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sv Brigadoon departed Davao, Philippines June 2014 and then departed Manokwari, Indonesia Dec 2014 keel draws 1.8m. We had strong SE winds for July Aug, and did a lot of sailing. We had our much loved & nearly 15 year old spaniel Fergus on board until Banda. We have no freezer, so markets/supermarkets were of importance to us, as were Rumah Makans. End of Nov. fuel had 25% of the subsidy taken off it. Wx relatively dry until Dec in Raja Ampat and then got some rain most days. You need to organise your CAIT and social visa at least a month before entering. We used Lytha Kustarjono email: CAIT@indo.net, she was very efficient. Also once in Indonesia you must again notify her a month before you want it renewed (it lasts for 3 months) We did not do the PIB boat inport paper work, and were never asked for it. But it appears those on rallies do it. Have fun, remember waypoints just a guideline.



Tahuna, Sanghie

Tahuna Sanghie / 03° 36.522'N 125° 29.646'E - mooring buoy from rally yachts. Tested in 25 knot squall. Checked in with Immigration, and coast guard. Told Customs not necessary, so accepted that. Got Port clearance from Coast guard. All straight forward. No boat inspections. For fuel, need a permit can call Mrs Ice (Itchie) 0852 561 14172, from Tourist Board, and she will organise. Was only 5500 IDR per lt when we got it. But you to need to organise transport, ask her for any suggestions. Supermarket- well stocked. Telekom outlet. Internet, phone, fresh produce basic. Not great locations for landing dinghy if tide too low then hard to get up to wall or jetty, and if swell then wall not so great. We used jetty by harbour master for loading fuel, and wall for doing the shopping.



Pulau Siau

Karakitang / 03° 10.864'N 125°31.477'E - horse shoe shaped bay, could not find anchorage, so took up mooring buoy, tested it in a 25 knot squall. Village, but did not visit.



Pulau Siau

Pulau Siau / 02° 40.039'N 125° 24.934'E - just by very large statue of Jesus, and nice beach. Coast guard will pay you a visit to look at your paper work. They asked for cigarettes, but as we had none could not oblige. Dominic, spoke good English and insisted we rang him if we needed to know anything. He will also tell you good locations for snorkelling. Ph. 0853 4077 3333. Internet and phone coverage. Protected spot for strong winds coming down harbour. Very friendly welcome at nearby village. Airport under construction nearby.

Port Biaro / 02° 07.816'N 125° 22.578'E - anchored on the edge of reef. Wind 25 knots, but sea relatively settled. Village to east, did not visit.



Bunaken

Bunaken - lots of mooring buoys, but everything too close to the coral for us. We drifted with Brigadoon of various patches, and took turns snorkeling. Amazing coral walls, and water very clear. Very impressive. Another yacht 'Blue Star' found a great mooring buoy in the main bay, round to left of resorts, but don't have waypoint.



Manado

Manado / 01°29.244'N 124°49.885E - we took up mooring buoy, exposed to swell, not so comfy. Could leave dinghy behind seawall protection with other small craft. Internet & phone. Offered fuel but didn't need. Could do boat trip from here to Bunaken. Multimart 3 mins walk away to right, very well stocked supermarket. Big city, friendly people on the streets, helpful with directions.



NE Sulawesi headland - 1°36.074'N 125°08.959'E - where they make fish aggregating devices. We were anchored, but another fishing boat came in, and took up mooring buoy quite close by. Good protection from SE winds.



Loloda

FADs (Fish aggregating devices) These are various shaped structures, some elaborate some basic, but are all moored to the sea bottom along the coast lines. These devices are seldom lit and can crop up where you don't expect them.

Pulau Mayu / 1°20.567'N 126° 23.829'E - visited by friendly villagers. Other yachts went to Pulau Tifore, just south of here, and had a very good experience.

Loloda / 1°42.518'N 127°33.674'E - fish factory in bay. Lots of visitors. Went with one family back to their village Buoh, for pisang goreng and to get some water. To date we have not had the rain we expected for filling our tanks.



Ternate

Teluk Tofiri / 0°59N 127° 30E - tried Jailoda, but suitable area very small with plenty of other vessels competing for the same space. Could pick up internet from jetty as we were searching for anchorage.

Ternate / 0°47.160'N 127° 23.451'E - Government pier, could leave dinghy here. Supermarket & produce market 5 mins walk to right, just past mosque in photo. Ojek (motorbikes) 5,000. IDR flat fee. Aziz (tour guide) ph. 0813 3443 5241 organised fuel for us, we rang told him how much, checked price (IDR9000), took containers to Government pier and he returned them to there. We found poor holding for anchor, and very congested. Took many attempts to set and then finally dragging in a squall (exposed to winds). So moved to Tidore, across harbour.



Tidore

Tidore / 0°45.101'N 127° 24.332'E - fresh water from well by village on east side of bay. Reef with large grouper, despite nearby houses. Mosques much quieter over here than Ternate. Phone & internet work.

Pulau Laigoma - Goraichi islands / 0°08.777'N 127° 12.942'E - good snorkeling. Welcomed by Mr Turtle. Fisherman came to have his water bottle filled up. Whale crossed equator with us.



Pulau Laigoma

Pulau Tolimao - Goraichi islands / 0°00.593'S 127° 10.766'E - stopped for snorkelling.

Pulau Kasiruta - Goraichi islands / 0°16.385'S 127° 17.077'E - good snorkeling- sharks, rays, big fish.



Pulau Kasiruta

Pulau Bacan - Teluk Balipota 0°40.948'S 127° 45.839'E - anchored in 54ft, currents. Did not snorkel.

Pulau Damar / 0°58.156'S 128° 21.598'E - anchored in 40ft behind pearl farm.

Pulau Boo / 01°09.117'N 129° 19.372'E - anchored in 28ft

Pulau Nampale / 01°46.473'S 129° 37.931'E



SW Misool

SW Misool / 01°53.657'S 129° 44.309'E - reefs on both sides on entering. 101 anchorage description wrong - no market, no water taxi's, but guessing they are right about the crocodiles. Dinghy trip into mangroves to discover too many mosquitos. Good protected anchorage, although wind still whistles through.



Ambon

Teluk Sawai / 02°55S 129° 07'E - very scenic, but couldn't find sheltered anchorage. This one out in the middle.

Pulau Air / 02°45.36'S 129° 01.18'E - inside a coral lagoon. Very pretty. Entrance easy to see in good light.

Tandura / 02°52.6'S 128° 09.4'E - found shallow spot in wide bay, was good anchorage for the night (in S conditions)

Teluk Wairola / 03°40.8'S 127° 55.3'E - had intended P. Lain but didn't like it. This one was quite close to reef, but current held us in place nicely.



Fergus

Ambon / 03°38.2'S 128° 14.4'E - anchored 39ft Inner harbour by fish platforms and Marine Police. Area called Latori. New Hypermarket supermarket 5 mins West. Mini van 2,000.IDR - good selection. Imported tins expensive. Many rumah makans on the road to supermarket, and some good ones just beyond supermarket before intersection. Mini van East to main market area in town. Fuel available 8,000. a litre. (organised through Marine police staff) Propane available. Hardware shops in centre of town. We liked Ambon, everyone friendly, easy to get about. And they make great mango shakes in the city.

We did visa renewals here. After your 2 month visa they then become monthly, up to a total stay of 6 months. After that first 2 month one, then they will do photographs and fingerprints, so can take a bit longer. Need photocopies of main passport page, plus visa page and entry stamp page. Harbour Master - this is the only time we checked in and out of a harbour mainly because we were going to Sorong next, and wanted our paper work in good order.



Quarantine: 50,000 IDR - Harbour Master requires this, as well as Crew List stamped by Immigration.

Airport has lots of internal flights for guests wanting to fly in.

Prop got fouled both entering and exiting Ambon outer harbour.



Nusa Laut

Amahusa Yacht rally mooring buoys - to E of main Ambon harbour. Very exposed and a roly night. Can buy LPG tanks in Amahusa (but not get them filled) 16,000IDR for the gas and 36,000 for the bottle. Close also for a visit to the Siwa Lima Museum.

Nusa Laut / 00°38.4'S 128° 45.9'E - current a bit much for swimming from boat. Visited village, warm reception. Tour of Fort.

Pulau Run - exchanged with Dutch for Manhattan Island! Did not find suitable location for anchoring, so carried onto



Pulau Run

Pulau Ai / 04°30.9'S 129° 46.1'E - good snorkelling from boat. Nice vil-lage for stretching your legs.

Banda Neira / 04°31.4'S 129° 54.8'E - anchor & stern line to wall in front of old rambing hotel. We chose spot by steps. We also used a mooring buoy on starboard side when entering harbour first time we visited. We spent a month total in the Banda islands.



Pulau Ai

Abba of Mutiara guest house, ph. 0813 3034 3377 can organise anything for you. Plus his wife Dila is an excellent cook. Buffet style meals for 80,000.



Banda Neira



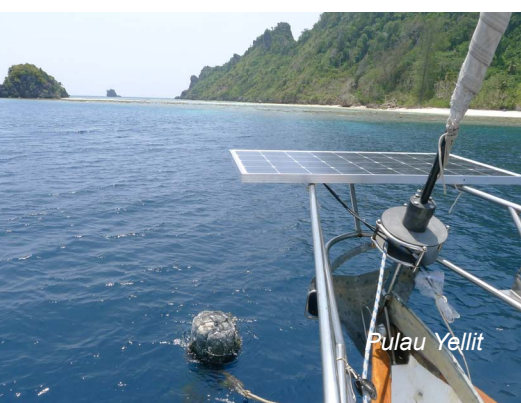
View from Guning Api



Pulau Hatta



Raft Kalig



Pulau Yellit

using local produce, spices, very tasty. I did a tour of Banda Besar and the old plantations through Abba. We climbed Guning Api by ourselves. Get someone to point start out to you and you can leave dinghy there. The path starts to the right hand side of these houses. Need sensible walking shoes, water and go early as gets hot. Snorkelled around both Lava flows at entrance to harbour and around Karaka island, amazing number of fish around light house. Lots of places to eat. Cart lady makes very good mie & nasi goreng. Smoked tuna on sticks good. Very basic food supplies, hardware, produce markets generally ok, but they do run out of stock, go early. Bank with ATM. Internet can be painfully slow on boat, faster at the warnet but she was not always open. Post Office generally open to 1pm. Large passenger boats come in twice a week. And they have a small airport. If you stay for a while someone will ask if you want to go and talk to their students. We did and it was a good experience. The Museum and Fort Belgica are worth looking at too. And generally stroll around passing the old VOC warehouses and offices. There is a laundry lady opposite the hospital, 10 min walk, go through lower fort as short cut. We witnessed a Kora Kora canoe welcome, which was very good. And the nutmeg dance, but not the famous Cakalele dance. Just ask someone what is on, and they will happily tell you what might be happening. Look for the exotic Ikan Banda (mandarin fish) of the wall you are tied to in front of the hotel late afternoon. We filled our tanks from the water taps at the front of the hotel. Someone will approach you re buying fuel, either do that, or try the station itself 2 minutes walk to the left on leaving the hotel grounds. Directly they were offering 8000. idr / l , but ask early in your stay as they do run out, and can tell you when it will be available again. Good book to read on local history "Nathaniel's Nutmeg" by Giles Morten.

Pulau Hatta 04°35'S 130° 10'E - day visit for snorkelling. Drifted in Nth area, and good snorkelling of beach to east of village - opposite house. Then anchored on west side, and explored general area.

Liveboards - once start to head northwards to Misool & Raja Ampat you will start seeing more of these large wooden boats, used as dive boats for visitors. They came up from Bali and spend the season from Nov - March in the area. They have to anchor in 50m. They also move around a lot. Staff we have met from them have all been very friendly.

Seram Laut / 03°52.5'S 130° 57.3'E - expanse of reef around entrance to village. We just stayed for day, and moved on.

Missol Eco lodge - lovely location, called in to say hello but owner not there.

Pulau Kalig / 02°13.1'S 130° 32.8'E -tied off to new raft they have in bay, (this has replaced mooring buoy) as was dead calm. But not so easy to get off it in the morning with a fresh breeze. First snorkelling experience of large shark!

Pulau Yellit / mooring buoy 02°11.261'S 130° 35.888'E - base for guards protecting area, they have a camp onshore. In no take zone for fishing. Excellent snorkelling just off island on NE. (small island in image) Many turtles and large fish.



Balbulol bay



channel to Sorong



Sorong



Wayag



Wayag



Balbulol bay / 02°01.433'S 130° 40.579'E - stern line and 2 bow lines. Rocks sharp! We used round floats on our lines so visitors could spot. Snorkeling great from boat, also out in gap to open sea on south side just past beach. 10 fishermen were in temporary residence when we were there. Saw a large eagle ray here.

Pulau Yefmo / 01°13.072'S 131° 03.062'E southern channel to Sorong - most amazing currents, and whirl pools all going different directions around the boat at first. But settled and calm night.

Sorong / 00°52.8'S 131° 15.2'E - produce markets opens at 6am. Saga supermarket (was open by 8.30am) 5 min walk from our anchorage. Very good array of foods, even had bacon. Stall on outside has phone/ internet cards. And photocopier just next door. Robinsons supermarket not so well stocked, and didn't open till later in morning. Use Yellow angkot (minivan) for public transport. Flat fee 4000ird. Produce market at end of angkot ride. Everyone has a different experience with the officials. Our was relatively straight forward. Harbour master does not open till 11am. Quarantine: 20,000. We parked dinghy at slip way in image, near Govt department called Husamina and checked with guys working there ok to leave. Prop got fouled as leaving anchorage. A contact for fuel etc is Victor Saputra ph. 0812 4833 831. A lot of theft from boats, lock up.

Raja Ampat tags are meant to be purchased, supposedly easily in Waisai. US\$50. per person, last for a year. But we never did discover just where, and we were only asked for them in Misool as we were heading north and explained that we did not have yet. Would make more sense for the resort to actually sell them.

On one of the other vessels we anchored with they had their own Dive master - Arif Munandar ph 0813 8147 1527

aris_munandar68@yahoo.co.id - 300,000.idr daily fee. Great guy, good assistance in general on the boat, and knows the area very well.

Raja Ampat is a high risk malaria area, although we weren't too bothered by mozzies. But pays to bring medication for treatment of. Have been asked on a few occasions by the local fishermen for fuel for their outboards, but nothing else. A very useful book to pick up is the Bird's Head Seascape dive book on Raja Ampat, Triton bay and Cenderawasih Bay-gives you way points, and other pieces of useful information. This was how we found a lot of the sites we snorkelled. We did loads of snorkelling and enjoyed it all. Generally going back to the same spot at different times of day. Everywhere something different on offer.

Wayag

00°10.172'N / 130° 02.203'E- anchored 20ft, stern line, no underwater life around boat. This is reached via main channel, then going to the inner bays thru a hole in the wall.

00°09.69'N / 130° 01.98'E - anchored in sand 30ft up main channel, better location for reaching outer areas for snorkeling.

Mooring buoy 00°10.187'N / 130° 01.072'E

Mooring buoy 00°09.800'N / 130° 01.473'E

We used the buoys when we climbed Mt Pindito, and for snorkelling in those areas. But only for day use as roolly. Mt Pindito a must - views very impressive. For us Wayag was more about what's above water than below. Did lots of exploring trips in dinghy, and moved Brigadoon around also. Saw some very large clams.



Waisai

Pulau Fam / 00°38.94'S 130° 16.96'E - 30ft, wee way off beach but did not want to go any closer in order to not damage the coral everywhere. And snorkelling seemed better closer to boat than shore.



Waisai

Waisai / 00°25.77'S 130° 49.52'E - When calm can anchor off river entrance. We overnighted here, but easy to do things in a day and leave again. Great fresh produce market, (mornings best) but 4 kms out of town, either dingy around to first bay east of anchorage or take return Ojek (30-40,000. rtn, depends on your bargaining skills, but way more expensive than anywhere else in Indo.) Argo supermarket under hotel, all the basics, and frozen chickens. And another sm in the road parallel, had yeast. Many ruman makans. Printers. Internet cards. Fast ferry from next bay to Sorong, 2pm 100,000.IDR. Fuel available but wanting 15,000. a litre.



Friwin

Friwin island / 00°28.247'S 130° 41.45'E - 65ft. Handy base, boats just swing with the currents. Great snorkelling off boat on Nth eastern tip of island. Resident turtle here. Also dinghy over to other Island. Internet & phone coverage here. Red Birds of Paradise can be visited from village opposite. We went with Simon ph. 0852 4301 2894, 100,000. per person. Martin who speaks better English in the village charges 300,000., and he uses Simon as his guide. Great trip, they like to go at 5am, sensible walking shoes. Pretty location.



Kabui Pass

Manta Sandy / day visit to see Mantas, saw only 2, lots of divers there same time. Details in Bird's Head Seascape book.

Pulau Mois Ko / 00°29S 130° 43E - day visit great schools of fish

Kabui Pass / 00°25.396' S 130° 34.300E - Plenty of anchorage choices. 42ft Very calm. Small homestay on southern corner, fresh water supply, need to pay for same.(10,000. IDR seemed to keep them happy) Our dingy with its 2hp motor was not up to the pass, even thou we attempted it when we thought it was calm.. So buddied up with some other yachties, and took one dinghy in, and someone drifted with that as we snorkelled. The coral was Dr Suess stuff, interesting colours, not the same we have been use to looking at and because of the current very murky. Lots of local boats go thru with tourists, or just making there way home.



entrance
Hidden bay

Kabui Passage - we motored Brigadoon through here and went across the bay to

Hidden passage 0°25.263'S 130° 29.9'E - anchored off entrance, and took dinghy into waterways. Nice sight seeing trip.



dugong Yangefo

Yangefo 0°30.737'S 130° 27.290E - anchored in 82ft, and stern line to Mangroves. Great snorkelling. Not in immediate bay, but out in passage. Around island to western side, probably best, saw Dugong here. Nice beach, with couple of fisherman huts here. We had a 4ft dog toothed tuna jump on board! Dinner sorted. Details in Bird's Head seascape book.

Melissa's garden - south Penumu, morning stop, tied off to rocks just like local boats. Snorkelled many times, each time something different. Loads of big fish, largest star fish, black tip shark. And the coral is right to the water surface on side of islets, so can see the fish very clearly. Details in Bird's Head seascape book.



Yangefo



Penumu

Penumu 0°34.320'S 130° 17.202'E- Sea Sanctuary mooring buoy. Dinghy into bay, to do walk. Now has a landing jetty and steps all the way to top, great views. Had unfriendly local man jump on board and ask us to pay him some money for the mooring, but didn't give him anything.



Batangpele

Batangpele 0°19.095'S 130° 12.882'E - also used this location **0°19.511'S 130° 12.158'E** , lots of currents. But when tides turn the snorkeling off the boat was very good. Great array of corals. Fish jumping in bay constantly. Sting rays doing somersaults by the boat. Peaceful. Phone reception, no internet.



Manta's Eagle Rock

Teluk Alyui 0°12.218'S 130° 12.568'E - Conservation mooring, by White dive arrow location. Permission to do anything in bay must be done via VHF87 to the Cendara Pearl Farm (use some bahasa), as these folks actually lease the whole bay from the villagers. Unfortunately for us, the village has just instigated claiming another fee per boat also, must be paid before you are allowed to do anything in bay (even to visit Pearl Farm) Currently 1,000,000 IDR! Pearl Farm employees suggest you ring them first to see what the current story is, and if need to pay then you need to go to the village as you enter the bay on the southern side, Selepele. The bay is very pretty, but we opted to leave early the next morning. There are 3 mooring buoys, the other 2 belong to the Pearl farm. There is a small pass in the islands immediately north of farm. Very pretty, indeed. Saw dolphins and turtles, and more mantas at the entrance of the bay. Pulau Me also pretty, but we did not stop.



Kawe Tin Mine

Eagle Rock 0°08.219'S 130° 07.416'E - drifted whilst taking turns to swim with large mantas. Also impressive just watching from big boat. Saw at least a dozen, 4-5 m in width. Many sharks and large fish too. Details Birds Head Seascope book.

NE Kawe 0°00.277'S 130° 07.686'E - small anchorage area. Mantas come in for evening feeding, right beside boat. Coral at first glance unattractive, but on exploring further lots of interesting things. Resident turtles also. Most mosquitos we have encountered to date.



Equator islands, looked very nice. Birds Head Seascope book talks of Liveboards' mooring, but we found none, and no anchorage.

NE Kawe Is 0°00.870'S 130° 07.217'E - abandoned tin mine, fresh water available. Local family in residence. Anchored 30ft.

NW Waigeo 0°07.487'S 130° 22.096'E - anchored 11ft sand. Snorkelled in centre of bay, lots of little fish.

Sth Bay Gam island / 0°30.376'S 130° 33.626'E - anchored 32ft. Phone reception.

