

## Greece Dodecanese



In this info bulletin, you will find the places we have been visiting with SY "Zeezwaluw" (LOA 14m, D 2.05m) during the sailing seasons of [2006 & 2007 & 2008 & 2009](#). The prices mentioned below may have gone up a bit.

### Entering Greece

We choose Preveza as a port of entrance, coming from Italy and entered Greece in the official way (see Greek Waters Pilot, Heikell). We bought the Cruising permit at the Port Police Office (in 2006 the permit was 29.35€ and is only necessary for boats over 10m) and got our first entry stamp. Before leaving Preveza we had to go again, this time for the exit stamp to do it officially. Normally you pay a small fee for using the harbour (5-7€/night). The Preveza Port Police Office, is a little bit difficult to find, but the yachties around are able (and willing) to tell you where to go. From that moment on we reported to the Port police only, when they invited us (always very friendly) and asked to come with our papers to their office. This is the way sailing boats act we were told by other yachties! It worked perfect for us that way and we never had a problem.

### Dodecanese

#### Patmos Island

[Skála Patmos, 37°19'42N 26°32'67E](#)

Skála Patmos, is almost in the middle of the island at the east side at the end of a large bay. Moor, where convenient at own anchor (holding well) bow or stern to the free of charge town quay. No electricity & water. Free Wi-Fi signal at quay (2007). Shelter against the prevailing wind is good. Town is small but nice, scooters for rent at a reasonable price and excellent to tour around the island. The [Monastery of St. John](#) (with the world famous library) at the [chora](#), visible from the quay and the [Cave of St. Anne](#) half way down (where St. John wrote the Apocalypse) is well worth a visit. Opposite the town quay is space for a few ships at swinging anchor.

#### Leros Island

[Pandeli harbour, 37°09'1N 26°51'8E](#)

The tiny harbour's depth is more than the pilot shows; we had 6-7m in the harbour and 4m at the quay. If you can get in here (we were moored alongside another boat) it's nice and quiet and good shelter for the prevailing winds. No facilities, water from the tap at the building in the corner, free internet at the restaurant opposite the harbour. Many restaurants along the beach but the shops are in the town, a steep 20min walk. There are many shops; an excellent bakery, a small supermarket with few fresh veggies and fruit and a laundry.

[Alindas anchorage, 37°09'75N 26°50'27E](#)

The anchorage lays just around the corner of Pandeli harbour and gives excellent shelter for westerly winds. Anchor in the north part of the bay, of the beach in 5-8m (sand bottom and clear water) where convenient. There are many restaurants along the beach and internet is available in one of them. There is a small supermarket with poor provisions. It is possible to moor at Ay Marina's town quay, at the south side of the bay (not in westerly winds) where provisioning is more convenient and probably better.

### Plati Island

**Anchorage east side of the small island, 36°56'71N 27°05'36E**

The anchorage is at an open coast (depth 3-5m) but sheltered for the prevailing westerly winds. Sand patches in-between weed bottom, in sand good holding. We were the only ship at anchor, guess why.....

### Kos Island

**Kos Marina, 36°53'84N 27°18'11E**

Kos marina lyas at the east side of the island. The pilot mentioned the nice staff of the reasonable priced new marina. Well, it took us 3 minutes to leave after we heard we had to pay 58€/night! We thought to find shelter here for a forecasted nasty southern storm in 2 days, but we decided to sail for Marmaris instead.

### Tilos Island

**Lavidia, anchorage, 36°24'79N 27°23'44E**

The Lavidia anchorage lays in a beautiful bay at the east side of the island. Anchor off the coast to the south of the (new) tiny marina, in 5-10m depth. Look for a sand patch between the weed, holding is perfect. Along the shore are several restaurants but we did not go ashore so we do not know the quality of the food.

### Yiala Island

**Anchorage, 36°39'92N 27°07'82E**

The anchorage is at the south side of the small island in the bay opposite a quarry. Anchor at the east side in 5-10m where convenient, holding in sand is perfect. Good shelter from the Meltemi. The water is crystal clear, good snorkelling near the tiny island near the entrance where parts of sunken buildings can be seen. Fishing from the cockpit we caught a very large fish, a kind of barracuda, which was delicious after preparation! To the south is Nisiros Island.

### Nisiros Island

**Mandraki Harbour, 36°36'9N 27°08'5E**

Mandraki Harbour lays at the north side of the island Nisiros. Med-mooring with own anchor at the quay as far as possible to the south-east corner (the shallow part), sand/clay holding perfect. The deeper part is allocated for tripper boats only. No facilities but its near town and a lot of restaurants. The harbour is open to the NE, but with westerly winds it's OK. We never paid harbour fees to the port police. At the quay side is a shop to rent scooters to visit [the volcano](#), that's a must and is extremely beautiful! To the east of the town is [an ancient site](#) with a ruin of a castle, located.

### Rhodes Island

**Anchorage, 36°25'58N 28°14'34E**

The anchorage is off the beach southwest of the new harbour and northeast of the "[Lidl](#)" harbour. Depth is 3-5m for a large area of the bay. Take care of the reef just underneath the surface and running from the east to west. The bottom is sand and the holding is perfect. We were at anchor for 3 days riding out a meltemi blowing 7-8Bft. No swell or waves entered the anchorage although we had the wind, but that wasn't bothersome. We prefer this anchorage when it's blowing above the new marina were the swell always likes to enter.

### **Rhodes town, new harbour, 36°26'02N 28°14'39E**

An unfinished and **free of charge** "marina", more or less an open harbour with low concrete quays protected by a small inadequate breakwater. Open to N-NE-SE, swell always finds its way into the harbour. At the quay to starboard, you will find a few spots (metal loops) to secure a line to. So have a look around first where you drop your own anchor, bow or stern to the quay. Electricity is not available. Water tap (with excellent water) can be found along the road. Opposite the wine factory C.A.I.R.

(Visible from the harbour) you will see several 1-meter high metal squares. One of them has the water tap! We had a few rough nights at the quay, one day it was impossible to get off the boat! Another possibility is free anchoring in the middle of the harbour it's wide enough. Holding is good.

### **Rhodes town, Mandraki marina, 36°27'05N 28°13'6E**

The marina is situated in the main harbour at the most northern end. In summer, the marina is crowded with flotillas and charter boats, moored at the inside of the east breakwater with the mills. If there is space, you can moor bow or stern to the quay using the [mooring lines or your own anchor](#). Water and electricity (staff from the marina comes to help you with the connection), showers and toilets available. Good protection against the prevailing winds. We stayed here in wintertime in 2007 & 2008 paid 40 €/4nights & in 2009 during wintertime stayed for 3 months against lower prizes. Elec. (20Kwh) and water (500L) 5 €'s. In summer the fees might be higher.

Opposite the breakwater at the town quay, is a small floating jetty, this is not part of the marina. If there is space, moor bow or stern to the jetty at own anchor. Fees are collected by the Port Police but most of the time they won't come over to collect the money! The town is an old city-fortress with thick walls all around. In the middle is a well-preserved castle, worth a visit. In summer the old city is pedestrian (tourist) territory, all the shops are tourist shops or restaurants but very special! A walk through the narrow and winding cobbled streets is a walk back in time. A special walk is in-between the 2 thick walls. At the North side of Rhodos town is a hill with the ruins of [a Roman theatre, Stadium and the Temple of Apollo](#). Don't miss it! Outside the old town you will find the normal fresh food shops ([Lidl](#), Spar and Champion can be found along the road which runs south along the coast, 4-km walk or bike ride). Internet cafes are all over town; especially in the neighbourhood of the port police opposite the Mandraki marina. Free Wi-Fi signal if you take your laptop to the bench near the Marina office! Car /scooter for hire in the area opposite Mandraki marine. In-between Mandraki marina and the new harbour, you will find a chandler with excellent stock and service. In the same area are shops for all kind of repairs and spare parts.

### **Leaving Greece**

*Before you sail to Turkey you have to check out of the EU. Take your ship papers, the original ones, copies are not allowed, passports and cruising permit etc. with you to the port police. They will inform you what the rules and regulations are at that specific time. This is the official way, but Ernie in Sesame Street would say "think again".*

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