



MARINA - BERTHING GUIDE

Shelter Bay Marina

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Berth at Shelter Bay Marina - Colón

Destination: Colón

Ecosystem: Panama San Blas

Gateway: PTY - 60-90 min from PTY + canal zone

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Overview

Shelter Bay Marina is the primary Colón yacht berthing for a Colón Yacht Charter in the Caribbean region. The marina provides 200 berths, accommodating vessels with an indicative maximum LOA of 60 metres and a maximum draft of 4 metres.

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DESTINATION	Colón (https://blueoceanclub.com/charter/destinations/colon-yacht-charter)
ECOSYSTEM	Panama San Blas (https://blueoceanclub.com/charter/destinations/panama-san-blas-yacht-charter)

QUAY FACTS

Specifications

INDICATIVE MAX LOA approx. 60 m	INDICATIVE MAX DRAFT approx. 4 m
BERTHS 200	FUEL Available
POWER Shore power typical - confirm amp rating vs LOA	WATER Available
WASTE Pump-out on request / by arrangement	WI-FI Harbour Wi-Fi variable - starlink aboard preferred
GATEWAY PTY	TRANSFER 60-90 min from PTY + canal zone
PEAK LEAD TIME 4-12 weeks for peak season slips	

PILOTAGE NOTES

Approach

Approach Shelter Bay Marina with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Fuel, water and shore power are available - confirm waste and amp rating before arrival.

HOLDS & LEAD TIMES

Berthing

Peak berths typically need 4-12 weeks for peak season slips. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

TRANSFERS

Door to deck

Typical PTY quay timing: 60-90 min from PTY + canal zone. Timed to embarkation, not a taxi scramble.

AIRPORT	PTY
TYPICAL TRANSFER	60-90 min from PTY + canal zone

EMBARK UTILITY

Embark at Shelter Bay Marina

Door-to-deck for Colón: fly into the gateway, transfer timed to the gangway, luggage aboard before guests. We choreograph the buffer - not a taxi scramble.

MEETING POINT	Meeting point: Shelter Bay Marina - confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation.
ARRIVAL BUFFER	Plan 60-90 minutes from wheels-down to passerelle for chauffeur corridors; helicopter windows are tighter when helipad access is confirmed.
PEAK LEAD TIME	Peak berths typically need 4-12 weeks for peak season slips. We hold anchorage fallbacks before you fly.

Captain notes

Approach Shelter Bay Marina with local pilotage notes from the captain; high season berths book weeks ahead. Fuel, water and shore power are available - confirm waste and amp rating before arrival.

Tender fallback

When berths are scarce we hold a sheltered anchorage + tender (or captain-only standby) plan before you fly - never a last-minute scramble at the mole.

Luggage / hotel

Night-before hotel near the gateway (or marina) when late arrivals risk missing the embarkation slot - we hold rooms against the transfer plan.

PTY

Typical PTY quay: 60-90 min from PTY + canal zone. Typical transfer: 60-90 min from PTY + canal zone

[Draft] Indicative seasonal berth ranges are shared on request - confirm with the marina agent before contract. We never publish unverified nightly rates as fact.

SHORE TABLES

Nearby dining

Colón Harbour Table

Walk-ashore or tender dining near Shelter Bay Marina - book peak weeks ahead.

Colón Shore Kitchen

Local plates after a day around Colón in the Panama San Blas circuit.

Shelter Bay Marina Quay Dining

Marina-adjacent dining for embarkation nights at Shelter Bay Marina.

San Blas Harbour Table

Walk-ashore dining near San Blas / Guna Yala mooring fields - book peak weeks ahead.

FALLBACKS

Nearby anchorages

Colón day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near Shelter Bay Marina.

Colón overnight roadstead

Deeper holding when Shelter Bay Marina is full.

Colón lee cove

Weather-aware swim cove on the Panama San Blas circuit.

San Blas day anchorage

Protected day-stop captains favour near San Blas / Guna Yala mooring fields.

TIMING

Seasonal note

Peak density tracks Colón high season and local events - 4-12 weeks for peak season slips lead time is typical for larger LOA.

INDICATIVE DRAFT

Berth fees

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BEFORE YOU FLY

Berthing FAQ**How do I embark at Shelter Bay Marina?**

Confirm quay / pontoon with the captain the morning of embarkation after your PTY arrival. We brief the chauffeur on the correct marina gate - not a generic harbour drop.

Can I berth a yacht at Shelter Bay Marina?

Yes when LOA, draft and event weeks allow. 4-12 weeks for peak season slips Blue Ocean Club opens the berth conversation with the yacht shortlist for Colón.

What does berthing cost at Shelter Bay Marina?

Shelter Bay Marina berth fees move with demand. Blue Ocean Club holds an indicative band for your LOA and dates, then locks the written quote before APA is set for the Colón week.

Is yacht charter available from Shelter Bay Marina?

Boat charter and crewed yacht charter both use Shelter Bay Marina as a working berth when LOA fits. We match hull class to quay politics and your itinerary.

How far ahead should we book a berth at Shelter Bay Marina?

4-12 weeks for peak season slips

What is the practical embarkation airport for Shelter Bay Marina?

Typical PTY quay timing: 60-90 min from PTY + canal zone. Timed to embarkation, not a taxi scramble.

Can we overnight at anchor instead of taking a quay night?

Colón day anchorage is a common alternative when the quay is full - captains confirm holding and shelter before committing.

What services should we expect at Shelter Bay Marina?

Shelter Bay Marina typically offers fuel, shore power, water, waste/pump-out, harbour Wi-Fi. Confirm amp rating and pump-out against your LOA before arrival.

Indicative guidance - some berth fee notes are labelled draft. Live rates move with LOA, season and events. Blue Ocean Club confirms in writing before deposit. No invented phone numbers or reviews. Not a substitute for captain pilotage or marina contracts.

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