

Ahoy Pacific Puddle Jumpers,

Please take a few minutes to read the following updates:

### **RENDEZVOUS WITH YOU?**

Although the annual Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendezvous (June 21-23) is a separate event from the Pacific Puddle Jump, it serves as both a celebration of the fleet's arrival, as well as a showcase of highly revered Polynesian cultural traditions in music, dance, sport and cuisine. We hope many of you will make a special effort to attend. If you do, you won't regret it.

As explained on the website, <https://www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com/>, this three-day event includes several live music and dance performances, a rally/race from Papeete to More, two cocktail parties, and a Polynesian sports day where you'll be invited to participate in an authentic Tahitian outrigger canoe race. In addition to a detailed chart briefing about cruising Tahiti's Leewards, representatives from Tonga, Fiji and New Zealand will also be on hand to inform you about their countries.

Ask anyone who's taken part in a previous Rendezvous and they'll probably tell you it was one of the highlights of their South Pacific cruise. So don't miss it! Register online at:

<https://www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com/> or by emailing organizer Stephanie Betz.

We'll see you there!

### **DISCOUNT CARD REMINDER**

As noted earlier, all registered Puddle Jumpers are eligible to receive a special discount card from Tahiti Crew at Marina Taina in Tahiti (even if you did not use their services). The card gives you substantial discounts on many products and services. **BURGEES:** If you haven't connected with us in Mexico, Panama or the Marquesas to get your official Pacific Puddle Jump burgee (flag), you may pick one up from the Tahiti Crew staff. (You can also get one from s/v *Little Wing*, soon to be in the Tuamotus.)

### **TRAGIC LOSS OF WOULD-BE PUDDLE JUMPER**

In contrast the uplifting news that several hundred PPJ fleet members have completed the most challenging ocean passage of their lives, we're very sorry to report the tragic loss of Kiwi mariner Alan Culverwell, 59, who was reportedly murdered by "pirates" early this month aboard his 60-ft aluminum trawler *Aqua Lobo*, while she was anchored in Panama's San Blas Islands. His wife Derryn and adolescent daughter were also injured during the apparent robbery attempt. We're told that at least two suspects have been apprehended and charged with the multiple crimes.

We never met Alan or his family, but we know from their PPJ registration form that they were planning to take the custom-built boat home to New Zealand, with a possible layover for cyclone season in Tonga. In any case, our hearts are heavy with the news of this tragedy, and we offer Derryn and her children our sincere condolences.

### **BOND LETTER CHANGE — AGAIN**

Policies regarding repatriation bond requirements for Long Stay Visa holders have changed again. Here's the current policy:

Arriving at Hiva Oa, Long Stay Visa holders WILL be required to post a bond.

Arriving at Nuku Hiva, Long Stay Visa holders WILL NOT be required to post a bond.

## **OCC PACIFIC NET**

SV DreamCatcher asks us to announce that they have restarted the OCC Pacific net. *DreamCatcher* & *Watermusic* will take the lead as net controllers.

Will start at 00:00 UTC (=6pm Galapagos time) on 8107.

Will use 4146 as secondary - if I haven't heard anyone, will wait till 00:10, announce freq change, and go to 4146

Everyone welcome. Will be looking for more net controllers to share the load! Join in!

Safe travels. Hope to see you at the Rendezvous!

- Andy Turpin and the PPJ crew

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