

SYNOPSIS

This volume provides a 'Sailing Guide' to assist cruising boat sailors while transiting the Malaysian Cruising Boat Routeing System in the Malacca Strait. It covers the area from Langkawi Island, Kedah, to Tanjung Piai, Johor.

The Sailing Guide is intended to be used by the owner/operator of vessels that are visiting Malaysia for recreation purposes. This Sailing Guide will enhance the safety of navigation by helping to identify converging areas where the density of traffic is high, or where the navigation of cruising boats is constrained due to: restricted sea room, the existence of obstructions, undesirable meteorological conditions, limited depth, or a combination of these factors. The identified routeing system for cruising boats will also reduce the risk of pollution and other forms of damage to the marine environment caused by collision or grounding of boats near environmentally sensitive areas such as mangroves or coral reefs.

Apart from information on safe navigation, the Sailing Guide also identifies the public amenities available at each of the main marinas along the west coast of Peninsular Malaysia, as well as information related to tourist attractions (e.g. vacation spots, historical sites, locations of cultural and historic heritage, etc.)

The Sailing Guide begins with an introduction to Malaysia describing, in general: government structure, ethnic diversity, flora, fauna, trade and currency etc. Subsequent chapters also provide details on 'Natural Conditions, Climate and Weather', and 'Maritime Safety and Security'. The publication also provides notations, chartlets, photography and advice on navigation routes, along with an overview of the hydrographic conditions (i.e., bathymetry, tides, winds and currents) that can be expected at each of the main marinas on the Peninsular Malaysian west coast. A general description of each marina is included encompassing details on shore-side facilities, services, amenities, infrastructure, and specific site-related tourism details. Any local variance in reporting procedures and regulations for entry and departure are also discussed.

The Malacca Strait Sailing Guide is the most comprehensive, single source of navigation and yachting information ever produced for recreational vessels operating in the area from Langkawi to Johor. As such, it eases the task of voyage planning, and enhances safety and enjoyment for visiting yachters.

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