

Ahoy Pacific Puddle Jumpers,  
Please read the notices below.

### **Meet us at the Rendez-vous — It's going to be great!**

As announced earlier, this year's Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendez-vous will take place July 1-3 — and you don't want to miss it!

Although not officially part of the Puddle Jump, the TMSR has long served as the perfect companion event to the PPJ, due to its dual purposes: celebrating the arrival of a new fleet of international cruisers, and introducing them to highly revered Polynesian cultural traditions in music, dance, sports and cuisine. Many past participants have told us that participating in the Rendezvous was one of the highlights of their entire South Pacific cruise.

A special treat this year is that Friday night's opening festivities (July 1) will take place at the Mairie de Papeete — the mayor's mansion! — complete with a live music & dance show.

#### **Event Schedule:**

- Friday, 2 pm, Papeete, Tahiti — Check-in begins followed by chart briefing, a live music & dance performance, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.
- Saturday, 10 am, Papeete to Moorea — Rally/race (or 'cruise-in-company) from outside Papeete Harbor to Opunohu Bay, Moorea. Optional dinner ashore.
- Sunday, all day, Moorea — Traditional sports demos with cruiser participation, highlighted by six-person outrigger canoe races, in which cruisers team up with Polynesian paddlers. Optional Polynesian luncheon, handicrafts demos, a live music & dance show.

Also, representatives from other South Pacific cruising destinations will be on hand to present mini-seminars and answer area-specific questions. (All presenters are members of the South Pacific Sailing Network.)

Please note: Due to anchoring restrictions at Opunohu, this year's Rendez-vous will be limited to about 55 boats. So we encourage you to register online ASAP at <https://www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com/>.

### **Buy It When You See It**

When it comes to finding boat parts and supplies in remote areas such as French Polynesia, our credo is this: If you think you might need it someday soon, buy it when you see it, because it might not be there tomorrow. That said, chandleries in Papeete are currently as well-stocked as we've ever seen them. But we're told that the worldwide shipping slowdown is still causing substantial delays on special orders of parts and supplies. DHL and FedEx are both available for must-

have parts shipments but at a hefty price. However, 'vessels in transit' (such as yours) can bring in "replacement parts" duty-free.

Here are two more bits of good news worth noting: First, both the US dollar and the Euro are relatively strong against the French Polynesian franc these days (XPF or CFP). And second, registered Pacific Puddle Jumpers get 10% off most items — including bottom paint — at FP's largest chandleries, Sin Tung Hing, (located in the Port of Papeete at Marina Taina), and at Taravao, on Tahiti Iti. (Your "PPJ Passport" email will be sent this week.) Pacific Puddle Jumpers are also eligible to receive a variety of discounts through Tahiti Crew's 2022 discount program.

### **We'd Love to Receive Your Passage Data**

A reminder that we would greatly appreciate you taking a few minutes to send us your passage data, if you have not done so already. It serves as valuable info for future Puddle Jumpers. See below:

#### **• 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.

Many thanks! And if possible, we'd love to receive a few (medium-resolution) photos from your trip.

— Andy Turpin, PPJ