- Check the Header tab to verify the details you submitted and Summary Tab to view your pending fees. Lastly, pay online using the payment portal entering your preferred payment method. (Visa Debit/Credit Card). If you cannot pay online or simply choose to pay in cash, the submission can be paid for upon arrival arranged by the marina where you intend to dock. (NOTE: A vessel cannot be approved by a Customs Officer until it is paid in FULL.)

# COVID RULES FOR ENTERING BAHAMAS

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Travel Compliance Unit  
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Email: [healthvisa@bahamas.com](mailto:healthvisa@bahamas.com)

TESTING CENTERS   TERMS & CONDITIONS   PRIVACY POLICY   [MY BTHV LOGIN](#)



## Health Visa

APPLICATION

[DOMESTIC](#)   [INTERNATIONAL](#)

The Government of The Bahamas is progressing its phased implementation plan for COVID-19. If you intend to travel to The Bahamas, you will be required to complete and submit this application.

### THE ISLANDS OF THE BAHAMAS TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

#### BEFORE TRAVEL

1. **COVID-19 TESTING**  
All travelers must be tested for COVID-19 within 72 hours of departure for The Bahamas. A negative result is required for entry.

2. **VACCINATION**  
Travelers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with an approved vaccine.

3. **TRAVEL HISTORY**  
Travelers must not have been in a high-risk country within 14 days of departure.

4. **TRAVEL INSURANCE**  
Travelers must have travel insurance that covers COVID-19 treatment and repatriation costs.

5. **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**  
Travelers must have a valid passport, return ticket, and proof of accommodation.

6. **TRAVEL DECLARATION**  
Travelers must complete a travel declaration form upon arrival.

7. **TRAVEL VOUCHER**  
Travelers must have a travel voucher from a licensed travel agent.

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#### DURING TRAVEL

1. **COVID-19 TESTING**  
Travelers must be tested for COVID-19 upon arrival in The Bahamas.

2. **VACCINATION**  
Travelers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 with an approved vaccine.

3. **TRAVEL HISTORY**  
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#### ON-ISLAND EXPERIENCE

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#### FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROTOCOL

1. **COVID-19 TESTING**  
Travelers who fail to follow the protocol may be denied entry to The Bahamas.

2. **VACCINATION**  
Travelers who fail to follow the protocol may be denied entry to The Bahamas.

3. **TRAVEL HISTORY**  
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For more information, visit [travel.gov.bs](https://travel.gov.bs)

For assistance, call 1-800-BAHAMAS or 1-800-242-5029



# COVID RULES FOR ENTERING BAHAMAS (CONT.)

## ALL TRAVELLERS: VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED

- As part of the Bahamas Travel Health Visa application, travellers will be required to opt-in to COVID-19 health insurance that covers them for the duration of their stay in The Bahamas. The cost of insurance is included in the Bahamas Travel Health Visa application fee.
- Bahamas Travel Health Visa applications take up to 48 hours to process and should be completed with adequate lead time.
- The cost of the Bahamas Travel Health Visa is dependent on length of stay and vaccination status.
- All travellers eighteen (18) years of age and older are required to complete an individual Bahamas Travel Health Visa.
- Persons seventeen (17) years and younger are to add a profile within the account of their parent or guardian.

## STEP 2: Bahamas Travel Health Visa Application

All persons travelling to The Bahamas, and those travelling inter-island, are required to apply for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa at [travel.gov.bs](https://travel.gov.bs).

### VACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Fully vaccinated travellers will be required to upload valid proof of vaccination (such as CDC or government issued vaccine record card) in lieu of PCR test requirement.
- For international travellers, proof of vaccination must confirm they have passed the two-week immunity period.
- At this time The Bahamas Government will only be accepting vaccines by Pfizer Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca

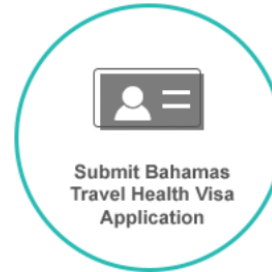
### UNVACCINATED TRAVELLERS

- Unvaccinated travellers will be required to upload their negative COVID-19 PCR test results. Tests must be taken no more than 5 days prior to the date of arrival.

\*Unvaccinated Bahamian citizens or residents planning to travel abroad for five (5) days or less must secure a test in the destination they visited before travelling back to The Bahamas. Any PCR test taken in The Bahamas prior to travel will not be valid for re-entry.

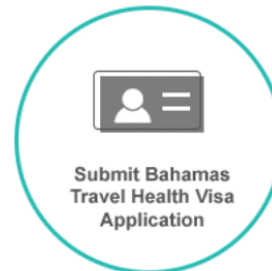


## RT-PCR Travel Protocols



\*Required for international  
and some domestic travel.

## Vaccine Travel Protocols



Fully vaccinated travelers  
with two doses of an  
accepted vaccine (or one  
dose of J&J) can use their  
vaccination card to apply in  
lieu of an RT-PCR test  
result.



## **Bahamas Health Travel Visa**

- Once in possession of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test result, apply for a Bahamas Travel Health Visa at [travel.gov.bs](https://travel.gov.bs).
- Click on the International tab and upload test results and other required documents.
- There is a non-refundable fee for the Bahamas Travel Health Visa, inclusive of an application fee, administrative and distribution costs. The final price is dependent on length of stay, as well as applicable testing, insurance and healthcare related costs:
  - \$40 – Visitors staying up to four (4) nights and five (5) days
    - Includes cost of Travel Health Insurance; a day five rapid antigen test is not required
  - \$40 – Citizens and returning residents.
    - Includes cost of day five rapid antigen test; Travel Health Insurance is not required
  - \$60 – Visitors staying longer than four (4) nights and five (5) days
    - Includes costs of Travel Health Insurance and rapid antigen test on Day 5
  - Free - Children 10 years and under
    - Insurance coverage included



# **COVID RULES ON RETURNING TO UNITED STATES**

As of right now Customs has not set a Covid 19 testing requirement for returning to the U.S. by pleasure vessel.

We will continue to track and communicate any changes to this ruling

# WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE A FIREARM WITH ME?

If you have a firearm on board (shotguns and handguns only), you must declare it with Bahamas Customs.

You must provide the serial number, name of the manufacturer, plus an exact count of ammunition.

While you are allowed to have a firearm on your boat, you cannot remove it. Weapons must be under lock and key at all times.

In cases of emergencies, which require your departure by air, you must notify Bahamian Police or Customs. They will accompany you to retrieve the firearm and present you with a receipt. Upon your return to the island, Bahamian Police or Customs will escort you to your vessel and return your firearm. Any infraction of this law will be dealt with severely.





# **WHAT DO I DO IF I'M ARRIVING BY AIR, RETURNING BY BOAT?**

Travelers are advised to purchase return tickets (and seek reimbursement upon returning home for the unused ticket) even when they are confirmed to return via private boat.

However, if the traveler arrives at Bahamas Immigration on a single ticket, the owner/operator of the boat must present himself/herself and the vessel's cruising permit.

A copy of the cruising permit will be permitted for crew members who may be arriving by plane and returning by boat as their names will appear on the manifest. A letter will not suffice.

# FEES

## Entry Fees

- All boaters entering The Bahamas are required to pay an entry fee.
  - For boats up to 35', the fee is \$150.00
  - For boats over 35', the fee is \$300
  - \*Fees subject to change\*
- The fees will cover:
  - Cruising Permit
  - Fishing Permit
  - Departure Tax for up to three (3) persons. Each additional person above three will be charged a \$25 departure tax. This fee is good for a second re-entry within a \$90-day period.



# EXITING

- When you call for clearance, have the following information available:
  - Vessel name and registration/document number
  - Vessel owner name and citizenship
  - Vessel commander/master name, date of birth, and citizenship
  - Passengers' names and dates of birth
  - Foreign ports or places visited and duration of stay
  - Total value of all acquisitions and purchases made

# **WHAT TELEPHONE NUMBER DO I CALL UPON ARRIVAL INTO FLORIDA?**

- The Florida Small Vessel Call Center (SVCC) can be reached at

**1-800-432-1216**

**OR**

**1-800-451-0393**



# **INFORMATION NEEDED WHEN YOU CALL**

- Vessel masters must have the following information available:
  - Name, date of birth and citizenship of all person board (including passport number)
  - Name of the boat and/or boat registration number
  - CBP user fee decal number (if 30 feet or longer)
  - Homeport and current location
  - Return contact number

<https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main/#%20>



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Annually purchase border-crossing annual fees for commercial vehicles, private vessels, or private aircraft, all online. Also, Single Crossing purchases are available for commercial vehicles.

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Get Started: What do you have?

## **Private Vessel**

Log in or sign  
up for a DTOPS  
profile

Set up your  
purchasing  
account

Add item(s) to  
your shopping  
cart

Checkout with  
our secure  
online payment  
system

Shortly after, you'll receive a  
payment confirmation and/or  
receipt via email. Any requested  
items will be mailed



# BAHAMAS CHECKLIST BOAT ITEMS

- All coast Guard required gear (flares, PFDs, etc.)
- Boat Papers (Registration, Insurance Info.)
- Quarantine flag, Bahamas Flag, and US Flag (with necessary mounting clips)
- Current charts (Paper and electronic)
- Tools (at least wiring tools, extra wire, trim/tilt screw driver, tie wraps, wrenches, volt meter, angle cutters that can cut through hooks)
- Impeller and prop seal parts and fuel filters
- Extra oil (steering and engine)
- EPIRB
- Handheld GPS with extra batteries (enter important points)
- Handheld VHF with extra batteries
- Dock Lines
- Q-beam/Handheld spotlight
- Well-stocked first aid kit
- Float plan on file
- Fenders
- Cable for locking steering wheel
- Cleaning supplies and garden hose
- Hand towels
- Filet knives, sharpener, and gallon sized plastic bags
- Prop wrench
- Chargers

# BAHAMAS CHECKLIST PERSONAL ITEMS

- Cell Phones, music players, laptops, etc.
- Bug repellent
- Pelican Case
- Turn off internet on blackberry, set up international calling
- Food and Cooking:
- Seasonings, fruits, vegetables, meats, bread, snacks...
- Beer and liquor
- Water and Sodas
- Ice (as much as you can reasonably carry)
- Plates, utensils, napkins
- Passports
- Cash
- Sunscreen
- Bonine
- Tooth brush
- Foul weather gear
- Dive Gear
- Mask, fins, snorkel, gloves, weight belts, rash guards, defog
- Pole spears, slings, shafts, tips, file for sharpening
- Cameras and underwater housing



# BAHAMAS CHECKLIST CONTINUED

## Fishing

- Regulations
- Leader, 50 mono
- Leader...mutton
- Leader...Grouper
- Weight
- Ballyhoo
- Cut Bait
- Chum
- Oats and scoop

## Things to do:

- Add important points to GPS

## TOW INSURANCE:

- Sign up for Sea Tow or Boat US



# **Destinations & Attractions**





# **WEST END BAHAMAS**





# West End Attractions

- It's not surprising that so many vacationers keep coming back to West End each year. This delightful city is filled with wonderful things to do. Whether you're into visiting local sights or having a go at more thrilling activities, you'll find it hard to be bored here.
- Discover what makes West End tick with the most popular [tours & day trips](#). Browse through our top {17 fun activities in West End [fun activities in West End](#)}, and rest easy knowing that we offer free cancellation and no added fees.







# MARSH HARBOUR

## •Popular Attractions in Marsh Harbour

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# NIPPERS BEACH GREAT GUANA CAY











# **GREEN TURTLE SWIM WITH THE PIGS**



# ELBOW CAY







# **MARINE MAX BAHAMAS GETAWAY 2022**

JUNE 18-25





**JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>  
ARRIVE**

**MARRIOTT  
HUTCHINSON ISLAND  
DOCKAGE**





# MARRIOT HUTCHINSON ISLAND DOCKAGE **JUNE 18TH**

Travel to Stuart Florida check into hotel and meet for captains meeting that evening

## Reservation Procedure

Individual reservations for the hotel can be made by calling Marriott Reservations at (800)228-9290.

Event Name: *MarineMax Group Room June 2022*

Room Rate - \$209.00 Per Night

**Slip reservations are to be made directly through Snagaslip.com**

**Below is the link to Snag a Slip for the Marriott Hutchinson Island Marina.**

<https://www.snagaslip.com/florida-marinas/florida-east-coast-marinas/marriott-hutchinson-island-marina>



# DEPARTING

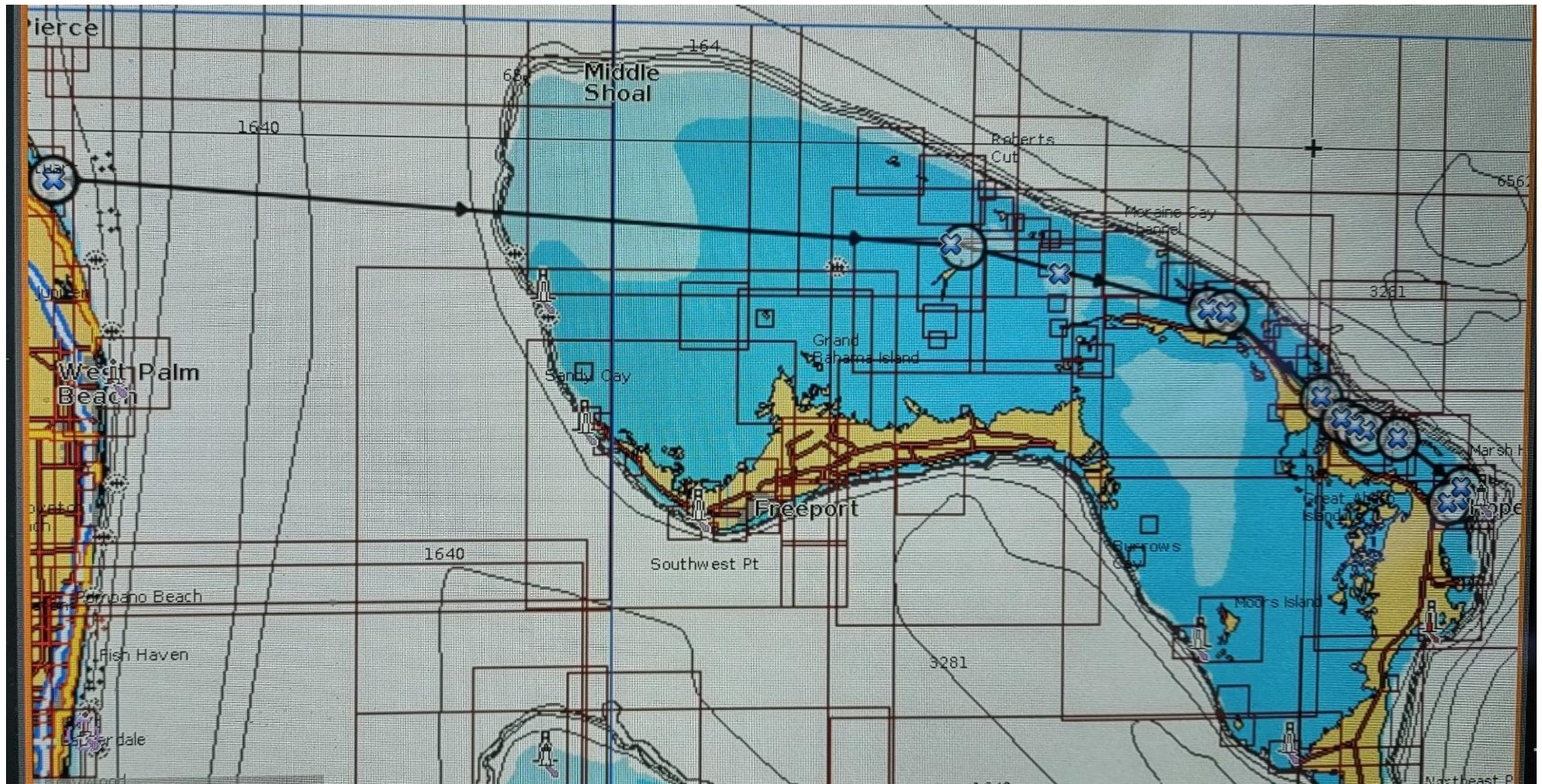
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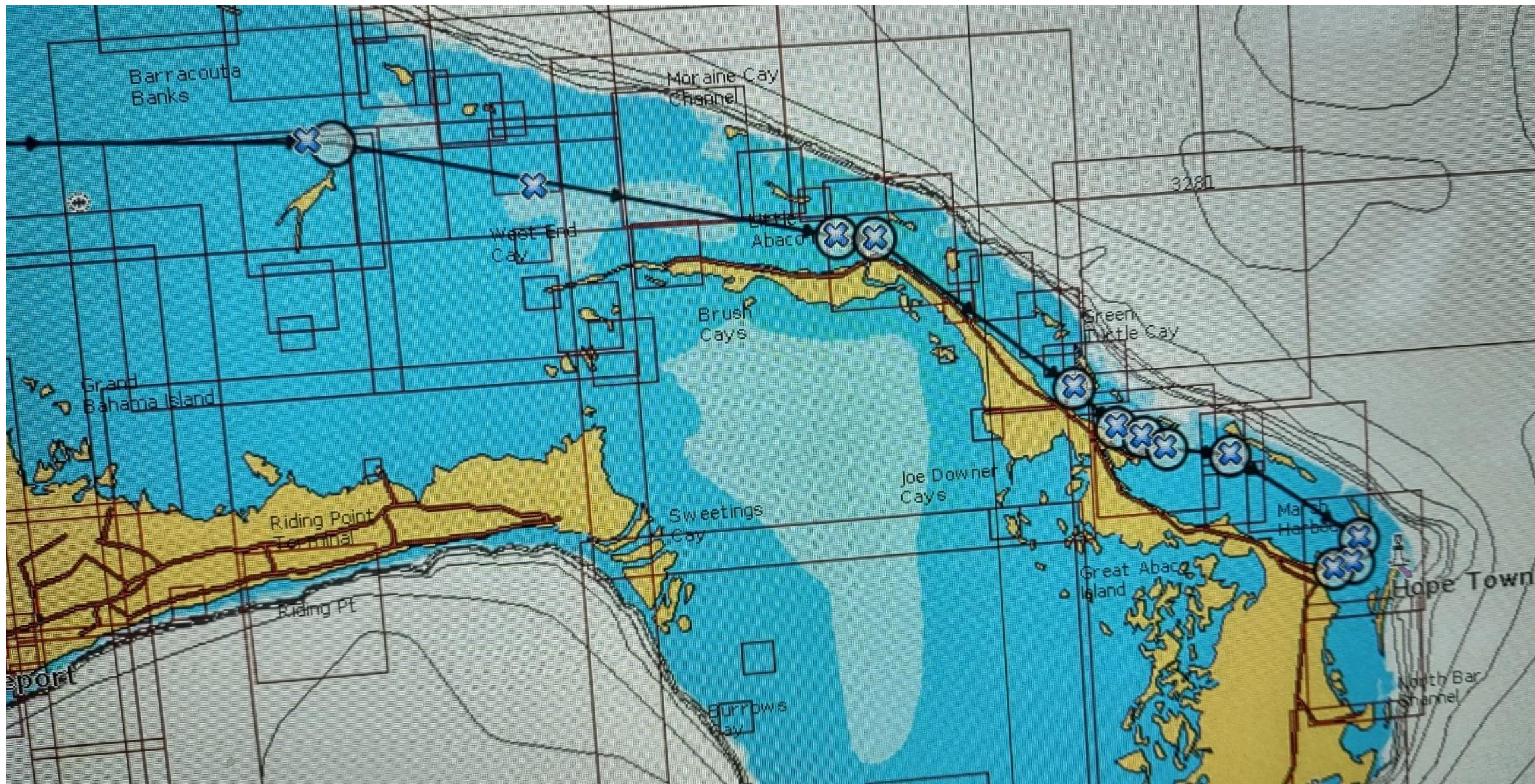
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Stuart, Florida 34997















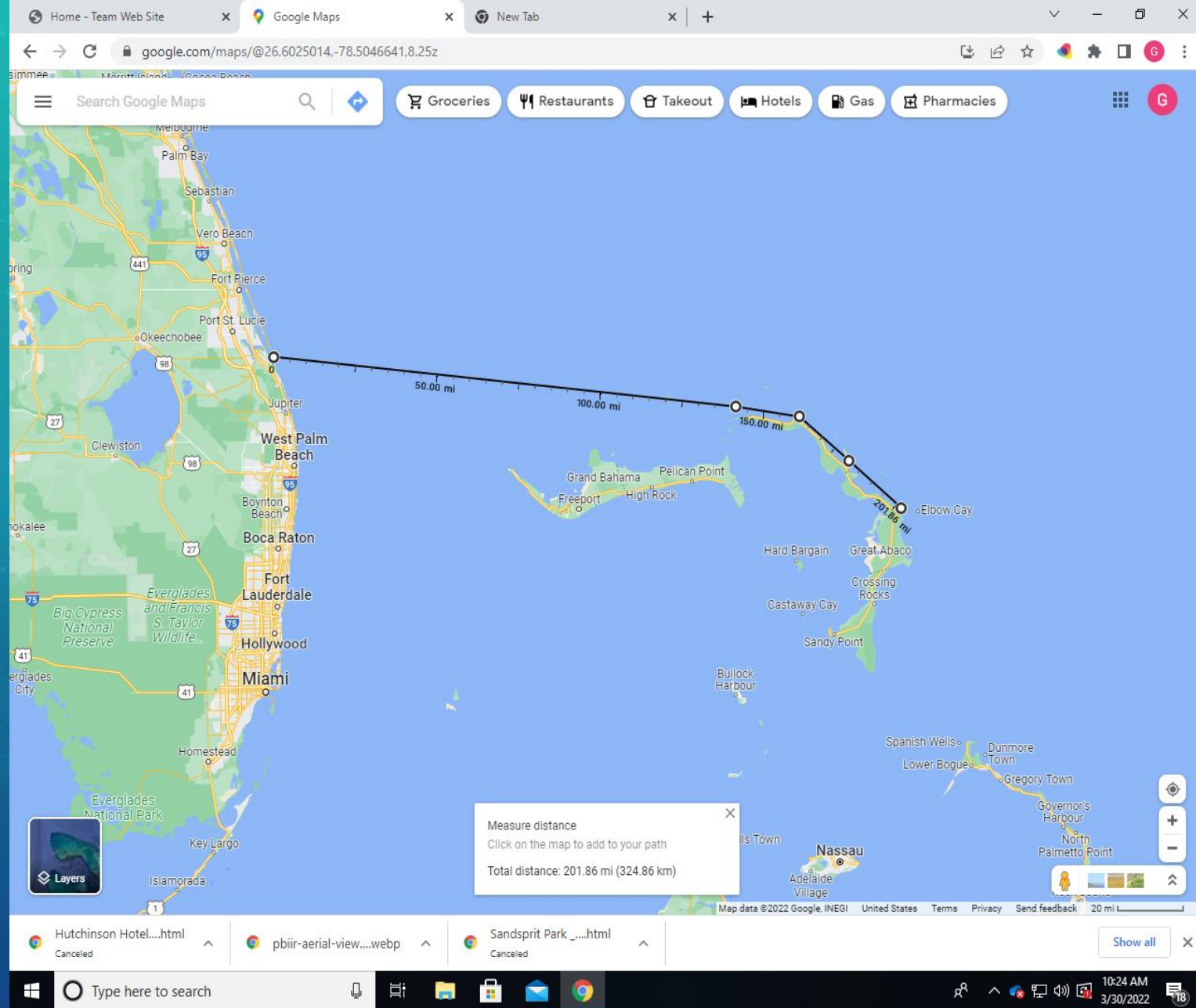




## DESTINATIONS AND ATTRACTIONS **MARSH HARBOUR**



# DESTINATION ABACO BEACH RESORT







# ABACO BEACH RESORT

## **JUNE 19TH – 24TH**

- **RESORT/MARINA AMENITIES**
- Unlimited WiFi access across the resort
- Complimentary non-motorized water sports
  - Kayaks, Bogey Boards, Snorkeling Gear
- Complimentary access to the fitness center
- Beach Volleyball
- Chaise Lounge and Beach/Pool Towels
- Two Pools (One heated)
- Two Restaurants and Bar
- Kids Outdoor Playground



# ABACO BEACH RESORT

## Room Rates Per Night

Oceanfront/Balcony/Patio/Terrace \$285.00

Beachfront Balcony \$335.00

Beachfront Terrace \$370.00

## RESERVATION PROCEDURE

Individual Room and Slip reservations can also be made directly with our reservation department at **877-533-4799** or email at **[reservations@abacobeachresort.com](mailto:reservations@abacobeachresort.com)** attention Reservations. Please mention that you are with the MarineMax Orlando group.





# ABACO BEACH MARINA

