



Ia Orana Puddle Jumpers,

Formalities in foreign countries are always time consuming and often a difficult first step in the country of arrival. After your weeks of offshore sailing, we will help you to check in to French Polynesia with ease so you can enjoy our paradise islands from the first day.

Tahiti Crew started in 2012 as a crew placement agency for Superyachts. We opened our office in Marina Taina in 2013 and has began offering services to the Puddle Jumpers. We have local staff who are fluent in English, and - believe us - this assistance will be welcomed in some remote islands...

Tahiti Crew is very happy to renew this experience with members of the 2020 PPJ fleet. We have decided to offer special rates and a discount card to the Pacific Puddle Jump rally members for all the official formalities, plus any other kind of assistance you may need in French Polynesia.

For the majority of the yachts, the first point of entry will be the Marquesas Islands. We have nominated representatives there to act as a relay of our organization.

### **Formalities of entry in French Polynesia**

For your information, and regarding formalities you should know:

- All yachts transiting in French Polynesia have to declare their crew at the immigration police, gendarmerie and Customs both at their arrival harbor, also in Papeete, Tahiti, and on the departure island.
- EU Citizens will not require a bond letter and can stay as long as they want in French Polynesia. Past 2 months, EU citizens should register themselves in the local citizen as citizen in French Polynesia
- Most of the non-EU will have a 90 days stay allowance, if you are not sure about your citizenship allowance in French Polynesia , please contact us and we will be happy to find that information for you.
- For non-EU crew, they have 3 options to enter French Polynesia:
  - ⇒ 1<sup>st</sup> to post a bond letter at the bank of the equivalent of the equal cost of an airline ticket for each crew member to guarantee to local authorities that you will have enough money to leave the country, and you will get your money back on your departure in Pacific Francs.
  - ⇒ 2<sup>nd</sup> to show them a plane ticket out of French Polynesia
  - ⇒ 3<sup>rd</sup> to use the services of an agent.
- At your first port call in Marquesas, Gambier or Tuamotu, you will have to have to go to the gendarmerie and they will give you a customs clearance. The original **MUST BE STAMPED** by them sent by mail straight to customs headquarters in Tahiti.

- The boat can stay 36 months in French Polynesia water. If you would like to extend it you can repatriate your boat or sail to enter another country to come back and have another 36 months.
- Any extension over your 90 days stay period, is given ONLY in serious case of emergency such as serious illness of the captain or boat failure. So if you would like to stay longer you will need to apply for a long stay visa. 90 days goes fast to visit all of our beautiful islands 😊
- Long stay visa must be requested in the French embassy or consulate in your home country or where your boat is at port for over 3 months. It is a six weeks process minimum.
- Once the long-stay visa obtains, you need to apply for the carte de séjour on arrival, you will have to submit once more all the documents that you have submitted in the French Consulate within the first two weeks of arrival. We can assist you with these formalities as well.

## **Registration and payment**

Every year, we worked with about 150 yachts using our services for the Puddle Jump Rally.

So for everyone to have a nice and smooth entry in French Polynesia, we highly recommend to organize all your paperwork with us in advance, so you can receive your bond letter before your departure and have it printed and ready for your check in day in French Polynesia.

The 1st step is to send us an email at [yachts@tahiticrew.com](mailto:yachts@tahiticrew.com) **with the name of your boat in the subject line** and register with us. She will send you the list of the documents that we will require to register with us:

**Once your file is completed**, we will send you an OSB payment system online so you can pay by credit card, the payment is made in XPF (French Pacific Francs)

Once the payment made, we will send you your bond letter and information for your arrival. We suggest that you have your bond letter printed and ready for your check in in French Polynesia. Remember, on arrival it is not so easy to have internet access and most of the cruisers are arriving together, so it is best to be ready.

We do have agents in Nuku-Hiva and Hiva Oa who will be assisting you for your check in and your duty free fuel certificate, we will send you their contact in our arrival letter.

If you do your entry in other islands, you will do your check out directly with the gendarmerie and send us a copy of your custom form.

For those arriving with a long-stay visa, we suggest you to arrive and do your entry in Nuku-Hiva as the Haut Commissaire is there for the application of your carte de sejour. Even if you have a long stay visa, you will still need to have a bond letter or post a bond at the bank to enter the country.

**Please note that Fatu Hiva do not have a gendarmerie and you need to do your check in in Hiva Oa before going there.**

If your first port of call is Tahiti, you can pay on your arrival in Pacific Francs or US dollars and we will organize all your formalities.

Please note that the bond letter is only valid for 90 days from the day you check-in to French Polynesia. If you are flying in and out during your stay in French Polynesia, you will need a bond letter that has your flight details.

The bond letter package only includes the services listed in the package, all other services have additional prices.

## **Tahiti Crew Discount card**

This year we are launching our discount card for cruisers.

We have made partnerships with restaurants, accommodations, spas, excursions companies in Tahiti, Moorea and Fakarava and we are happy to offer you this complementary card included in your package.

You can come and collect your hard copy in Tahiti and you will find information on the discount and partners on our website [www.tahiticrew.com](http://www.tahiticrew.com)

Our office is located in marina Taina we are open from 8.00am to 3.00pm from Monday to Friday. We receive the cruisers in the morning for their enquiries.

Tahiti Crew is very happy to renew our association with the Puddle Jump rally in 2020. We are excited to welcome you to French Polynesia and remain at your disposal for any information you may require for your arrival in French Polynesia.

Iaorana e Maeva in Tahiti and her islands!!

**Contact:**

- 1) For registration and operations : [yachts@tahiticrew.com](mailto:yachts@tahiticrew.com)
- 2) For enquiries on discount cards, activities, or to promote your blog: [info@tahiticrew.com](mailto:info@tahiticrew.com)

Our facebook page : Cruising with Tahiti Crew

Our facebook group gathering information on all the local events: Tahiti Yacht Event

**Our website is [www.tahiticrew.com](http://www.tahiticrew.com)**

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