

West Sumatra Anchorages

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These are our waypoints during our trip down the west coast of Sumatra from February to May 2024, covering from Sabang, N Sumatra to our arrival in Marina Batavia in Jakarta.

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Latitude	Longitude	Waypoint Name	Comment
N05°53.343'	E095°19.268'	Sabang Clearance	Feb 2024 – this is the spot suggested by Budi (local agent) for taking officials to and from the boat. Just off the floating pier where a small Coast Guard boat is tied up. Approx 15m deep at high tide. We didn't spend the night here, but it seems like it would be ok (sheltered). Dinghy dock right here. Budi WA
N05°52.757'	E095°19.164'	Sabang Ferry	Feb 2024 – 10m sand. A place closer to town without being in town. This is fairly sheltered from NE winds and reasonable depth. We spent a week here.
N05°52.812'	E095°15.367'	Rubiah Island	Feb 2024 – On a windy NE day with a falling tide, this is a bit swelly but not terrible in a catamaran. (this was the windiest day in our week in Sabang). Anchor in 14m, just on the edge of the "mined area". Local boats on moorings precluded going in further. Dive shop says there are no mines in the marked "mined area". Recommend Rubiah Tirta Divers for a good dive operation.
N05°15.933'	E095°14.520'	Jantang	March 2024 – 6m sand (low tide). Great little anchorage out of the (mild) SSW swell. Small fishing village, mosque a bit inland. Telkomsel coverage good.
N04°38.097'	E095°34.387'	Calang 2	Mar 2024 – Checked out this spot to anchor. 6-7m sand. Good and mostly out of the swell. Our friends wanted to anchor on the other side, so we went there instead.
N04°38.006'	E095°34.186'	Calang 1	March 2024 – 7m sand. Big long swell outside, but ok in here. I think the other side of the pier, or in further in the big bay would be better. In the early am, 2 big ferries came into pier. Didn't call us on radio, make sure you anchor away from the pier.
N04°38.636'	E095°34.621'	Calang Baru	March 2024 – Big long swell outside. Not much wind. Anchorable here in about 8m. Deeper than the chart shows. Ok Telkomsel.
N02°43.020'	E095°43.630'	Pulau Lekon 4	Mar 2024 – 8-9m sand. Mostly out of the W wind and light swell.
N04°38.189'	E095°32.760'	Uncharted Reef	Very shallow reef. Large breaking waves. Not showing at all on Navionics!

N02°42.933'	E095°44.254'	Pulau Lekon 2	March 2024 – Wind out of the W at 6-8 knots. Long low swell out of SW outside. 6m sand, no swell, no chop. Large area, plenty of room for several boats. Pretty beach. Fairly clear water. Fair new growth coral. Several octopus fishermen on reef. Night lots of mosquitos. Telkomsel OK.
N02°42.927'	E095°43.551'	Pulau Lekon 3	Mar 2024 – Checked this out but did not spend the night here. 6-7m sand, out of the WNW wind and light swell. A one boat anchorage, but plenty space just outside for several more boats.
N02°42.606'	E095°44.824'	Pulau Lekon 6	March 2024 – 5m sand. Could work your way in a little closer to get out of the swell. But calm in current swell conditions (2m long swell in very light west wind).
N02°42.781'	E095°44.893'	Pulau Lekon 5	March 2024 – Checked a few anchorages on our way out of Lekon. These may be good if strong W wind. This one 6-7m deep sand. Passage around the NE side of the island was easy with route selected from Sat chart and good bow watch. Least depth about 6m.
N02°32.477'	E095°56.714'	Simcut	March 2024 – 6-7m sand. Protected from 5-10 knot west winds and 2m long swell from SW. Nice sand. Army encampment on the island (32 men). Were nice and welcoming. Snorkeling disappointing due to sand stirred up by waves. Telkomsel 3 bars 4g, but slow.
N02°23.073'	E096°20.049'	Busung Dinghy Dock	Dinghy landing among fishing boats at broken down jetty. Some shallow coral on way around top of small private island. Ranu from Ranu's Surf Camp picked us up here for a meal at his place.
N02°23.149'	E096°19.648'	Ranu	March 2024 – come straight in, avoiding the breaking waves. Bottom rises slowly. Good sand in 8m. Good Telkomsel. Ranu can help you get provisions (frozen meats, fruits, veggies, milk) +62 852-1340-8155
N02°10.303'	E096°39.051'	Pulau Lasia	March 2024 – 9m sand. Gorgeous anchorage. Gently sloping up toward shore. Boat sitting in 6m. A bit sloshy from light E-NE wind chop, but out of big SW swell. Very weak/unusable Telkomsel. Nice beach, rangers ashore.
N02°20.439'	E097°23.205'	Ujung Batu Turtle Rehab	Mar 2024 – Turtle rehab center – this turned out to be a small pen of (we think) green turtle hatchlings that have been rescued off beach nests. Theory is to grow to dinner plate size and then release. Not a very scientific endeavor, but fun to see the little turtles.
N02°13.95'	E097°17.91'	Ujung Sialit	We were told that you can buy beer somewhere in this town.
N02°15.114'	E097°12.741'	P Lamun	Mar 2024 – Settled weather. 17m sand. Ok Telkomsel. No mosques.
N02°13.890'	E097°13.885'	Banyak Barat Town	Mar 2024 – Fishing village. Some supplies, benzene (gasoline), no solar (diesel).

N02°15.916'	E097°25.146'	Kimo Resort	March 2024 – 15m deep, sand and some low coral. Exposed to the east, but ok in light weather. Light chop, no swell. Telkomsel signal. Friendly resort ashore, serving meals (with notice) and some beer. Riska the manager arranged for a boat trip to the “turtle sanctuary” (a small pen of turtle hatchlings), and offered to help with buying groceries. We took our big boat to town to shop but I'm sure she'd arrange for boat transport
N02°17.738'	E097°24.233'	Banyak Town	March 2024 – Hard to find any depths along here less than 20m deep. Lots of floating debris (seaweed, sticks, plastic) floating by.
N02°17.618'	E097°24.543'	Banyak 2	March 2024 – Light winds and slight seas. Anchored here for the day to go into town for shopping. 11-20m, depending on where you drop.
N02°15.773'	E097°19.647'	Pulau Asok	Mar 2024 – checked this out as a possible anchorage. 21m deep in the sand. Nice reef to NW looked like it could be nice diving. Some current out in the channel.
N02°18.006'	E097°24.644'	Banyak Local Market	March 2024 – The market shown as Pasar Pulau Balai is apparently only a market on Monday mornings. We found several fruit stalls open on a non-Monday morning. Yudis was helpful showing us where. Riska at Kimo Resort procured us 2 small chickens at 100rp each.
N02°16.003'	E097°25.073'	6m	If you pass thru the middle, 6-7m deep. Watch for shallow coral head on the E side. The route from town is easy to navigate in any sun.
N02°16.055'	E097°19.961'	Asok E	Mar 2024 – We checked out this spot as a possible anchorage, maybe just for a day to go snorkeling. Very clear water. Approx 12m deep.
N02°14.800'	E097°26.134'	Rangit Lighthouse	Mar 2024 – Light S winds, calm seas, overcast. Easy with Sat pics to get in here. Lighthouse visit fun. It's open and can climb to top (120 steps). 14m corally in this anchor spot. On a sunny day with good light and calm conditions, a catamaran might be able work through the sand to the west to the other anchorage. Local fishing boats go thru regularly. At low tide we dipped one shallow-looking spot at 1.5m.
N02°17.289'	E097°25.335'	Teputuas	March 2024 – anchored in 11m, sand and low coral. Good protection from S and E. Nice sand beach. No bugs. Far from mosques. Ok Telkomsel.
N02°18.051'	E097°24.641'	Banyak Dinghy Dock	March 2024 – This is where Yudis directed us to bring the dinghies in, as docking on the anchorage side was “too far”. Squeeze in amongst the local boats or raft outside a bigger boat. There are lots of other options if you talk to a friendly local.
N02°04.728'	E097°21.066'	SE Tuanku	Mar 2024 – Dropped in 18m, mud bottom, grabbed immediately. 2 bars 4g Telkomsel.

N02°04.070'	E097°20.708'	Sarangantong	Mar 2024 – Light SW wind. Rising tide. Anchored here in 12m for a few hours to dinghy thru the mangroves to Bay of Plenty (famous surf spot). Only had to paddle a couple of short stints. Rising tide, the channel is flowing in.
N01°25.603'	E097°09.537'	Lahewa Hole	Mar 2024 – 3m on entry (fishing boat was blocking deepest part of entry channel) at low-ish tide. Dropped anchor in 6m, sand and coral. Winds less than 10 knots, nearly calm seas. Even in 25kt squall well protected. Good spot. Telkomsel 2-3 bars.
N01°23.924'	E097°10.414'	Lahewa Town	Mar 2024 – 13m. Good provisioning. Vibrant churches on Sunday! Nice little town in a protected anchorage with a few places to shop. Fresh fruits and veggies and fresh fish possible.
N01°13.372'	E097°05.582'	Bunga	Mar 2024 – no wind, no seas. Anchored in 55 ft, pulled back with 3:1 scope and still in 50 ft. Fairly wide shelf at 50-60 ft. Only stayed for lunch and a snorkle. Snorkeling in pass was poor. Try NE corner of the island, may be better. People from Nias call this Bunga not Wunga. Telkomsel ok.
N00°54.300'	E097°16.851'	Asu Mama Silvi's	Mar 2024 – Light wind, slight swell, rain, lightning. Anchored in 18m. Dinner at Mama Silvi's. Current wa +62 812-8869-5798
N01°15.255'	E097°14.422'	Afulu	Mar 2024 – Calm weather. Did not go as far in as we could have due to bug fears, and didn't need to hide from the swell. Telkomsel good.
N00°49.015'	E097°21.687'	Bawa Wreck	Snorkle depths, large wreck. Ship early 1900 vintage, not sure when sunk
N00°49.019'	E097°21.870'	Bawa SE	Mar 2024 – Calm day, but some swell! Stopped here for an hour to look at "Bawa Wreck". 11m sand. Also location to reach "Bawa Right" surf location.
N00°50.765'	E097°22.615'	Hamutala Channel	Mar 2024 – Light N winds, slight swell. Nice anchorage in 7m sand. Ok Telkomsel. Room for several boats here. Nice looking beaches nearby. No inhabitants.
N00°51.646'	E097°19.359'	Imana NE	Mar 2024 – Many spots to anchor along the NE side of Imana in 12-15m
N00°33.808'	E097°49.382'	Teluk Dalam N	Mar 2024 – Unusual big swell outside > 2m 15s period, no wind. The swell is breaking hard on the shore either side of us, but is not really a problem where we are anchored in 12m. Fairly close to best viable dinghy dock. We had 3 boats anchored here (2 monos) and no one complaining of terrible rolling.
N00°33.961'	E097°49.227'	Teluk Dalam Dinghy Dock	Mar 2024 – Put your dinghy in among the small fishing boats on the N side of this pier. Small bar/coffee shop ashore actually sells cold beer. Drop off laundry 1 block N. Veggie stalls about 1 block N on both N-S roads N of dinghy dock. We were asked to pay a dinghy dock fee of 200 Rp for our 4 day visit.

N02°43.191'	E095°44.832'	Least Depth 5m	In this whole passage, using Sat charts and eyeball navigation, it's easy to pick your way through in deep water.
S00°05.504'	E098°19.885'	Pono Passage	April 2024 – Went thru this passage and saw minimum 6m at this one spot. Everywhere else quite deep (12-15m). Another patch under a cloud went to about 11m further SE. Avoid the shoal quite visible on satellite on exit.
S00°05.634'	E098°18.841'	Pono	Apr 2024 – Easy in, Navionics is totally wrong in this area. Depths they show as 1m are 20m. Use Sat charts or modern C-Map (Garmin also pretty good but not perfect). Anchored in a clay-ey mud, 15m. No bugs at night. Ok Telkomsel. Nice dinghy trip to S where you will find a small beach and a sunset.
S00°05.587'	E098°18.890'	Pono 2	Apr 2024 – Protected anchorage here with room for multiple boats. We chose to stay in 15m for the breeze, but the depth comes up slowly so you could pick your depth. We saw only 1 mozzie in 3 days. Easy dinghy across to Dino's on Telo or Surf Resort on island just S of Telo.
S00°30.923'	E098°29.319'	Batu Bay	Apr 2024 – Tried to anchor W side of Horasa Island, but too deep. Anchored here in 6-8m, sand/mud.
S00°23.785'	E098°30.149'	Tanabala S	April 2024 – Anchored in 15m. Very sheltered and bottom sloped up gently from 25m.
S01°00.929'	E098°55.701'	Siberut N	Apr 2024 – Light W winds and rain. Dropped in 6-7m sand/mud. Great holding. Shallows slowly, so can pick your depth. Quiet area, maybe one family living in the trees ashore. Pretty good Telkomsel.
S01°54.196'	E099°18.734'	E Kandui	April 2024 – 24m sand with waves breaking not far away. But calm where we were. A little chop at high tide. No wind, and no overnight thunderstorms. No mozzies. Felt very exposed. Poor Telkomsel.
S01°38.604'	E099°16.492'	Siberut SE	Apr 2024 – Easy entry with Sat charts. Fully protected. No mozzies. 11m sand/mud. Nice spot. Went 1 hr in the dinghy up river for fun.
S02°02.019'	E099°35.370'	Tuapejat	April 2024 – Unsettled weather, decided to anchor inside. 14m sand/mud after an 8m hump on the way in (between shoal and docks). Easy entry with Sat charts! Nice protected anchorage. Easily room for 5-6 boats
S02°01.853'	E099°35.543'	Tuapejat Dinghy Dock	In between the ferry dock and the old broken fishing dock, inside, is a nice pier with steps!
S02°07.630'	E099°31.655'	Pittojat S	April 2024 – 8m sand. Room for several boats. In the shallow channel coming in from the north, least depth was (briefly) 6m.
S02°22.130'	E099°44.562'	Siduamata SE	April 2024 – Wind light SE, swell 1.2m from SW. Flat calm in here. Dropped in 9m. Poor Telkomsel.
S02°45.332'	E099°59.515'	Silabu	April 2024 – light wind. Little swell outside, calm inside. Anchored in 55 ft. A fisherman sold us mud crabs! No Telkomsel

S02°46.678'	E100°12.382'	Sikakap	April 2024 – Strong current in the area. 2.5 kts against us coming in from the west on a falling tide. Back current here going the other way. Dropped in 11-12m, smooth bottom. Strong Telkomsel signal, but no data passing.
S02°45.840'	E099°59.900'	Dinghy To Town	This is a river entrance that goes all the way to the town a half a mile away.
S02°51.175'	E100°17.350'	Tanjung Nui Nui	April 2024 – We came out of Sikakap and had wind at 10-15 kts on the nose and spikey waves, decided to duck in here. Easy entry and quiet waters, room for 2-3 boats in SE wind conditions. (more room up around the corner to the NW). Weak but usable Telkomsel (better than Sikakap on Sunday afternoon). Fun dinghy explore.
S03°12.501'	E100°28.585'	Siatanusa	April 2024 – 9-11m sand. Beautiful anchorage in southerly conditions. Nice beach ashore. No swell (in light SW conditions). No Telkomsel.
S03°13.175'	E100°24.045'	Simatapi S	Apr 2024 – Easy entry from the E. Plenty deep and straight forward. All charts except Sat charts were off by a lot. Anchor here in about 13m. Room for several boats. We traveled the whole waterway to the very end in the N (where it got down to 3-4m, slowly). More than 6m the whole way except the very NW end. No nasty surprises.
S03°11.572'	E100°29.691'	Tinopo	Apr 2024 – After a night with big thunderstorms bringing wind out of E and NE, we looked for an easterly protected spot. This is it. You have to come in over a deep reef that shallows to about 6m, but then deepens to 14m. Good protection most directions, but not very scenic. No cell coverage.
S03°28.083'	E100°39.639'	Sanding Inside	April 2024 – 3-4m good sand. Work your way in carefully thru the easily-seen bommies. Protected from most directions, though SE at high tide might be a little choppy. No Telkomsel.
S03°28.005'	E100°39.557'	Sanding 2	April 2024 – Monohull Songlines 3 anchored here. 3m sand.
S05°19.592'	E102°06.441'	Enggano W	Apr 2024 – Tucked in here after battling consistent SE winds. 14m sand. Could go in further to get out of slight SW swell.
S05°25.905'	E102°22.734'	Enggano E	Apr 2024 – Off small one-street town in 15m. Police wanted to see papers when we went ashore.
S05°26.480'	E102°23.117'	Pulau Dua	Apr 2024 – 12-15m sand, off Enggano.
S06°32.606'	E105°12.694'	Panaitan NW	Apr 2024 – Good arrival anchorage as open to NW and no hazards on entering. 8m nice sand. A bit open feeling, but fine if the wind is not from N. Could probably go further in. No Telkomsel.
S06°45.056'	E105°15.882'	Peucang	Apr 2024 – Protected anchorage in the Ujung Kulong National Park. Slow Telkomsel. Can arrange a guided hike. 150K Rp pp park entry, 100K for boat 50K for guide.
S06°39.029'	E105°34.930'	Sumur	April 2024 – A day stop to get diesel in jugs and a few veggies. Anchor among fishing boats in 6m sand. Take dinghy in to beach

			SSE. Contact Haji on WA +62 818-0629-6363 for assistance. Not much English, but helpful.
S06°28.576'	E105°39.828'	Tanjung Lesung	April 2024 – Mixed coral and mud in about 5-7m. The west side of the bay is coral, the east side is better. Watch out for submerged reefs that don't show up well in the not so clear water. There is a safe dinghy landing at the "water sports" area of the resort just to the west. Contact there is Daus +62 812-1372-8082. Good English, can arrange boat to Krakatoa or rent a car for the day for shopping.
S05°51.570'	E105°30.988'	Sebuku N	April 2024 – Our overnight stop after buzzing Krakatoa. Small fishing village. Wind very light from N. Swell from SW. 15m sand. No Telkomsel.
S05°56.010'S	E106°08.276'	Panjang W	April 2024 – Wind out of ENE at 10 kt. Anchored in 30 ft. Slight swell. Telkomsel. Many noisy fishing boats leaving at sunset. Probably better south of town.
S05°37.163'	E106°33.233'	Genteng Besar	May 2024 – We got here last, so shallowest spots already taken, but ours was most protected in NE-SE winds. Anchored in 78 ft. Bottom looks smooth on fishfinder. Just enough swinging room at 3:1 scope. Telkomsel OK. Caretaker Tommy WA +62 813-6155-8298 was welcoming, and let us take a walk on the island.
S05°35.852'	E106°33.052'	Macan E	May 2024 – Anchored in 60 ft w/ reef off port quarter. Though mostly deep, a few bommies on that reef are shallow enough to get a sailboat. Doesn't show well on sat pics. Mild conditions. ESE wind 5-10 knots. Good protection here. Telkomsel OK. Resort busy and didn't want to do dinner for us.
S05°44.220'	E106°35.835'	Panggung	May 2024 – Light E-NE wind. No seas. Tried to anchor off Pramuka Island, but found it quite deep (minimum 85 ft), and a bit exposed. This not a pretty anchorage, but seems sheltered. Dropped in 68 ft marl bottom. Lots of current and mosque nearby.
S06°07.180'	E106°48.825'	Batavia Marina	May 2024 – Very little water at entrance. We only had 2.2m near high tide. Soft bottom though, plow on through.