

Ahoy Puddle Jumpers,

Late Arrivers' Event Forced to Cancel

We're sorry to say we have had to abandon our plans for a Late Arrivers' Event this month at the mayor's mansion in Papeete because only a few boats showed interest in attending. That's a shame because it would surely have been both fun and highly informative.

The lack of marina berths in Tahiti was undoubtedly a factor. This year most visiting cruisers seem to be avoiding 'the big city' and opting for more time in Moorea and/or the Tuamotus.

In any case, we hope you're having fun and enjoying traditional Polynesian culture and cuisine wherever you are. Needless to say, it was a bit of a gamble for you to make the big Jump this year, not knowing for certain which islands 'downstream' would actually be accepting international cruisers by the time you arrived. But the gamble paid off. As many of you have undoubtedly heard, the Cooks, Tonga, Fiji, the Solomons, New Zealand and Australia are finally open again or will be soon. Woohoo to that!

Last Call for Trip Data

One of our final chores of this 25th Pacific Puddle Jump season is to write up a recap of this year's 'migration', complete with a table of passage data. We're sure you are incredibly busy (!), but if you haven't yet sent us a trip report and data, please take a few minutes to do so. Your experiences and route notes will be fascinating to those who follow in your wake. [See questions in Fleet Letter #7.]

We enjoyed meeting many of you and corresponding with you while you were en route to the islands. And we wish you safe travels, wherever the winds take you next.

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— Andy Turpin, PPJ