

## South Africa: Cape Town

### Pilotage Information

**Charts** 4148 South Africa, west coasts:  
Approaches to Table Bay

1846 Table Bay

**Pilots** South African Almanac (Morgan)  
South African Cruising Notes

### Entry Requirements

After mooring, yachts must visit the Immigration and Customs offices ashore. Immigration is located on the 5th floor of the State Warehouse near to the Cape Town International Conference Centre on the Waterfront.

The Customs office is located at 22 Hans Strijdom Avenue (use the entrance on the corner of Long Avenue). A taxi may be the best option from both RCYC or V&A Waterfront.

### General

Cape Town, the gateway to South Africa, is one of the most evocative cities in the world thanks to its unique position at the tip of Africa separating the Atlantic and Indian oceans; its varied colonial history and its position close to the region's best wineries.

Cape Town provides the setting for many scenic wonders, from mountainous views to sandy beaches, colonial farmsteads and buzzing urban nightlife, there is something for everyone. And, as the home to South African sports from football to rugby and cricket, there is always some top-class sport to experience and cheer along to.

With a huge area of the city set to receive visitors the nightlife is a vibrant and enjoyable experience. Every type of live music is available from dance and European styles through to Zulu and Xhosa music.

Cape Town is a city of culture, built on a history that reflects in the architecture, cuisine, music and dance. Together with a warm summer and temperate winter climate and a friendly community, the Western Cape and the Mother City are an ideal destination throughout the year.

### Don't Miss

**Two Oceans Aquarium:** With the aquatic mix of two oceans meeting close by, the underwater life is very varied.

**Table Mountain Cable Car:** The exhilarating ascent of Table Mountain in the cable car is a definite must for any visitor. Even the locals are awed time and again by the 360° view of Cape Town. The cable car was first opened in 1929 and today conveys some 600,000 people to the summit annually. On the summit there is a restaurant and a souvenir shop, from which letters bearing the Table Mountain postmark can be sent. Short walks from the cable station take visitors through the splendour of the flora of Table Mountain, framed by the surrounding azure of the Atlantic Ocean. Cheaper entry to the cable car is available after 1800, or walk up for free.

**Robben Island:** Named after the seals that congregate there and an amazing place to see Great White sharks. Also famous as both a leper colony and later the prison that Nelson Mandela was held in for twenty-five years.

### Mooring

There are two main mooring options in Cape Town:

**1. Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC)** marina, located in the south eastern corner of the commercial port. Facilities include a boatyard, chandlery, showers, restaurants and bars. Larger yachts may need to moor at the Waterfront marina. E: [reception@rcyc.co.za](mailto:reception@rcyc.co.za) W: [www.rcyc.co.za](http://www.rcyc.co.za)

**2. V&A Waterfront** marina in the western end of the port. Part of a major tourist and shopping development, with full facilities for visiting yachts. E: [yachtoffice@waterfront.co.za](mailto:yachtoffice@waterfront.co.za) W: [www.waterfront.co.za](http://www.waterfront.co.za) T: 408 7833





## Travel Information

### Airports

**Cape Town International Airport** is 20km east of the city centre, with domestic and international connections. W: [www.capetown-airport.com](http://www.capetown-airport.com)

### Buses

There are two major bus services:

**Greyhound** T: 021 5056363 W: [www.greyhound.co.za](http://www.greyhound.co.za)

**Intercap Mainliner** T: 021 3804400 W: [www.intercape.co.za](http://www.intercape.co.za)

### Car Rental

**Avis** 123 Strand St. City Bowl. T: 086 1021111, W: [www.avis.co.za](http://www.avis.co.za)

**Hertz** Cnr Loop & Strand Streets, City Bowl. T: 021 4009650, W: [www.herts.co.za](http://www.herts.co.za)

**Café Vespa** (scooter rental). 108 Kloof St, Tamboerskloof. T: 021 426 5042

### Taxis

For yachts berthed at RCYC, taxis are the best way of getting into the city, or to the Waterfront.

**Marine Taxi** T: 021 434 0434

**SA Cab** T: 0861 172222

**Unicab Taxis** T: 021 447 4402

**Excite Taxis** T: 012 448 4444

### Train

Metro trains run all around the city and the surrounding area. T: 0800 656463 W: [www.metrorail.co.za](http://www.metrorail.co.za)



## A to Z of What's on Shore

### Accommodation

See online accommodation listings, including [www.capetown.travel](http://www.capetown.travel) and [www.capestay.co.za](http://www.capestay.co.za)

### Chandlery

**Action Yachting** at the RCYC T: 021 419 4835  
W: [www.action-yachting.co.za](http://www.action-yachting.co.za) E: [actyot@iafrica.com](mailto:actyot@iafrica.com)

**Central Boating** 85 Bree Street T: 021 424 8026 E: [info@centralboating.co.za](mailto:info@centralboating.co.za) W: [www.centralboating.co.za](http://www.centralboating.co.za)

### Book Exchange

In the RCYC Club House.

### Dentist

There are dentists in the V&W Waterfront, including **Dr Bertu de Milander** T: 021 418 2668 and **Dr Derrick Willer** T: 021 421 1140 W: [www.waterfront.co.za](http://www.waterfront.co.za)

### Diving

**Diving and Yachting Services** T: 021 418 2110

**Table Bay Diving** Quay 5, V&A Waterfront T: 021 419 8822 W: [www.tablebaydiving.com](http://www.tablebaydiving.com)

### Doctors / Hospital

Doctors in the V&A Waterfront, including:

**Dr Anthony John Bisset** T: 021 418 2720

**Medi Travel International** T: 021 419 1886

W: [www.waterfront.co.za](http://www.waterfront.co.za)

Cape Town also has some excellent private hospitals.

Emergency ambulance T: 10177

### Electricity

220/230V 50Hz electricity available.

### Fuel

Fuel is available from the fuel dock at **RCYC marina** or the dock in front of Customs House.

### Gas (Cooking)

**Action Yachting** at RCYC (see Chandlery) or contact **Yacht Management Services** (see Boat yard) who can arrange pick ups daily.

### Hardware Store

If **Action Yachting** (see Chandlery) or the marina boatyards can't help, then there are many large and small hardware stores in the city.

### Ice

**Action Yachting** at RCYC (see Chandlery).

### Internet

RCYC bar has WiFi, as does V&A Waterfront. Many bars and cafes with wifi in the Waterfront mall.

### Laundry

**Action Yachting** at RCYC (see Chandlery) can arrange laundry, and there are self-service machines in **RCYC** and **V&A Waterfront** marinas.

### Mail

Mail can be posted to the **V&A Waterfront** marina. Ensure World ARC and your boat's name is clearly marked. Mail to: V&A Waterfront Marina, West Quay Building, West Quay Road, Waterfront, Cape Town, 8001.

### Markets

**Greenmarket Square** is Cape Town's most famous market, and only a short taxi ride from the marinas. It is a good place to buy African souvenirs.

### Pharmacy

There are several pharmacies in the V&A Waterfront, including **Vitacare Pharmacy** T: 021 425 2426 and **Table Bay Pharmacy** T: 021 418 4558.

### Post Office

**General Post Office** Parliament St, City Bowl. T: 021 4641700 Open Mon-Fri 0800–1630.

The Waterfront marina and RCYC also have postal services available.

### Rubbish/Garbage

Facilities at each marina.

### Restaurants

There are over 80 restaurants in the V&A Waterfront [www.waterfront.co.za](http://www.waterfront.co.za) and lots more in the city. [www.capetown.travel](http://www.capetown.travel) Book ahead for Christmas, New Year and weekends.

### Supermarkets

**Pick n Pay** and other supermarkets along St George's Mall in the city centre.

### Sports Facilities

**Virgin Active** fitness clubs can offer day or month memberships. W: [www.virginactive.co.za](http://www.virginactive.co.za)

### Telephones

Pay phones: Calling cards for Telekom public phone booths are available in kiosks and corner shops as well as the information centre at V&A Waterfront.

### Tourist Office

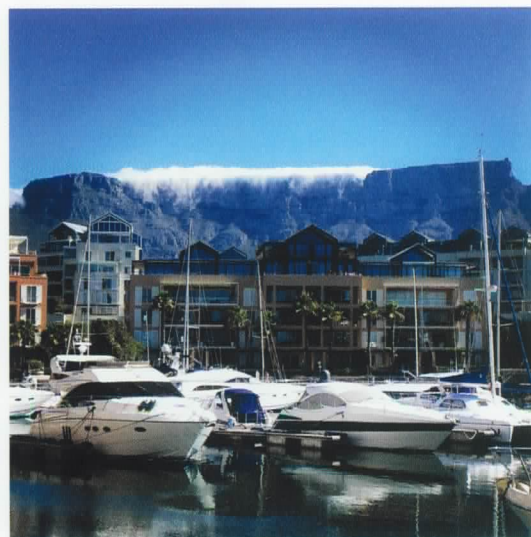
There is a tourist office in the V&A Waterfront and information in the RCYC. W: [www.capetown.travel](http://www.capetown.travel) for the official tourist information

### Water

Drinking water on the docks at both marinas.

### Yacht Club

**Royal Cape Yacht Club** (RCYC) Small Craft Basin, Duncan Basin, Table Bay Harbour T: 021 421 6028 W: [www.rcyc.co.za](http://www.rcyc.co.za). Full facilities for visiting yachts, including moorings, boatyard, laundry, library and bars and a restaurant. Free membership for the first month.





## A to Z of Repair Services

### Boatyard

**Yacht Management Services** Zandra Dixon E: info@yachtmanagement.co.za T: 82 976 5719 W: www.yachtmanagement.co.za

**Diving and Yachting Services** T: 021 418 2110.

**Action Yachting** at the RCYC offers a full range of repair services. (see Chandlery).

### Electrical and Electronics

**Central Boating** 85 Bree Street. T: 021 4248026 E: david@centralboating.co.za

**DH Auto Marine Electrical** T: 021 552 4952 www.dhmarine-electrical.com

**Radio Holland South Africa** 16 Paarden Eiland Road T: 021 508 4700.

### Fibreglass/GRP Repair

**Action Yachting** (see Chandlery).

**NCS Resins** T: 021 592 1375.

### Haulout

**RCYC** 18 ton crane lift and 40 ton slipway hoist. The Waterfront marina can also arrange haulouts.

### Liferaft and Inflatables Servicing

**Royal Inflatables** T: 021 951 1304 E: roz@royalgroup.co.za

### Mechanical

**Action Yachting** (see Boatyard)

### Refrigeration

**Flagship Engineering** 107 West Side Studios, corner Buitengracht & Bloem St. T: 083 517 1806 E: jpswanpoel@absmail.co.za

### Rigging

**Sparcraft ZA** 22 Bolt Avenue, Montague Gardens T: 021 555 3470

**Associated Rigging** Duncan Road, Cape Town Harbour (just outside Royal Cape Yacht Club) Office T: 021 510 6055 M: 082 573 2182. E: warren@associatedrigging.co.za W: www.associatedrigging.co.za

### Sail Repairs

**Parasailor SA** T: 021 689 5057 W: www.parasailor.co.za

**Quantum Sails** 491 Voortrekker Road, Maitland T: 021 593 1620 W: www.quantumsails.co.za

### Watermakers

**Flagship Engineering** (see Refrigeration).

### Welding / Metalwork

**Mike Hemmings** T: 021 556 0619, M: 0832514327.

