

*Yacht Club Peruano  
La Punta, Peru  
(Callao/Lima)  
Cruiser's Port Guide*



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## *Yacht Club Peruano Cruiser's Port Guide*

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Welcome to Yacht Club Peruano (YCP), the oldest yacht club in Peru. Located in LaPunta, a small peninsular and suburb of the main port of Callao, its neighboring city to the east is Lima, the capital and largest city in Peru. The local people are friendly, helpful and patient with poor Spanish speakers. There is a map of LaPunta located at the end of this guide showing the location of most of the places noted. [www.yachtclubperuano.com](http://www.yachtclubperuano.com)

Compiled as a collaborative effort by those cruisers who have visited the area, the following notes are meant to serve as a guide for new and prospective arrivals. The original disk is on file with the marina management. This is our best attempt on a limited schedule to provide as much information as possible. It is also offered to the yacht club as some small means of expressing our thanks for the overwhelming hospitality and generosity afforded to us during our stay. If you find errors or omissions, we apologize in advance and ask that you make corrections for future visitors rather than complain about its shortcomings.

### **1. Agents**

Arriving foreign-flagged yachts no longer need an agent for check-in and check-out. Instead, YCP will arrange your visits to the appropriate offices/officials for you and send a representative to accompany you.

You should advise YCP before leaving your departure port of your pending arrival and anticipated arrival date. Advise again 72 hours before arrival so they can make the appropriate appointments for your check-in visits.  
[yacht.operaciones@infonegocio.net.pe](mailto:yacht.operaciones@infonegocio.net.pe) or Tel: +511 529 0775

There are limited ports in which a private foreign-flagged yacht may check in. Check with YCP to confirm which ports may be visited.

An update by "Moon Dog" (August 2007) indicates current fees were about \$85 US for check-in/check-out.

### **2. En Route Reporting**

This seems to change frequently but as of August 2007, position reports (PR) are required twice daily at 0800 and 2000 and may be sent via radio or e-mail. Additionally, a report must be sent: 1) upon entering Peruvian waters (EPW); 2) documenting any stoppage at sea (DR); and 3) a final report one hour before arrival at final destination (FR). The yacht should retain a log of reports sent as there is a stiff fine for non-compliance. All reports may be in English. The report should be e-mailed to [costeracallao@marina.mil.pe](mailto:costeracallao@marina.mil.pe) or if no on-board email is available, radio the closest port with the information. The correct format is found as an addendum to this guide.

### 3. Arrival/check-in

- TRAMAR (Transportes Maritima) should be contacted on Channel 16, day or night, as soon as you are within 20 miles of Callao to announce that you have entered into their jurisdiction and to ask permission to proceed to the yacht club. Instructions will be given at that time. All communications with TRAMAR are in English.
- Once at the yacht club, contact YCP on Channel 68. They answer to “LaPunta” (Yacht club office hours are 9am-6pm). Some English is spoken. They will assign you a mooring and arrange check-in for you. Avoid arriving on the weekend to keep overtime costs down. Remain on the boat until you have received official clearance to leave.

### 4. Yacht Club Peruano

- **Yacht Club Peruano (YCP)** Lat 12°03.5S, Long 077°09.8W is the oldest yacht club in Peru and offers free moorings to visiting yachts with previous reservations. The entrance and approach are straightforward.
- **Communications:** The launch service can be contacted 24 hours a day on Channel 68 by hailing “La Punta”. The office staff of Yacht Club Peruano monitors VHF Ch 68 continuously from 0900 to 1800hrs local time.
- **Electricity:** Some moorings have electricity, however visitor’s moorings do not. Standard electrical voltage in Peru is 220V/50Hz.
- **Water** is available at the dock, but is not considered potable without treating it (bleach or hydrogen peroxide). Drinking water is available. Contact YCP office.
- **Security:** YCP is a gated facility and very secure with 24-guard service. The La Punta peninsula is considered quite safe, however Callao is not. Taking a taxi or bus is highly recommended when leaving the La Punta area.
- **Haul Out:** The yacht club maintains an 18-U.S. ton travel lift for haul-outs.

LOA	Haul-Out/Return	Laydays (High Season) (Oct-April)	Laydays (Low season) (May-Sept)
30’	\$121.80	\$18.27/day	\$12.18/day
35’	\$193.40	\$29.01	\$19.34
40’	\$288.60	\$43.29	\$28.86
45’	\$411.00	\$61.65	\$41.10
50’	\$563.80	\$84.54	\$56.38

Note: Costs shown are in 5’ increments; actual costs will vary according to actual LOA.

Owners are allowed to work on their own boats and can also use contractors. The yacht club will provide recommendations as needed. Prices as of 8/2005. Check with YCP for updated pricing if you're interested.

- **Fuel:** Both diesel and gasoline are available. Fuel is brought in by truck and arrangements should be made with the Yacht Club Manager (Jaime Ackermann) at least one day before fuel is required.
- **Toilets>Showers:** Clean, modern men's and women's toilets and showers are available at the club house at no charge to visiting yachts.
- **Restaurant:** The club restaurant is upscale and serves lunch and dinner. Hours vary with the season. Check with club management.
- **Other Amenities**
  - 24 hour launch service. Hail "La Punta" on channel 68.
  - Travel services can be arranged through Jaime Ackermann's wife, Vicky, at Saba Falabella Travel.
  - Frozen foods can be stored in the restaurant freezer upon request.
  - Local telephone calls and receipt of faxes are at no charge at the yacht club office.
- **Rules for Visitors**
  - Yacht Club rules specify that all visitors must be registered at the gate in advance and provide identification.
  - Be a good citizen; you're a guest!
- **General Information:**
  - Most visitor moorings are in about 11m (35 ft).
  - Because of its location, La Punta is an area considered susceptible to tsunamis. Warnings and evacuation plans are posted in the yacht club yard.
- **Contact Information:**
  - Phone: 511-429-0775/3694/6409
  - Fax: 511-465-0166
  - Email: yacht.operaciones@infonegocio.net.pe

**5. Laundry:** There is a lavanderia in La Punta located on Bolognesi mid-block past Arrieta, which is open 6 days per week. The cost is S/10 per load: wash/dry/fold.

**6. Internet:** Wifi is available at YCP, but may not be available on the moorings. Otherwise, the most convenient internet café is located within one block from the yacht club gate on the corner of Bolognesi and Palacio. Rates are S/1.50 per hour.

**7. Telephone:**

International calls can be made from the internet café. Rates here are fairly reasonable prices (25¢/minute to the U.S.). Local calls can be made from the Yacht Club offices or from pay phones on the main street near the internet.

The area code for Peru is 511.

**8. Shopping**

- There is limited shopping in La Punta itself. A small fresh market is available with other limited items. La Cafeteria at the corner of Bolognesi and Garcia y Garcia, offers fresh breads, pastries and assorted deli items.
- **Plaza Vea** is the closest large grocery store. Take any bus marked “Callao/La Marina” and ask to get off at Plaza Vea.
- There are several large shopping malls. The closest is Plaza San Miguel which has several large department stores (Falabella/Ripley) as well as grocery stores. There is also a large Ace Hardware across the street as well as a Tottus/Sodimac (Grocery/Home Depot-type place).

**9. Medical**

- **Hospital:** Check with Jamie Ackermann.
- **Dentist:** A dental clinic is located at Bolognesi 617 between Palacio and Jr. More.
- **Pharmacy:** InkaFarma is a “farmacia/botica” right on the corner next to the internet at Bolognesi and Palacio.
- **Doctors:** Check with Jamie Ackermann depending on your need.
- **Glasses/eye exams:** There is an optical center at Plaza San Miguel.

**10. Propane Tank:** Propane is available through the yacht club. Notify Jaime Ackermann of your requirements at least one day in advance.

**11. Yacht services:**

- Limited yacht services are available. Contact Jaime Ackermann for assistance and recommendations.
- Richard Wagner, an American, operates Taita Velas in LaPunta and reportedly is the only sailmaker on the west coast of South America. His office is located at Club Nautico.

**12. Hailing Channel:** Channel 68 is used for local communication; Channel 16 is used to contact TRAMAR. Yacht to yacht should switch from 68 to 72/73 after hailing.

**13. Taxis:** Taxis are plentiful and reasonable. For trips to the airport during very late/very early hours, ask Jaime Ackermann for pre-arranged transportation (S/25).

**14. Buses/Collectivos:** There are lots of local buses servicing LaPunta.

- Local buses are a bargain and cost 50 centimos to Plaza Veá and S/1 to Plaza San Miguel. Buses are marked “Callao/ La Marina/J. Prado/La Punta”. You can usually switch to other buses at San Miguel to get to Miraflores, etc. Buses to Lima are marked “Lima”.
- Long distance buses from Lima such as Ormeno and Cruz del Sur (two of the largest and most comfortable) service all of Peru and also provide service to neighboring countries.

**15. Provisioning and Grocery Stores:**

- There are lots of grocery stores accessible by bus:
  - Plaza Veá – closest; reasonable prices
  - Wong – Our personal favorite at Plaza San Miguel; huge, bright, clean with a terrific variety and stock available. Terrific!
  - Metro – Just before Plaza San Miguel
  - San Isabela – across the street from Plaza San Miguel
  - Tottus (housed with Sodimac) is a hipermercado...huge...grocery store/department store mix across from Metro at Plaza San Miguel.

**16. Restaurants – La Punta**

- **YCP Restaurant** - Upscale; good selection; pleasant ambiance; friendly yacht club members.
- **Nancy’s** – Great for fixed price lunches
- **La Cafeteria** – Light meals, almuerzos, coffee; also bread, pastries. Open early.
- **Chifa** – Chinese food – quick and predictable.
- Various cevicherias and small restaurants are located along the end of malecon on the southwest corner of LaPunta beyond the Plaza.

Lima is considered one of the gourmet capitals of the world and the food in Peru is excellent and varied. Be adventurous!

**17. Electronic Parts and Repair:** Radio Shack is located at Plaza San Miguel. Check with yacht club management for other recommendations.

**18. Hardware Stores:**

- Ace Hardware and Sodimac (Home Depot-type store) are located across the street from Plaza San Miguel.

**19. Haircuts Men/Women:** On the main street in La Punta “

**20. Veterinarian** – Check with Jamie Ackermann.

**21. Pets/Pet Sitting**

- Animals should remain aboard your yacht when in port.
- Jaime Ackermann can arrange for a marinero to provide limited pet care while you are traveling.

**22. Banks/ATMs** – There is a Banco de Credito across the street from the yacht club entrance with an ATM which dispenses soles and U.S. dollars.

**23. Batteries:** We were able to purchase Group 8 D marine starting batteries through a local distributor; Ask Jaime Ackermann for details.

**24. Booze** – All of the grocery stores sell wine and liquor. Chilean wine is a particularly good bargain here. Local rum is inexpensive. The Peruvian wine “Tacama” is quite good. Don’t forget to stock up on Pisco!

**25. Computer Repair:** Ask Jaime Ackermann for current recommendations.

**26. Copies** – Regular size copies can be made at a number of little shops on the main street in La Punta. Large chart-sized copies (planos) can be made at a copy shop in Callao on the south side of Saenz Peña (street opposite the fort entrance). Look for “planos” on the shop sign.

**27. Currency** – Standard currency of Peru is the Nuevo Sol (S/)...plural=soles. Current exchange rate is \$2.85 soles = \$1US (a/o July 2008).

**28. Customs/Immigration**

YCP will arrange all Customs/Immigration/Health and Port Captain appointments.

**29. Department Stores**

There are several large malls in the greater Lima area with upscale department stores such as Saba Falabella and Ripley. The Miraflores area, though touristy, also offers some unique boutiques.

**30. Faxes** – Can be received at no charge. Check with Jamie Ackermann for sending costs.

**31. Importing to Peru:** Yacht “Breila” indicated that West Marine delivers to Peru. Check with YCP to contact a local who can arrange for duty-free importation.

**32. IVA (Taxes)** The 19% IVA (sales tax) is levied on most everything you buy including many grocery items, restaurant meals, hotel rooms, yacht services. Ask in advance to determine if the tax is included or not when a price is quoted.

**33. Local crafts:** There are several large buildings at the far end of La Marina past the Plaza San Miguel in which hundreds of small crafts shops are located. There is also a large Artesan’s Market in Miraflores at Av. Petit Thoussars and E. Palacios.

**34. Post Office** – The closest post office is located in Lima. Postcards sent made it fine to the U.S., but it’s not cheap. Postcard: S/5.50 to U.S. (~\$2 US).

**35. Sightseeing/Travel** – Locally, a walk along the malecon in La Punta is very scenic. In Callao, the fort is within a 5 minute bus ride and is quite interesting. Lima itself offers innumerable museums, historic buildings, plazas and things to do.

YCP makes a great base and secure place to leave your boat while you tour Peru. Get “Lonely Planet” Guides and take off. Highlights of our Peru travels included Trujillo, Lima, the Nazca Lines, PN Paracas, Pisco, Arequipa, Colca Canyon, Puno and Lake Titicaca, Cuzco, Macchu Pichu and Iquitos on the Amazon River. For the most part, the bus system will get you anywhere with the exception of Iquitos which requires either a riverboat or a plane.

Jaime Ackermann’s wife, Vicky, is a travel agent and did a great job for us.

**36. Theaters/Movies** There is a multiplex movie theater at San Miguel Plaza which plays currently released movies, many of which are in English.

**37. Bottom cleaning** -. Check with YCP office.

**38. Charts** – Hydrographic office nearby; check with YCP office.

### **39. Local Sponsors**

The following Yacht Club Peruano members have generously offered to be provide assistance and information to visiting yachts. They are English speakers and fellow yachtsmen.

- Gonzalo Ravago, “Azafrán”, SSCA Cruising Station Host  
Contact: [Gonzalo.Ravago@yanbal-intl.com](mailto:Gonzalo.Ravago@yanbal-intl.com); Cell: 511-9817-2185
- Capt. Eugenio Oliveira, , “Mardulce”

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***All information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge, but the environment in Peru is fluid. All things are subject to change without notice.***

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*An original of this guide is on file with the Yacht Club Peruano. Please make updates and additions to this guide as necessary to help others in your wake have an enjoyable stay.*

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## ***Appendix 1 – En Route Reporting Format for TRAMAR***

Emails should be sent to: [costeracallao@marina.mil.pe](mailto:costeracallao@marina.mil.pe). You will not receive any response. Yachts not having email capabilities aboard should radio on Channel 16 to the Capitanía at the nearest port at the appropriate times. In either case, keep a log of all transmissions whether or not you are successful in contacting anyone.

There are 5 separate reports which may be required. Most require the same information. The standard format is given below with changes noted for individual report requirements.

1. EPW (Entering Peruvian Waters) – should be sent when the vessel has entered into Peruvian waters at either Lat 3°25'S, Lat 18°20'S or within 200 miles offshore .
2. PR (Position Report) – should be sent at 0800 and 2000 daily while you are in Peruvian waters except when you are checked into a port.
3. DR (Deviation from route or stoppage at sea) – should be sent when you have stopped at sea. To the standard format, add the reason for stoppage.
4. FR (Final Report) – should be sent one hour before arrival at your final destination.
5. DPW (Departing Peruvian Waters) – is a Route Plan which will be completed before you leave, the final time and location of Departing Peruvian waters to be emailed as you leave Peruvian waters.

Sample:

To: [costeracallao@marina.mil.pe](mailto:costeracallao@marina.mil.pe)

Re: PR (or EPW or DR or FR) for (yacht name)

Vessel name:

Ship rep: (whoever is sending emails):

Radio call sign:

Flag:

Last port:

Next port:

ETA:

Agency:

Current Reporting Information:

Date / Time / Lat / Long / Bearing / Speed

Add comments below if necessary, such as reason for stoppage at sea

