



Saba
Conservation
Foundation

Welcome to Saba

We are pleased to welcome visiting yachts to our waters. These instructions are in place to preserve the natural environment, protect critical subsea infrastructure, and ensure continued access for visiting yachts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps maintain this destination as a safe and exclusive anchorage for the yachting community.

Designated mega yacht anchorages

For mega yachts, anchoring is permitted at one of the three designated anchoring positions listed below. We kindly request that vessels refrain from anchoring outside these locations, including temporary or precautionary anchoring, except in situations involving immediate danger to life. The anchor should be deployed as close as possible to the stated coordinate in order to protect the surrounding reefs and prevent any unintended damage.

Mega Yacht Anchorage 1 – Well's Bay

Latitude: 17°38'34.62"N

Longitude: 63°15'21.42"W

Mega Yacht Anchorage 2 – Ladder Bay

Latitude: 17°38'1.38"N

Longitude: 63°15'31.20"W

Mega Yacht Anchorage 3 – Fort Bay

Latitude: 17°36'41.34"N

Longitude: 63°14'37.86"W

Coral Reef Protection

The surrounding seabed of Saba is home to sensitive and protected coral reef formations, among the most pristine in the Caribbean. Anchoring directly on or near coral reefs is not permitted. These protections are aligned with international marine-park standards and are essential to preventing long-term damage and safeguarding access for future generations.

Subsea Fiber Optic Cable

A live subsea fiber-optic cable is located within this area. To protect this critical infrastructure, we kindly request that no anchoring, chain deployment, dragging, or anchor swing take place over the cable corridor. Masters are asked to ensure that both the anchor position and the vessel's full swing radius remain clear of the cable at all times.

The cable corridor is defined by the following coordinates (WGS-84):

- 17°36'40.33"N 63°14'42.90"W
- 17°36'40.78"N 63°14'49.27"W
- 17°36'53.83"N 63°14'48.32"W
- 17°36'53.60"N 63°14'42.08"W

This area must be treated as a no-anchoring and no-swing zone and clearly marked on ECDIS prior to arrival.

Recommended Anchoring Procedure

To ensure safe and compliant anchoring, vessels should:

- Confirm seabed clearance using echosounder and depth soundings, ECDIS/chart overlays, and local guidance from relevant authorities where available
- Approach the anchorage at minimum safe speed
- Confirm the assigned anchoring coordinate via GPS/ECDIS
- Verify clearance from coral reefs and subsea infrastructure
- Drop anchor vertically, do not drag
- Pay out chain gradually while continuously monitoring swing radius

We value the professionalism of visiting captains and crews and thank you for your cooperation in preserving this area for continued safe use by the yachting community.

For assistance or clarification prior to anchoring please reach out to the Saba Conservation Foundation's main office at: +599 416 3295 reachable from Monday to Friday between 08:00 and 16:00. For pilotage we charge a \$100, - fee per hour.