

# SAILORS WARNING

To all sailors take extreme care on the west coast of Mindoro if anchoring over night.

## **SABLAYAN POINT**

**12 48.8664N**

**120 46.2015E**

On Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2012, having decided to leave Apo Reef due the heavy wind in the late afternoon, we proceeded to Sablayan Point, having checked the chart and seen that there was a good harbor and shelter there. I arrived just after sunset, found good anchorage settled back for dinner. I had 4 crew on board with me; we settled in to an early night. At 2:45 am I awoke to a slight noise on the front of the boat. I reacted by pooping my head up through the front-hatch just as the first of three bandits was boarding the boat. All bandits were well equipped with expensive LED head lamps and 45-revolvers in holsters. I was fortunate to disturb the first bandit very early and he was the only one who had boarded the boat. By sounding the alarm he quickly went over the bow rail into his Bangka. I then proceeded to focus my spotlight on the Bangka, this was the time that he then pulled his 45 cocked the gun and pointed it toward my yacht. As they were in paddle Bangka's I figured I could out manoeuvre them, even though on anchor, by starting the motor and getting the boat moving at the same time as raising the anchor on the winch. We avoided any more encounters by leaving the harbour and sailing for 6 hours north.

We were lucky so do take care.

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