

Information for vessels visiting Ascension Island

Information on Anchoring

- All yachts **must anchor**; mooring buoys are not available for visiting vessels.
- Please anchor between the mooring buoy field and floating pipeline in Clarence Bay (Georgetown) around position **7°55.2'S, 014°24.7'W**.

On Arrival

- Landing is only permitted at the **pier head steps**. Dinghies must tie on to one of the **moorings adjacent to the landing steps** and not the landing steps themselves.
- At the earliest opportunity, the yacht's Master must contact the **Harbour Master on VHF Channel 16** to agree a time to come ashore to register the vessel, carry out port formalities and immigration procedures.
- Yachts arriving **after 16:00** and over the weekend must report their arrival to **Ascension Island Radio on VHF Channel 16**.
- **No** crew members are allowed ashore unless authorised by Port Control.
- All visitors **MUST** have an approved e-visa prior to arrival at Ascension.

Further information can be found online:

- <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/travel-and-shipping/travel-by-sea>
- <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/travel-and-shipping/biosecurity#documentation>

Information on Biosecurity

- Ascension Island is very remote and its unique ecosystems are therefore **highly vulnerable** to new and invasive species arriving via visiting vessels.
- The master of an incoming vessel must take all reasonable steps to ensure that no:
 - waste containing any **animal, plant, animal product** or **plant product**;
 - **bilge water, sewage** or **foul wastewater**;
 - **ballast**,is discharged from the vessel into the sea whilst the vessel is in Ascension.
- Controlled items (**live animals, plant material, fresh produce, compost/peat/soil, and natural packing material**) may only be landed with a **licence or prior permission**.
- Please check all your equipment, including **shoes, bags, hiking, fishing, or sports gear**, as well as **ropes, anchors, chains, and fishing lines**, to ensure they are **clean** from **mud, soil, weed seeds, or biofouling organisms** before arriving in Ascension.
- Please be aware that during your stay, your vessel may be subject to a biosecurity **hull inspection**, which will involve a **camera survey** from a small boat.
- Please ensure that your hull is clean **before** departing for Ascension Island. **Do not clean your hull within the waters of Ascension Island Marine Protected Area under any circumstances.**



The Port Control and Biosecurity Officers would like to wish you a safe passage to Ascension Island.

