

Brooksy Point caters to cruisers

By Jessica Rothman

If you are looking for a place to stay in Roatan, there is a gem of a little marina you may not have heard about. Brooksy Point Yacht Club in Roatan, Honduras is owned and operated by Mike and Lilo. Unlike the other local marinas on Roatan that are part of large hotels and resorts, Brooksy Point is a small yacht club with a friendly family atmosphere. Brooksy is the only yacht club/marina on the island that serves cruisers exclusively. Mike and Lilo are cruisers themselves. They landed in Roatan and decided to stay. They saw and experienced such a gap in the services they needed as cruisers, that they decided to create the yacht club. That was three years ago and they've never looked back. The word is spreading about the great service, fun activities, and reasonable prices. This year they expect to be busier than ever. When we arrived at Brooksy, highly recommended by a cruising friend, we were immediately impressed when Mike came out in his dinghy to guide us into the harbor.

That was just the beginning. The dock was a little low for our boat, and I had trouble getting down (old knees). The next morning one of the workers made a little mobile stair step, just for me! We were having engine trouble. Mike genuinely wanted to help. He is an experienced sailor, and his advice diagnosing it was spot on. He also suggested a local mechanic who was competent and charged a fair price. We had intended to stay only a few days. After the boat was repaired, we decided to anchor out in the beautiful reef-protected harbor nearby. We continued to use the club facilities, WiFi, coin operated self-service laundry, hot showers, transportation to a modern supermarket, fuel runs, and more. They seemed to have it all and at only \$15 per week per boat for anchor outs, it is a great value. After we were there for a couple of months, we found out why so many people end up staying the whole season. We took scubadiving lessons at a nearby dive store. Wow!! The most beautiful reef, fish, turtles, sea horses, dolphins, the list is endless. I have to say the best parts for me were the social hours and activities. There is something for everyone. Potlucks and cook offs with prizes to the winners, movie nights, pizza night, dominos and mahjong on Sundays, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. Everyone participates as they like. It is a casual fun place. All of the staff was helpful, friendly, and enthusiastic about getting us what we needed. There are also other fun events run by the cruisers. Yoga classes are held a few times a week at no charge. There are also cruisers flea markets, cruiser's jam sessions, and more. If you are the type that likes to organize events, you can do it here. Mike said, "Since we started 3 years ago, it has been filled with cruisers, every year more and more. The only requirement is that you are a cruiser and come in a boat! Everyone is welcome at Brooksy Point." Please ask at Brooksy Point for current information about immigration and customs at Roatan. When you are approaching the harbor, hail Brooksy on VHF Channel 72, and Mike will escort you into the anchorage or marina. Their website is [HERE](#) Email them at brooksyointyachtclub@gmail.com Phone number is 504-3377-2246