

Ahoy Puddle Jumpers,

A few important announcements:

RADIO NET UPDATE

As explained earlier, we don't set up radio nets for the crossing, but we encourage fleet members to do so.

As of last week a group of Puddle Jumpers leaving from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, had established a net (see notes below), but boats heading west from Panama had not yet done so.

We are still hopeful that someone in the Panama group will step up and organize an SSB net, as it gives participants an added measure of safety, helps them share weather info, it can play a crucial role during an emergency, and it's fun!

PUERTO VALLARTA GROUP NET

It is impractical for the Puerto Vallarta group to take checkins from the entire fleet, but we want you to have their info in case of an emergency:

Puerto Vallarta PPJ Net only: Net will begin 0100 Zulu on the primary PPJ Net frequency of 8.294.0 USB with alternate frequencies of 8.297.0 USB and 6.224.0 USB.

Nets forming from other areas are requested NOT to use the above times and frequencies.

Net controller Dan on Dazzler has offered to also record positions of boats leaving Mexico that don't have HF radios but have satellite locator devices. Needless to say, that's a lot of extra work, but it would be great if someone in the Panama PPJ group would do so also.

Questions, comments, or interest in becoming a net controller should be directed to Dan by email: sv_dazzler@myiridium.net or KJ6MLX@winlink.org.

ADDITIONAL PPJ NETS

Please keep us informed if additional nets develop and we will spread the info to the rest of the fleet if appropriate.

POLYNESIAN MAGELLAN NET

As a backup, former Puddle Jumper Shelly Rothery aboard Avatar advises using the services of the Polynesian Magellan Net. She writes:

"I want to be sure to remind you and all the others who will be sailing across the puddle this year about our French Polynesia SSB net. The Polynesian Magellan Net has been going for 3 years now and we have had a great time being net controllers.

I saw that there has been some discussion on whether to get an SSB for ocean crossing or just get a Sat phone. But my 2 cents worth is, that it is so nice to talk to other people who are in the same area and doing the same things we are to get good advice and hear voices other than our spouse.

The net is on at 1800 and 0400 zulu on 8173.0 SSB. We hope to hear you checking in!"

Shelly and her husband Mike just renewed their long stay visas for the 3rd year. They originally set sail from La Paz, Mexico, aboard Avatar and got married at the Club Bali Hai Hotel, site of the Tahiti Moorea Sailing Rendez-vous (see notes below).

SAVE THE DATE

Please note that *Latitude 38* staff will again join several French Polynesian partners in co-hosting the following three-day event:

- **June 22-24, 2018 — The Tahiti-Moorea Sailing Rendez-vous** serves the dual purpose of celebrating the fleet's safe arrival in the islands while introducing several hundred international sailors to time-honored Polynesian cultural traditions in music, dance, cuisine and sport.

Representatives from Tonga, Fiji, Noumea and New Zealand will be on site to inform you about their cruising grounds and answer questions about inter-island cruising.

We hope you will make a special effort to attend the Rendez-vous. We know you won't regret it. Register online at: www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com

Thanks,

— Andy Turpin, Latitude 38 editor-at-large & the PPJ Rally Committee

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