

PORT HANDBOOK

The Port of **LA ROMANA** is situated on the Romana River. There is a central channel and two berths. The entrance to the channel is 110 meters (361') wide .

The West Berth is primarily a sugar and molasses loading port for the Central Romana sugar mill. It is also used for handling various import cargoes (fuel, lumber, steel and general cargo) for the sugar mill, and more recently some containers are handled in and out for the Industrial free zone manufacturers established in La Romana.

Anchorage: Best anchorage is west of Catalina Island in depths of 15 to 18 fathoms. There is no protected anchorage immediately outside the port. Authorization to anchor must be applied for to the Harbormaster through the agents.

Pilotage: Pilot and harbormaster can be contacted on VHF Channel 16. Pilot will board vessel from white launch marked "LP-24" on its sides. Pilot boards about 1.5 miles from port entrance (N.E. of Catalina Island).

Restrictions: No entry or sailing at night.

Density of water: 1.025 (salt water).

Maximum size of vessel: 300 meters (984.25'), LOA and 35 meters (115') Beam.

Tugs: When necessary, tug must be mobilized from Santo Domingo. For prices and further detail, please contact **Maritima Dominicana**.

Medical attention: Full medical attention available in La Romana, including hospitalization.

Consular offices: Refer to the city of Santo Domingo, as all consular affairs to be handled there.

Repairs: Very minor repairs only can be handled locally. For all others refer to Santo Domingo.

Airport/Repatriation: La Romana has an International Airport with commercial flights to various points in the greater Caribbean area.

West berth: The pier is 220 metres (720ft) long and the apron is approx. 20 metres (65ft) wide; the wharf is about 2.5 metres above the water line. Maximum size of vessel that can be handled is 600 ft. LOA and 90 ft. BEAM.

Storage facilities: The only storage facilities at this port are those of the Central Romana Sugar mill, which has warehouses for bulk sugar, and tanks for molasses and furfural.

Cargo Handling Equipment: Sugar is loaded mechanically by conveyor belts directly from the warehouse to the ship using three spouts. Average loading rate 400-500 tons/hour depending on vessel size and configuration. There are two 10 inch connections for discharge of fuel and diesel oils. There are no forklifts available for general cargo. Small motorcranes may be hired for handling general cargo, which must be loaded directly onto railroad flat cars and be removed from ship's side.

Bunkers: Bunkering of ships at the Central Romana docks, is not allowed.

Fresh water: Available from 2" pipeline alongside at about 8-10 tons/hour.

Working hours: General Cargo is worked on straight time 0800-1200 and 1400-1800 Mondays through Fridays and 0800-1200 on Saturdays. Overtime rates for all other times and Holidays may be ordered, excepting major Holidays (New Years, Easter, Christmas, etc). Sugar is always loaded around the clock and on Holidays, as well as with the liquid bulk operations, the shippers usually paying any additional expenses for overtime.

East Berth Exclusively a Cruise Ship terminal for use of the tourist visiting Casa de Campo. It is 255.8 meters long (840'); the wharf is about 2.2 meters high (7.2') above the water line.

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ISLA CATALINA, (see plan) Situated about 5 nautical miles to the south west of the port of La Romana, has a sea-mooring arrangement for Cruise vessels at its sheltered anchorage, consisting of a Monopile on its western, leeward, side.

The anchorage is approached from open sea in the aSW quadrangle.

The position of the Monopile is Lat.: 18° 21.9' N, 069° 01' 5W, in about 35 feet of water and about 3

cables off the beach. At the southern end of the beach, about 4 cables from Monopile, there is a small floating jetty, fixed by piles, with about 8 feet of water at its outer end.

A "raft", arranged for Tender docking, is available as a landing platform at the ships gangway.

Various crafts are available at La Romana for shuttling passengers between the ship, La Romana and the beach.

CASA DE CAMPO

Smaller Cruise vessels sometimes anchor off **La Minitas** beach, at the Casa de Campo resort, landing their passengers by "Zodiac" onto the beach or by tender at La Romana.

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