



Protect our coral reefs

Use a mooring!



Guidelines for use:

- Only small boats (up to 25 feet) should tie up to these moorings. There is a danger of the moorings breaking if larger boats tie up.
- If you can't attach to a buoy then anchor in sand or grass away from the reef and ensure your anchor does not drag.
- Tie your bow line to the pick-up line of the mooring buoy and let out enough rope to give a horizontal pulling on the mooring.
- Ultimately, you are responsible for your boat. It is always a good idea to dive the mooring and assess its condition.



Anchoring on the reef can damage corals, which may take hundreds of years to re-grow. Coral reefs are a valuable habitat - they provide homes for marine animals and help protect our shorelines from storms.



In order to help protect coral reefs from unnecessary damage, FRIENDS and local volunteers partner with the Bahamas National Trust to maintain moorings at Abaco's National Marine Parks, Sandy Cay Reef and Fowl Cay Reef, and independently maintains moorings at North Guana Reef and Mermaid Reef. Moorings are provided free of charge. If you see a damaged mooring at one of the reefs mentioned above please contact FRIENDS (367-2721, info@friendsoftheenvironment.org).