

Ahoy Pacific Puddle Jumpers,

Please take a few minutes to read the following.

## **SAFETY, CAMARADERIE & CONSCIENTIOUS CRUISING - WHO YOU GONNA CALL?**

Like most sailors, we don't like governmental agencies 'meddling' in our lives, with one big exception: When we're sailing offshore, we are quite happy to have our current location known by agencies such as the US Coast Guard, as well as by mariners in our vicinity. That's why we were honored when Search and Rescue Specialist, Layne Carter, made a special trip to San Diego in November to attend our PPJ seminar. He wished this year's PPJ fleet a safe crossing to the islands, and wanted let us know that he and his team have 'got our backs' while we're offshore. We have the highest respect for Guardsmen, especially those in rescue units, as they often risk their lives in perilous conditions to assist or rescue sailors and commercial mariners. During the Puddle Jump's 23-year history, Guardsmen, as well as personnel from other rescue agencies, have come to the aid of Tahiti-bound sailors a number of times.

These days most Puddle Jumpers have multiple ways of sending out an emergency distress signal, but, of course, it can be a challenge to keep them all charged. Although emergency contact can be made by HF radio, voice or email, or via a satellite messaging device, the Coast Guard much prefers a satphone call (or cell call if you're near shore), as calls allow them to gather complete info quickly.

We recommend that you post these numbers in your nav station and store them in all onboard smartphones and satphones:

USA, RCC Alameda, +1 510 437-3700 or 3701 ([RCCAlameda1@uscg.mil](mailto:RCCAlameda1@uscg.mil))

USA, JRCC Honolulu, +1 808 535 3333 ([JRCCHonolulu@uscg.mil](mailto:JRCCHonolulu@uscg.mil))

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French Polynesia MRCC Papeete +689 46 24 32 ([mrccpapeete@mail.pf](mailto:mrccpapeete@mail.pf))

(Thanks to Peter Mott of Passage Guardian for updating our list. Please check out his special offer below.)

## **SAT DEVICE CHECK-IN & OPTIONAL HF RADIO NET**

Every year more boats install satellite messaging devices rather than maintaining or upgrading HF radios, which is why we are excited to be handling daily check-ins via a specially customized PPJ 2020 net at [Followingsea.net](http://Followingsea.net), which allows messages from a variety of sat devices. Please see [Set up instructions posted by FollowingSea on YouTube](#). Instructions are also available in a PDF that we will post on the [PPJ Fleet Letters Archive](#). To have PDF instructions emailed to you, please contact [events@latitude38.com](mailto:events@latitude38.com). As we experienced last year, during the long passage

to French Polynesia, participating in the net builds a sense of community and camaraderie within the fleet. Not only that but it's fun, enhances safety and helps pass the time! (Please don't wait until the last minute before shoving off to set up your net profile!)

About 10% of PPJ boats have SSB or HAM and no sat devices so, as in years past, we encourage a few volunteer net controllers to step up and host an SSB net (or nets) during the crossing. Typically, one group will form from Panama departers, and another from boats leaving from Mexico. If you're interested please contact us at [andyturpinatlarge@gmail.com](mailto:andyturpinatlarge@gmail.com) and we'll share sample net control scripts and frequency suggestions.

### **SPSN PROMOTES 'SUSTAINABLE CRUISING'**

The Pacific Puddle Jump is proud to be associated with the South Pacific Sailing Network, which encourages international sailors to adopt sensible practices that protect local ecologies and respect local populations. Please see their [new brochure here](#), and read their common-sense recommendations.

### **DISCOUNTS TO PPJ FLEET MEMBERS**

The PPJ is not specifically a discount program, but rather a loosely formed rally designed to promo fun and safe cruising. But members do enjoy special discounts from sponsors and supporters such as Tahiti Crew, [Followingsea.net](http://Followingsea.net), PredictWind and others. Two important benefits to note are: All registered PPJers get a 10% discount at the territory's largest marine chandlery, Sin Tung Hing Marine (Papeete), plus all discounts in Tahiti Crew's discount program, whether or not you are a paying client of theirs. (Further info will be emailed to you directly.)

### **YELLOW FLAG GUIDE TO FRENCH POLYNESIA**

If you haven't done so already, you MUST download the free [Yellow Flag Guide to French Polynesia](#). It has complete info on yacht services, immigration and customs, important phone numbers and more — an indispensable resource.

### **SPECIAL PPJ SPONSOR PROMOTION:**

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- \* Provides an easy way for friends and family to know where you are and communicate with you via short messaging.

Pacific Puddle Jumpers get 10% discount for all PPJ participants

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### **LATITUDE 38 MAGAZINE & THE PPJ**

Finally, we want to invite you to become familiar with our longtime event partner, Latitude 38 Magazine and its online Newsletter 'Electronic Latitude. The editors there are always eager to receive photos and stories from cruisers like you about favorite destinations and the cruising lifestyle. (Email [editorial@latitude38.com](mailto:editorial@latitude38.com).)

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