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Central American and South American Recourses for Sailors

Vendors List

This is *Sarana's* list of vendors for Central & South America. Eric and Sherrell compiled this list in 2008 by personally visiting about 75% of all of these businesses.

We've compiled our own list of some of the hard to find items and some of the basics. Very few businesses on this list speak English, but take your time, use some sign language, and if possible bring a sample part with you and the friendly people will be more than willing to try to understand you.

If you speak Spanish well enough to converse over the phone or via email then you'll find this list a great way to save you from running all over. Of course you can always try English or find someone to help you make phone calls.

If you have questions, a service or company you'd like to add or corrections to make, email me through our website:

<http://www.sailsarana.com/feedback.htm>

Transportation

The buses in Central America come in three classes, Executive, Express, and "Anything that Runs". The following two companies offer bus services that are comfortable for long distance hauls. The executive are often full during the tourist season so reserve your spot at least 3 days ahead of time. If you're lucky you can hop on one in the same day, but often they are full. For the "Anything that Runs"

category these can be caught anywhere you see one going by - just wave.

Bus: Trans Nica (Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras)

<http://www.transnica.com>

505-270-3133 / 505-270-3147

Bus: Tica Bus (Mexico & All of Central America)

<http://www.ticabus.com>

505-222-6094

El Salvador (San Salvador)

The place to go in El Salvador for anything is San Salvador. The basics can be found via short trips from Bahia del Sol and Puesta del Sol, but San Salvador is the place to go for anything serious.

Groceries:

- ◆ Pricemart - Membership store like cost-co with food and household items.
- ◆ Super Selectos - good place to find American foods and rare items.
- ◆ Metro Centro Mall and Galleria Mall will transport you back to the US.

Hardware:

MARIN SA

67 Av Sur No. 121 Col Escalon

2-298-7007

Take bus 42 get off in traffic Circle at the Texaco before bus turns SW.

marinsaventas@integra.com.sv (Gabriel Alvarado - Speaks English)

Has many basics in stock, can order anything from Florida but shipping can be sometimes be expensive depending on the product.

Almacenes Vidri, S.A. De C.V.

21 Av. Sur Entre 12 Y 14 C.Pte. S.S.

San Salvador

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Telephone: 504-271-4033
Good tool store and has marine parts too

Nicaragua (Managua)

While groceries can be found in Chinandega, San Juan del Sur, and Rivas your best bet is a trip to Managua. Almost all of these vendors are in Managua unless otherwise stated.

Restaurant:

Scampi (Japanese)
Los Robles Zona Hipos
Marea Alta 75 Varas
Managua (505)-270-6019
Excellent Japanese food. The owner, Allen, imports lots of products and he'll let you buy some from the back of his restaurant. He also has a store in Mercado Oriental which sells general merchandise.

Groceries:

- ◆ La Colonia - Good grocery store, many around, one by Galerías Mall
- ◆ La Union - Good grocery store, one by MetroCentro Mall in Managua
- ◆ Pali - general grocery store, lacks gourmet foods found in La Union or La Colonia, but many around including Rivas and new one due to open in SJD in 2008.
- ◆ Pricemart (only in Managua) similar to Costco many international items lots of products.

Hardware:

Ferretería Ulises Morales
Carretera Norte KM 2 ½
505-244-4430
Occasionally has Antifouling paints and lots of tools.

Pesqueros de Nicaragua
Carretera Sur KM 6 ½
505-265-0479
Has ½" and 3/8" chain, some stainless and galvanized shackles, turnbuckles and large diameter nylon lines.

Ferretería Richardson
Carretera Norte KM 4 ½
505-249-3777
Lots of tools, can order some things as well. Some English is spoken.

Ferretería Lugo
Carretera a Masaya KM 4 1/2
505-552-2621
Close to Metrocentro mall, great tools and general hardware

Aceros Roag
<http://www.acerosroag.com>
Carretera a Masaya KM 13 ½
505-279-9923
Great place to get metal parts in stainless and aluminum, they can cut to your required size.

Tubal SA
Bello Horizonte A-II-55
505-240-1314
505-812-7403 (cell)
tubal@cablenet.com.ni
Distributor (out of his house) for 304, 316 stainless pipe and other metals. Reynaldo speaks perfect English.

Equipos y Accesorios SA
Rotonda Cristo Rey 150 vrs.
505-467-5267 (office)
505-883-8680 (service)
<http://www.equipsa.net>
Good source for engine parts, Yanmar, others. This company drives out and services the sport fishers in San Juan del Sur.

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Grupo MiniCar
KM 3 ½ Carretera Sur
505-266-1893
<http://www.grupo-minicar.com>
Engine parts like Yanmar, others.

Machinist ("Taller de Torno")
Taller Vasquez
Carretera Norte KM 6 ½
505-249-1602
Great machinist with a good shop and high quality work.

Inversiones Rigüero
Centro Comercial Managua Mod C-101
505-278-1631
invrigüero@cablenet.com.ni
<http://www.inversionesrigüero.com>
Survey equipment, but carries all kinds of Garmin GPS's and binoculars.

FibroCentro
505-257-1717
Polyester Resins, Fiberglass. Note epoxy resin can be difficult to find in Nicaragua. Make sure you get the type you want.

Centra Pintura
Cuidad Jardin de la Shell ½ C Arr. S-43
505-249-5050
Carries TransOcean antifouling and epoxy barrier paints, epoxy resins (gallon sizes only), other paints too.

Sinsa Home Store (like Home Depot)
De la Rotonda El Guegueuse 300 mts. al oeste
505-266-9970
There are a lot of smaller Sinsa stores, but this one is the biggest

Casa del Perno
(Casa Matriz)
Carretera Norte KM 2 ½
Edificio Buhler

505-249-3615
<http://www.casadelperno.com>
Best place to find any bolt you need. They also have lots of odd parts of all types, including automotive parts. There are a couple Casa del Pernos, but this store seems to be the biggest.

Nica Solar SA
Av. Principal Altamira Sinsa 3 ½ al Sur
505-277-0194
<http://nicasolar.com.ni>
nicasolar@cablenet.com.ni
Solar panels, invertors, chargers and 12V batteries.

Costa Rica
We found Puntareanas to be a small gold mine of boat supplies. It's also a great place to work on the boat and there are many good restaurants and other cruisers to while away the hours. Of course there are other good vendors too, including some in San Jose which we haven't had the time to search out yet.

Hardware:
Puntareanas -- Costa Rica Yacht Club (CRYC)
Carlos Chinchilla
c_chinchilla@hotmail.com
506-661-0784
Manager of the yacht club can receive mail. Carlos is very helpful in answering questions about the area.

Playas del Coco -- Papagayo Marine Roy Bragg
Papagayomarine@yahoo.com
(506) 670-0774
On the main street. Can order parts.

Puntarenas - Sur Color
By Ferreteria Apui
506-661-5029

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Lots of paints, epoxy resins,
green/blue tape, gel coats.

Puntarenas - Centro de Pinturas
By Shell Station
506-661-5050

Cell 506-813-8743
Carries Pettit Bottom paints, barrier
coats, topside paints, Trans Ocean
paints ([http://www.transocean-
coatings.com/site/home.html](http://www.transocean-coatings.com/site/home.html))

Puntarenas - Repuestos El Macho
Below Hotel Cabezas
Ave. 1a. between streets 2 and 4
506-661-0492
Cell 506-857-1239
Caterpillar, Detroit, Cummins Timken
engine parts, hoses, raycore filters and
more

Puntarenas - Ferreteria Apui
506-661-5103 / 506-661-3606
Great general purpose hardware.
Focused on marine market.

Puntarenas - Canvas Work
Melvin Abarca Brown 8817-2346
Frente antique Datsun
Comes highly recommended for quality
of work and materials

Puntarenas - Tung Sing Ferreteria
506-661-0781

Puntarenas - Ferreteria Segares
506-661-0084

Puntarenas - Diamar
Ramon Suares Rojas
506-661-4263
Helps handle aduana or port captain,
knowledgeable about supplies and
parts in Puntarenas and speaks English.

Puntareans - Borbon Marine Supply

On the street into downtown from the
Yacht Club. Has basics can order from
US.

<http://www.borbonmarino.com>
506-661-1920 (also 661-1973)

Alajuela--America's Yate de Costa Rica
P.O. Box 2247-4050
Alajuela, Costa Rica
(506)-2433-5262

Fax (506)-2433-5270
sales@apexinflatables.com
<http://www.apexinflatables.com/>
Factory for Apex Inflatables, you can
buy them direct.

Golfito - BorBon Marine Supply
Few blocks towards town from Land
Sea Services. Has basics can order
from US.

<http://www.borbonmarino.com>
506-775-2500

Golfito - Land Sea Services
Tim at landsea@racsa.co.cr
506-775-1614

Runs one of most outstanding cruiser
hang-outs on the west coast. For \$4 a
day you basically get your own house
during the day.

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Panama

Probably the best place to get stuff for your boat is Panama. It is easy to ship here from Florida and lots of people understand the cruiser market instead of commercial sales. It is also very easy to get things shipped to David Panama which is very close to Costa Rica.

DAVID PANAMA

Groceries:

- ◆ Pricemart - membership store
- ◆ Daisy - has some marine supplies upstairs
- ◆ Do It! - Large Hardware store
- ◆ Super Rey - grocery store by Do it!
- ◆ Super Baru - many imported foods also by Super Ray and Do it!
- ◆ Super 99 - large booze selection

Veterinarian Don Henri

David, Panama
507-775-7531

Has science diet, medicines and other products for pets

Tesa (David, Panama)

Miguel Angel Brenes y Ave. 7 Oeste
507-775-2898 (or -4235, -1404)

trodriguez@tesa.com.pa

<http://www.tesa.com.pa>

Has parts for Yanmar diesels, Detroit Diesel and Yamaha outboards

PANAMA CITY/COLON:

Abernathy SA

507-260-1222 (via transistmica)
507-227-8620 (Club de Yates y Pesca)
507-314-1432 (Calzada de Amador)

<http://www.panamafishing.com.pa>

info@abernathy.com.pa

Lots of fishing gear, scuba, electronics.

MotorSport

507-236-0852 (Tumba Muerto)

<http://www.motorsportpanama.com>
rogelio@suplidores.com.pa

Caribe inflatables, Suzuki outboards, generators

Islamorada

507-228-4947

<http://www.islamorada.com>

Charts, Guides, Flags, Instruments, Software.

Centro Marino

507-225-6654 or -6331

Ave Nacional 45

<http://www.centromarino.com>

chicos@cwpanama.net

Lots of marine gear, garmin, lorance, mariner outboards, blocks, filters, etc.

NautiPesca

236-7473

Via Rdo J Alfaroa

Well stocked marine store with cruiser discounts.

Centro Industrial

Vai Cincuentenario 79-10

224-2233

Good machine shop and tools

Dimar SA

507-229-1444

Edificio la Balinera Vesta Hermosa

<http://www.dimarsa.com>

dimarventas@dimarsa.com

Fuel filters, oil, bearings, chains and sprockets, belts and pulleys, seals, pumps, hoses, fittings, electric motors, shaft couplings, etc.

La Casa de Las Baterias

507-774-4826 (David)

507-445-3476 (Colon)

507-264-0904 (via Espana)

507-226-0721 (San. Fco.)

507-217-1155 (Plaza Carolina)

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Gell cells, deep cycles, Trojan T105, AGM batteries. Lots of choices.

Panama Auto
Via Transistmica y Rio Abajo
507-229-3022
Motor oil, belts, etc.

Auto Centro SA
Via Rdo J Alfaro Ave de La Amistad
236-0666
Water and fuel fittings

Protecsa
507-227-3533
<http://www.protecsa.com.pa>
info@protecsa.com.pa
Sales and service for lots of electronics (Raymarine, B&G, Simrad, JRC, Sitex, Navionics, Sperry, etc.)

Electronica Pacifico No.3
Via Espania
231-0453
Electrical Cables, plugs, etc.

Icom - Guibor
Centro Comercial Alhambra
507-260-7144 (Panama City)
507-447-0766 (Colon)
<http://www.guibor.com>

Navstar Marine Electronics
Williamson Plca 0742b
La Boca, Ancon, Panama
507-228-0399 and 0907
navstar@navstarmaine.com
Radars, Sonar, Inmar Sat, DMDSS, VHF, ad Furuno agents. 24 hour service to Balboa, Vacamonte, and Cristobal.

Metalica Pevez
Via Corozal (by Novey's)
227-0846
Stainless steel and Aluminum Welding

Acero Decorativo, SA
507-236-1450
In front of Cerveceria Nacional
Stainless tubes, bars, sheets, can custom make rails, pulpits.

Materiales Garcia
Avendia Central Colon, Calle 14
507-441-4243 (Colon)
matgarcia@cwpanama.net
Hydraulics, hoses, stainless and bronze hardware, Battery cables, terminals, filters, ropes, etc.

Yama Overseas
507-260-5961
<http://www.yamaoverseas.com>
Yamaha, Suzuki

Marine Warehouse S.A.
Alcibiades ARTURO Romero
YMCA building Local #9
Balboa, Panama.
Ph/Fax: (507) 314-1768
Cell: (507) 6702-9256
Email: arturo@marinewarehouse.net
<http://www.marinewarehouse.net/>
They are based in Miami Florida, and they can order and ship just about anything quickly (or slowly to save money). Arturo speaks English as well and also has a guide for cruisers available if you ask him. He can even ship things very cheaply into David, Panama cheaply saving you a trip all the way into Panama City.

Ocean Safety
Colon
507-430-3806 (or -3805/-3804)
Service and Sales of Life Rafts for Fujikura, Mitsubishi, Switlik, Toyo, Zodiac, DSB also sells Draeger, Hammar, Stearns McMurdo products.

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ECUADOR (South America)

Manta - El Amigo

AV. 113 y Las Acacias

292-1629

292-1630 fax

impamigo@interactive.net.ec

Carries a large assortment of stainless steel hardware, bolts, tubes and even stainless fittings. They also have exhaust hoses and many other items.

Manta - Talleres Palau y Cia

Av 24 de Mayo 616 y Calle 5

262-2863 and 262-2720

262-4390 fax

tallerspalau@aiaisat.net

Large machine shop capable of all types of machining. Owner speaks English.

Manta - Tepopesca

Avenida 105

503 entre calles 105 y 106

262-6897

Carries variety of ropes and marine supplies like shackles and hardware.

Montecristi (Near Manta)

Galvanizados del Pacifico

Km 7 ½ via Manta - Montecristi

(down a dirt road)

292-0365, 09 1532420 cell

galpacific@hotmail.com

Galvanize for ~\$0.60 per pound, also makes products out of sheet metal, stainless or aluminum tanks, etc.

Grupo Zurita

(05) 292-4321

gerencia@grupozurita.zzn.com

Hardware, hoses, pumps, water filters, hose fittings, misc. equipment, some marine equipment

Manadiesel

Via Manta a Portoviejo, Sector la "Y".

Tel. (05) 292-0907 or 292-0909.

manadiesel@interactive.net.ec

Roberto Cevallos Manager. Diesel injector repair, cleaning and adjustment.

Manta - Artipesca

Barrio Cordova Av. 7 No. 17-87 y Calle 18 Manta

262-6440

Very good prices on shackles, thimbles, and generic hardware.

Manta - El Amigo

Avenida 113 y Las Acacias.

(05) 292-1629

elamigo@manta.ecua.net

Hose fittings, swage fittings, high pressure hoses, hydraulic parts, pumps, auto parts, lots of generic parts.

Manta - Ludepa

Avenida 106 y 105

262-7289 / 261-3842

ferreterialubepa@asetecmanta.com

Dive gear, masks, snorkels, fins, tanks, hoses, regulators, marine plywood, fiberglass, resin, some stainless, miscellaneous materials.

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