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Ia Orana Puddle jumpers,

We thank you for choosing our agency for this year's South Pacific rally and we are looking forward to meet you all.

After having been in contact with some of you, we started processing paperwork for your calls to our islands, and would like to advise in detail your arrival procedure.

First of all, keep us informed about your ETA's to our islands and one day prior to your arrival at your destination. This will give us enough time to inform our agents on the islands (in Nuku Hiva and Hiva Oa only).

For your Inward clearance you will have to be present in person, with your passport and yacht documents at the police station (similar to face check when arriving on a plane).

Which means:

If arriving in Nuku Hiva or Hiva Oa, our Agent will give you a hand for filling in the papers.

The Agent will send us a copy of your custom entry form by email, and the original by mail. (which needs to be dropped off by us within 10 days of your arrival in French Polynesia).

You need to present yourself at the gendarmerie **the day you arrive**, or if you arrive in the evening, the following day. You cannot wait a week or a month before you do your first entry in French Polynesia. The border police will know it, information and communication in the islands is very effective. You might get a sanction if you wait a long time before presenting yourself to the authorities.

Please note that if you arrive in a port where we don't have agents you will have to email us directly the documents.

With this email, we are able here in Tahiti to obtain for you the document from the customs office, which will enable you to be entitled to the duty free fuel.

Also, **the duty free fuel paper are done on Tuesdays and Thursdays only**, so if you do your entry and send us your custom form on Friday, you will have to wait a few days until you get your duty free fuel form on Tuesday.

Once obtained, (authorities are not working on weekends!) I will return a copy of this to our agent or you on your arrival island, and you are all settled.

Duty free fuel is available in Nuku Hiva, Hiva Oa, Rangiroa, Tahiti, Moorea, Huahine, Tahaa, Raiatea and Bora Bora.

If you decide to change your crew; please note that you (Captain) are obliged to inform us and declare this officially at the closest Gendarmerie or Immigration office

before disembarkation of this crewmember. If you fail to do so; the Crewmember and you will get in trouble with Immigration while trying to leave the country or while trying to embark on another boat!!!!!! Don't play with officials!!!

Please also think about Phytosanitary regulations, when you come ashore. You are not allowed to bring any kind of fruits, flowers, seeds, vegetables, flowers into our islands.

If you have animals on board, please check the link below to make sure you comply with the local rules

http://www.biosecurite.gov.pf/importation/import_anim_yachts.php

Please be aware that you are not allowed to disembark your animal before reaching Tahiti. Tahiti's SDR Department and their veterinarian are the only one authorized to give you the permission for disembarkation of your animal.

If you need further information please call in the Marquesas Islands: 00689 / 92 07 20 or contact us and we will give you more information's about this issue.

Here are for your information our Agents contact details in your Arrival Islands:

Nuku Hiva:

Kevin and Anabella ELLIS yacht services **VHF 73**

Tel: 00689 87794830 and their email ysnukuhiva@hotmail.com

(please keep us in copy of any mails, so that we can follow up with them)

Hiva Oa:

Sandra WULLAERT yacht services **VHF 9**

Tel: 00689/ 87927985 or 00689/ 87232247 and her email hivaoayachtservices@gmail.com

(please keep us in copy of any mails, so that we can follow up with them)

They are subagents for us, and will be duly informed about your arrival.

Arriving in Tahiti

When you are on your way to Papeete, Tahiti, please keep us again informed about your ETA. On arrival, you need to do a check-in with the port captain of Papeete. This needs to be done during the first couple of days after your arrival in Tahiti (not necessarily the 1st day)

If you are staying in Papeete, you can fill out the form directly with Ken, the port captain.

Even if you did your check in the Marquesas, you still need to do a check in Tahiti (the passports are not required) and 2 days before you leave Tahiti, you will need to inform the port captain or us, so we can organize your clearance for Tahiti. This is not an official clearance, it is just a clearance for Tahiti and Moorea.

Official clearance are done with the gendarmerie or the border police.

If you are coming straight to the marina Taina, we can organize this formalities for you and at the same time, it is a good opportunity for us to meet in person.

We receive Puddle Jumpers on weekdays only from 9.00am to 11.00am at the Marina Taina.

Inform us as well if you would like to make a booking for the marina Taina, it gets very busy during the season, so reservation are recommended.

To keep you inform about the local events in Tahiti, we've created facebook group to post the latest local events. Feel free to join us

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/intahiti/>

Don't miss the Tahiti Sailing RDV this year which will be the last week-end of June, and the spectacular Heiva dance competition happening in Tahiti in july.

Tahiti Crew is very happy to renew our association with the Puddle Jump rally in 2018. We are excited to welcome you to French Polynesia and remain at you disposal for any information you may require to simplify your arrival and stay.

Wishing all of you a safe transit to our islands,

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