

Ahoy,

Wind, Waves & Surprises — Needless to say, no two Pacific Puddle Jump passages are ever exactly the same in terms of wind, waves, and surprises. This year, from what we observed, boats that jumped off from the USA or Mexico generally appeared to have better sailing conditions during most of their trip, than did fleet members who left from Panama or Galapagos. That's often the case, but not always.

Also notable is that many 2022 Pacific Puddle Jump boats set sail for the islands several weeks later than is normal. Sadly, even though the annual Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendezvous was scheduled later in the year than ever (July 1-3), most Puddle Jumpers missed all the fun of that three-day cultural celebration.

Special Event for Late Arriving Cruisers — We are happy to report, however, that our associates at the South Pacific Sailing Network are currently planning a new event in your honor here in Tahiti, called the "Cruisers' Late Arrival Welcome." The free, four-hour gathering is tentatively slated to take place at the Papeete mayor's mansion in mid-August. It will showcase a live traditional Polynesian music and dance performance, a detailed chart briefing on cruising the Society Islands, and a meet-and-greet cocktail reception — where we'd love to meet you and hear about your travels. Several marine industry representatives from Fiji and New Zealand may also attend to share cruising info. (All arriving cruisers are welcome to attend.)

We'd love to see you there, so please let us know what date would work best for you:

August 10?

August 17?

August 24?

Safe travels,

— Andy Turpin,
PPJ Director & founding member of the South Pacific Sailing Network