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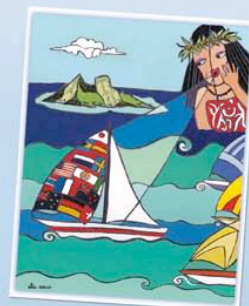
Tahiti Pearl Regatta

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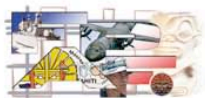
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6-10 mai 2009

Raiatea - Huahine - Tahaa



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2009 Crew file information & registration form

Additional information :

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Racing instructions & staging points will be sent in March 2009 once registration is completed.



General information:



6th edition: heading for Huahine

Thanks to the efforts of the Raiatea Regatta's association, for the last 7 years, the TPR has been the biggest sailing event in one of the most beautiful sailing venues in the world, located in Tahiti's 'Leeward islands'.

The Tahiti Pearl Regatta (TPR)'s interisland itinerary provides an ideal combination of competitive racing and exploration within this cluster of enchanting, unspoiled islands. The TPR is opened to sailboats of any type and size (monohull, catamaran, trimaran), including bareboat charter vessels, privately owned local boats and cruising yachts visiting the islands during trans-pacific stop-overs.

2008's edition of the TPR was promoted by famous ocean racer Olivier de Kersauzon who praised the event and encouraged young Polynesian people to learn to sail and practise competitive yachting.

During the 2009 edition from May 6th to 10th the fleet will visit the following islands:

- **Raiatea** (sacred to each Pacific islander),
- **Huahine** (the Polynesian word for woman, it is wild & beautiful),
- **Taha'a** (known for its vanilla plantations).

The race is opened to any type of crew (professional or amateur) and sailing ships.

Regatta's organization:

The Regatta is organized by the **Raiatea Regatta association**, whose president is Mr Pierre Dinard (association for sailing and nautical industries' promotion in French Polynesia).

The races are run under the **Tahitian Sailing Federation's authority**, in charge of the boat's tonnage (handicap). Raiatea's Yachting Club offers technical assistance to the Federation.

Archipelagoes, a company specializing in consulting, communication & training in the nautical domain, has given its assistance to the event for nearly five years, and helped with press & sponsor relationships.



Super-yachts reception:

In 2009, a new racing category has been created.

The **Tahiti Pearl Challenge** will gather super-yachts of more than 70 feet within the Tahiti Pearl Regatta. These yachts are accustomed to entering competitions such as *Antigua Sailing Week*, the *St Maarten (West Indies) Heineken Regatta*, and Thailand's *King's Cup*. The promise of seeing them race together in the middle of the Pacific Ocean islands could be another good reason to visit French Polynesia.

The racing village:

Introduced last year, the Tahiti Pearl Regatta has decided to repeat last year's experience of creating a racing village in Uturoa, and sharing the event celebrations with the local population. From May 4th to 6th 2009, thanks to Uturoa's council, the village will extend a welcome to all 'ocean and lagoon lovers' who are ready to discover the treasures of the 'Leeward islands'. This will be the meeting place for bargains with all sorts of activities, environmental associations, sailing and nautical equipment of any kind.

Journey & categories:

2009 journey



1. wednesday may 6th: Training race.
Raiatea's lagoon.
Party & inaugural show under the big top at Uturoa, Raiatea.
2. thursday may 7th: Race n°1.
Raiatea – Huahine rally.
Prize-giving ceremony & delicious buffet at the 'Te Tiare' Hotel, Huahine.
3. friday may 8th: Race n°2.
Huahine - Taha'a rally.
Prize-giving ceremony & festive evening at the 'motu Mahaena', Taha'a.
4. saturday may 9th: Race n°3.
Sail around Taha'a's lagoon.
Prize-giving ceremony & festive evening at the Hibiscus' pension, Taha'a.
5. sunday may 10th: Race n°4.
Raiatea, Olympic journey.
Prize-giving ceremony & cocktail party at Hawaiki Nui's Hotel, Raiatea.

Racing instructions & staging points will be sent in March 2009 once registration is completed.

Categories & registration

The Tahiti Pearl Regatta is open to **monohulls** & **multihulls**, from 18'.

Each boat must enter one of these 3 categories:

- **TPR Trophy**: private crew (family & friends) rented or owner's boat, any type
- **'Défi Pro'**: company crew, renter or owner's boat, any type
- **Tahiti Pearl Challenge** : super-yachts, owner's boat more than 70'

Rankings within the first 2 categories will be differentiated between monohull and multihull, based on each boat's rating.

Registration fees* for each category:

- 15 000 XPF (125 €) per boat for the TPR Trophy.
- 50 000 XPF (420 €) per boat for the 'Défi Pro'.
- 35 000 XPF (295 €) per boat for the Tahiti Pearl Challenge (super-yachts).

* An additional 30% fee is to add to any late registration after Avril 15th 2009.

Registration is closed on May 5th at 12:00.

All registration is inclusive per boat, regardless the number of crew members on board.

Payment is to be made out to: Association Raiatea Regatta (Please e-mail at tpr@mail.pf for wire transfers).

Registration fees include:

- Racing registration;
- 1 crew kit (4 Tee-Shirts per crew; obligatory marking; sponsored gifts; cocktail invitations; stickers...);
- Logistics & organization contribution (speedboat; transfer; 'fresh bread' delivery each morning; trophies & prizes...).

Registration fees exclude:

- Meals and dinners;
- Tahitian Yachting Federation's temporary affiliation, boat & crew insurance;
- Additional services.



Racing committee, insurance & miscellaneous:

Racing Committee

The Tahitian Yachting Federation is in charge of the competition & composition of the racing committee. The races are dictated under the ISAF racing rules of sailing 2009-2012; any modification to be specified in the racing instructions.

The chairman of the jury and racing director is Mr André Raoult, international referee.

The boats' burdens (handicaps) are based on the Tahitian Yachting Federation according to the National Handicap system of the French Yachting Federation.

The racing instructions, burden (handicap) sheets and staging points will be sent by e-mail once registration is completed, early March 2009.

Insurance

The Raiatea Regatta association will subscribe a civil liability insurance to cover the general event.

Every skipper must produce the insurance certificate for the engaged boat (owner's or rented).

Each crew member must hold a temporary or permanent affiliation licence to the Tahitian Yachting Federation. This is obligatory to sail during the race & covered by the Tahitian Yachting Federation's insurance.

Raiatea's Yachting Club will offer a temporary affiliation licence during the race from May 4th to 6th at Uturoa's Race Village, for an amount of 500 XPF (4, 25€) per crew member.

Additional services

A '**special crew sale**' will be organized on Tahiti Pearl Regatta's website from March 1st, to help completing or joining a crew.

An **excort of your boat** can be planned from Tahiti, Moorea to Raiatea (or any other journey you may require) before or after the Tahiti Pearl Regatta, upon your request.

A '**floating grocery**' service will also be at the competitors & spectators' disposal, each day before and after the race.

In the 'Défi Pro' (the professional challenge), some special **packages** can optimize your engagement in the Tahiti Pearl Regatta: Starter, Corporate or Incentive.

If you require assistance from Europe or USA for the planning of your trip and participation, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us (Air Tahiti Nui discount, boat rental, local skipper recruitment, trip organization before and after the race).

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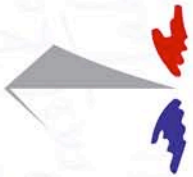
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