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Welcome to LaLibertad, Ecuador. LaLibertad, a city of about 70,000 people, is located in the Province of Guayas and is the largest city on the Santa Elena Peninsula. Its neighboring city to the west is Salinas, an Ecuadorian beach resort. The local people are friendly, helpful and patient with poor Spanish speakers.

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 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. 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. Anchoring

- There is designated vessel anchorage off LaLibertad and another off the town of Salinas, however both areas have been restricted by the Port Captain. Contact the Port Captain on Channel 16 to get permission to anchor.
- The Salinas Yacht Club and its dinghy dock are not open to visiting yachties, but you can land your dinghy on the beach there, if necessary. The dinghy dock at Puerto Lucia Yacht Club can be used short term for checking in and out only.

2. Arrival/check-in

- The Port Captain should be contacted on Channel 16, day or night, as soon as you are within radio range of Salinas, to announce that your arrival into their jurisdiction.
- If you're planning to stay at PLYC, contact Puerto Lucia on arrival on Channel 19A. (Marina office hours are 8am-7pm). Some English is spoken. They will provide instructions for the current check-in procedures. Depending on the current rules and whether you are arriving on an international or national zarpe, you will usually be asked to anchor close to the marina until the Port Captain and other officials make an onboard inspection of your boat and paperwork. Once you have been cleared in, you still need to make trips to the various offices to complete the paperwork. See Customs/ Immigration for more details. Note that the Port Captain and all other officials require transportation to and from the marina and there is a charge of ~\$15+ paid to the marina to cover this cost. On occasion, a health officer will inspect the boat at a charge of \$15.

3. Yacht Clubs

- **Salinas Yacht Club** does not offer services for visiting yachts.
- **Puerta Lucia Yacht Club (PLYC)** Lat S 02° 12.966', Long W 080° 55.319' is a beautiful, modern, secure marina facility offering many amenities and services.

- **Directions for approach:**
 - Approach waypoint : Buoy at 02° 12' 00S, 080° 55' 00W
 - Approaching the marina: there is a flashing white lighthouse on the tip of the breakwater. There are red and green channel markers. Behind the marina, there are two distinct tall buildings, one with a pyramid shaped roof.
 - **Caution:** There are shoals close inshore to the east and west of the marina entrance - approach should be made due south from the waypoint shown above. There are no military or restricted areas in the area.
 - Communications: Puerto Lucia Yacht Club monitors VHF Ch 19A continuously from 0800 to 1800hrs local time.
- **Slips:** There are 19 floating dock slips at the yacht club, but availability is limited. There are also 24 Med-moor tie ups available at a lesser fee. You can phone, fax or e-mail a reservation in advance. The marina accepts American Express, Diner's Club, VISA & Master Card.
 - Costs for floating dock slips are at a fixed rate of \$750/month (\$41.60 per day) regardless of length. This is expected to change.
 - Costs for Med-moor or "on the hard" begin at \$360/month (40') (\$19.99/day) and are based on LOA. Discounts apply to multi-month stays.
 - **NOTE:** All fees and services are subject to 12% IVA (sales tax).
- **Electricity:** Both 110V/60Hz and 220V/60Hz are available. Electricity is metered at the floating docks at 40¢/kwh. There is a charge of .25/kwh for electricity while "on the hard" and a 25¢/day charge while Med-moored.
- **Water** is metered and costs \$3.00/cubic meter. Though we have experienced no problems with the marina water, many cruisers opt to purchase purified drinking water in large 5-gallon containers at \$ 1.50/container at the marina office.
- **Security:** PLYC is a gated facility and very secure with 24-guard service. We have found in general that LaLibertad and Salinas are quite safe for walking, however like any city, caution and prudence are advised. There have

only been two security-type incidents reported in the last four years by cruisers.

- **Haul Out:** The marina maintains a 50-U.S. ton travel lift for haulouts. There is also a crane available for unstepping the mast. There are about 40 “on the hard” spots available. See Yacht Services in a later section.
 - Haul out fees (up and down) are based on LOA and range from a minimum of \$300 (up to 40’) to \$420 (60’). Add 90¢/ft over 60’.
- **Fuel:** Both diesel and gasoline are available (\$1.65/gallon). Yacht club rules forbid bringing fuel from the outside onto the marina property.
- **Toilets/Showers:** Men’s and women’s toilets are available behind the marina office and also in the marina club house. Men’s and women’s hot water showers are modern and clean and located in the marina club house. Shower keys are available from the club house reception desk and a \$5 refundable key deposit is required.
- **Restaurant:** The club restaurant, “Gaviota”, serves breakfast, lunch and dinner at reasonable prices. Note that menu prices do **not** include 12% IVA or 10% service charge. Hours are:
 - 8am-6PM Mon-Thurs
 - 8am-8PM Fri-Sat
 - 7am-8PM Sunday

During the busy season, the restaurant stays open later.

- **Other Amenities**
 - [The marina is part of a private club, so marina users only have access to the bar and restaurant \(La Gaviota\); the rest, such as the swimming pool, is off limits, but arrangements can be made to use it.](#) The Club requests that proper attire and behavior be maintained at all times while using these facilities as they are shared with club members. The Club reserves the right to limit accessibility during busy times and to deny use of the facilities to boats which do not adhere to dress code and behavior standards.
 - A well-equipped gym is also available with modern equipment, locker rooms and saunas for a fee of \$10/person/day.
 - Hotel rooms are available; ask at Recepcion for availability and rates.
 - Frozen foods can be stored in the restaurant freezer upon request.

- **Rules for Visitors**

- Yacht Club rules specify that all visitors must be registered at the gate in advance and provide identification upon arrival.

- **General Information:**

- Dockside depths vary, but the average depth is 3 meters MLW; contact the marina office to address specific concerns.
- Tidal changes range about 1-2.4 meters.
- [Sewage cannot be discharged on the hard or in the water.](#)

- **Contact Information:**

- Phone: 593-4-278-3180/3189/3190/3201
- Fax: [593-4-278-3180/3189/3190/3201 Ext. 407](#)
- Email: marina@puertolucia.com.ec
- Website: www.puertolucia.com.ec

4. Laundry: PLYC has convenient laundry services available (wash/dry/fold), at reasonable prices (30¢/lb). You can leave your laundry at Recepcion. There are several lavanderias, one at Seven Corners in Libertad and another on the main road to Salinas. Usual costs are ~\$1.00/kilo for wash/dry/fold, their soap. For a small charge (\$1), the Salinas lavanderia will deliver the clean laundry back to the yacht club.

5. Internet: Internet is available near Recepcion. Ask for current rates. Otherwise, the closest internet café is TelcoNet in the El Paseo Shopping Mall at \$1.80/hour. There are several smaller internet cafes in LaLibertad Centro or along the way which come and go and range in price from \$.50-\$1.00 per hour.

6. Telephone: There is a public phone near Recepcion, for local and international calls. Phone cards may be purchased at Recepcion. Check there for current phone rates. Phone booths for international calling are also available at TelcoNet in the El Paseo Shopping Mall, however right next door is Cabinas Telephonicas (with a Bell South sign) which has phone booths for both international as well as local calling. Rates here are fairly reasonable prices (25¢/minute to the U.S.).

The area code for Ecuador is 593. When dialing a number in Ecuador and outside of the LaLibertad area, a city code is required and these are usually posted by the phone booth. The city code for Guayaquil is 4 and for Quito is 2.

7. Shopping

- **El Paseo Shopping Mall** is about ½ mile walk from the marina. It is beautiful, modern, clean and has most everything a cruiser might need (other than boat parts) including a HiperMarket aka MiComisariato (large, well-stocked grocery store; hardware store; department store combination); Payless Shoes; Multi-cinema; photo processing; jewelry store; pharmacy; internet/phone; bank; ATMs; food court; hair salon; optical center; Dollar store; stationery/card store; office supplies; sporting goods; clothing stores. See more specific information under Groceries and specific items for purchase. See also Grocery Stores and Markets.
- **Downtown LaLibertad** has a wide assortment of shops along 9 de Octubre and Calle Quayaquil

8. Medical

- **Hospital:** Hospital Alcivar La Peninsula is located right across from El Paseo; they have ambulance service and a trauma center; the consulting/dispensing pharmacist is quite helpful. There have been several cruisers treated for a range of emergencies and maladies. We found their staff and services to be excellent, modern and efficacious.
- **Dentist:**
 - In Guayaquil, Dr. Medardo Roman Piedrahita, Centro Medico Cedipe, Cdla. Kennedy, Francisco Boloña 610 y la 10ma. Of 201. Tel: 2280359 has been recommended.
 - In Guayaquil, Clinica Dental Ambrossi, Dra. Natly Amrossi, Cdla. Albatros: Miguel H. Alcivar #345 y Av. C.L. Dañin in Plaza Dañin. Tel: 2399348, 2392496 email: natalyambrosi@hotmail.com. She speaks English and has been recommended.
 - La Libertad, Dra. Gladys Morales, Calle 23 at 4^{ta} Av
- **Pharmacy:** There are several “farmacias” in LaLibertad including one at El Paseo Shopping, one next to SuperMaxi and one in the Alcivar Hospital across from El Paseo.
- **Doctors:** Hospital Alcivar has a full range of general practice and specialty physicians with scheduled appointments. Quality of service and care there has been excellent. Make appointments at the hospital reception desk.
- **Glasses/eye exams:** There is an optical center at El Paso Shopping Mall. This is no bargain, but is convenient; glasses are made in Guayaquil and usually sent back within a week. Eye exams are available. Downtown LaLibertad: There is an optical center on Avenida de 9 Octubre past CLP and on the same side of the street. The most notable bargain is at Optica Sanchez in Cuenca which is very modern and professional. A pair of progressive invisible lens bifocals list at \$50.

15. Buses: There are local buses and long distance buses available in LaLibertad.

- Local buses usually cost 20-30¢ each and run from downtown LaLibertad throughout the city to Salinas and other towns on the Santa Elena peninsula. The buses can easily be flagged down. Ask the driver as you board whether your destination is serviced by his particular bus.
- Long distance buses include the following:
 - CLP, Costa Azul and Liberpesa buses all leave for Guayaquil from a single downtown station about every 5-10 minutes between about 4am and 8pm daily. (~2½ hour ride) \$3.00/person.
 - Trans Esmeraldas offers one bus per day (9:30pm) directly to Quito from their own downtown terminal (10-11 hour ride) \$8.00/person. Schedules change...check before leaving.
 - Mini Terminal Terrestre (see map) and offers regular bus service to locations on the peninsular and north up the Ruta del Sol.

16. Provisioning and Grocery Stores:

- **MiComisariato** is part of the HiperMarket located in the El Paseo Shopping mall. It is clean, bright, modern and well-stocked. They accept Visa and Master Card with passport identification. You can buy a shopping card (\$30) good for one year which affords a few cents discount on most items sold in the grocery store. If you plan to be in port for any length of time, it might be worthwhile. For large provisioning excursions, cabs wait outside the mall and will drive you back to the marina for \$1. Store hours are 10AM – 8PM daily including Sundays.
- **SuperMaxi** is located on the road to Salinas and is about 2-3 miles from the marina. Though walkable, it is more easily accessed by cab, bus or ruta cab. This store is also modern, clean and well-stocked and a bit more upscale than MiComisariato. They also offer a shopping card. Store hours vary with the season.
- The LaLibertad **fresh market** is located off Calle Guayaquil and operates daily. They offer fresh produce, meat, eggs and a variety of household items at prices significantly less than the grocery stores. Quality varies. The fish market located just southeast of the fresh market offers fresh fish and shrimp.
- Any number of small tiendas, including one on the way to El Paseo, offer basics such as water, beer, bread, colas, etc.

17. Restaurants

- **PLYC “Gaviota”** – the marina restaurant is convenient and provides a breakfast/lunch/dinner menu at reasonable prices. See PLYC for more information.
- **El Paseo Food Court** offers several fast food alternatives with an attractive, clean eating area. Included are KFC (by far the busiest of them all), Rock’n’Roll (hamburger joint), Comidas de Victor (local Ecuadorian food), pizza, Chinese food, seafood, ice cream, pastry shop, Italian.
- **Farallón Dillon** – A 10-minute cab ride to Ballenita east of LaLibertad, the restaurant offers an intriguing nautical museum and an owner with fascinating tales from captaining ships up and down the South American coast. Fabulous view. Well known and shown on the “Ruta del Sol” map for tourists; \$\$
- **Un Lugar Casi Perfecto** – A cruiser favorite! Located about two blocks east of El Paseo on the main road, this little local restaurant offers very friendly service and a fairly diverse breakfast, lunch and dinner menu with very reasonable prices which include IVA.
- **CC Buenaventura:** At the top of the hill on Calle Guayaquil, offers a large outdoor food court (Patio de Comidas) serving breakfast, lunch and dinners, both fixed and a la carte.
- **Downtown Salinas**
 - There are several restaurants along the Malecon in downtown Salinas including a Dunkin’ Donuts. Expect slightly higher prices.
 - For a real treat, try the Sunday brunch at the Hotel Miramar at \$11/person. Bring a towel and a swimsuit and use their pool for the day.
 - The Amazon on the Malecon has been recommended. Ipanema offers good paella.

18. Electronic Parts and Repair: There are several shops around town advertising electronic parts and repair, however we have no experience with any of them. VG Electronica (Tel: 098155000) is recommended by Stewart Yacht Services.

19. Rigging: Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information.

20. Marine Mechanic: Jaime; Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information

21. Stainless/Aluminum Welding & Repair:

- **Taller Emergencia** right next the El Paseo Mall offers good quality, on-time, reasonably priced welding services. He makes “house calls” and is dependable. Agree on prices first, especially for house calls, since there may be a minimum charge to transport all of his equipment to the marina.
- **Taller Technico (Pancho)** does machining and stainless welding, but tends to be expensive.

22. Hardware Stores:

There are several small “ferreterias” in downtown Libertad and on the main road to Libertad. In general, if you can bring a sample of what you’re looking for, you’ll have a much better chance of finding it. If a store doesn’t have it, they’ll probably be able to tell you where to get it. Ask them to write down the name of the store & location.

- **Ferrisariato** is part of the HiperMarket at El Paseo Shopping Mall and offers a wide variety of hardware, paints, plumbing parts, marine plywood, etc.
- **Aquarius Repuestos** – Auto light bulbs & parts, downtown
- **Technicolor** – paint, stain, sand paper
- **Solis** has three separate stores including a full-line ferreteria, a paint store and a stock metal store all in the same vicinity.

23. Machine Shops:

- **Taller Guerrero** does machining and welding. Work has been satisfactory.
- **Taller Technico (Pancho)** does machining and stainless welding, but tends to be expensive.

24. Sail Repair: Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information.

25. Haircuts Men/Women: There is a unisex hair salon in the mall; there are several peluquerias (hair salon/barbers) in downtown LaLibertad.

26. Keys Made – Hiper Market at El Paseo; also the bicycle shop at the top of the hill on Calle Guayaquil in downtown LaLibertad.

27. Bicycle parts & repair – “Repuestos MG” at the top of the hill on Calle Guayaquil

28. Refrigeration – Consult Stewart Yacht Services; also Colonel for refrigeration gases and some parts; **Angloecuatoriana** (Guayaquil) for compressors and repairs.

29. Veterinarian – Polyclinico Veterinario, Dra. Maria Paz Mora; provides check-ups, shots, International Health Certificates. Mixed reviews from some cruisers, we found her adequate for yearly cat check-up. Tel: 2784362. By appointment or walk-in or she will come to the marina for a “boat call”.

30. Pets/Pet Sitting

- Dogs are not welcome at PLYC; cats are fine if they stay on your boat. There are a number of feral boatyard cats that should be kept away from your animals. The boatyard cats can and do climb ladders!
- The marina guys (especially Andres) are a good option for pet sitting and usually get about \$7.00/week for a daily check, watering, feeding and litter cleaning.

31. **Air Conditioning:** Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information

32. **Banks/ATMs** – There is a Banco de Guayquil at El Paseo; there are 4 ATMs in the Mall (one inside the Hiper Market and one in the Food Court and 2 within the Mall); there are several banks and ATMs in downtown LaLibertad. Note that currently the ATM in the food court (Banco del Pinchincha) does not charge a transaction fee, but the others do (\$1.50).

33. **Hose & Hose Fittings:** Some hose available at El Paseo. Also try Perni Acero and Solis.

34. **Batteries:** There are several shops in downtown Libertad specializing in batteries. For gels or deep discharge, contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information

35. **Booze** – There are some licorerias in downtown LaLibertad, but the grocery stores sell wines, beer and liquor as well. Prices for boxed Chilean wine is about \$2.50/liter. Bottled wine runs \$5+ on the average. Beer (Pilsener, Club, Clausen & Dorada) in cans runs \$8+/case. Hard liquor is not a bargain, but it’s not outrageous either. E.g. 750 ml:

Rum(local) \$2.25 Vodka: \$4.25 Scotch (JWRed): \$16+

36. Chemicals:

- **Quimicos** (chemicals) - there are a couple of these tiendas (the signs just read “quimicos”) in the same area which carry nitric acid, glass cloth, boric acid, resins and other chemicals.
- **Sufox**, a local brand name rust remover, works great and is available in the Paint Department of MiComisariato.

- **Secreto de Abuelito (Grandma's Secret)** is available at MiComisariato and is a good remedy for cockroaches as well as a preventative. Look near the insecticides.

37. **Computer Repair:** There are computer repair shops in Libertad, but we have no experience with them. A trip to Guayaquil is probably your best bet or contact Stewart Yacht Services for recommendations. Note that most shops charge for an evaluation whether they fix the problem or not. Ask in advance.

38. **Copies** – Libreria Libertad has a large, pink sign and is located on Avenida 9 de Octubre. They offer good copy services at about 5¢/copy for standard size. They also do binding and have the capacity to copy large charts (when toner is available). Otherwise, large copies can be done in Santa Elena across from the Church or in Guayaquil. (See Guayaquil section). For small jobs, many local shops offer 3¢ copies.

39. **Currency** – Standard currency of Ecuador is the US \$.

40. Customs/Immigration/Port Captain

- Customs (Corporacion Aduana Ecuatorina CAE) is located on Ave. 9 de Octubre in Libertad and *sometimes* charges \$40 for boats entering from foreign countries.
- Immigration (Migracion) is located in downtown LaLibertad in a small second-floor office. There is a sign, but it's hard to read. The office is right next door to the TransEsmeraldas bus station. They can check you in and out, but cannot provide extensions; extensions must be requested in Guayaquil or Quito.
- The Port Captain's office (Capitanía) is located on the main road in downtown Salinas and is well marked. The hours are about 9am-4pm although the port captain is not always available. The cab drivers know where it is (\$2-3 cab ride).

41. Department Stores

- There are several specialty shops in El Paseo, but the **Rio Store** in the HiperMarket is best for general items like linens, housewares, pillows, t-shirts, etc. Also several small shops in downtown LaLibertad especially on Calle Guayaquil offer plastic ware, housewares, etc.
- **LaBamba** at the top of Calle Guayaquil at the entrance to the fresh market has a good selection of plastic ware including heavy duty crates, plastic storage containers, crates and fuel jerry jugs.
- Note that the Malls in Guayaquil rival any in the U.S.

42. **Dinghy repair/ services** – Stewart Yacht Services

43. **Dive tanks: EcoDive**, Salinas; PLYC has a compressor to fill tanks; ask Andres. Stewart Yacht Services can also arrange hydro services in Guayaquil.
44. **Electrical repair** - Stewart Yacht Services
45. **Epoxy & Resins** are hard to find in Ecuador. Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information. Sometimes George has extra he will sell to you.
46. **Fiberglass & Repairs:** Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information
47. **Faxes** – You can send and receive faxes at PLYC. Receiving is free and sending is the cost of the phone call. Stewart Yacht Services may also be used for faxes: receiving is free; sending is approximately \$3 depending on length and destination.
48. **Hotels:** There is a modern hotel at the yacht club which may have availability. Ask at Reception. There are also several hotels near the yacht club which can accommodate extra guests or provide a place to stay while boat work is being done. Hosteria Costa de Oro on the way to the Mall is a clean, friendly place and charges \$10/person/night. For longer stays, ask around the neighborhood outside the PLYC gates; many times low cost monthly rentals are available. Hotel Costa de Oro and Hotel Valdivia are also close and rooms range \$40+/night.
49. **Importing to Ecuador:** FEDX has worked fine for mail and DHL for parts. There are courier services available. Ask Stewart Yacht Services for current recommendations. UPS in Guayaquil has experienced problems in the past.
50. **IVA (Taxes)** The 12% IVA (sales tax) is levied on almost everything you buy including most groceries, restaurant meals, hotel rooms, yacht services. Ask in advance to determine if the tax is included or not when a price is quoted.
51. **Life Raft Certification** – Available in Guayaquil through Stewart Yacht Services.
52. **Local crafts:**
 - There are several kiosks in downtown Salinas which sell crafts and souvenirs. The best market in all of Ecuador (in our estimation) is the Saturday market in Otavalo, north of Quito. There is also a good-sized Artisan's Market in Guayaquil.
 - There is a small shop "Genesis" just around the corner from Casi Perfecto which has excellent tagua carvings and spondylus (local shell) jewelry at great prices... well worth the trip. Watch the artisans at work and check out Panchito the owl.
53. **Mosquito Netting** Mosquitoes can be a real issue here. Good mosquito netting can be purchased at the shops going up the hill on Calle Guayaquil in downtown LaLibertad.

54. **Nightlife**

- **Choclo**, on the Malecon in Salinas, has been recommended. The owner/bartender speaks English and has quite a repertoire of jokes. Things get going around 10pm.

55. **O-rings, Gaskets** – Hardware store at “Seven Corners”; also Perni Acero

56. **Outboard Motors/Diesel engines** – Jaime – he can be contacted thru Stewart Yacht Services.

57. **Paints/Varnish** - Local varnish and polyurethane can be purchased at the hardware store in the Hiper Market, El Paseo. There are several paint stores available in LaLibertad, consult the map. Sigma bottom paint (anti-fouling) is available in Guayaquil; see the Guayaquil section at the end of this guide. Contact Stewart Yacht Services for further information on painting and varnishing services.

58. **Panama Hats** – There is a kiosk in El Paseo and a couple of shops in Salinas and LaLibertad which sell “Sombreros Panama”, all of which are made in Ecuador including the ones you purchase in Panama. The best place for purchasing quality hats is in Cuenca or Montecristi.

59. **Post Office** – Correo del Ecuador (CDE) is located one block from the Miramar Hotel in Salinas on the street one block in from the Malecon. There is no CDE in LaLibertad. There is also a CDE located in the bus terminal in Guayaquil.

60. **Sightseeing** – PLYC makes a great base and secure place to leave your boat while you tour Ecuador and other South American countries. Get “Lonely Planet” Guides and take off. The bus system will take you virtually anywhere. The Yacht Club office has a file of Cruiser’s Inland Travel Notes available for review or copying.

61. **Stainless, Aluminum, Metals** – Super Hierro Metia offers metal stock including stainless, bronze, steel, and zinc.

62. **Theaters/Movies** There is a multiplex movie theater at El Paseo which plays currently released movies. The cost is \$2.60/person during the week and slightly higher on weekends. **NOTE:** From time to time, MiComisariato gives 2 for 1 coupons with grocery purchases which are good on specified days for a specific period of time. Movies and movie times change on Fridays. The popcorn is great!

63. **Wood/Lumber**

There are several places selling wood in LaLibertad.

- **Ferrisariato** at the HiperMarket in El Paseo sells marine grade plywood.
- **Maderera Tungurahua** – hardwoods including teak

- **Edimca Plywood** – marine grade plywood
64. **Mail/Shipping (out of Ecuador):** Cards, letters and packages sent via CDE made it fine to the U.S., but it's not cheap. Post card to U.S. = 60¢.
 65. **Mast work / unstepping** – PLYC has a crane and can unstep your mast. Contact the marina office and/or Stewart Yacht Services for further information.
 66. **Bottom cleaning** – Contract a local diver through the marina office or Stewart Yacht Services for further information.
 67. **Gases, Industrial** – AGA Gases on Avenida 12 (the road to Guayaquil) offers oxygen, acetylene, nitrogen, etc. There is also another outlet near Banco del Pacifico in downtown LaLibertad.
 68. **Alternator Repair** - El Dinamo has been recommended **for** alternator and small motor repair.

Guayaquil Bits and Pieces

Many things not available in LaLibertad are a bus ride away in Guayaquil. There are city maps available for Guayaquil in most hotels in Guayaquil and also in the Lonely Planet Guide. Below is a short list of vendors and services compiled by cruisers. Please note that any shop or service provider you use outside of the PLYC should be monitored constantly. Stay with the repair until it is done.

- **Artisan's Market** (El Mercado de Artesania) – Loja & Moreno, open daily.
- **AquaPro S.A.** – Watermakers, but there are problems importing parts due to Customs costs. aquapro@telconet.com; Address: Chile 2815 y Venezuela
- **Talleres Unidos "Cevallos"** – Mechanical services; crude prop shop; can weld and machine any bronze. Address: Eloy Alfaro No. 1702 entre Argentina y Gral. Gomez. Tel: 240-0954.
- **Casilva** – Stainless steel and other metal stock. Eloy Alfaro 1410 y Letamendi. Tel: 2405151/2402624.
- **Mundo Marino** – Diving and fishing stuff; address: Argentina 200 y Eloy Alfaro
- **Navser Ltda** – Good assortment of marine supplies including 5200, Raycor filters, hoses; address: San Martin 302 y Chile Tel: 240-4736, 241-5751, 2409-1526, 240-1528; email: mundomarinogquilecu@hotmail.com.

- **Pescaequipos s.a.** – Fishing supplies; address: Eloy Alfaro 1816 entre San Martin y Latamundi
- **Resortec Industria** – Stainless tempered work including cotter pins, springs of all sorts; will make custom items on short notice. Address: Aguirre 1419 y Jose de Antepara.
- **Torres Rosello** – Starter motors, bearings, brushes including sales and repair; the owners, Mark and Nilda, both speak excellent English and are very helpful to cruisers. Machala 918 y 9 de Octubre. Tel: 2328815/2322261/2526831/2526859.
- **Provedora Pesquera de Brisa** – Sampson yacht braid; Campbell chain; fenders. Address: Coronel 1619 y Portele.
- **La Casa del Cable** – All types of electric cable/wire. Baquerizo Moreno 1114 y 9 de Octubre. Some English is spoken. Tel: 2305465.
- **Ecuanoobel S.A.** – Sigma bottom paint (~\$16/liter including tax sold in 5 or 20 liter cans). Km 10 via Daule, Atras Colegio Leonidas Garcia. Tel: 2110846/2110531/2111182/2111147. This is several miles outside town and requires a taxi.
- **DocuCentro** for copies including large chart size (~\$1.30 each). There are several throughout Guayaquil, but we found the most convenient to be:
 - Corner of Ycaza & Cordova
 - Garcia Moreno y 9 de Octubre across the street from Hotel Oro Verde (Have a great snack at the hotel's Deli Gourmet while waiting for your copies!).
- **McDonalds's** – If you need a fix, there's one on the Malecon 2000. There's also a Burger King in Mall del Sol.
- **Salon China**, good Chinese food, very clean; just out the door and left from Hotel Alexander.
- **Centro Viajero** – Travel agents; Karen and Douglas speak English; airline tix, travel info and packages to Galapagos. Tel: 2301283/2564064. Email: centrovi@telconet.net. Baquerizo Moreno 1119 at 9 de Octubre, Office 805, 8th Fl.
- **Hotels**
 - **Hotel Oro Verde**, Garcia Morena y 9 de Octubre. Expensive, considered the best hotel in Guayaquil. Ask Marisol Stewart to make the reservation for you at a considerably discounted rate (~\$85/night). Tel: 2327999. Website: www.orooverdehotels.com.

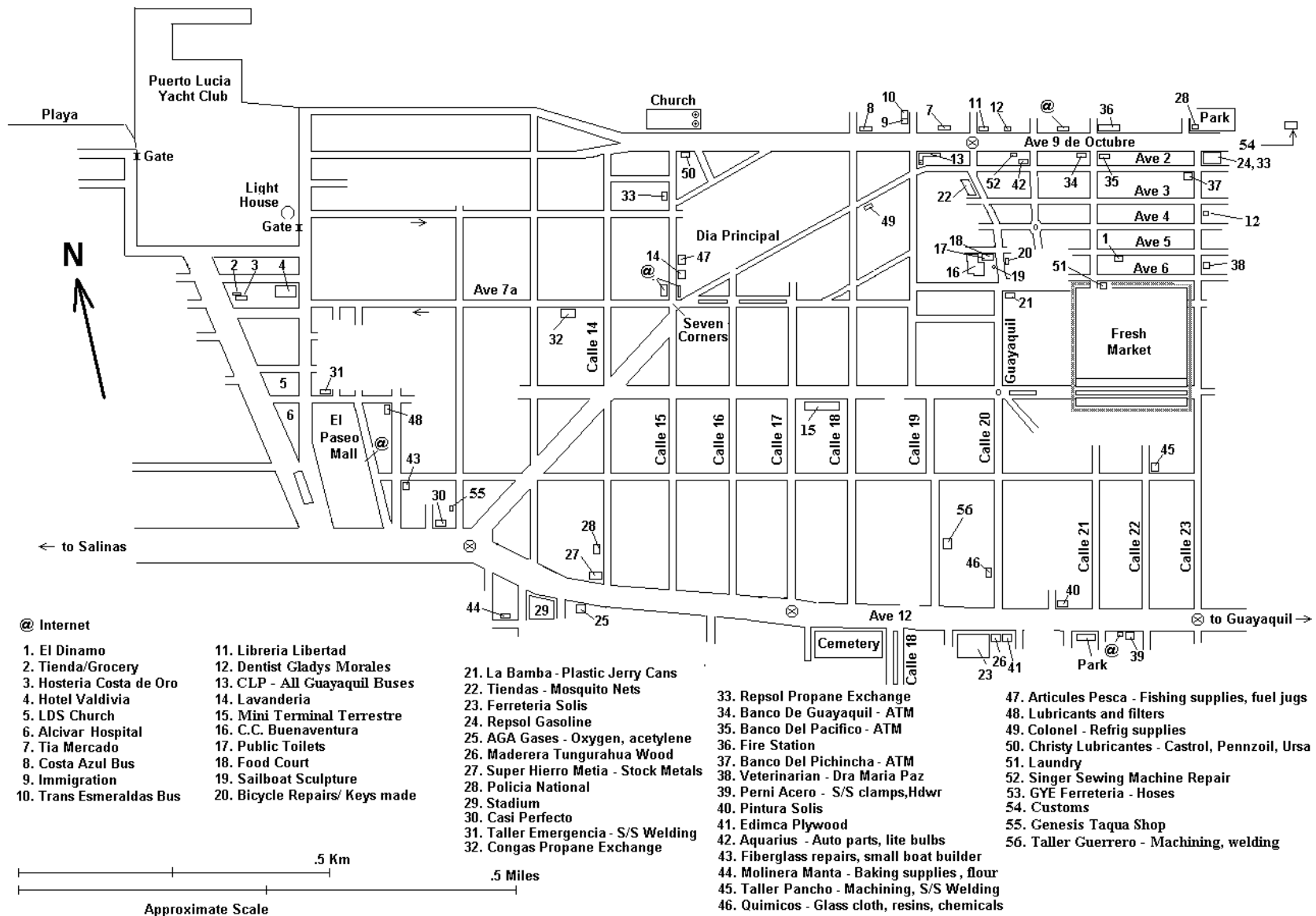
- **Hotel Alexander**, businessman's hotel, has A/C, hot water, restaurant, ~\$28/night/double; near Parque Centenario at Luque 1107 y Avenida Quito. Tel: 2532000/2532651. Email: hotelalexander@hotmail.com.
- Also check out the Sheraton & Hilton for online internet specials sometimes as low as \$50/night with breakfast!
- **Malls**
 - **Mall del Sol**, near the airport; modern, lots of upscale stores
 - **Policentro**, in the Kennedy suburb has a Radio Shack; there is also a post office on the second floor mezzanine level.

*This guide has been compiled for the benefit of our fellow cruisers by Marcie and David Lynn, s/v **Nine of Cups**, with contributions from s/v Cosmos, s/v Puppeteer and s/v Sea Host. The map was plotted and created by David Lynn, s/v Nine of Cups. Last, but not least, the disclaimer: **All information is true and correct to the best of our knowledge, but the environment in Ecuador is fluid. All things are subject to change without notice.***

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