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Former Californian Kevin Ellis, now of Yacht Services Nuku Hiva, asked us to post his following perspective regarding cruising in French Polynesia this season. Kevin is the go-to guy for just about every service that sailors need in Nuku Hiva, and works closely with Tahiti Crew Yacht Agents, a company whose services many of you are already using, which is based in Tahiti - [yachts@tahiticrew.com](mailto:yachts@tahiticrew.com)

- Andy

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### **Don't Leave the Americas if Possible - Not Yet**

I look forward to a day when I can welcome you here on Nuku Hiva with open arms.

However, this is not that time.

The French Polynesian Government are not allowing boats to come to Nuku Hiva for tourism at this time. Should you come here now you will be required to go directly to Tahiti and not stop anywhere else in Polynesia. Should you be forced to stop, you will only be allowed to get fuel, food, water and make repairs before continuing to Tahiti.

Everyone in the country is restricted from leaving their domiciles for anything but the bare necessities, that means boats too. All the marinas are closed as are all of the beaches. All water sports, of any kind, are banned until further notice (no swimming). A curfew is in effect and it is now illegal to leave your domicile between 20:00 and 05:00 daily, this applies to boats too. This is in effect until April 15<sup>th</sup> and will likely be extended after that as the number of COVID-19 cases here continues to rise.

If you would like to stay in touch, I would be happy to let you know how the situation here is developing. We, the people who live here, are battening down the hatches for what will likely be a very difficult few months.

Kevin

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