

ANCHORING IN SEYCHELLES MARINE PARKS: BEST PRACTICES



DO NOT ANCHOR ON CORAL REEFS

Anchor in Sand: Ensure the anchor lands on soft sediment like sand or mud, away from coral reefs, rocky areas, or seagrass beds.

Visual Survey Before Anchoring: Conduct a visual survey of the area before dropping anchor. Anchoring directly on coral can cause irreversible damage to the fragile structure.

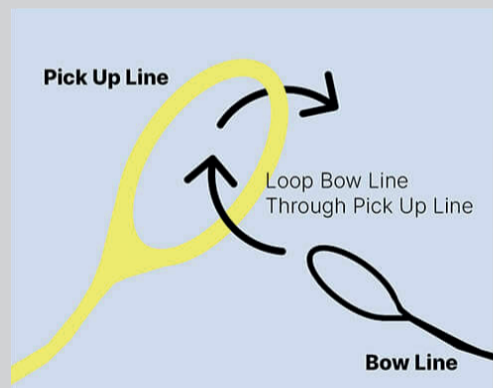
Anchor Management: Once anchored, ensure that the chain does not drag over the seabed as the boat moves.



Use of Mooring Buoys: Always prefer using mooring buoys over anchoring. Mooring buoys are strategically placed to protect vulnerable habitats like coral reefs.



USE MOORING BUOYS



Never pick up the mooring buoys or pick up line directly to the boat

Use your own dedicated line looped through pick up line eye bolt

Avoid putting tension on Mooring



BE AWARE OF CORAL RESTORATION

The Seychelles Marine Park are actively engaged in coral reef restoration, with projects focused on coral gardening and transplantation.

Avoid Restoration Sites: Restoration sites are often marked using yellow buoys. These areas are critical for coral recovery and should be avoided entirely for anchoring or mooring.

Report Damage: If accidental damage occurs to coral reefs or restoration areas, report it immediately to park authorities.

