

## PPJ 2019 Fleet Letter #9 - Fleet Survey & Recap/ Your Stories

The majority of the 2019 PPJ fleet is now spread out throughout the French Polynesian archipelago, while some boats are still in mid-ocean en route to their first Polynesian landfall. And a few others are just now setting sail from Panama or Mexico.

To those who have completed the crossing, we offer our hearty congratulations, and to those en route we wish you an easy finish and a glorious landfall.

### **PPJ 2019 SURVEY & RECAP:**

Every year we publish a recap article on the PPJ crossing in *Latitude 38* magazine (available online for free at [www.latitude38.com](http://www.latitude38.com)). Included in the article are quotes and firsthand info from fleet participants.

So please take a few minutes to participate in our survey below and return to: [andyturpinatlarge@gmail.com](mailto:andyturpinatlarge@gmail.com). If possible, send us a few of your **FAVORITE PHOTOS** in high or medium resolution, too.

### **YOUR CROSSING DATA:**

The info you provide here helps future Puddle Jumpers prepare:

- Boat name:
- Boat type/maker & length:
- Owner's names:
- Boat's Homeport:
- Departed from where? On what date?
- Made landfall where? On what date?
- How many days was your crossing?
- How many miles logged?
- At what longitude did you cross the equator?
- How many engine hours (for propulsion)?
- % of time hand steering?
- % of time steering by autopilot?
- % of time steering by windvane device?
- Best 24-hour mileage?
- Worst 24-hour mileage?
- Highest sustained wind speed you had?
- Highest wind gusts you had?
- Number of fish caught?
- Any gear breakage or machinery failures?

### **TELL US ABOUT YOUR CROSSING EXPERIENCE:**

- How did your passage-making experience differ from your expectations before the trip? Were there any surprises?
  
- They say a long crossing is often a balance of highs and lows. What were some of the high points, or low points, of your crossing?
  
- Did you celebrate crossing the equator? Yes If so, how? Champagne & ice wine.
  
- Can you remember the feeling you had when you first made landfall?

- What advice would you give to future Puddle Jumpers?

Many thanks for taking the time to respond.

— Andy

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***Latitude 38's* CHANGES IN LATITUDES SECTION:**

Please be aware also that the Puddle Jump's longtime partner, *Latitude 38* magazine, is always interested in hearing about the highs and lows of your adventures in greater detail for the magazine's popular *Changes in Latitudes* section. By sharing your insights and photos with *Latitude's* readers, you may help to inspire and educate the next wave of Puddle Jumpers. You may send your stories and photos directly to *Changes in Latitudes* cruising editor John Riise at: [jriise38@gmail.com](mailto:jriise38@gmail.com).

Thanks again,

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