

PPJers - To those of you at sea we apologize for sending such lengthy messages to your at-sea email addresses. In the history of the Puddle Jump we have never had a crisis which required so much detailed communication while boats were at sea.

We're happy to report that the government of French Polynesia has finally released the detailed written directive that was promised several days ago. **The full list of Government Regulations is posted at the end of this email.**

What appears below and what has already been circulated on this and other forums is a translation from French, of course, so a few phrases seem a bit odd. But the intent is clear.

Most importantly boats now at sea will be allowed to make landfall in Nuku Hiva and stay for an undefined length of time. After arrival however they will not be able to leave for Tahiti or anywhere else without permission from the maritime authorities. Going straight to Tahiti to make landfall is another option but, in many ways, less attractive unless crew want to fly out immediately. All interisland flights have been suspended so it is effectively impossible to fly out of Nuku Hiva to anywhere at the moment.

All boats in the anchorage here at Tiaohae Bay are under strict regulations which prohibit free movement in the anchorage and ashore except for essential needs. Again absolutely no inter-island sailing is allowed.

You can read the text below for details but most importantly, boats underway now must do 2 things before arrival:

1) Email the questionnaire ([DPAM](#)) provided to you earlier or just the answers in text form to either Tahiti Crew, if you are using them as your agent, or to Kevin at Nuku Hiva Yacht Services ysnukuhiva@hotmail.com who is the go-to guy for just about everything here involved with yachts. All questionnaires that were turned into us previously have been given to Kevin in order to streamline communications with governmental authorities.

2) Contact the JRCC no sooner than 48 hours prior to arrival and no later than an hour before you arrive, with the following 2 pieces of information, see questions below - [Boat and Crew Information](#) and [Request for Boat Passage](#)

Your information can be sent by:

PHONE : +68940541616

FAX : +68940423915

MF SSB : 8291 KHZ - 2182 KHZ

EMAIL : contact@jrcc.pf

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Boat and Crew Information

Boat Name
Country of Origin
Last Port
Departure Date
Next Port
ETA Next Port

List of the Crew Including Their
Gender
Nationality
Passport Number
Medical Condition

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Request for Boat Passage

Based on the decision by the High Commissioner of March 21st 2020, ruling Maritime and Coastal activities in French Polynesia to address the COVID-19 pandemic

I, the undersigned

Mr/Ms

Born on

Leaving

Hereby declare that my boat passage is linked to (**mark the relevant reason with an X**) the reason authorized by article 1 of the decision of March 21st 2020 ruling maritime and coastal activities in French Polynesia to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Travel between home and the place of work if it is impossible to work from home (need a permanent authorization) or professional travel that cannot be postponed

Travel for Health Reasons

Travel for urgent family reason or to assist people in need or to take care of children

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Regulations set forth by the High-Commissioner of the Republic of French Polynesia for the Stoppage of Maritime and Littoral Activities in French Polynesia

Article 1: it is strictly prohibited for any ship to carry passengers from one island to another unless it is for a strictly necessary reason defined below:

- Travel for work
- Travel for health issues
- Travel for urgent family situation or helping people in need of assistance

People wanting to travel for one of these reasons will need to carry the required form

Article 2: ship owners must make sure during boarding that passengers do have the required form

Article 3: access to beaches, coastal areas, marinas and harbors in French Polynesia is strictly prohibited. Swimming at sea is strictly prohibited. All watersports including surfing, paddling, windsurfing, diving are strictly prohibited

Article 4: sailing inside French Polynesian waters is strictly prohibited for all leisure crafts. Leisure crafts are not allowed to anchor, stop, moor nor disembark any passengers

Article 5: leisure crafts currently moored in French Polynesian waters are allowed to stay. The same confinement rules apply than for people on land.

Article 6: leisure crafts currently at sea that are allowed to stop in Papeete are those that are sailing towards French Polynesia, notably participants in the World Arc Rally and Pacific Puddle Jump and those in need of provisioning or technical repairs. After provisioning and performing the necessary repairs these leisure crafts leave French Polynesia and are not allowed to come back afterwards. They can ask for a special authorization in order to stay in their anchorage. The authorizations will be granted by the head of maritime affairs after consulting with local maritime authorities.

Article 7: in any case leisure crafts must contact the authorities prior to their arrival.

- 48h before arrival the captain must contact JRCC and describe the health condition of his crew members
- Passengers and crew members are not authorized to disembark and go on shore without having first spent 14 days quarantine on the boat from their last stop. The general confinement rules apply for people on boats.

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