

We are considering a sail charter to Belize. Is it better to charter from San Pedro or Placencia or other mainland ports?

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AC is generally just a port and not if you do a round trip just for charter. AC has much better provisioning opportunities than PA. It's hard to get even the basics at times down there.

As for the sailing and anchoring, the anchoring from San Pedro doesn't seem to get really good until you get to English Cays and Sand Spots. From there you can buy the fuel and stocked supplies, most places being anchored by other vessels for months at a time. On the anchorage side your first stop from San Pedro is Cape Cudmore, great anchorage and a very laid back island. It's only a 2 hour or so sail to it's a nice start to your trip. The next day opens up many options for where you can go, reef able to down the main channel. Cape Cudmore to Placencia is about a 10-12 hour run from Cape Cudmore so you could reach back down there in one day if you wished (better to take 2 or 3 days). The island in the North tend to be more Mangrove based while the South are Coral Island based.

If I had to do it I would do a 10-day run of San Pedro, one way to Placencia with a no provision in Placencia or Dangriga (very weather dependent and not an overnight anchorage but better supplies). A 7 day would work fine but I would push to get further down South after Cape Cudmore.

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