

# Red Ranger

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## The Bahamas on *Red Ranger*

There isn't much to it, really. We'll be anchored in the Bahamas, long before your arrival. You just need to bring a few things.

- Hat with a chin strap or clip to keep it on your head in the tropical breeze,
- Sunglasses,
- Non-marking shoes or flip-flops,
- Sunblock,
- Small soft-sided luggage (mostly bathing suits and T-shirts,)
- Your snorkel or dive gear (and C-Card,)
- Your reading material for the bad weather days,
- Your favorite sea-sickness medication,
- Your passport.

We'll provide the boat, the food, the water and other beverages that are available in the islands. Some things are hard to find in the Bahamas, so we can't promise all the comforts of home. Other things like sand, sea, and sun are plentiful.

You can do as much (or as little) sailing as you're comfortable with. We can handle the boat, so you don't need to. But if you want to haul lines and tackle the big swells of Tongue of the Ocean or the Exumas Sound, we can do that, too.

## About *Red Ranger*

- 42' Double-Headsail Ketch.
- Built by Whitby Boat Works in 1982.
- Sail number 188.
- 80 HP Ford Lehman diesel engine.
- Powered cruising range of 450 nm.
- 200 gallons fresh water.
- Double berth forward.
- Double berth in the saloon.
- Double berth aft.
- Two heads, 40 gallon holding tank.
- GPS Chartplotter.
- Three VHF Radios.
- Four anchors.
- All Coast Guard required safety items:  
Life Jackets, Fire Extinguishers, Flares,  
Audible and Visual Signals.

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Downtown Nassau. Bright Lights. A premier cruise-ship destination port.

If you want to visit an urban environment, we can rendezvous in Nassau. For the ultimate in comfort and convenience, we'll take a slip at one of the many marinas there, and use that as a home base for day sails out into the Bahamas banks.

There are snorkeling and diving opportunities on *Red Ranger* as well as the various dive and snorkel sight-seeing businesses in Nassau.

In addition to day sailing, we can overnight to Allens Cay or one of the northern Exumas islands.

Air travel to and from Nassau is generally simple. Once you've cleared customs, you can take a taxi to the marina.



The ultimate in remote, natural splendor is the Exumas Cay Land and Sea Park (ECLSP). This is isolated, natural wilderness with no amenities, but spectacular diving, snorkeling, and hiking.

The park is a wilderness preserve with moorings available for *Red Ranger* to use.

We would use Staniel Cay as rendezvous airstrips. Once on board, we will have to top off fuel and water before setting out for the park.

While *Red Ranger* has some snorkel gear, you really want to bring your own mask, fins and snorkel to the ECLSP.

The vagaries of weather might mean that we can only spend a day or two at Warderick Wells, or we might have to select an island closer to the rendezvous airstrip in the 24-mile long preserve.



There are many isolated settlements throughout the Bahamas Islands chains. One of our favorites is Staniel Cay in the Exumas chain. This settlement has all the comforts of home. There's a restaurant at the Staniel Cay Yacht Club, There's a SCUBA shop. Best of all, there's a small bakery on the island.

You can rent a vacation villa and stay comfortably on shore and day-sail on *Red Ranger*.

There are many snorkel and dive sites right here, plus many more within a day's sailing.

There are other settlements to visit within a day sail of Staniel Cay. Places like Black Point and Little Farmer's Cay are delightful overnight destinations. A week's travel might involve a few days at Staniel, a few days visiting another settlement nearby, and then a few days back at Staniel.



**STEVEN F. LOTT AND CINDY ANN BOWERS** purchased *Red Ranger* in 2009 and spent the next three years fitting her out for cruising. They spent 2012-2013 on an extended shake-down exploration, covering the Intracoastal Waterway and coastal waters from Annapolis, MD, to Key Biscayne, FL. They crossed over to the Bahamas and spent several months exploring the Exumas island chain.

Join the exploration.

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