

Ports Handbook

The Port of SAMANA is known by several other names: "Puerto Duarte"- was officially given to the Pier, built as a Passenger Terminal in the 1970's. "El Botado" after a local place name and "Arroyo Barril" for a landing strip in the nearby.

Very rarely, a cruise ship will call at the Pier and only at the Anchorage areas.

The port is now important as Cruise Ships anchoring area for Cayo Levantado and other surrounding beautiful places.

After the mining industry projects development, at northern part of the Country, Samana Pier became a heavy lifts handling port.

Density of water: Salt Water-1,025.

Anchorage: Deep water anchorage is available at several places in SAMANA BAY, but most convenient places.

Pilotage: The pilot and Harbour Master can be contacted by VHF on Channel 16. The pilot will board at Punta Balandra, 19° 10,0'N. Long 069° 16,5'W. The entrance channel is marked with eight buoys.

Restrictions: Day and nighttime entry is possible at this port.

Tidal range and flow:

Mean spring range 0,50 m.

Mean neap range 0,30 m.

An outflow, rate 1 1/2 to 3 kn often occurs, especially during rainy season, and caution is necessary.

Maximum size of vessel:

At anchorage:

LOA 275,35 m (902,8 ft.); BEAM 38,60m. (126,56 ft.); GT 137308.

Tugs: None available locally. Must come from either Puerto Plata or Santo Domingo if absolutely required. Only in case L > 150m if berthing alongside Pier only.

Pier: is 230,0 m. long, 25,5 m. wide and pier level is 2,50 m. high from low water level, with SE orientation starting in a cause- way 350 m. long 13,5 m. wide and oriented SSE to the sea.

Medical attention: First aid and emergency treatment only. Further treatment available in Santo Domingo, about two and a half hours drive by car.

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

Repairs: None available locally.

Airport/Repatriation: Las Américas International Airport at Santo Domingo is 186 kms. away, by a first class highway. There is also a local Air Strip beside the pier.

Storage facilities: Please contact Maritima Dominicana.

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Equipment available: Please contact Marítima Dominicana for details.

Bunkers: Available by tank truck from Santo Domingo. For prices and conditions please contact Marítima Dominicana.

Fresh water: Supplied from pipe on pier at a rate of about 6 t. /hour.

Working hours: Around the clock and according specific cargoes regulations.

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