



pre-event
information
booklet

DISCOVER MALAYSIA BY SEA!



Sail Malaysia Passage to Langkawi 2023 Yacht Rally



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an introduction

Malaysia is situated between 1 and 7 degrees north and has traditionally been the centre of regional trade due to its strategic location. With the growing number of marinas and boatyards, the country is now a hub for cruisers, and no longer just a place to just pass by.

We realize that since this may be your first visit to our country by sea. Therefore, our main goal in this rally is to help you quickly familiarize with west coast Peninsula Malaysia. We hope to introduce you to the people, marine facilities and of course the beauty and heritage of each rally destination in an enjoyable format, something that you may otherwise miss if you were to do it individually.

Traveling in Malaysia is hassle-free and convenient. The destinations that you will visit are easily accessible by air for receiving friends and family. Malaysia is also the perfect base for travel around this region as well as travelling back home.

Sail Malaysia welcomes you to the rally stops, where you will be showered with a warm Malaysian style welcome. We intend to introduce you to at least 4 destinations, from Johor Bahru to Langkawi. There is so much to look forward to. The journey is as much about self discovery as it is about visiting our friendly hosts.

We wish to thank Tourism Malaysia, our Rally Partners and hosts for their advice, direction and support in helping us to establish this event annually. This event is part of our efforts to promote marine tourism in Malaysia and we invite all sailors to join us to Discover Malaysia by Sea!

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RALLY START

Puteri Harbour Marina, Johor
01°25'.12N 103°39'.49E

10 NOVEMBER 2023

KEY DATES BEFORE THE RALLY

We are scheduled to be in Lombok on 27 and 28 September with Sail2Indonesia for a presentation and Q & A. See you there!

This Pre-Entry Information Booklet is intended to provide interested 2023 participants a general overview of the event and what to expect. This document also comes attached with the entry form. The information contained in this document and the website www.sailmalaysia.life is the OFFICIAL information published by Sail Malaysia. Regular updates about the event will be posted on the website and sent via email to interested parties on the mailing list.

Organiser Contact Details

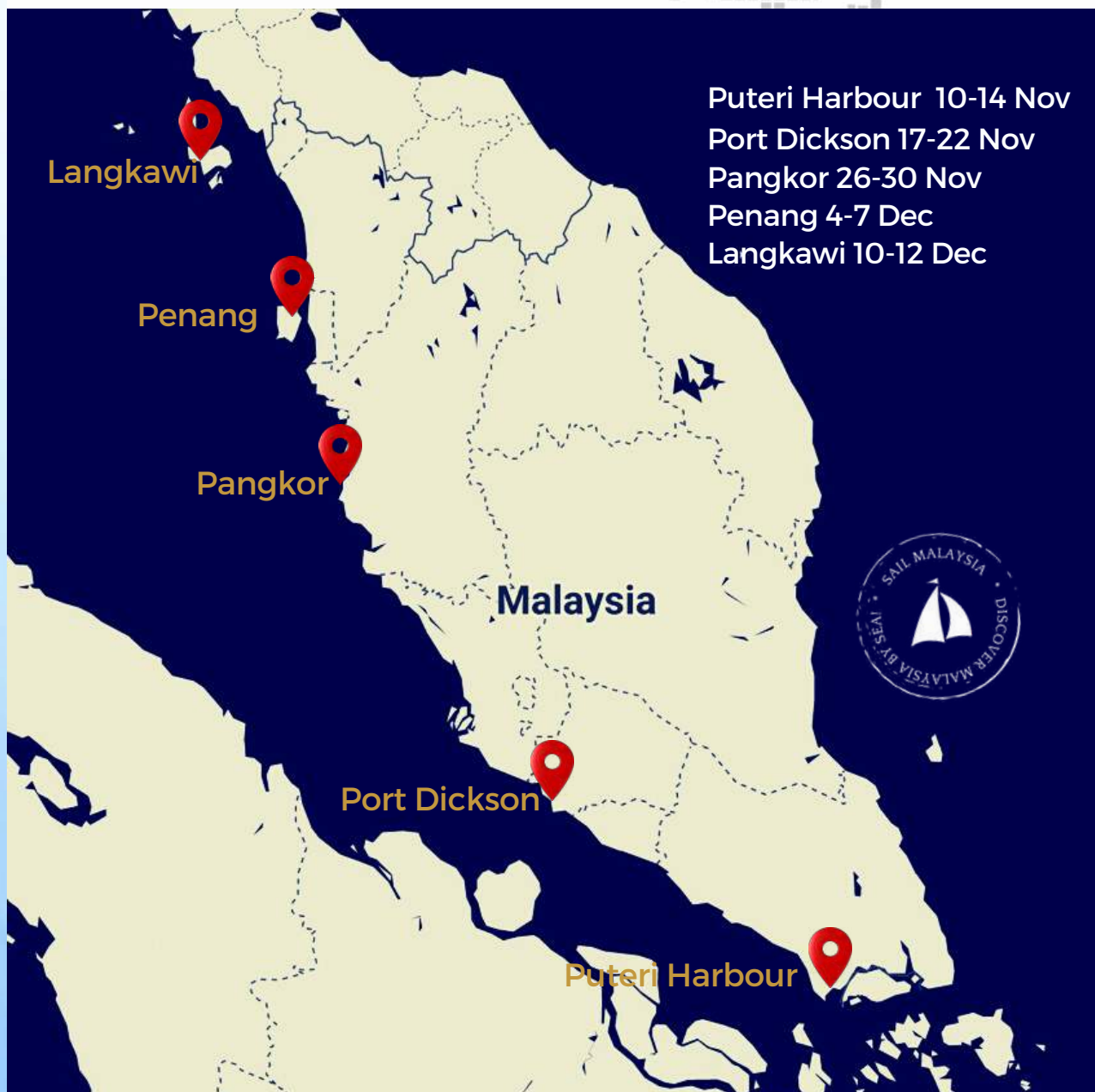
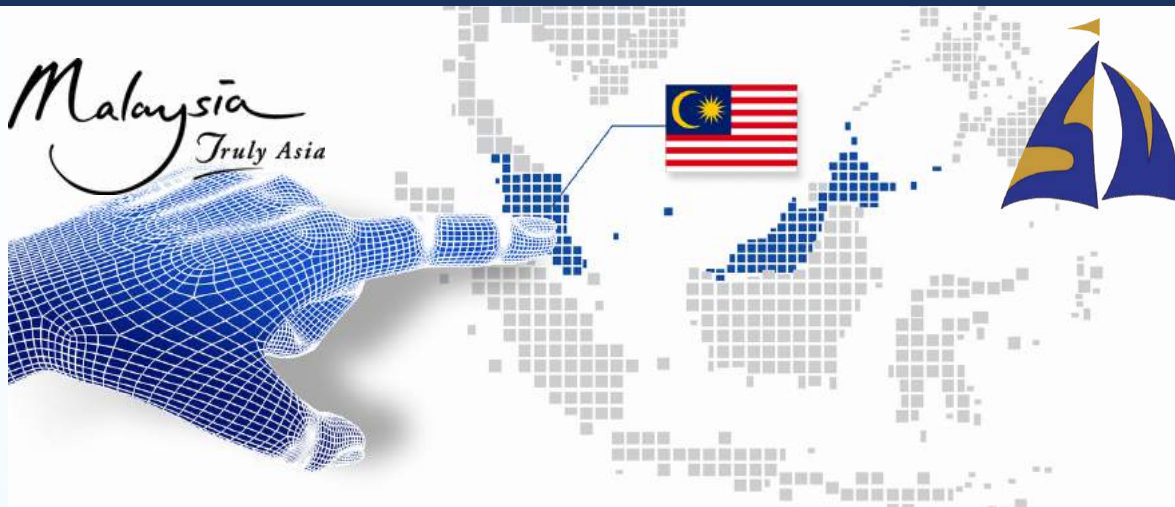
The Sail Malaysia Passage to Langkawi is owned the Cruise Marine Tourism Association of Malaysia and managed by SM Yachting Sdn. Bhd. (1184683-V), a private limited company registered in Malaysia. All correspondence to the organizers of Sail Malaysia should be directed to:

email, mail@sailmalaysia.life or
whatsapp, +60122094418 (Sazli)

For easy reference, include the name of your yacht in the subject section of your emails.

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2023 RALLY SCHEDULE



For enquiries email us at mail@sailmalaysia.life

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT



Puteri Harbour Marina

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1st port of call when you enter Malaysia! Technical briefing, reception and tour activities planned. Johor Tourism has hosted the Sail Malaysia fleet since 2007!

Port Dickson

Marina, mooring and anchorage options available here. Fun & games, rally dinner and optional excursions to Kuala Lumpur and Melaka await. Ideal place to receive family & friends as Kuala Lumpur International Airport is only 45 minutes away by car.

Pangkor Marina, Perak (Rally Partner)

Our rally partner. Attractive berthing/haul out discounts available. Tour of Pangkor, an exceptional lunch on the beach, dinner & dance and a shopping day in store here. A must visit.

Penang

We cannot promise this rally stop, but discussions have already started to revive Sail Malaysia activities on this historic island, post-Covid. Stay tuned.



Pangkor Marina



Rebak Island Resort & Marina Langkawi

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Our rally partner. Attractive berthing/haul out discounts available. An amazing swimming pool at the resort. Rally dinner and dance, tour and other activities planned to cap off an amazing 2023!

RALLY PARTNER

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS ONLY FOR 2023 SAIL MALAYSIA YACHT RALLY PARTICIPANTS



5 days free wet berth
50% discount for wet berth bookings 2
months and above (advance payment only)
30% discount for hardstand bookings 3
months and above (advance payment only)

Offer valid for up to 2 years
(20 Nov '23 to 19 Nov '25)

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10% off on the wet and dry berthing fee
20% off for haul out and splash fee
30% off the BAR rate for Accommodation
25% off for Food & Beverage at Senari
Restaurant

Offer from 8 December '22 to 31 March '23

email:
marina@rebakislandresort.com (Derrick)
Call:
+60949665566 (Derrick)
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RALLY ENTRY

Entry Costs (per yacht):

EARLY BIRD (before 30 Sept '23)
AUD 180

NORMAL ENTRY
AUD 230

BENEFITS

- Organised rally stops listed in the Rally Schedule.
- Marina incentives as listed in this document (Pangkor Marina & Rebak)
- One Discover Malaysia by Sea! Cruising Guide Book
- One Sail Malaysia Rally Flag
- Two Sail Malaysia T-shirts



The following are not included in the registration fee:

- Marina costs
- Port clearance fee and charges, if any.
- Optional tours or events, such as paid excursions to Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh. These items will be classified as 'Optional' in the Rally Schedule. Although chargeable, these activities are recommended.

Payment methods:

- bank transfer, credit card link (Stripe) or cash in Lombok / Puteri Harbour



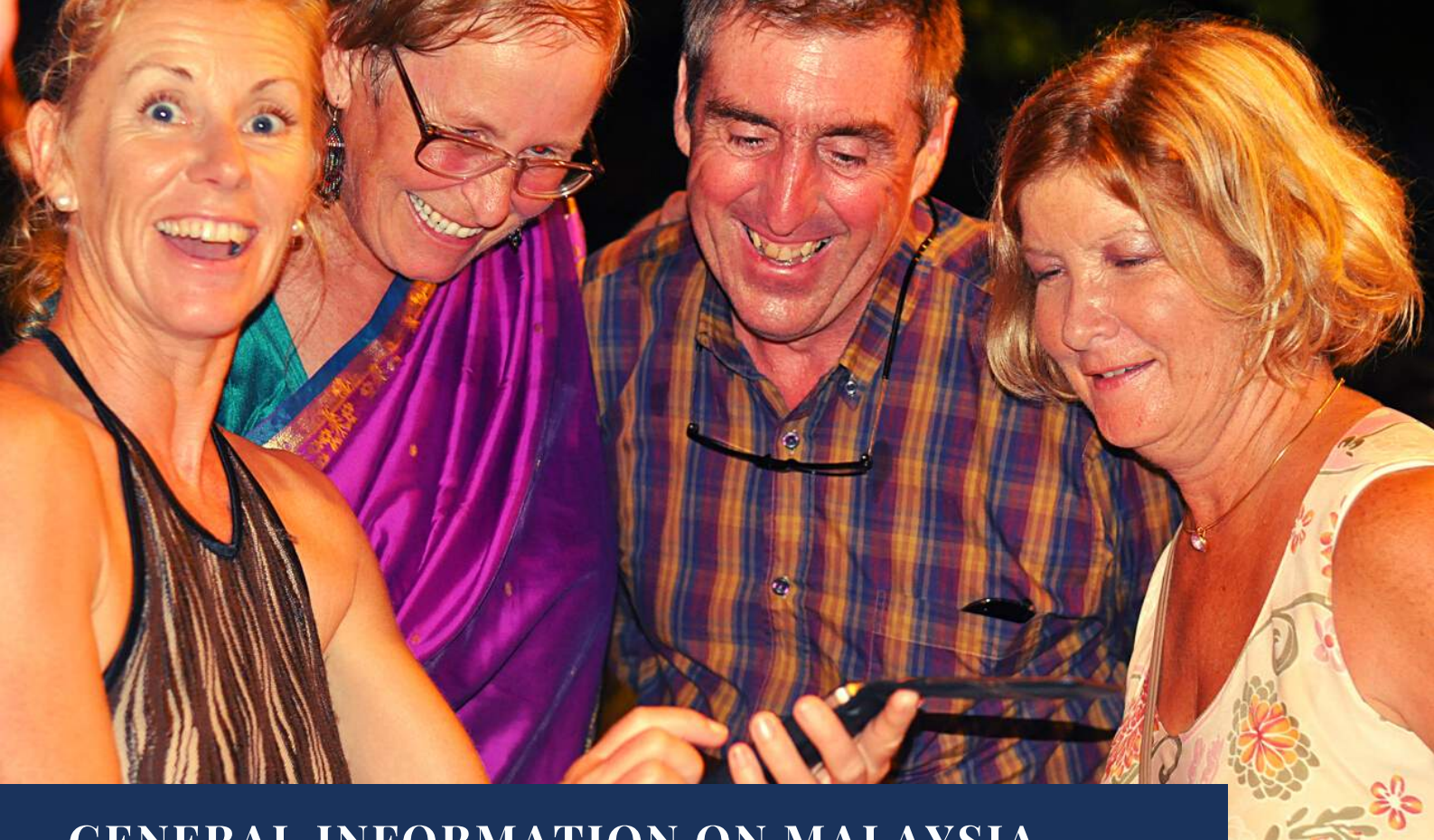


IMPORTANT RALLY INFORMATION

THE JOURNEY



- **The Rally.** The Sail Malaysia Passage to Langkawi refers to the Malaysian leg of the Sail Indonesia/Sail2Indonesia-Sail Malaysia yacht rally.
- **Cruise Marine Tourism Association of Malaysia.** By joining Sail Malaysia you will also become an associate member by default. The objective of this association is to provide a feedback system between visiting yachts and the government agencies of Malaysia. Members also enjoy the many rally incentives/discounts provided over the course of your rally.
- **Planning Your Journey.** Once you register with us in you will also receive the Sail Malaysia Cruising Guidebook containing useful information about the rally destinations. A text-only version is also available in our website www.sailmalaysia.life
- **Communication.** Whatsapp group, emails and our website will be the main form of communication.
- **Marina Berthing.** All yachts are required to communicate directly with the marinas to confirm bookings.
- **Event Format 1.** Free and Easy - although we encourage you to visit all the rally stops, you are free to pick and choose the stops that suit your schedule.
- **Event Format 2.** Yachts that complete the full rally (ie participating in all the rally stops) would be given a congratulatory gift at the end of the rally in Langkawi.
- **Entering Malaysia.** The Malaysian procedures for entry are fairly straightforward. Once you arrive in Puteri Harbour, the marina office will assist your clearing in with customs, immigration and harbour master, normally within the same day.
- **Immigration (Visas).** The majority of passport holders will have a 3 month visa issued on arrival. For details on Visa requirement by countries visit the Immigration website www.imi.gov.my. Passports will need to be valid for more than 6 months from the date of entry into Malaysia.
- **Customs.** Please observe that dangerous drugs (such as Morphine, heroin, opium, ganja) are prohibited from importation and exportation without the approval of the Ministry of Health, Malaysia.
- **Health and Vaccination.** A detailed overview of health considerations for travelers in Malaysia, can be found at www.mysafetrave.gov.my
- **Medical needs.** Public and private clinics and hospitals are abundant and affordable in Malaysia. Please check with the marina office for the one most convenient to you.
- **Insurance.** Sail Malaysia does not provide insurance for rally participants. Insurance covering medical or emergencies is recommended if you don't already have one.



GENERAL INFORMATION ON MALAYSIA

Geography and People

Total Area: 329,750 sq km

Population: 32 million (2020 est.)

Ethnic Groups: Malay 50.4%, Chinese 23.7%,
Indigenous 11%, Indian 7.1%, Others 7.8% (2004 est.)

Religion: Islam 60.4% (Official Religion), Buddhist
19.2%, Christian 9.1%, Hindu 6.3%, Confucianism,
Taoism, other traditional Chinese religions 2.6%,
other or unknown 1.5%, none 0.8% (2000 census)

Languages spoken: Bahasa Malaysia (Official
Language), English, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin,
Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu,
Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai. In East Malaysia there are
several indigenous languages; most widely spoken
are Iban and Kadazan

Climate

Tropical: Hot and humid throughout the year.
Annual winds: Southwest (April to October) and
Northeast (October to February) monsoons

Currency

Only Malaysian Ringgit (MYR) is used. Money
exchange outlets are aplenty, especially around the
rally stops. Credit cards are widely accepted (VISA,
Mastercard, Diners, AMEX).

Approximate exchange rates for selected currencies.

1 USD = MYR 4.58

1 Australian Dollar = 3.02

1 Euro = 4.94

1 Sterling Pound = 5.71

100 Indonesian Rupiah = 0.031

100 Thai Baht = 13.3

Communication and Internet Service

International Dial Code: 60

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Mobile phones and internet services are excellent
in this country. There are 3 major mobile phone
companies which offer pre-paid phone and data
cards if you are visiting temporarily – Maxis, Digi
and Celcom. Nationwide broadband wireless
access can be obtained for around RM 60-100 per
month and you can typically gain access along
the coastline. Most marinas offer the wireless
service at nominal costs.

Electricity

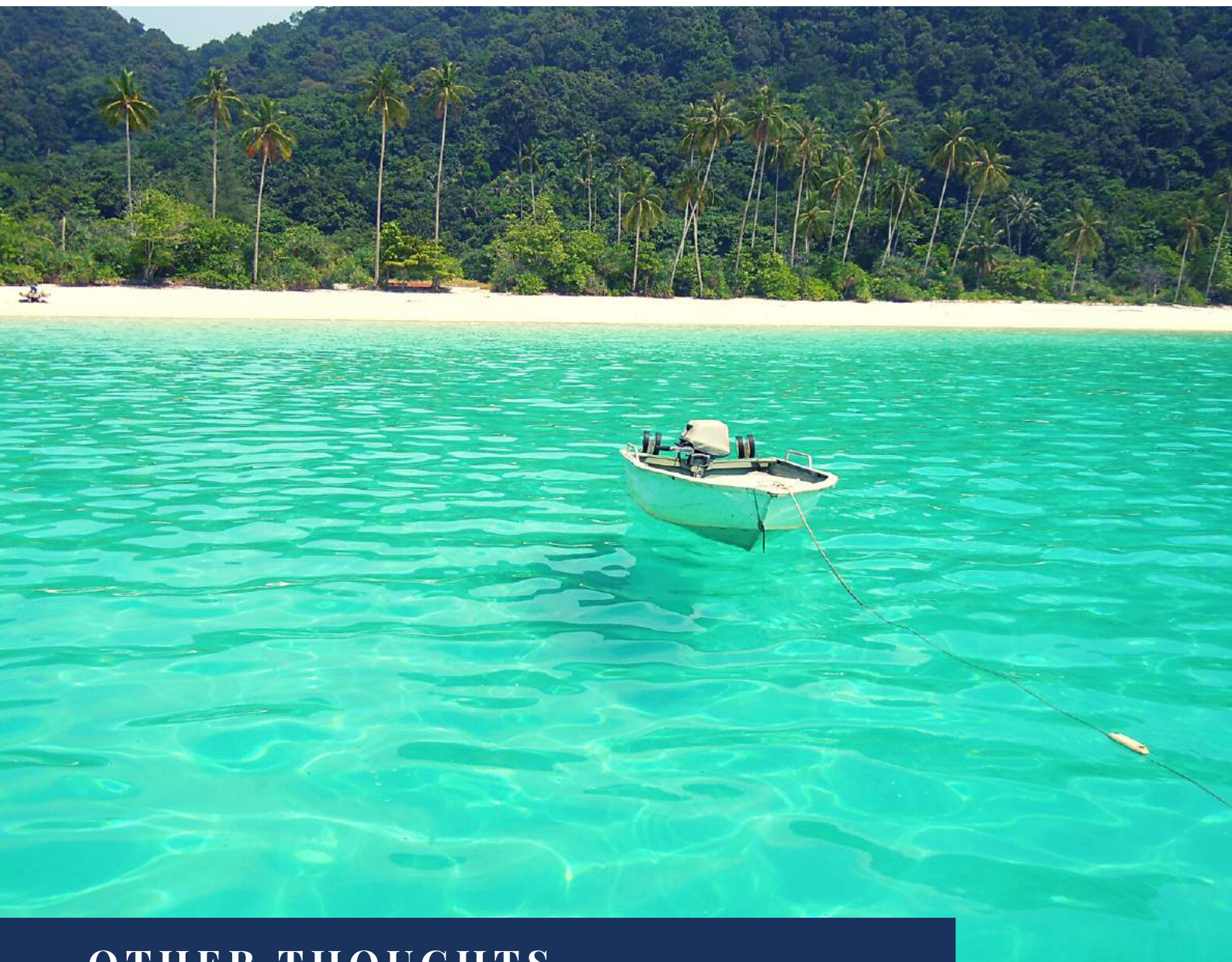
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Provisioning

Food and beverage is not a problem in Malaysia.
Western food and delicatessen are available in
most towns and not expensive. Refueling is easily
accessible in all the above rally destinations.

Dress Standards

Malaysia is a progressively developing nation with
a strong conservative influence. Here, you will see
a diverse range of dressing among its population –
from the Muslim women covered from head to toe
to the modern western-influenced outfits. You
are free to dress as you please in Malaysia. Smart
casual clothes are ideal when going out in public
places. When visiting government offices and
religious sites (mosques, temples, etc.) we
recommend that you dress modestly and men to
wear long trousers.



OTHER THOUGHTS...

CRUISING NOTES

In the homepage of our website www.sailmalaysia.life, you will see a Rally Pilot - Cruising Guide for sailing around Malaysia - which is available for free download. This is a collection of notes received by past rally participants and compiled by Patrick Southall (SV Labarque).

Likewise, we value your input for updates and corrections to this invaluable guide for the benefit of everyone. If you wish to contribute your input please email Patrick at svlabarque@gmail.com.

AFTER THE RALLY



Many yachts choose to use west coast Peninsula Malaysia as place to relax and recuperate before going on the next sailing adventure. When you are ready to go here are some options:

- Sail Malaysia Passage to the East, a rally that takes you to east coast Peninsula Malaysia and Malaysian Borneo. The Back to Down Under Rally follows after this rally.
- Sail Thailand - to be confirmed for 2024
- Maldives Yacht Rally - February 2024. Ideal for yachts heading west to Africa, Middle East, the Med and beyond.