

Ahoy Pacific Puddle Jumpers,

Please read the following messages.

### **Anchoring & Mooring Update for Tahitian Isles**

Now that most fleet members have made landfall and are exploring the Marquesas or Tuamotus, many crews are eager for info on the Society Islands (Tahiti and her sister isles), especially info on anchorages.

A great resource for anchoring and other general info is the 2022-2023 Yellow Flag Guide to French Polynesia. When you have decent WiFi, download it for free here: [http://pacificpuddlejumps.com/Alumni/2022/22-23Yellow\\_Flag\\_Guide.pdf](http://pacificpuddlejumps.com/Alumni/2022/22-23Yellow_Flag_Guide.pdf)

There's free anchoring in many places in the Societies, particularly in the Leewards, which is the prime sailing venue. (See illustrations in the guide.) The exception is Bora Bora: where there is virtually no free anchoring; all visiting yachts must use a mooring buoy. Cost is \$30/night or \$300 per month which is a better deal at \$10/night, and you can move from one mooring field to another during the month as you wish (includes garbage service; must have a holding tank and use it).

All the chatter about anchorages on Tahiti being crowded is accurate, but the situation has loosened up somewhat now that quite a few boats are heading to Fiji, with plans to transit to New Zealand in Sept, Oct, or Nov.

Tahiti's "airport anchorage" usually has room (sandy bottom near the airport runway). Hail Port Authority on VHF 12 for permission to pass the airfield.

Morning cruiser net on VHF 68 at 7:30 am; general hailing VHF 72.

Marina Taina, south of the airport, is usually full, except on its superyacht row. Downtown Papeete Marina has room on a first-come, first-served basis. (No reservations.)

When making landfall at Tahiti, the best temporary anchorage is at Matavai Bay, E of Point Venus (N end of the island). Officially, you are only supposed to stay two or three days.

There's been much chatter and grouching about new anchoring rules for Moorea (Tahiti's sister isle), but most of the regulations are not yet being fully enforced.

See the [Yellow Flag Guide](#) for illustrations of the "PGEM" anchoring plan.

The best overview of current regulations in Societies and other archipelagos is in the [Yellow Flag guide to FP](#).

### **Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendezvous — Save the dates: July 1-3**

Since its creation 15 years ago, the three-day [Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendezvous](#) has been closely associated with the Pacific Puddle Jump, as its dual purpose is to celebrate the arrival of a new cruising fleet, and introduce the international crews to highly revered elements of traditional Polynesian culture, in music, dance, sports, and cuisine. The Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendezvous includes a sailing 'rally-race' from Tahiti to Moorea's Opunohu Bay, several live music and dance performances, cruiser-powered 6-person outrigger canoe races, optional meals, and more. Many former attendees have praised the

Rendez-vous as one of the true highlights of their South Pacific cruise. You don't want to miss it! Save the date, and see <https://www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com/> for more details.

### **PPJ Passage Tales**

During the past few weeks, it's been fascinating to follow the tracks of this year's fleet members on the official PPJ tracking page, <https://forecast.predictwind.com/tracking/rally/pacificpuddlejumps2022/>, most of whom have now made their initial landfall.

Despite thorough planning and preparation, some boats seem to have much better luck finding consistent wind and a short route through the doldrums. Likewise, some boats make landfall with virtually no breakage, while others suffer serious gear failures along the way.

Since the first Pacific Puddle Jump 25 years ago, we've always asked crews to take a few minutes to share details of their crossing, so that those who follow in their wake will have a better idea of what to expect.

Excerpts of your info will be published on the Latitude 38 website and posted on the PPJ website. We appreciate your info.

Please return to [andyturpinatlarge@gmail.com](mailto:andyturpinatlarge@gmail.com).

### **Survey Questions:**

- How did your passage-making experience differ from your expectations before the trip? Were there any surprises?
  
- They say a long crossing is often a balance of highs and lows. What were some of the high points, or low points, of your crossing?
  
- Can you remember the feeling you had when you first made landfall?
  
- What advice would you give to future Puddle Jumpers?

### **Passage Data:**

- Boat name:
  
- Boat type/maker & length:
  
- Owner's names:
  
- Boat's homeport:
  
- Departed from where? On what date?
  
- Made landfall where? On what date?
  
- How many days was your crossing?

- How many miles logged?
- At what longitude did you cross the equator?
- How many engine hours did you log (for propulsion)?
- Best 24-hour mileage?
- Worst 24-hour mileage?
- Highest sustained wind speed you experienced? Gust?
- Number of fish caught?
- Please list gear breakage and/or breakdowns.

Thanks! — Andy Turpin, PPJ