



SOUTH KOH YAO YAI AND THE KOH KHAI GROUP

A) South Koh Yao Yai



Approaching this anchorage, keep well off the rocky point to the west and set your anchor on the muddy bottom in 4-6 metres. The holding is firm enough that this spot not only offers good overnight protection in the northeast monsoon season, but may be used in the southwest season as well.

You can visit a stilted Muslim village in the northwest corner of the bay. Go in by dinghy using the shallow creek on the west side of the bay, and please observe the usual dress code.

B) Koh Khai Nai



This small island offers a great daytime anchorage in 8-10 metres off the sandy point to the northeast.

Snorkelling and diving are best on the seaward edge of the fringing reef on the northeastern side of the island. There is also an all-tide access beach on the northeastern end of the

island. In either case, there is limited shade available.

C) Koh Khai Nok North



D) Koh Khai Nok West



Koh Khai Nok is another great daytime anchorage. The brilliantly white, all-tide beach on its northern end can be seen from some kilometres distant. Anchor in 10-15 metres; and be careful, as the bottom rises very quickly onto a sandy ledge scattered with coral heads. In either monsoon season, you will find a couple of places to tuck in close to avoid the occasional ground swell which can occur in this open anchorage.

A wide variety of fish and corals make this island a favourite for scuba divers and snorkellers at slack water and neap tides. Local fishermen use the anchorage as a daytime stopover, and they can often be approached for some of their fresh catch if your provisions are running low.



Koh Khai Nok is surrounded by wonderfully clear waters