

Life Raft Certification Ecuador 2-5-2015

Yesterday we took our liferaft to Manta to have it inspected and repacked. Here is the information including a couple maps that will enable you to do the same. Setmabas has 2 facilities, one in Guayaquil and one in Manta.



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Cost: Note: cash only

4 man inspection \$240.00 (includes certificate of inspection)

Parachute Flares \$54.98 each. We only had 2 flares replaced and did not get new water, etc. We brought our own flashlight batteries.

The gas cylinder is weighed and based on the numbers written on the cylinder ok'd if they match

Location: Manta

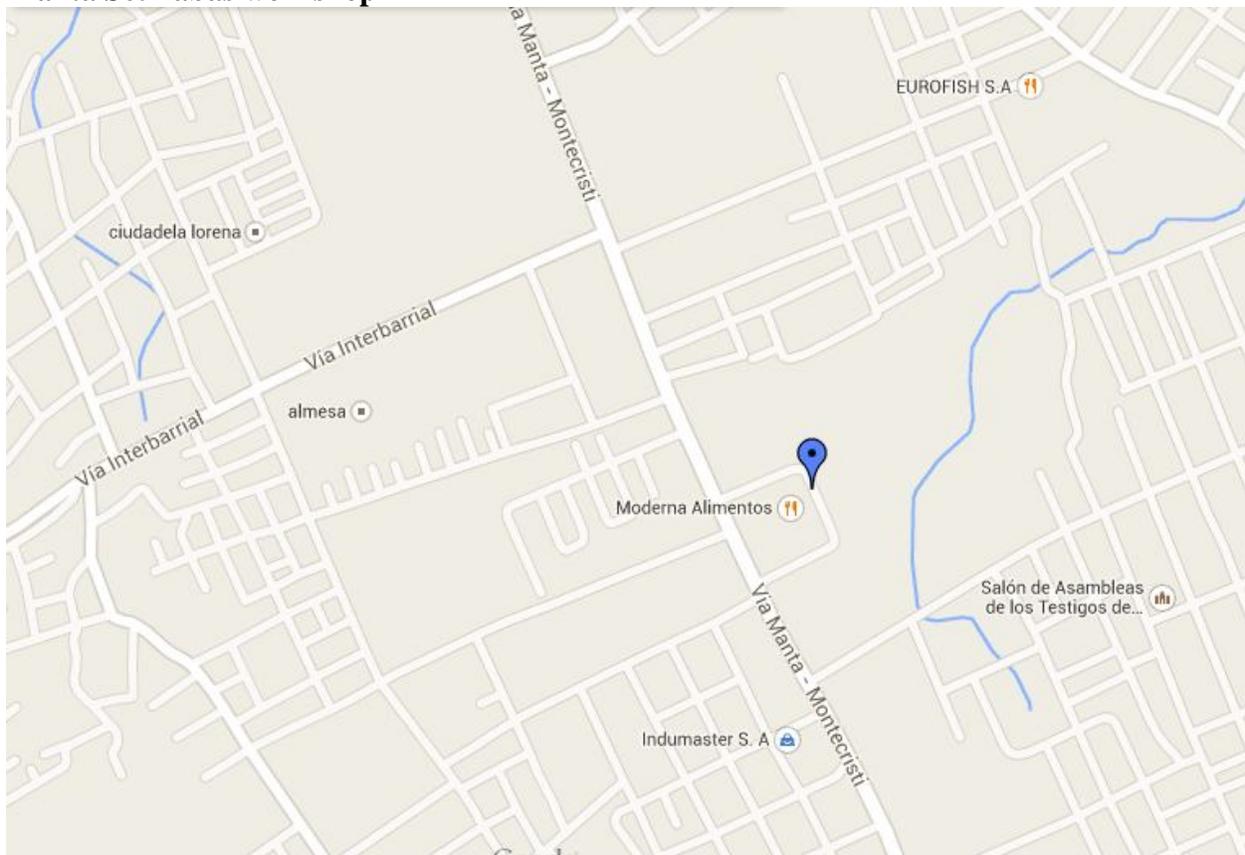
You will need to go to the workshop first, drop the raft off and can watch it inflated. They will leave it inflated for about 2 hours before beginning the repack procedure. Then you will need to go to the office in Manta to pay for it and return to pick it up. A number of calls to Guayquil happened before we could pay and pick up.

We used Giovanni the taxi driver from Bahia Caraquez 0994 259 224. \$60 from 7am to 3pm and \$10 additional for anything past 3pm. We ran numerous errands while waiting for the rafts to be completed. He is great and knows where everything is in Manta!!

But with the supplied maps you could use any local taxi driver from Bahia.

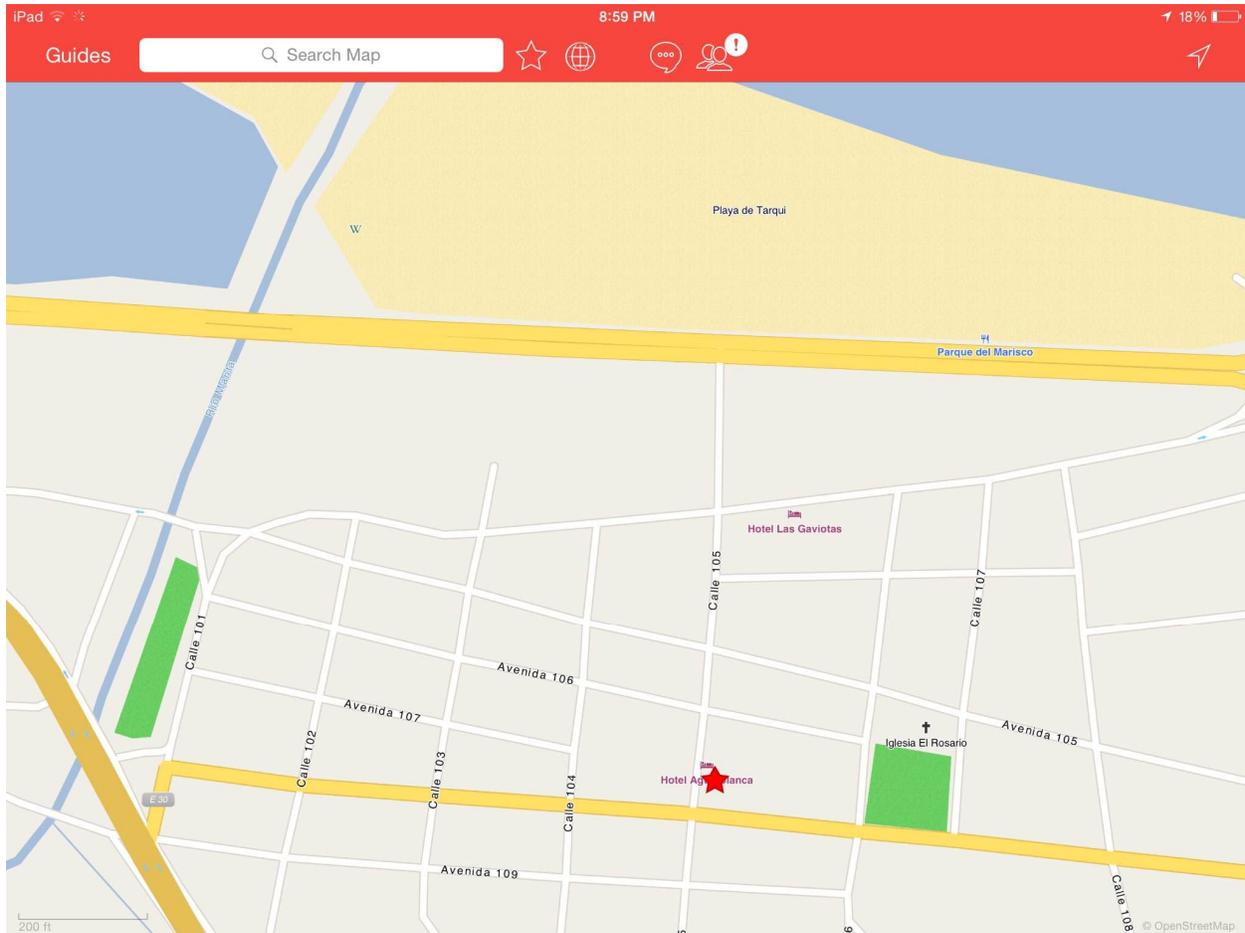
Manta Workshop Location : You can get directly to the workshop at Km 4 ½ vía Manta-Montecristi (behind “Moderna Alimentos”) . Its behind the Moderna Alimentos building which is a large building containing 3 large silos. Across from the rear entrance to Moderna Alimentos is a brick wall with 2 large sliding solid doors. On one of the doors is a white buzzer. Ring the buzzer and the taxi can back right into the loading bay.

Manta Setmabas workshop



Manta office location : Certificates will be issued and delivery to you at our storehouse: Tarqui, 105th Street, between 106th and 108th Avenue (“Agua Blanca” Hotel First Floor)

SetMabas Downtown Manta Office



Additional Comments

Contact Setmabas at least a week before as they only repack a couple times a week in Manta. Also contact the day before to confirm

The Setmabas can **NOT** do the Vacuum packing like other facilities

If your container or soft valise is really packed tight before you bring in for service there is a **very good chance** they will not be able to fit it in the exact size. For example we had a custom made valise from Winslow to fit into a specific area. It was tight fit to begin with. When we picked up the valise after repacking we immediately knew it was much bigger than we dropped it off

In our case they could not pack the raft in plastic as it would not fit in the valise. But what the heck could we do? We went without the plastic wrap as we store it inside anyway. Grrrrr

SV Grace had there raft certified at the same time and also found the same thing. They used a Winslow white plastic case and when returned it did not close as tightly as they wanted.

Setmbas is suppose to be ISO 9002 certified but I am not sure how they got this certification....

Be sure to ask Pamela to check the stock of Flares! We contacted them 2 times before arriving and they knew we were coming, what time and what kind of rafts yet they did not have enough flares to fully service two rafts! Grrrrr again

Chuck

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