

Borneo Now Deemed Safe for Yachts



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North Borneo, East Coast Borneo and Southern Philippines have recently been deemed safe for visiting yachts.

These areas, previously uninsurable for yachts, have now been deemed safe by the JWC Insurance underwriters committee.

North Borneo / East Coast Borneo and Southern Philippines area are no longer listed as dangerous water perils and special permission by insurance underwriters to operate a vessel in this area is no longer required.

Alvin Teh of Asia Pacific Superyachts reports, “Vessels no longer need to seek special approval from insurance underwriters to enter, operate and stopover at any port listed in these areas. As well, they no longer must pay additional and costly premiums for this purpose. This news is also a strong statement in recognising these areas are considered safe and peaceful to visit and no longer pose a danger or are a high risk area, as in the past”.

JWC Insurance is the widely recognised body regulating insurance underwriting ruling for vessels operating round the world.

The updated bulletin is well timed as cruising seasons starts soon, notes Alvin, adding: “North & East Coast Sabah Borneo coastline is now deleted from Joint War Committee (JWC) of high risk perils area zoning in late December 2015 by the JWC committee review. Not it’s time to visit ‘paradise’ in a safe and peaceful ESSCOM Sabah security zone cruising heaven within the world coral triangle zone.”