

2024 Pacific Puddle Jump Rally

Fleet Letter #7

Meet Us at the Rendez-vous, June 21-24 — If you've done any homework on South Pacific sailing events, you know that the annual Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendez-vous is an event you don't want to miss.

For more than 15 years, it has been a favorite gathering for international sailors of all stripes, largely because of its dual purpose: to celebrate the arrival of a new cruising fleet, while showcasing many highly revered



elements of Polynesian culture. The event is open to Pacific Puddle Jumpers and all other international cruisers.

The fun begins Friday, June 21, with a meet-and-greet gathering and skipper's briefing at the (downtown) Papeete Marina. On Saturday, the fleet will "rally-sail" (not a race) from the Port of Tahiti to Moorea's famous Opunohu Bay (roughly 15 miles). Welcome beverages ashore that afternoon, followed by an optional dinner.

On Sunday, fleet members will be invited to sample

a variety of traditional Polynesian sports, the highlight of which is always six-person outrigger canoe races in the lagoon. There will be an optional Tahitian feast that afternoon, followed by a live Polynesian music and dance show.

A special feature of this year's event is that on Monday, June 24, 10 representatives from Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu and New Zealand will present mini-



seminars about their island nations with a wealth of accurate, up-to-the-minute information. (All of these folks we will be flying in specially for the Rendez-vous.)

We realize, of course, that many Pacific Puddle Jump fleet boats are currently cruising in various parts of the Marquesas, Tuamotus and Tahitian islands. But we would encourage you to make a special effort to participate in this year's Rendez-vous. If you do, we're sure you won't regret it.

Check out the attached flyer, and visit the website (www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com) to register or get further information. We hope to see you there!

— Andy Turpin, PPJ

