

Choshi Marina

1. Choshi Marina Office:

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Business hours: 9:00 – 17:00 (Nov-Mar),

8:30 – 17:30 (Apr-Oct), 8:30 – 18:00 (Weekends, Apr-Oct)

Closed on: Tuesday (Closed on New Year holiday)

2. Access: See Figure

Marina Entrance: 35°42'.18"N, 140°50'.07"E

Choshi Marina lies at the Eastern most point of Chiba prefecture, bordering a stretch of 40 to 50 meter high cliffs locally known as Byobu-gaura, which resemble the White Cliffs of Dover on the English Channel.

To enter the marina, visitors are advised to approach in a northerly direction from the west side of the windmill structure standing approximately two miles south of the marina and change their heading to east when a gap in the breakwater can be seen. Visitors are also advised to contact marina office prior to arriving to ask for the location of the visitor berths.

Visitors should use extra caution when approaching Choshi Marina from the north as there are a number of submerged rocks and shoal areas around Inubo-saki and Nagasaki Hana. Visitors are advised to keep well offshore of Inubo-saki and Nagasaki Hana.



3. Facilities:

Visitor Berthing: Contact office to confirm space availability and advance reservation.

Berthing fees: 5,000JPY+tax per night for 30 ft., 6,600JPY+tax per night for 40 ft., and ask for larger boat.

Annual berthing fee: Roughly 14,000JPY/ft.

4. Service at the marina

- a. Diesel, gasoline and propane charging
- b. Washroom and Toilet
- c. Water
- d. Shore power (AC100V 50Hz)
- e. Mechanical staff for emergency service needs
- f. Small shops for tools and supply
- g. Washing machine

Choshi Marina was severely damaged during the tsunami that resulted from the Great East Japan earthquake in March, 2011. The marina has since been completely rebuilt, and opened again for business in April, 2013. There are currently around 60 boats moored in the marina facility.

5. Nearby facilities

1) Grocery Stores:

Supermarket Taiyo at Choshi

<http://www.taiyo-otoku.com/shop/detail.php?id=choshi>

Supermarket Kasumi located at Minamiogawa

<http://www.kasumi.co.jp/tenpo/chiba/minamiogawa.html>

2) Restaurant and Café:

<http://tabelog.com/chiba/A1205/A120501/R6266/rstLst/>

3) Public bath and Hotel

Public bath 1,100 to 1,700 JPY 5:00AM to 23:00PM

<http://www.inubou.jp/facility/spa/index.html>

Inubo-saki Kanko Hotel 10,000-17,000 JPY per night with two meal.

http://www.inubou.co.jp/return/higaeri_spa.html

Other Hotel and Ryokan near by Choshi JR station.

<http://www.choshi-ryokan.jp/category/cat002.html>

4) Access from Choshi station :

Recommend to catch a bus (there is a bus stop close to the marina) or a taxi to get to or from Choshi station.

5) Access from Tokyo: 2 hours from Tokyo by JR Sobu Line express train

6. Choshi Area Information:

Chōshi is the easternmost city in the Greater Tokyo Area, and Cape Inubō, within the city, is the easternmost point in the Kantō region.

Chōshi is known as a center of soy sauce production. Noted soy sauce producer Yamasa Corporation was incorporated in 1928, and Higeta Corporation in 1932. Chōshi was elevated to city status on February 11, 1933.

Choshi is a fishing port and total volume of unloaded fish reach number one in Japan.

Choshi port is not an entry port.

Paper Charts:

JP87 Tokyo Wan to Inubo Saki (English) Scale: 1:200,000

W1097 Inubosaki to Shioyasaki Scale: 1:200,000

H-806W Mutsuwan to Nojimazaki Honshu North West S-guide

Wind direction and speed by Japan Coast Guard provided MICS:

http://www6.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/kisyou_en.html

Inubosaki weather information:

http://www6.kaiho.mlit.go.jp/03kanku/choshi/inubosaki_lt/kisyou/index_en.html

7. Distances from Choshi

Nojimazaki : 66 NM

Oshima Habu Port: 84 NM

Katsuura (Umino-eki): 49 NM

Iwaki Ena (Boatshop Umi/Umino-eki) : 83 NM

8. History of Choshi

Choshi developed as an important transit port from which rice was distributed throughout the Tohoku-district during the Edo period. Tone River also served as a major transport route to the Kanto region. Fishing and soy sauce production thus became major industries at Choshi. Yamasa and Higeta are the top brands of soy sauce in Japan, and they have factory tour available for visitors..

<http://www.yamasa.com/enjoy/factory-visit/>

<http://www.higeta.co.jp/kodawari/museum/kengaku.html>

During the modernization period, the lighthouse at Inubo-saki was build on 1874, then radio station for commercial boats was build in 1908 at Choshi for long distance communication using the short wave.