

Sail **Saumlaki**

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**INFORMATION
BOOKLET**

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ORGANIZER CONTACT DETAILS

All correspondence to the organisers of Sail Saumlaki can be contacted on email - sailsaumlaki@yahoo.com.au.

PROPOSED START

The proposed start for the Indonesia delegation is scheduled for Saturday 19 July 2008.

Information, photos and other useful material for Sail Saumlaki will be located on the website, www.manta.org.au/saumlaki

BEFORE YOU LEAVE

Documents and Visas

You will need the following before you leave:

1. CAIT (Cruising Authority Indonesian Territory), which is a 3-month cruising permit. This will be approximately \$130 AUD per boat.
2. Indonesian Visa, approximately \$60 AUD per person. A CAIT must be available in order to obtain visas for those travelling on your vessel. If you are staying longer than the specified time (TBA) you will need to arrange a visa to cover the length of your stay.
3. Electronic copies of the following documents are required to apply for a CAIT:
 - i. Australian Ship's Registration and call sign of the boat
 - ii. Passports of all crew or passengers (you need to nominate their status)
 - iii. Passport photo of the skipper/captain
 - iv. Crew List including information about last port of call before entering Indonesia waters, first port of call following departure from Indonesia waters and an itinerary of proposed travel within Indonesia.
 - v. The Indonesian Consulate at which you will lodge your visa application

If your visit is for more than 1 month but and a maximum of 3 months, you will need to a sponsor's letter requesting a Social and Cultural Visit Visa. The sponsor letter costs \$30 US. You will need to request this letter and provide the funds when applying for your CAIT.

Applications for CAITS are lodged electronically and a paper CAIT is issued to each boat. This paper copy will be returned to you at your expense. The fee lodged in the Sail Saumlaki bank account will include the cost of the courier. The process is quicker and easier if the agent in Jakarta can lodge the CAITs together to be processed as a group. For this reason we urge everyone to apply for the CAITs at the same time for group lodgment. Please deposit the required funds (the \$130.00 AUD) into the Sail Saumlaki bank account at the National Bank by **28th April**. You will be advised of the exact amount if the price deviates from the forecast \$130 AUD, in the next update.

Account name: Sail Saumlaki
BSB: 085 933
Account Number: 79 096 8672.

Please put your yacht's name as the detail and then email Shaunnaugh Jones advising her of your deposit: sailsaumlaki@yahoo.com.au

Before the **28th April** deadline, you will need to have forwarded all the required electronic documents to Bruce Panting sailsaumlaki@yahoo.com.au to check. He will then forward the applications to Indonesia as a group. Bruce should have all the details of yachts that went last year, so frequent travelers only need to provide a revised itinerary and crew list and passports etc. The CAITs can take anywhere between 4 and 7 weeks to process, so an early date ensures all the paperwork is at hand in time. If you wish to apply for your own CAIT, please ask Bruce for our agent's details or apply through any of the known sources. (Sorry, can't help you there!) You will find that prices vary considerably for other agents!

The Indonesian Consulate in Darwin will issue Indonesian entry visas for Saumlaki but the application form must be accompanied by a CAIT. The cost is approximately \$ 60 AUD per person. Visas must be obtained in Darwin, as they will not be available in Saumlaki, as it is not an official port of entry. Generally, only those people listed on the CAIT will be able to obtain a visa, so it is important to finalize crew/passenger lists as early as possible. Additions to crew lists may be accepted if a letter from the organizers accompany the application. For more information visit the Indonesian Embassy's website: <http://www.kbri-canberra.org.au/consular.html>. Do not use the visa application from this website as the Darwin Consulate requires that we use theirs. Skippers will receive an electronic copy of this document, or you can visit the Consulate and obtain your own.

The Noonsite website for cruisers has a summary of the regulations and is also a useful link for cruising: <http://www.noonsite.com>.

The latest information is available from the Australian Embassy in Indonesia: <http://www.austembjak.or.id/news.htm>

This is the same as on the DFAT Smart Traveller site: <http://www.dfat.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Indonesia>

Estimated Costs

In addition to the cost mentioned above, there are other costs related to the rally:

1. APPROXIMATELY \$100 per person on the boat which covers the following items:
 - T-shirt – one per person
 - Hat – one per person
 - Plaque – one for the boat
 - Flag – one for each boat
 - Farewell barbeque in Darwin
 - Gifts for the Regent
 - T shirts for Indonesian Sail Saumlaki Committee
 - A welcome home function

There will be no charge for children under 15 years old, but they will not receive a T-shirt. Extra shirts, hats etc can be purchased at additional cost.

2. Charges are also levied by the Saumlaki local government to cover some of the costs associated with functions and immigration in Saumlaki: These charges are likely to be \$100 AUD per boat PLUS, \$50 AUD per person. This money is payable in Indonesia in

Australian dollars.

Do not deposit it in the Sail Saumlaki bank account.

3. Other costs before leaving Australia
 - Indonesian Flag (not smaller than yachts national flag). The Indonesian flag is flown with the red uppermost.
 - Duty free goods and fuel
 - Charts
4. On return to Australia, it will cost \$160 AUD (2006 cost) for Australian Quarantine if it is during NT public service business hours (Monday to Friday 8 am to 4.21 pm). Customs do not impose a charge. Vessels are subject to marine pest inspections. The protocols state that if a vessel has been in international waters it must have its hull inspected and the internal seawater systems treated before being admitted to a marina. Indonesia, and South-East Asia in general, are considered high risk as many of the marine pests of concern are established in those waters. However, in 2005 if the skipper/owner could provide proof that the vessel's anti-foulant was less than 3 months old, the boat did not need a hull inspection. But the vessel still required treatment of the internal seawater systems. More information can be obtained from Aqua Pest Management, Fisheries Group, Ph 89992126, <http://www.fisheries.nt.gov.au>

Summary of costs: (Approximate until further advised)

Cost (Australian dollars)	For	Payable to
\$130 per boat	CAIT	Sail Saumlaki Bank Account
\$60 per person	Indonesian Visa	Indonesian Consulate
\$100 per person over 15 yrs	Darwin Rally charges (shirts, flags, farewells, gifts etc)	Sail Saumlaki Bank Account
\$100 per boat PLUS \$50 per person	Indonesian Immigration , celebrations etc	Indonesian Authorities in Indonesia (AUD cash)
\$~200 per boat (\$160 in 2006)	Australian Quarantine charges	AQIS on arrival in Australia (Welcome Home!)

When depositing money into the Sail Saumlaki account, please DO not deposit everything in a lump sum, but make separate deposits with your vessel's name and either 'CAIT' or 'RALLY (followed by number of persons)' (eg Pelican RALLY 4) in the Details section..

Customs

The organisers provide Customs with a list of participating vessels and crew names. Following this and about two weeks prior to departure:

1. Each skipper needs to go to Customs House, 21 Lindsay St (ground floor) and provide a crew list, copy of all passports and the ship's registration papers. If the skipper is not the owner, a letter of authorization from the owner will be required. Customs will give the skippers the required forms and you will be able to pick up a fuel order form. You can then make arrangements to purchase duty free fuel at Cullen Bay or Bailey's Marine Fuels, phone 893357822.. This can be done up to a week before departure.
2. Everyone departing on the boat will need to go into Customs House (as a group) with their passports up to 2 days prior to the departure.

Duty Free

Downtown Duty Free (ph 8945 2688) will be informed that we are leaving in July and has advised that people wanting to buy duty free to have their order in at least two weeks prior to departure due to the big demands on duty free goods by the large fleet of boats participating in the Kupang Rally and Ambon event. Downtown Duty Free then obtains approval from Customs, therefore you must have been to Customs to have your departure forms processed prior to receiving duty free. A price list will be available in good time for you to select your loot.

If you want to purchase anything other than alcohol and cigarettes, the process is a bit complicated as you need to ring Downtown Duty Free to discuss what is available and then you can arrange to see a selection of the range at the Bond Room.

Duty free goods are delivered to you at Cullen Bay outside the Lock Master's Office in a pre-arranged time frame on or before the day of departure. Yachts not located in Cullen Bay will need to make own arrangements.

Safety

Without stating the obvious, make sure your boat is seaworthy and has all the necessary safety gear.

Boat Insurance

Some boats have obtained insurance for the trip in the past. However, please be aware that if you have insurance for Australian waters this may terminate once you have cleared out of Customs, unless otherwise specified. Read the fine print in your policy to determine when you are covered and when you are not.

Vaccinations and Other Health Matters

Hepatitis A, Tetanus (if you haven't had one for years) and Typhoid are sometimes recommended for parts of Asia. Malaria tablets are an option but they can cause sensitivity to the sun. The biggest problem may be Dengue Fever (not sure if it is a problem in Saumlaki) as there is no prophylactic available. The best protection is to cover up and use appropriate insect repellent such as industrial strength DEET. Sunscreen with insect repellent is handy during the day just in case of mosquitoes. The positive side is that the Dengue mosquito is only active in the afternoon and mosquitoes are only an issue on shore, not at the moorings. To be certain of your vaccination and other health requirements it is best to seek expert health advice from:

Health Services Australia
1st Floor, Cavenagh Centre
43 Cavenagh Street
Darwin
Ph 89817492

You do need to make an appointment. The vaccinations do cost money

Radio Frequencies and Schedule

HF Radio and VHF protocol and schedules will be finalized closer to the departure date.

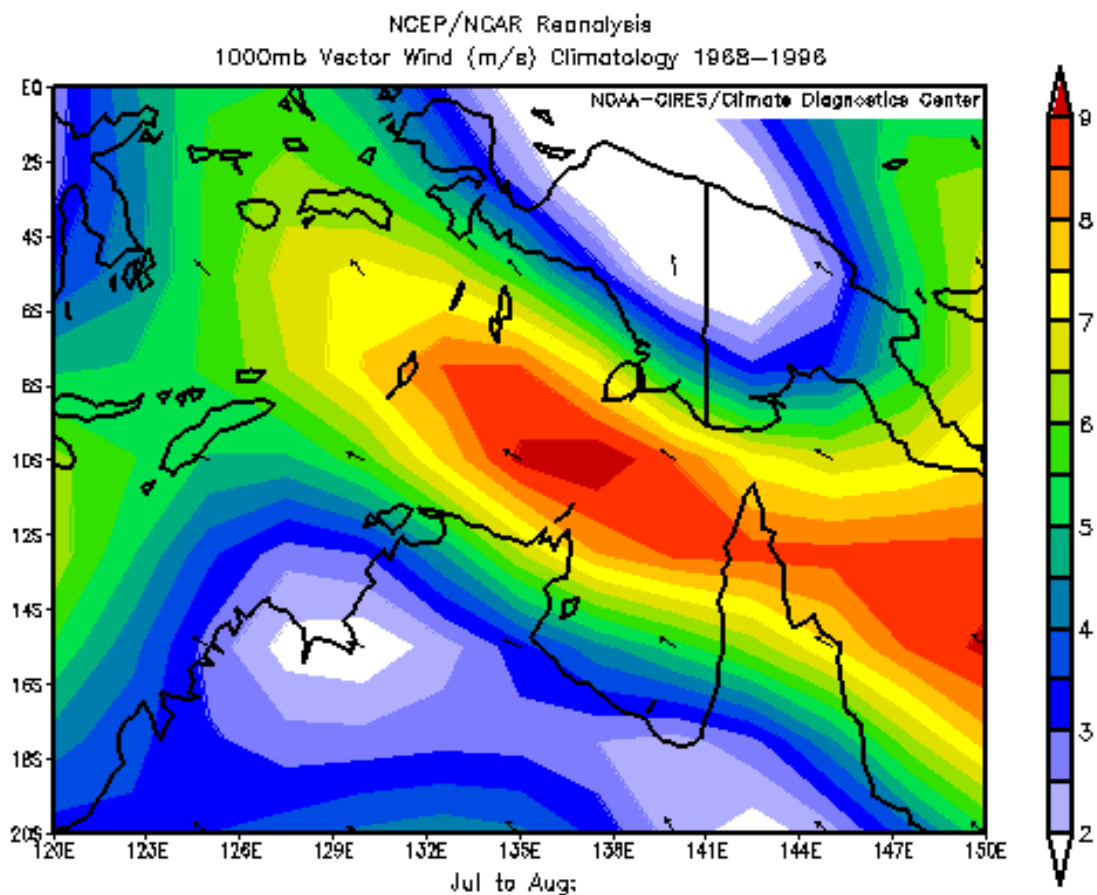
Charts and Tidal Diaries

Tide charts for Darwin waters are essential for navigating the Vernon Islands and waters in the Van Dieman Gulf and are readily available in diary form. John Knight's book, *Cruising Northern Territory* has valuable tidal atlases giving the direction of tidal flow for each hour of the tide. Take careful note of these indicators.

Charts 3245 and 2791 both cover the Tanimbar Islands at different scales, although more up to date charts are available. Others charts that may be useful are AUS 411 and AUS 310. Some use AUS 442 and 463. AUS 20 is the best for navigation through the Vernons but AUS 720, 721 and 722 will get you through the Howard Channel or North Channel, Clarence Strait and Dundas Strait into the Timor Sea. If you are going to Bali, pick up Indonesian charts from Bali Marina. You need to order them a week before you want to collect them and the details are on the Bali Marina website. Joyce has some you can look at and says they are excellent.

Weather

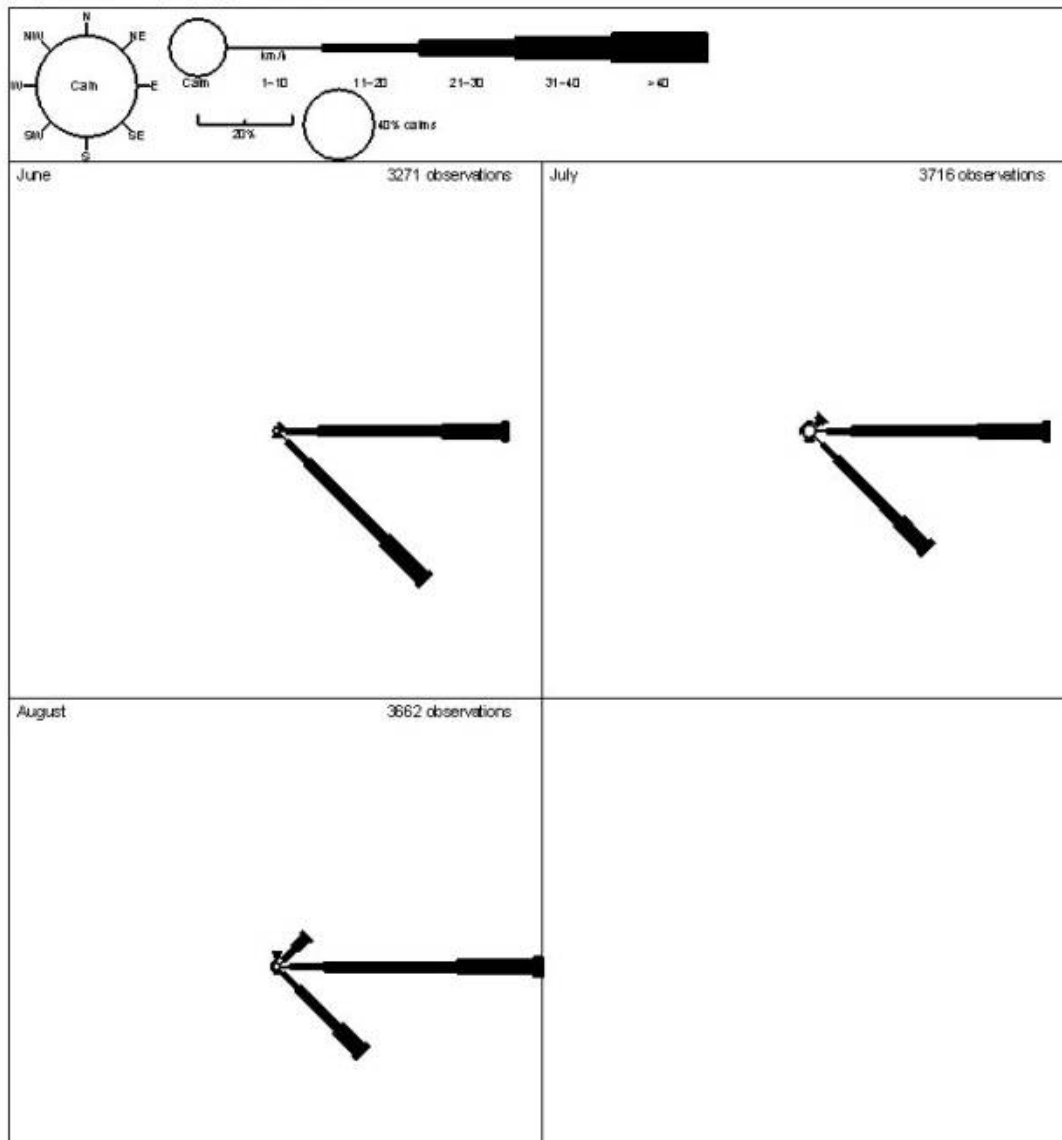
Sam Cleland (Stampede and Bureau of Meteorology) generously provided some weather information for 2004 and 2005 Sail Saumlaki. The first diagram below is a wind climatologic map for the region for July-August and the second is the wind roses.



Wind Roses using available data between 1993 and 2003 for

McCluer Island

Site Number 014274 • Locality: Coburg • Opened Aug 1993 • Still Open • Latitude 11°02'48"S • Longitude 132°58'45"E • Elevation 1.4m
Only the months June, July, August are included.



ARRIVING OR DEPARTING AT NIGHT

Do not rely on any lights being operational in the harbour. The light at the entrance cannot be relied upon, neither can a green starboard marker near the city. The harbour has abundant fish traps (large and small) and people out on small praus at night. Some have lights but some do not. The fish traps are large, floating bamboo structures, usually with accommodation on top and measure approximately 6x6 metres. Hopefully arrangements will be made to move the fish traps so there is clear passage into the harbour. Most small fishing boats no longer have sails because the Government issued outboard motors to the fishermen. This makes them particularly difficult to see, as there is not even a mast and sail to alert you to their presence. It is advisable to be alert and vigilant and have a person on the bow with a spotlight to check for clear water ahead. Even with this precaution, it is possible to have some very

near misses. One participating boat nearly took out a man on a little boat. His presence was detected at the last minute when he stuck a cigarette lighter to alert us to his presence. There was even a large Chinese mother ship in the harbour without a light to be seen and it only became evident as dawn slowly revealed its bulk.

UPON ARRIVAL

Multiple copies of the following documents are required on arrival in Saumlaki for Indonesian Customs and Immigration clearances:

- Cruising Authority Indonesian Territory (CAIT)
- Copies of passports of all those traveling on the boat
- Australian Ship's Registration
- Australian Immigration and Customs Clearance papers
- Crew List and itineraries

It may be worthwhile taking some photos of your boat. If they are not required, they are handy to have if someone would like one. It is also impressive if you have a stamp with your boat's name and registration number on it. Not to worry if you don't have one on arrival – a little man up the street will knock one up for you in an afternoon!

At Saumlaki, the hotel Harapan Indah is our base. You can proceed from your yacht to the hotel's jetty and leave your dinghy there and feel safe to enjoy the entertainment on shore, most of which will be at the Harapan Indah.

Saumlaki Customs and Immigration

You cannot go ashore until you are cleared. Arrival clearance generally takes place on board the boats. Officials are brought over from Ambon (Saumlaki is not a normal port of entry) and are ferried out to each moored yacht and all the requirements completed. Exit clearance takes place at the Harbour Master's Office and all forms mentioned above must be produced

It is advisable to safely stow duty free goods and any valuables out of sight. Do not offer the officials any alcohol or gifts at this stage (you can do this later if you so wish). Please report any pilfering or requests for bribes, food, alcohol etc to the organizing committee. There may be a large number of people wanting to board your craft, although we will be requesting that the numbers be kept to a minimum. They will be wearing big boots and will not take them off – accept this! Be careful to fend off when they come along side. We are a cause of great curiosity for these people, so be patient but firm as your vessel is your home.

Currency

It is advisable to obtain some Indonesian Rupiah before you leave. American Express Foreign Exchange Darwin offers commission-free foreign exchange to all participants in Sail Saumlaki. (Westpac Bank, corner Darwin Mall and Bennett Street) When obtaining foreign currency make sure you mention you are part of the rally to take advantage of their offer. US Dollars and Indonesian Rupiah are readily available. The hours of operation are Mon-Thurs 9:30 am-4 pm & Friday 9:30 am-5 pm.

You can change money while in Saumlaki at the hotel or the Toko Sumber Teknik, a hardware store down the road from the Harapan Indah hotel. The banks do not change money! The hotel changed only AUD and the Toko Sumber Teknik will change anything.

The rates were the going rate. There is an ATM in the main thoroughfare. It is a useful backup, but it is probably best not to rely on it.

If you are venturing further a field, it is advisable to take a substantial amount of Indonesian rupiah, in order to pick up bargains in the form of artifacts, crayfish and so forth. The remote islanders have limited access to Saumlaki and do not like taking AUD or US\$

DURING YOUR STAY

Sail Saumlaki Program in Saumlaki

An action packed itinerary for our entertainment will be provided by the Saumlaki Committee. This is expected to include a Welcome Ceremony, tour, cultural games, Cultural Night and some free time for pursuing your own sight seeing.

Guides

A number of guides are engaged for the duration of our stay. These young people give up their jobs, or take leave to be able to strengthen their language skills and to provide valuable assistance to crews. They participate in all the functions and are always at hand. We will be seeking clarification about what they expect to receive in return as some of them have favourite charities that they try to promote (teaching underprivileged children, etc). We will also be requesting that guides wear our Sail Saumlaki shirt or some other form of identification. You may well befriend some of these delightful people and wish to present gifts or donations of your own.

Bahasa Indonesia

The locals speak their own native language and most also speak Bahasa Indonesia. You will find the majority do not speak English at all. Some of the kids have a smattering from school. Learning some essential phrases and/or a phrase book/dictionary is useful. Those that do speak some English like to practice it and are delighted if you speak a little Indonesian. The words for cold beer are *Bintang dingin*.

Opportunities to Improve Bahasa Indonesia language Skills

In 2005 many of us attended a school and, in pairs, took an English class on that day. Besides being somewhat challenging, it was a fascinating, rewarding and hilarious experience. We were then provided with a tour of the school and the sewing room which was a highlight of this tour. We also watched students engaged in traditional weaving followed by a tasty and bountiful lunch produced by the students in the cookery class. I am sure the school will be eager for people to take English classes again this year, so brush up some of your Bahasa Indonesia before you leave.

Some crews also attended the seminary and provided feedback to a young male who had won the provincial competition and was preparing his speech (in English) for the national championships in Jakarta. He delivered the speech as he would at the championships and we provided assistance with pronunciation and grammar and also ideas to strengthen the overall thrust and delivery.

Weather

The weather is much like Darwin, possibly slightly warmer in the sun. It does rain on the odd occasion and squally weather has been known. The weather forecasts for coastal weather between Cape Don and the Gulf of Carpentaria are useful predictors of the local conditions.

Tides

Tidal information can be gained from electronic navigation programs from the only tide station on Yamdeena Island, Ritabel Bay which is on the far northern tip. The times and heights appear to be about the same throughout the islands. The tidal difference is not very large, about 21/2 metres at most, but there are some awesome currents around the outer islands, so it pays to be prepared. Another vital consideration is that the reef around Saumlaki Harbour dries at low tide, so to avoid being stranded on the deck of the Harapan Indah drinking copious amounts of *Bintang dingin* take note of low tide times.

Accommodation

There are three hotels but the main one used as a gathering place by yachties was the Harapan Indah Hotel. Hotels were about \$40 per night. Homestays are also available and these cost about \$10 per night. Guides can assist with finding a suitable Homestay.

- Harapan Indah, JI Pancasila Ph (0918)21019
- Pantai Indah Hotel, JI Kamp I Ph (0918)21282
- Ratulell Hotel, JI Harapan nda Ph (0918)21014

Laundry

If you want someone to do your laundry for you it is best to ask for a local (ask one of the guides) rather than have it done at a hotel, which charges about five times as much.

Car and Motorbike Hire

This is best accessed through a guide or one of the locals. Motorbikes cost about 100,000 Rupiah a day in 2005.

Internet Cafes and Mobile Phones

There is no Internet service in Saumlaki. However, a mobile phone network is available in Saumlaki itself so a global-roaming phone can be utilized. Phone cards can be purchased and are quite cheap. Phone calls can be made from the hotel or from the WARTEL (Warung Telpon – phone kiosk) that is located in the market area.

Ceremonies

These are very important and are taken very seriously. It is advisable to be respectful and comply with local customs. They will also expect you to participate in various aspects of the ceremonies, particularly singing and dancing. The organizing committee will arrange a suitable cultural response so we do not look totally culturally bereft! Anyone able to play an instrument, even a lager-phone or beer carton should advise the group. Yu will be amazed by the dances and music of the region!

Dress Standards

Generally, casual Darwin style dress is acceptable. However, some have commented that it would be preferable if we did not look like a bunch of “grotty yachties” at some of the official ceremonies given the dress standards of our hosts. Perhaps one set of smart casual clothing could be taken for such official occasions. You may be invited to attend a ceremony or party apart from the official program. Our Sail Saumlaki shirts will be required to be worn at the official functions.

Entertainment

Our hosts provide most of this in the first couple of days, but be warned that the Indonesians seem to enjoy lots of speeches. The other key form of entertainment appears to be Karaoke, which is very popular in Saumlaki. There are karaoke bars that run well into the wee hours. There are also warungs and restaurants and the hotels. Saumlaki is fairly small so do not expect great diversity.

Souvenirs

There are a variety of products that can be purchased and some amazing woodwork. However, customs are ruthless with the wooden drums, some of which had animal hide. You can bring them in but the skins must be removed and then the drums have to be treated. One of our crew was quoted about \$80 for a drum in 2003, making it a very expensive purchase. He elected for it to be confiscated. You can bring some things into Australia but check the piece carefully for animal products including hide, feathers, borer holes and bugs – quarantine certainly does. A good tip is to put your treasures into a plastic bag before arrival into Australia and spray it with insect spray then seal the bag. Quarantine will inspect the bag to see if anything has crawled out. Some shells can be brought in, nothing live or smelly though. Quarantine can provide the necessary information to assist you in selecting products that meet Australian customs and quarantine requirements. Quarantine will take all your rubbish and fresh food with them when they leave your vessel – this is to prevent any flies or bugs etc that may have infected your refuse from entering Australia.

Provisioning

In Saumlaki you can obtain bottled water, fuel and food. There are a couple of small supermarkets. There is also a fresh food market with a large array of very fresh fruit and vegetables at very cheap prices. Go early! There is also a fresh fish and meat market. Be warned – it is not for the faint-hearted as you never know what you might find trussed up and offered for sale. Furthermore, the smell of fish and meat is quite overpowering for the Western olfactory senses – there is no refrigeration.

It is helpful to have command of basics Bahasa Indonesia (particularly numbers) if you are going to do a lot of shopping at the fresh food market.

Cruising the Tanimbar Islands

If you are intending to just cruise about some of the Tanimbar Islands, then return to Australia, it is advisable to do this before clearing customs and immigration in Saumlaki. Last year some boats cleared first and when they returned to Saumlaki they were treated as new arrivals, which caused some bother and cost. It is advisable to go cruising first and then return to Saumlaki and clear customs and immigration. If you are going cruising and not intending to return to Saumlaki, then clear customs and immigration before you depart.

Mark Stephenson has written a book full of useful information about cruising in the Tanimbars. Contact Mark at the Sail Saumlaki email address if you are interested securing a copy of his book: sailsaumlaki@yahoo.com.au

Contact with the West

The Tanimbar Islands have not had a lot of contact with contemporary *western culture* through tourism and the like. It is best if all visitors were mindful of this fact and, therefore, respectful

of the local culture and customs. It is also worth adding that it is not a drinking culture. The culture is obviously quite different to that of Australia. Males, in particular, should be careful that they do not compromise the future of single women through liaisons that might be deceptively called holiday romances. There is no such a concept and females may view the liaison as a serious long-term relationship – with marriage as the obvious end point. Families and community may see the “relationship” in yet another light and the woman’s reputation in such a small and close knit Christian community could be damaged.

This document will be updated as needed. Last updated February 20, 2008

If you have any useful information to add to this document then please forward it to the Sail Saumlaki email, sailsaumlaki@yahoo.com.au

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