

## **PPJ 2019 Fleet Letter #11 of 11 - Rendezvous Schedule**

Ahoy Puddle Jumpers,

By now almost the entire fleet has made landfall, and most crews are enjoying the magic of these spectacular islands.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you next week at the Rendezvous in Papeete. But we realize you may not yet have been able to view the event's website due to the challenges of finding strong wifi out in the islands. So we've included the schedule below:

### **2019 TAHITI-MOOREA SAILING RENDEZVOUS SCHEDULE:**

#### **JUNE 21 — FRIDAY, TAHITI:**

2:00-5:00 pm: At Tahiti Tourism Information Center (on the Papeete waterfront, near by the cruise terminal) meet with our team at the committee booth and receive your welcome kit (information folder, briefing documents, T-shirts and partners' gifts).

Discover parts of the Polynesian culture of Tahiti through several booths, handcrafts and exhibits. Meet our partners from Tahiti, Cook, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand and New Caledonia.

3:30 pm: Skippers' briefing on sailing in Moorea and the Leeward islands

5:30 to 7 pm: Welcome cocktail at Tahiti Tourism Information Center

Polynesian skippers' blessing ceremony. Speech and briefing for rally participants. Cocktail reception with handmade flower leis for all and a music and dance performance.

#### **JUNE 22 — SATURDAY, MOOREA**

10:00 am: Inter-island passage from Tahiti waterfront to Moorea.

Sailboats leave Papeete Harbor, Arue or Punaauia marinas, and motor to the pass of Papeete.

Fleet gathers outside the main entrance to Papeete Harbor for the start of a (no pressure) sailing rally to Moorea's Cook's Bay. The starting line is outside the coral reef of Papeete's pass and between two speed-boats of the organizing committee. Arrival line in the pass of Cook's Bay.

Anchor inside the bay, in the PGEM allocated moorings area.

4:30 pm: Dinghy to the Aimeo Hotel.

Welcome with music and flowers. Mingle with fleet members. Register your team for the six-person outrigger canoe races on Sunday.

5:00 to 6:30 pm: Cocktails offered by the South Pacific Sailing Network (SPSN)

Meet with the members of the SPSN, who represent potential stopovers in Tonga, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Zealand.

7:00 pm: Enjoy performances of local dance group and ukulele musicians

Dancing after the show if you wish. A specially-priced dinner will also be offered by the hotel. Cost is 2500 XPF with prior registration only.

#### **JUNE 23 — SUNDAY, MOOREA**

7:00 am: Fresh baguette will be delivered (quietly) to each boat.

9:00 am onward: A fun day of traditional Polynesian sports.

Local experts will demonstrate and cruisers can test their skills. The highlight of the day will be the six-person outrigger canoe races, where cruisers join local paddlers in a series of races.

12 Noon: Optional traditional "Ma'a" luncheon that includes many classic Polynesian dishes (Cost is 3500 XPF with prior registration only.)

2:30 pm: Awards ceremony / learn to dance Tahitian style to live music.

**JUNE 24 — MONDAY, MOOREA**

9:00 am to 11:00 am : SPSN informative seminar.

Learn more about sailing and yacht facilities in your next stopovers in the South Pacific : Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand and New Caledonia.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

As mentioned earlier, organizers of the Rendezvous put a great deal of effort into organizing it for the fleet, so we hope you will make a special effort to attend.

Register at the website: [www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com](http://www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com)

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Thanks,

— Andy Turpin for the PPJ team

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