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Hawaii is one of the most isolated group of islands in the world. It's a long way
to Hawaii from mainland USA with nothing but open sea between. Winter storms can bring about rough seas and cyclones are a threat in late summer. Fully serviced marinas are at Honolulu and KoOlina on Oahu, Lihue on Kauai, Honokohau (Kailua) on the Big Island and Lahaina on Maui. Hanalai Bay and Poipu on Kauai are also popular berthing spots. Renting small hoby cats is more practical and can be done at most major resorts around the islands.

Weather

The climate is subtropical in the low coastal areas and temperate in the mountains. There is no rainy season but showers, sometimes downpours, occur in winter. The islands are under the influence of the NE trade winds and are only rarely affected by tropical cyclones.

Regulations on anchoring:
The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) has established rules that all boaters in Hawaiian islands must follow.

The first rule to remember is that you can anchor in any anchorage for 72 hours without checking in. The one exception is that you must check in immediately whenever you enter a harbor with a harbormaster on site, such as Ala Wai, Ke'e, Wai'anae, Hale'iwa, He'ela Kea, Kaunakakai, Hilo, Honokōhau, Lahaina, Ma'alaea, Mânele, Kahului, or Port Allen.

After the first 72 hours is up, boaters are required to move to another anchorage or even to another part of the same anchorage.

The exceptions to this right to anchor in any anchorage for 72 hours are the areas that are part of Marine Conservation District or Natural Area. All or part of some bays have been placed in Conservation District because the heavy traffic and the delicate ecosystem on the bottom of the bay required intervention on the part of the State of Hawaii.

Boaters may not anchor in part or all of the following bays:
Hâ'ena bay: boats may not anchor inside the reef overnight
Hanauma bay: no boats allowed in this bay
Hulopo'e bay: no boats allowed in the bay
Kealakekua bay: boats may not anchor in Subzone A
La Perouse bay: boats may not anchor in the western half of the bay
Waikiki anchorage: no boats allowed within 4 mile of the beach.

When boaters visit small boat harbors in Hawaii, they must obtain a permit from the harbormaster and pay a daily fee, as is the case in harbors anywhere. The difference here is that the facilities are not the plush ones some boaters might be
Hawaii

Hawaii est un archipel de 137 îles. C'est le plus isolé du monde. C'est un des états des USA, mais le trajet est long pour aller à Hawaii depuis les USA! Hawaii est le seul état américain situé en dehors du continent Nord-américain, puisqu'il est situé en Océanie.

Les 8 îles principales sont Nihau, Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Kahoolawe, Maui, l'île d'Hawai et Oahu où se trouve la capitale Honolulu.

L'archipel fait partie de la Polynésie et se situe dans l'océan pacifique central à environ 3 900 km au SW des côtes californiennes, au SE du Japon et au NE de l'Australie.

Les tempêtes hivernales peuvent engendrer une mer agitée tandis que les cyclones sont une menace à la fin de l'été.

Des marinas, entièrement équipées, se trouvent à Honolulu et KoOlina sur Oahu, Lithue sur Kauai, Honokohau (Kailua) sur la grande île et Lahaina sur Maui.

Les baies de Hanalai et Poipu sur Kauai sont aussi des points de mouillage populaires.

La location de petits hoby cats est très pratiquée et peut se faire dans la plupart des stations autour des îles.

CLIMAT:

Le climat des îles Hawaii est directement influencé par l'anticyclone du Pacifique Nord qui génère des alizés de Nord-Est pouvant atteindre 20 à 25 n?uds au cours de l'?été, faiblissant au début de l'?automne, quand l'anticyclone régresse vers le Sud. Il y a alors souvent de longues périodes de vents légers de Sud-Ouest à Nord associés au passage des fronts.
A cause de la nature montagneuse des îles, il y a sous le vent de l'archipel de nombreuses zones de calme ou avec des brises de mer opposées à la direction générale des alizés, permettant de parcourir facilement l'archipel dans les deux sens. Comme aux Açores ou aux Canaries et par effet Venturi, le vent accélère significativement (jusqu'à + 30%) levant une mer courte et parfois assez rude dans les passes entre les îles.
Niihau is a private island with an area of 69.5 square miles. This private status has brought on its nickname of "The Forbidden Island." The island has an entirely Native Hawaiian population. Since 1864 belonging to the Robinson family, whose access is controlled in order to protect the Hawaiian culture. In 2000, the island had 160 inhabitants.
Niihau island (Hawaii)

Niihau est une île privée de 182 km² de superficie, appartenant depuis 1864 à la famille Robinson, dont l'accès est contrôlé dans le but de protéger la culture hawaïenne. En 2000, l'île comptait 160 habitants.
Kauai is the oldest of the Hawaiian Island chain, and has some of the most unique geographical, natural beauty of any island on earth.

Aside from the being the wettest place on earth - with an average annual rainfall of 440 inches (over 36.5 feet) - the 553 square
mile island of Kauai is complete with deserts, rainforests, beaches, swamps, and mountains.

Kauai est la plus vieille des îles principales de l'archipel d'Hawaï et la quatrième par la superficie, avec 1 446 km². Son littoral mesure 177 kilomètres de longueur.

Elle est aussi connue sous le nom de Garden Isle (Île Jardin).

La côte Nord de l'île est plate, juste en bordure de hautes montagnes pointues, très verdoyantes et pleines de cascades.

Au centre de l'île il y a la montagne la plus arrosée au monde, avec plus de 10 mètres de précipitations par an !!

Hanalei est une grande baie, assez ouverte mais protégée par une petite barrière de corail. Le cadre est grandiose, juste à côté de Napali Coast, la côte de falaises qui s'étend à l'Ouest. On peut débarquer en annexe dans l'embouchure d'une grande rivière, ça déferle un peu à l'entrée, mais ça va.

2.1 - Port Allen Marina (Kauai)
Located in Port Allen on Kauai’s south shore, the Port Allen Marina Center serves the local growing visitor and boating industry. The 23,600 square-foot marina center was completed in August 2002 and is home to a diverse range of local retailers, boating tour companies and gift shops.

Port Authority:

Hawaii Department of Transportation
Address:
4300 Waialo Road Eleele, HI 96705
United States
Tel (808) 335-2850
Fax (808) 335-9708
Mail: tkau@abprop.com

2.2 - Wahiawa Bay (Kauai)
Wahiawa Bay is a bay in Hawaii, situated between Weli Point and Glass Beach. Wahiawa Bay is close to Port Allen Small Boat Harbor and Eleele Shopping Center.

Excellent anchorage in strong trades. The NE trade wind blows down the bay but the fetch is so short that no chop can develop and waves do not wrap in.

We anchored near the mouth of the bay in 3 meters of water and moved closer to the beach in about 2.5 meters a couple of days later after a bit of surveying revealed the water to be deep until quite close to the beach. Holding is excellent in sand.

Swell will wrap in if the winds are between SE and WNW so a winter storm will chase you out.

2.3 - Nawiliwili harbor (Kauai)
Nawiliwili Harbor is home to a small boat harbor and a cruise ship and cargo commercial port.
Located at the mouth of Hule'ia Stream and near Niumalu Beach park, it may look familiar as the backdrop for the movie Raiders of the Lost Ark.

Kalapaki
Beach is located just north of Nawiliwili which is where the Marriott is located with many shops and restaurants nearby.

Adresse: 2494 Niumalu Road, Lihue, Hawaii 96766
Phone: (808) 241-3111
Fax: (808) 241-3117
Mail: Mail: dbor.kauai@hawaii.gov

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2.4 - Hanamalu bay (Kauai)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Kauai island (Hawaii)
Just 3 miles north of Nawiliwili is Hanamaulu Bay, an excellent anchorage in westerlies. With no nearby mountains, the winds blow steadily at about the same speed as out at sea. The bay shoals gradually and predictably to a nice beach park with showers and picnic tables.

In westerly conditions, we anchored at a couple of different spots in about 3.5 meters of water. Each time, we found rocks on the first try, but got a confidence inspiring sandy set on the second.

We looked at the bay with trade winds and it looked plausible to find some shelter just west of the old warf, but the situation wasn't attractive.

There's no secure place to leave the dingy. Noise from the airport was generally less than in Nawiliwili but still noticable.

2.5 - Ahukini Landing

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On the south shore of Hanamaulu bay, semi-protected by a breakwater, is an old warf which was once used for offloading sugar. Now it serves as a place to fish and drink beer.
Oahu, known as "The Gathering Place", is the third largest of the Hawaiian islands, however, it is home to about two-third of the population of the US state of Hawaii.
Hawaii, and is the home of Honolulu international airport. The state capital, Honolulu, is on Oahu’s southeast coast. Including small close-in offshore islands such as Ford Island and the islands in Kaneohe Bay and off the eastern (windward) coast, it has a total land area of 596.7 square miles (1,545.4 km²), making it the 20th largest island in the United States. Along with the rest of the Hawaiian Islands, Oahu is one of the largest and northernmost islands of Polynesia.

3.1 - Makaha bay (Oahu Hawaii)

This is a huge anchorage directly in front of a wide valley. The valley was used for bombing practice during WWII. You can still see the observation towers used by the military. Now, however, a fight has erupted between the government and the Hawaiians over the protection of the native Hawaiian plant species located there.

You can pretty much anchor anywhere you like
in good sand.

3.2 - Pokai Bay, Waianae, Oahu

Pokai Bay, Waianae, Oahu.

North part of Pokai Bay beach

Central part of Pokai Bay beach

The Waianae Harbor entrance as seen from inside the Pokai Bay breakwater. Pokai Bay is a small anchorage in an old harbor on the west side of Oahu. Room for about 4 or 5 boats to anchor. Very protected except in a heavy west swell. It is the only protected anchorage on the west side of Oahu. It lies just south of Waianae Harbor and a few miles north of Ko 'Olina Resort and Marina. Sandy bottom in about 10 to 15 feet. Be sure to anchor west of the designated swimming area.

Be wary of leaving your boat unlocked if you go ashore. Leaving a dinghy ashore and wandering off is probably not a good idea. Best plan to explore the shore is put your clothes/gear in a waterproof bag and swim the short distance to the beach. There are fresh water showers close at hand.
3.3 - Kahe Point (Oahu Hawaii)

The prominent smoke stacks of the Hawaiian Electric power plant are an obvious landmark.
The Mehaffy guide claims that the trade winds are "reduced to a whisper". We anchored in about 9 meters of water so clear that ripples on the sand were easily discernable.

While there’s not much in the way of coral, snorkling is fun just because of the water's clarity.

### 3.4 - Ko Olina Ocean Marina (Oahu Hawaii)

This is the only "real" marina in Hawaii. It has:
* floating docks
* a fuel dock
* laundry
* showers
* gas barbecues
* easy access to swimming lagoons

The marina listens on VHF 71 and likes to clear traffic in and out as there is very little manoeuvering room in the chanel. Commercial traffic (ie. barges) in and out of Barber’s Point commercial harbour will announce itself on VHF 16. If the trades are up, you can expect plenty of wind in the marina and the concomitant manuvering problems. The usual
E'ly breeze blows diagonally through the slips.

3.5 - Waimea bay (Oahu Hawaii)

Waimea bay is located in Haleiwa, on the N shore of Oahu, at the mouth of the Waimea river. Waimea valley extends behind Waimea bay. Waiema means "red water" in Hawaiian.

Captain Charles Clerke aboard HMS Resolution stopped at Waimea Bay on February 28, 1779. Clerke had shortly before taken command of the ship after Capt. James Cook was killed at Kealakekua Bay on February 14. Waimea Bay was the only O'ahu anchorage visited by the expedition. Waimea Valley was densely populated at the time, and the remains of Pu'u o Mahuka, an important heiau (Hawaiian temple) can still be seen above the bay.

Protected during Summer and early Fall with consistent trade winds.

3.6 - Keehi marine center (Oahu Hawaii)
Keehi lagoon is a great place for canoeing and boating since the waters are usually calm in the protected lagoon. Many canoe clubs do their practice session here and outrigger canoe regattas take place from time to time. However, the man-made beach is not suitable for swimming, snorkeling or surfing. Address: 24 Sand Island Access Road, Honolulu, HI 96819

Ph: 808-845-6465
Fax: 808-841-6610
Email: kmc@hawaii.rr.com

There are three marinas here in Keehi lagoon, Keehi Small Boat Harbor is (mis)managed by the state. It is in a sad state of disrepair, at least a quarter of the docks are gone, have long since floated away, with only some concrete pilings remaining. Security is non-existent, and there is a fair bit of crime, vandalism, car-stealing, drug dealing, etc. The harbor also has a large number of mooring balls in the lagoon, which used to be an anchorage. Although living aboard is not allowed, there are at least several dozen liveaboards out there - every once in a great while they will do a "raid" and kick people off.
their boats, but everybody's back in a couple of weeks. I was a liveaboard out there for about 5 months til I got a slip in one of the private marinas. Thought the mooring balls were preferable to the docks - more peaceful and secure, and bought a kayak to get to shore since outboards tend to walk away there and anything that needs to be rowed appaerantly doesn't appeal to the thieves.

In addition to all that, Keehi is right at the end of Honolulu international's runways, so there’s a constant stream of jets overhead, including Aloha Airlines' ancient and very noisy 737's and a few F15's now and then. Also a lot of noise and dirt coming from the concrete recyling plant, likewise, the marinas are all on Sand Island Access rd. where ever bit of ocean freight coming into the entire state rolls down the road on trucks. All the trucks, and most of the planes don't run at night though, and its a lot more peaceful.

3.7 - Honolulu Harbor (Oahu Hawaii)
Honolulu harbor, also called Kulolia and Ke Awa O Kou, is the principal seaport of Honolulu and the state of Hawaii in the United States. Honolulu is a port of entry. Ph: 808-587-2050

3.8 - Ala Wai Harbor (Oahu Hawaii)

Ala Wai Yacht Harbor is the largest yacht harbor in the state of Hawaii. Located at the mouth of the Ala Wai Canal, between world famous Waikiki and Honolulu, the Capital of Hawaii. The harbor is home to the Waikiki Yacht Club and the Hawaii Yacht Club, which host junior sailing clubs, weekly sailing races, and fishing tournaments. Boats from around the world find shelter in state harbor berths, yacht club berths, and fuel dock berths.
Ala Wai Harbor can accommodate vessels up to 85 feet in length. 
Adress: 1651 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, Hawaii 96815
Tel: (808) 973 9727
Fax: (808) 973 9739
This is the only place in the islands where it is really feasible to get by without a car. Groceries and chandlery are within walking distance and nearly all of The Busses stop at the Ala Moana center just across the canal.

The channel is lighted so night time arrival is possible but it might be hard to find your way around the harbor once inside. If you're trying to find the "loading dock" (it is usually used for drinking beer and fishing), you come straight into the harbor, take the last possible starboard before the bridge (leaving the boatyard to port) and then proceed all the way to the end finding the loading dock to port.

3.9 - Kanehoe Bay (Oahu Hawaii)
This bay is on the north east coast of Oahu and is protected by the Mokapu Peninsula. This bay is very calm and sheltered. Together with the crystal clear water, it makes a very attractive anchorage. There are four marinas here as well as four anchorage areas. Anchor in the North end of the bay.

To get in, you follow an S-shaped channel which meanders due west of the western end of first leg of the ship channel (228° true) into Kaneohe. You turn off of the ship channel about halfway between the pair of stakes (port and starboard) and the range mark at the end of the channel.

The southern edge of the channel is haphazzadly marked with stakes but the reef is so shallow that visual navigation is relatively easy in spite of somewhat cloudy water. The northern edge of the channel is less distinct and seems to be mostly sandbank.

At the end of the channel is a large basin of 4-meter deep water with a mud bottom. Holding isn't very good, but this can be compensated for with extra scope. The sand banks at the northern side of the basin appear to be 2 meters deep in some places and might offer better holding than the basin proper.

Cold showers and trash disposal can be found at Kualoa Point state park, opposite Mokolii (Chinaman's hat).
Located on the southwestern shore of Kane'ohoe Bay.
Adress 46-499 Kamehameha Hwy., Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744
Water, toilets, showers, fuel and pump-out facility.
Call the harbour master for berth allocation.
Tel: (808) 233-3603
Fax: (808) 233-3602

Mail: heeia.kea.harbor@hawaii.gov
21 B.
54 moorings
3 ramps
MSD pumpout

3.11 - Kaneohe Yacht Club (Oahu Hawaii)
The best place to leave the dinghy is at the canoe club at He'eia Kea. All facilities, restaurant, cafe, swimming pool.

Address: 44-503 Kaneohe Bay Dr., Kaneohe, HI 96744, Hawaii

Tel: +1 808 247-4121

Fax: +1 808 235-8180
Molokai, often called the "Friendly Island", is an island in the Hawaiian archipelago.
It is 38 by 10 miles (61 by 16 km) in size at its extreme length and width with a usable land area of 260 square miles (673.40 km²), making it the fifth-largest of the main Hawaiian Islands and the 27th largest island in the United
States.
It lies east of O?ahu across the 25-mile (40 km) wide Kaiwi Channel and north of L?na?i, separated from it by the Kalohi Channel.

4.1 - Lono Harbor (Moloka'i Hawaii)

A small harbor on the south coast of Moloka‘i. Approx 13 mi west of Kaunakakai and 3.5 mi east of Laau Point. Lono Harbor was once used for commercial barge traffic, but is no longer in commercial service. It provides well a protected anchorage for a few boats. Anchor to the east of entrance only in 8 to 15 feet. Expect some roll if there is a south swell.

The entrance to the harbor is a narrow channel through the reef and marked only by a private, unlighted range. Channel depth is about 12 feet and shoals quickly to either side.

With a strong southerly swell you may find breakers on the reef and the channel could be too dangerous to attempt. Even without breaking surf in the channel, a strong swell can quickly push a boat onto the reef unless you keep the range perfectly aligned during entry or exit. A night entrance is inadvisable without a
chartplotter and depth sounder. It is possible to tie up at the old warf, but only with good fenderboards and fenders as it is very rough.

There were PortaPotties on shore in October '07.

4.2 - Kaunakakai harbor (Molokai Hawaii)

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Kaunakakai is a small town with a small harbor, fishery management area, on the south shore of the island of Moloka'i. It provides a good protected anchorage from all but the worst kona storms. The harbor was dynamited out of the solid coral.? Anchor past the commercial barge dock across from the dinghy dock/launch ramp being careful not to swing past the green ?C5? buoy.
The bottom is sticky mud and you will be in the winds that whip down the channel but the harbor is calm.

Go ashore and check in with the harbor master and pay the small daily anchoring fee.

**4.3 - Kalaupapa bay (Molokai Hawaii)**

This anchorage is supposed to be vile and generally lived up to its reputation. It does, however, make a nice stop between Honolua Bay and Oahu, but the wind blew harder in the anchorage than out at sea.

**4.4 - N Okala island (Molokai Hawaii)**
North Molokai island, between Kahiui point and Kukaiwaa point, there are two small islands (Mokapu and Okala), really just giant rocks, eastern-most Mokapu and next to the black sand beach Okala. Leave the islands on the port side and anchor in 25 feet, black sand bottom. You will be at the bottom of a long valley with great cliffs on both sides. You will see the Kalaupapa peninsula to the east.

4.5 - Pukoo harbor (Molokai Hawaii)
On the south east coast of Molokai, this little harbour is worth the effort of negotiating the entrance through the reef. Most of the inner harbour is a private facility, but the three areas in the outer harbour all offer safe anchorages. There is a dinghy landing near the palm trees at the eastern end of the public beach. These trees also offer the best clue (together with two large houses on the hill behind) that you have found the harbour. Depth is about 3 to 6m with the deepest water on the eastern side. The first anchorage area is the largest and has a sandy bottom but is subject to some roll. The two anchorages further in are very calm and care must be taken to set the anchor in a patch of sand between the rocks. No toilets or showers ashore.
Lanai island, also known as "Pineapple island" because of its past as an island-wide pineapple plantation. The island's only settlement of note is the small town of L?na?i City. As of 2012, the island was 98% owned by Larry Ellison (Founder and Chairman of Oracle), with the remaining 2% owned by the state of Hawaii.

It is separated from the island of Moloka?i by the Kalohi Channel to the north, and from Maui by the ?Au?au Channel to the east.

There is one school, Lanai High and Elementary School, serving the entire island.

from kindergarten through 12th grade. There are no traffic lights on the island.
Lanai has a few small indentations that might offer a limited bit of protection as
anchorages in calm conditions.

5.1 - Kaumalapau Harbor (Lanai Hawaii)

Located on the southwestern coast, Kaumalapau is the main commercial
seaport for Lanai. The original harbor breakwater located here was built in 1920’s but was
severely damaged by hurricanes. A new breakwater was built by the U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers and was dedicated on July 7, 2007 giving
Kaumalapau Harbor a one of

a kind look.

Kaumalapau Harbor is the main commercial seaport in Lanai.
Visitors are reminded that access to the harbor is limited on Tuesdays,
Wednesdays, and Thursdays due to security matters and freight activity.
There are also no facilities at the harbor.

phone 808-438-1680
Mail: Jessica.H.Podoski@usace.army.mil.
It's a tiny bay with room for just one or two boats. You can anchor by 7 m in the southern half of the bay.

5.2 - Manele small boat harbor (Lanai Hawaii)

Manele Harbor, located on Lanai’s south shore, has the only public boat harbor on the island. Visitors who take the ferry from Lahaina on neighboring Maui arrive here (five times daily), as well as a few fishing and snorkeling tour boats. Manele Harbor’s activity is limited to traffic from excursions and charters, while the other harbor on the island, Kaumalapau, handles commercial shipping.

tel: (808) 559-0723
Fax:(808) 565-6887

There is a small pebble beach at the east corner of Manele Bay, which is a popular diving and snorkeling spot. But the swimming and sunbathing,
there are better beaches on Lanai, such as neighboring Hulopoe Bay.
6 - Kaho'olawe island reserve (Hawaii)

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Kaho'olawe island reserve (Hawaii)

Kahoolawe is the smallest of the eight main volcanic islands in the Hawaiian islands. It is located about 7 miles southwest of Maui and also SE of Lanai. Today Kahoolawe can be used only for native hawaiian cultural, spiritual and subsistence purposes. It has no permanent residents. In 1993, became island reserve, consisting of the entire island and its surrounding ocean waters in a two mile radius from the shore.
Maui, also known as the "Valley isle", for the large isthmus between its northwestern and southeastern volcanoes and the numerous large valleys carved into both mountains.

It has 120 miles of coastline for you to surf, snorkel, walk, ride,
windsurf—you get the idea. And they come in all colors: red, white, black.

7.1 - Lahaina bay (Maui Hawaii)

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There is a marina here but you can forget it. It is always super packed and all but impossible to get a slip. Just go past the marina and harbor entrance and find an open mooring buoy with LYC painted on it. In 2010, these buoys were white and there were 7 of them. Most of them are located at the NW end of the Lahaina mooring field.
These are the free Lahaina Yacht Club moorings. It's not a good idea to anchor because the bottom is mostly coral. Be aware that a strong current runs along this side of the island caused by the tides and trade winds. Once moored you can dinghy into the harbor to the dinghy dock located on the left side of the marina ¾ of the way inside. Have a long painter because the dinghy dock is usually packed. Walk into town to the left and find the Yacht Club on the ocean side of the street. It is about 3 blocks down, and a little hard to find—the doorway is just an alleyway.

Check-in with them letting them know which number mooring you are on. You don’t have to be a member of a yacht club to use the moorings.

7.2 - Honolua bay (Maui Hawaii)
NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Maui island (Hawaii)
Wonderfull anchorage, great snorkeling. Get there early before the tour catamarans arrive and be careful not to anchor on the coral; big fines if you damage. The bay has two bights. You can only anchor in the eastern. This is a great snorkeling spot (by mid-morning you will be surrounded by dive boats) and a nice jumping off place for Molokai.

7.3 - Maalaea harbor (Maui Hawaii)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Maui island (Hawaii)
Maalaea Harbor is conveniently located between the Kahului Airport and Lahaina Ka'anapali. Phone: (808) 243-5824
Fax: (808) 243-5829
89 Berths/Moorings

7.4 - Molokini crater (Maui Hawaii)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Maui island (Hawaii)
Molokini is a tiny crescent-shaped island about three miles east of Makena. Molokini Crater is what’s left from an eruption that is said to have occurred around 230,000 years ago. The cinder cone created has since been eroded to a crescent atoll.

Since it’s violent volcanic creation, Molokini Crater has served as a useful place for marine life, bird life and humans (for good and bad.) The little, uninhabited island has been fished, bombed, and finally protected as a Marine Life Conservation District. Now the island is used primarily as a tourist destination for snorkeling, scuba diving, and snuba diving. Access for boats has been restricted to a certain amount of moorings. There is still some controversy as to whether the abundance of snorkelers is damaging the reef, and whether the constant visits of swimmers is affecting the marine life’s natural response to human contact.

Anchoring is forbidden. All boats are required to pick up one of the moorings provided by the state. The mooring floats are 3 meters beneath the surface so someone will need to dive down to retrieve the pennant. One is allowed three hours on a mooring. The Coast Guard seems to drop by frequently.

You can only visit Molokini with a certified tour company. You may not walk on the islet itself.

7.5 - Kahului harbor (Maui Hawaii)
Kahului Harbor is located near the Kahului Airport and Kahului which is the islands largest town and has lots of shopping and restaurants nearby. Kahului Harbor is primarily a commercial harbor and port for Hawaii's many cruiseships such as Carnival and Norwegian Cruise Lines.

Phone: (808) 873-3350

7.6 - Kihei Charly Young Beach (Maui Hawaii)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Maui island (Hawaii)
A little rolly and tricky to land at beach.
Good holding ground - big Sand patch for many boats.
Don't anchor where coral are.
Stay away if:
You want the boat don't move at all
You can't handle shorebreak
Don't like people paddle around your boat.

7.7 - La perouse bay (Maui Hawaii)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Maui island (Hawaii)
La perouse bay is located south of the town of Wailea. It was named for the French Captain Jean-François de Galaup, comte de La Pérouse, in 1786. La Pérouse surveyed and mapped the prominent embayment near the southern cape of Maui opposite the island of Kaho'olawe. The bay is the site of Maui's most recent volcanic activity. The anchorage at La Perouse is wind swept but, pretty comfortable.
Hawaii is the largest island and the southeastern-most of Hawaiian archipelago in the N Pacific ocean. Major commercial ports are Hilo on the East side and Kawaihae on the West side of the island. Cruise ships often stop at Kailua-Kona.
8.1 - Mahukona harbor (Hawaii I)

Located on the North West tip of Hawaii on the North Kohala Coast. The harbor is identified by the lighthouse on a point just south of the anchorage and by a few houses and warehouses that are easily visible from the water. Anchor in sand, in 30 to 40 feet of water. Mahukona is an excellent dive for those who have a few dives under their belt. The entry is very easy and there is a hot water shower to alleviate the chills of an hour long dive (the shower pipe runs over the lava, and is heated by the Sun -- very nice!). Since this is still used as a small boat harbor, a dive flag is recommended, as always.

8.2 - Kawaihae harbor (Hawaii I)
Recreational vessels are not allowed to anchor anywhere in the deep draft harbor.

Correction: Recreational vessels are no longer allowed to anchor, moor or come alongside anywhere in Kawaihae Deep Draft Harbor.

Kawaihae is a small port town along Big Island's northwestern Kohala Coast. During the 19th century, Kawaihae was a busy whaling and trading port. Historically, Kawaihae Harbor was also the place where the ship that brought the first horses and cattle to Hawaii docked. During the late 1950s, Kawaihae Harbor was improved into a deep draft harbor to accommodate more ships. Today, it is one of the largest harbors in Hawaii. Large cargo ships arrive here, which give it more of an industrial atmosphere.

There are a few small shops, restaurants and a gas station, but not much else. Phone: (808) 882-7565 Fax: (808) 327-3685
11 b. (North) and 25 b. (South)
Excellent protection in all weather.
Enter the harbor on N side, using the range marks and the two pair of buoys.
After you drop anchor out of the way of the commercial shipping, ask the harbor agent (his office is on the warehouse on the shipping dock) if you can use one of the moorings in the harbor.
This preferable to anchoring because there is limited space and the ships and barges require a lot of room to maneuver.

8.3 - Hilo Harbor (Hawaii I)
19°43.90 N 155°03.31 W
NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Hawaii island

Recreational vessels are no longer allowed in Radio Bay.
Correction: Recreational vessels are no longer allowed to anchor, moor or come alongside in Radio Bay.

Harbor protected by a breakwater.
See
for a local map.

The State-owned and operated piers are on the E side of K?hi? Bay. Transit sheds with 103,000 square feet of covered space, and 7.5 acres of open storage space are also available. Hilo has no facilities for drydocking or making repairs to deep-draft vessels, the nearest facilities are in Honolulu. A marine railway at Hilo has a capacity of 50 tons. Several machine, electrical, and welding shops off the waterfront are available for making above-waterline repairs to vessels at the port.

Chapter 14

Pier 1: Berth
length: 1,265'; draft: 35'; yard area: 13.4 acres; primary use: overseas containers and cruise ships.

1,255 feet of berthing space, 34 feet reported alongside; deck height, 9 feet. 

Chapter 14 Primary use: receipt and shipment of conventional-and-containerized general cargo and automobiles. Mooring U.S. Coast Guard vessel. State of Hawaii: A 466-foot-long concrete bulkhead east from rear of face (Radio Bay Wharf) moors small craft including pilot boat at small boathouse, with U.S. Coast Guard vessels at steel pile, timber-decked pier adjacent to boathouse. Tel: (808) 933-4778. Approximately 10 acres of open storage area including seventy refrigerated container positions is located at outer end of wharf, at rear of transit shed. Concrete bulkhead with solid fill at concrete pile, concrete-decked wharf with platform at inner end serving adjacent, company-owned Pier 2. Wharf is fronted by rubber-and-timber fender system. Year of Last Survey: 1998 Corps of Engineers Waterway Code: 84012 Dock Code: 964 Pacific Ocean Division.

Pier 2: Berth
length: 703'; draft: 33'; yard area: 2.0 acres; primary use: inter-island cargo.

Pier 3: Berth
length: 637'; draft: 33'; yard area: 7.3 acres; primary use: liquid-bulk cargo and pipelines, inter-island cargo.


NOAA hydrographic charts may be found online at:
8.4 - Honokohau harbor and marina (Hawaii I)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Hawaii island

25 miles S of Kawaihae, Honokohau harbor was blasted out of solid rock and is generally considered the safest place on the big island to park a boat during heavy weather.

Phone: (808) 327-3685
Fax: (808) 327 3675
262 b.
8.5 - Kailua Kona bay and pier (Hawaii I)

The harbor is located in Kailua Bay in Kailua-Kona. The bay where you can anchor is known to local sailors as Nishihimura bay. Five and a half miles S of Upolu Point you'll see a small cove with manmade rock wall on the N face of the cliff. This wall was built for the railroad that once transported sugar along the kohala coastline. Inside the cove, you should drop anchor where the bottom is sand, readily identifiable by the lighter, turquoise color of the water. Anchor in about 30 feet of water. Southerly kona winds would make this anchorage, and virtually all others along the Kona coast, uncomfortable.

8.6 - Keauhou Bay (Hawaii I)

The harbor is located in Keauhou Bay in Keauhou. The bay where you can anchor is known to local sailors as Keauhou Bay. Inside the bay, you should drop anchor where the bottom is sand, readily identifiable by the lighter, turquoise color of the water. Anchor in about 30 feet of water. Southerly kona winds would make this anchorage, and virtually all others along the Kona coast, uncomfortable.
This small but secure bay, 5 miles S of Kailua, is a favorite among Kona sailors. Good protection from all but W winds.
It South of Kealakechua bay. The major attraction is the historic Pu'uhonua O Honaunau, the city of refuge, which looks much as it did hundreds of years ago. Beautiful Honaunau Bay is fronted by large, smooth, lava rock flats. Near shore the average depth is only about 10 feet.

Anchor in 4 to 8 fathoms of water.

8.8 - Okoe bay (Hawaii I)

NE Pacific Ocean - Hawaii - Hawaii island

Anchoring along the coast between Honaunau Bay and Hilo requires caution. Locals recommend Okoe Bay, 2'/i miles south of Milolii. Ian Birnie, the Hilo harbormaster, praised its sand beach, a rarity on this southern coast, and the anchorage's good, sand bottom.

In a south wind, however, this south-facing anchorage is unappealing.
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