

Ports Handbook

The port of Boca Chica is one of three ports serving the capital city of Santo Domingo, situated about 20 miles east of the city but scarcely 5 miles east of the international airport. Although this port was built in the 1950's to export sugar, it is now almost exclusively used for import cargoes, mainly trailers, containers and some lumber, newsprint and homogeneous cargoes.

Anchorage: Deep water anchorage available off the port of Santo Domingo, about 20 naut.miles to the west. The pilot will indicate the best location.

Pilotage: Pilot and Harbour master can be contacted on VHF channel 16. Pilot will board about one mile outside the seabuoy.

Restrictions: No entry or departure at night vessel over 400ft.

Density of Water: Salt water (1.025).

Maximum size of vessel: LOA 450ft; Beam 75ft.

Tugs: One tug available and compulsory. Additional tugs when required must be mobilized from Caucedo.

Medical attention: Emergency and minor medical care available locally, serious cases can be treated in Santo Domingo where hospitals and clinics are available.

Consular offices: All consular affairs are handled at Santo Domingo.

Repairs: Shore facilities for minor repairs only. Further repair shops available at Santo Domingo.

Airport: Las Americas International, the major airport in the Dominican Republic is about 5 miles away and may be conveniently used for repatriation or joining of crew for vessels at Boca Chica.

Berths: An L- shaped pier 615 meters (2000ft) in length and 12 meters (39ft) in width about 1 meter above sea level at high tide. Two or more vessels may occupy the berth, depending on their size and characteristics.

Storage facilities: One enclosed shed, approx. 240 x 35 meters, for general cargo. Also container and trailer yard and open space for lumber etc.

Equipment: Forklifts of 4.5tons, 6tons and 10tons available on site. Other equipment, such as mobile cranes, if required must be transported from Santo Domingo.

Bunkers: Diesel oil is available by tank truck from Santo Domingo; arrangements to be made in advance through Maritima Dominicana. Trucks carry up to 10,000 US gallons.

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Working hours: Straight time working hours are 0800-1200 and 1400-1800, Mondays through Fridays, and Saturday 0800-1200, except on major holidays (New Year, Easter and Christmas). Overtime may be ordered on all days and work may be done around the clock and on weekends.

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