

Ports Handbook

The port of Puerto Plata is the main commercial port on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic and is the only one in this area receiving grain in bulk, general break bulk cargo, cargo containers and from December 15-2021, it will have reception facilities for up to three Passenger Vessel's.

Anchorage:

Outer anchorage:

Deep water anchorage is available. Six cables N. of Punta Fortaleza, with the Main Light House bearing 180° and Owen Rock bearing 281°, depth 24,0 m, good holding ground. In rough weather this anchorage is frequently dangerous therefore its use is discouraged.

Pilotage: It is compulsory and available 24 hrs. Pilot and Harbour Master can be contacted by radio on VHF Channel 16. The pilot boarding place is about 4 cables NNE of Punta Fortaleza, close to sea buoy.

Tidal range and flow:

Mean spring range 0,50 m.

Mean neap range 0.40 m.

Current velocity at berth usually less than 0,3 knots according to flood or ebb.

Winds: During winter months, the wind blows strongly from NE, from early morning until late afternoon, when it changes to a gentle land breeze. Strong winds also blow from N.

Swell from N to NE, height 1,2 to 5,5 m. was reported (1969) to be frequent from October to May.

Restrictions: No restrictions.

Density of water: Salt water; 1,025.

Maximum size of vessel:

Passenger vessel's up to 360m (1,181 ft)

Cargo vessel's up to 183m (600 ft)

Tugs: The use is compulsory for vessels of more than 500 GRT. At least one tugboat 3500 BHP and one tugboat 2150 BHP are usually available.

Medical attention: Full medical attention is available in Puerto Plata, and further complete facilities available in Santiago and Santo Domingo.

Consular offices: All consular affairs for this port are generally handled in Santo Domingo; 215 km away.

Repairs: Shore facilities for minor repairs only. Further repair shops available in Santo Domingo. Dry docking facilities until 173 x 33 x 6 m available at Las Calderas.

Airport/Repatriation: La Unión International Airport is located about 20 kilometers East of Puerto Plata, at Santo Domingo airport is 260 km away,

Finger Pier for Passenger Vessel's

Position #1 West side Length 282.5m (927 ft) and 14.0m (46 ft) wide. The pier is aprox. 3m (10ft.) above water level.

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Position #2 East side Length 574.5m (1885 ft) and 14.0m (46 ft) wide. The pier is aprox. 3m (10 ft) above water level.

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Position #3 West side Length 282.25m (926 ft) and 14.0m (46 ft) wide. The pier is aprox. 3m (10 ft) above water level.

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Finger Pier for Cargo Vessel's

Position #4 West side Length 292.45m (960 ft) and 30.0m (98 ft) wide. The pier is aprox. 3m (10 ft) above water level.

Position #5 West side Length 150.0m (492 ft) and 30.0m (98 ft) wide. The pier is aprox. 3m (10 ft) above water level.

Equipment available: Forklifts of various capacities are available for the handling of general cargoes. For the handling of bulk cargoes, there are hoppers, grab buckets and pay loaders, and the ship's gear must be used always.

Bunkers: Fuel and Diesel Oil are available by tank truck only. Arrangements to be made in advance through Marítima Dominicana S.A.S. Trucks carry up 37,8 m3 (10 000 US gallons.)

Fresh water: Supplied by tank truck through Maritima Dominicana.

Working hours: Around the clock

Port State Control Inspection: Since 2010, the implementation of the Port State Control to all ships in territorial waters is carried out according to the Viña del Mar Agreement

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