

TRUANT 2 Anchorages in Maldives from North to South, 528 nm March to May 2012

General remark: Less than 20m safe and coral free anchorages near islands or behind reefs are difficult to find. Most island villages we visited now have small fishery harbors, jet not in the charts. Inside harbors fisher boats are tied up with very long ropes. Depth 3 to 5 m. We (except Kulhudhuffushi) always preferred outside anchoring due to clearer water, no rats, no flies. Best anchorages are in lagoons (if any) in front of villages. The small passes into these lagoons we approached with GoogleMap on Smartphone. Mobile net coverage in Maldives is perfect.

Uligamu/Ihavandhippolhu Atoll; Anchorage position 07-05.021N, 72-55.180E
on sandpatch 4m depth between coral banks near boat pass markers to village harbor.
Clear water, mantas and sting rays, but anchoring nearby outside west of the coral banks on 20m would have been less nerving. Full clearance with agent. Fuel delivery on board; one small shop, no restaurant.

Dhonakulhi/Thilandhunmathee Atoll: Berth in Hideaway Resort&Marina
Pos. 06-50N, 73-03E; Berth 50 USD/night; friendly management; call in advance.

Kulhudhuffushi/ Thilandhunmathee Atoll: Anchorage position 06-36.951N, 73-03.921E
in new southern harbor on 6m sand; village with food and hardware shops, cafes&restaurants.

Dholhiyadhoo/Milandhunmadulu Atoll: Anchorage position 05-59.505N, 73-13.340E
inside reef on 14m sand; resort under construction; no village; stopover and snorkeling good.

Kuredhoo/Faadhippolhu Atoll: Pos 05-32.6N, 73-27.8E on free mooring buoy of Kuredu Island Resort but 25 USD island access fee per person and day, call in advance.

Hulhumale/North Male Atoll: Anchorage position 04-12.937N, 73-32.015E
on 12m sand in large overcrowded lagune; cheap 20min fairy ride to capital Male.

Kudadhiggaru/Vaafu Atoll: Anchorage position 03-33.713N, 73-29.746E
in nice lonesome lagoon on 16m sand near little sandbank;
Lagoon pass in position 03.33.898N, 73-29.515E, depth 5m on half tide.

Vattaru Atoll: Anchorage position 03-13.540N, 73-24.907E
on 12m sand patch between huge coral heads; clear water and good snorkeling near reefs.

Kulhuvaariyaa/Meemu Atoll: Anchorage position 02-46.722N, 73-25.214E
in all winds protected lagoon on 4m sand in front of village (still reconstruction in progress after 2004 Tsunami); little shop and café.

Vilufushi/Thaa Atoll: Anchorage position 02-30.310N, 73-17.088E
on 17m deep sand patch right behind reef ; clear water depending on tide.

Veymandhoo/Thaa Atoll: Anchorage position 02-11.365N, 73-05.428E
in nice well protected lagoon on 8m sand south of new fishery harbor.
Lagoon pass in position 02-11.500N, 73-05.402E
Beautiful village with very friendly people; restaurants; fuel.

Maavah/Laamu Atoll: Anchorage position 01-52.812N, 73-15.097
on 8 m sand/grass right behind reef; very clear water.

Dhaandhoo/Gaafu-Atoll: Anchorage position 00-36.721N, 73-28.086E
on 8m sand patch south of Dhaandhoo village. Good snorkeling.

Faresmaathodaa/Gaafu-Atoll: Anchorage position 00-12.393N, 73-11.448E
in nice well protected village lagoon on 6m sand; cafes, shops, friendly villagers.
Very narrow lagoon pass at 00-12.700N, 73-11.409E;

Gan/Addu-Atoll: Anchorage position 00-41.059S, 73-08.795E
on 20m sand between Gan and Feydhoo islands; lots of shops and restaurants