

The pilot to the ABC Islands we used was one of the Gotto Go Cruising Guides; "The ABC Islands" written by D. Waterson & D. van der Reyden (ours was an old edition). Another possibility is using "A guide to the ABC islands" from Frank Virgintino; this is a free download on <http://freecruisingguides.com/>.

### Bonaire

In Bonaire anchoring is forbidden at all times. You have to use the little red & white mooring buoys provided by the National Marine Park (NMP). Harbour Village Marina (HVM) collects the fees of \$10,-/d (2017) for the NMP. No reservation of a mooring buoy, rule is first comes first served. If non available, you are allowed to use one of the orange diving buoys, but as soon as possible you have to move to an official mooring buoy or sail on to another destination.



When you arrive during the dark hours, it is very difficult to spot the mooring buoys or to manoeuvre to pick-up one. You are allowed to go into the HVM and tie alongside the starboard

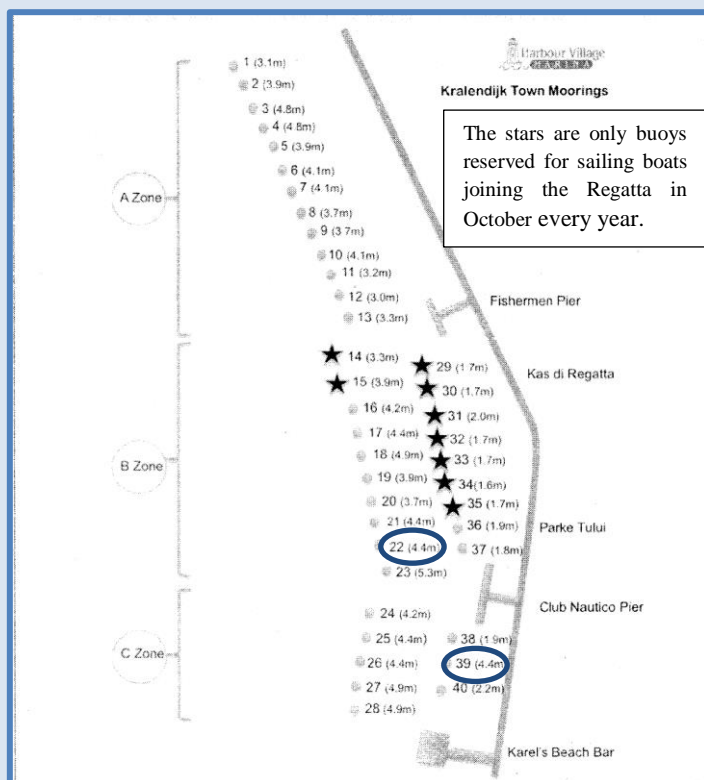


quay side. (we moored in-between two huge motoryachts just for the night). Report to the HVM office as soon as its open.

Normal procedure on arrival is:

- Pick up a mooring buoy (if available)
- Check in at customs & Immigration
- Go to the HVM to pay (in advance) for your mooring buoy for the time you like to stay.

The water is crystal clear and heaven for divers and snorkelers!



We were in 2017 on mooring buoy 39 depth 4.4m, in 2018 on buoy 22 same depth (see the picture of the mooring field) both moorings have 2 concrete blocks (others have sand screws) from each block/screw runs a line to a red-white buoy. Attach your own lines through the eye of the rope of each buoy and attach both ends of each line to your ship.

The mooring field runs from east of the Harbour Village Marina to Karl's Beach Bar. In some places is a double line of moorings of which the inner ones are in more shallow waters. In the picture you will find the depth in meters of each buoy.

We were not able to use/recieve an open WiFi signal but used instead Digicel. A prepaid Sim card and an internet package is very cheap (2017 and 2018 15Gb/month for US \$32) and works fine. Digicel shop is in the main street behind the waterfront behind Karls Beach Bar.

Garbage disposel is opposite Karl's Beach bar in the **green** dumpsters, oposite Budget pontoon next to the sailing school or at HVM

In HVM is a dinghy dock at the end of the marina port side at the very end. It's a bit akward to step off but doable. There is **NO** official dinghy dock along the quay. In-between the fishermans dock and Karl's Beach Bar is a little floting pontoon. Sailors call it the "Budget dinghy dock". You are allowed to tie your dinghy but leave it on a long line or chain for mobility. Its free of charge! You are also allowed to tie up at Karl's Beach Bar (do not tie at flower pots) but it costs since 2018 \$5,- each time you park or you have to order a drink or so at the restaurant. We never went there, always used the Budget pontoon.

To all other information about Bonaire we refer to the Facebook Page [Bonaire Cruisers](#) of 2017 Once you have joined them, you find the Pdf-file in the files section. The file contains lots of usefull info about Bonaire, like free shopping busses to the supermarket (fishermans dock or roundabout near HVM) and so on.

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