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The **Stopover Handbook in French Polynesia** booklet brings together practical information and useful addresses for your stopovers in the islands that you will visit. Although each individual island differs from the next, they are all linked together by the ma'ohi culture, which is a source of inspiration, of perception and different life experiences. Experiencing this culture gives visitors a real opportunity to step into a completely different world. Welcome to these islands which are as precious and fragile as they are sparsely distributed within the vastness of the South Pacific. Welcome to the invisible continent that is the Polynesian triangle. la ora na Maeva e Manava.

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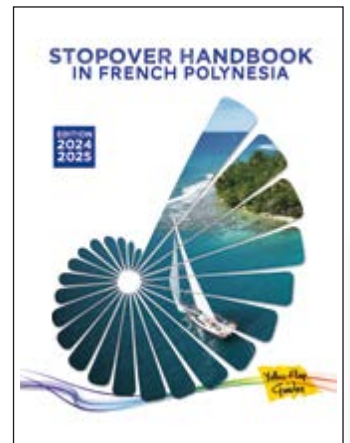
Make a commitment to responsible cruising.

MARINE LIFE 31

Just like on the islands and reefs, the lagoons and the ocean are ecosystems as intensively populated as they are fragile.



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FRENCH POLYNESIA GENERAL MAP

The **Protected Marine Areas** have been given special protection in order to maintain their biological diversity, ecological processes, natural resources and their associated cultural values. There are various categories of Protected Marine Areas.



The integral natural reserves

Strictly protected areas mainly managed for scientific purposes
ACCES FORBIDDEN



The habitat /species management areas

Protected areas mainly aimed to protect particular species or habitats



The protected landscapes

Protected area mainly aimed at safeguarding the landscape and/or for recreational purposes



The regulated fishing areas

In Tahiti (Faa'a, Pirae, Arue - Tetiaroa included-, Mahina) and Tatakoto : fishing is forbidden or limited, especially fishing with a net.



The PGEM areas

In Moorea and in the seven townships of Fakarava, the PGEM regulates fishing and mooring areas (interdiction indicated by yellow buoys)



The UNESCO biosphere reserve

This label applies to the seven atolls of the township of Fakarava. When you are in the atoll's town hall. Moorings is forbidden over the coral less than 200m from the shore. Anchoring is forbidden inside the marked navigation channels and inside passageways, even biodegradable items.



The Rahui: ressources areas managed by the community

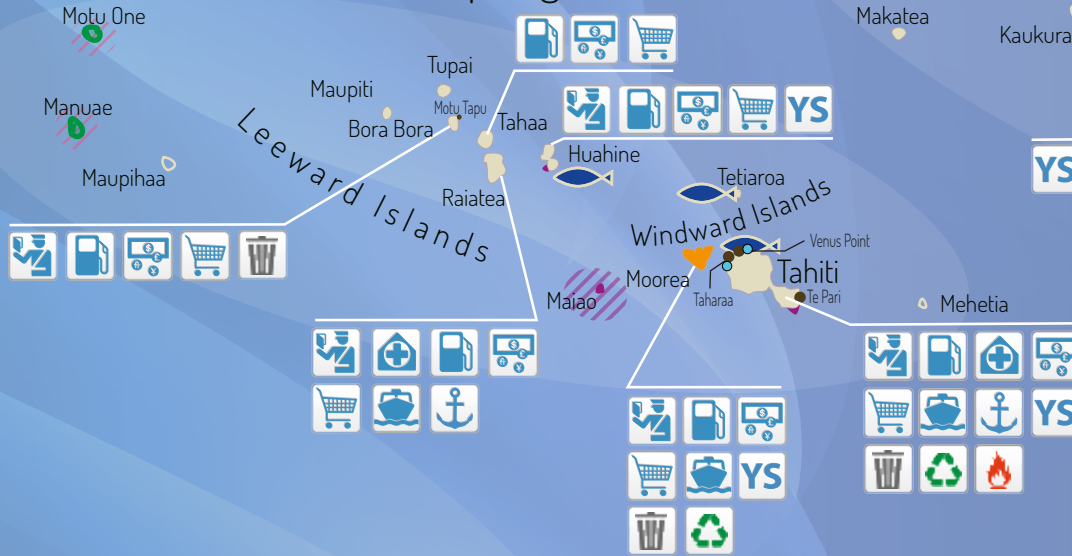
Unwritten rules are defined by the communities. In small islands, report to the local regulations applied regarding anchoring and fishing.



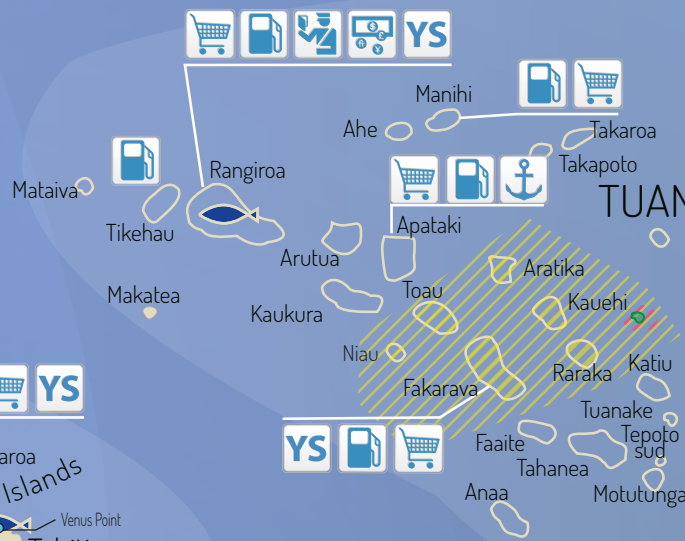
Marine educative area (AME)

A marine educative area is a small scale coastal area managed by the children's training center, in conformity with the articles of a charter.

SOCIETY Archipelago



TUAMOTU Archipelago



AUSTRAL Archipelago



arrive, report your situation to
 from the shore and near fish parks.
 sses. No waste can be thrown

unities
 the townhall to find out the

en of a primary school or a

OTU Archipelago

- Takume
- Fangatau
- Fakahina
- Taenga
- Raroia
- Makemo
- Nihiru
- Rekareka
- Hiti
- Marutea
- Tekokota
- Tauere
- Haraiki
- Hikueru
- Amanu
- Reitoru
- Marokau
- Hao
- Nengonengo
- Manuhangi
- Ahuqui
- Paraoa
- Vairatea
- Tavana
- Pinaki
- Anuanuraro
- nurunga
- Nukutepipi

oucester Islands

- Anuanuraro
- nurunga
- Nukutepipi

Marotiri

MARQUESAS Archipelago

Islands shown: Hatutaa, Motu One, Eiao, Hatu Iti, Nuku Hiva, Ua Huka, Ua Pou, Hihoi Bay, Hiva Oa, Motane, Tahuata (Educational marine area), Fatu Hiva, Hanavavae Bay (Ba) (of the Bays).

Service icons: Boat Yard, Entry formalities, Marina, Fuel, Hospital or medical care, Bank, Shopping, Yacht Services.

Disappointment Islands

- Tepoto nord
- Napuka

Pukapuka

Tatakoto

Pukarua

Reao

- Akiaki
- Nukutavake
- Vairatea
- Tavana
- Pinaki

Tematangi

- Vanavana
- Tureia

Moruroa

Fangataufa

- Tenararo
- Vahanga
- Tenarunga
- Matureivavoa
- Marutea sud
- Maria est

Morane

Mangareva

Taravai

Akamaru

Rikitea

Temoe

GAMBIER Archipelago

- Boat Yard
- Entry formalities
- Marina
- Fuel
- Hospital or medical care
- Bank
- Shopping
- Yacht Services

Waste management

- Domestic waste
- Recyclable waste
- Dangerous waste



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**MAEVA & WELCOME
IN FRENCH POLYNESIA**

You're coming from abroad,
flying a French or foreign flag
and sailing for pleasure:

- **All persons** on board must **go through immigration formalities with the Border Police**. The documents to be presented at this checkpoint depend on your nationality and the desired length of your stay in French Polynesia.
- **Any owner or captain** of a pleasure boat arriving in French Polynesia from abroad by sea must report to the Papeete Port customs office in Tahiti to make an entry declaration. Your vessel may stay in French Polynesia and benefit from the temporary admission regime for a maximum of 24 consecutive months. In the event of force majeure, this period may be extended by a further 3 months.
- If a yacht or pleasure boat does not make its initial landfall at Tahiti, it may dock or anchor at any of the entry ports listed on the right below. **Vessel owners or captains** must then report to the island's **gendarmerie brigade** to complete the formalities for entering Polynesian territory: customs and immigration.



Initial landfall and clearance into French Polynesia must be completed by yachts and other pleasure craft only at one of **the following ports, bays or harbors:**

Windward Islands:

Tahiti (Papeete);
Moorea (Afareaitu)

Leeward Islands:

Raiatea (Uturoa); Huahine (Fare); Bora Bora (Vaitape)

Marquesas Islands:

Nuku Hiva (Taiohae);
Ua Pou (Hakahau); Hiva Oa (Atuona)

Austral Islands:

Tubai (Mataura); Rurutu (Moerai);
Raivavae (Rairua)

Tuamotu-Gambier Archipelagoes:

Rangiroa (Tiputa); Mangareva (Rikitea)

A SINGLE DECLARATION FOR PLEASURE VESSELS
Simplified, accessible and paperless entry and exit

A **single declaration for pleasure craft**, implemented by the Regional Customs Department of French Polynesia and the Territorial Department of the National Police, is designed to enable yachtsmen to complete their customs declarations on arrival and departure, to fulfill their declaratory obligations for entering and leaving, staying and working on the territory of French Polynesia, and to ensure the search and rescue of yachtsmen in the event of accidents and other events at sea. It is based on a legal obligation and the safeguarding of vital interests.

Online

an online form at:

www.demarches-simplifiees.fr/commencer/declaration-unique-plaisance-polynesie-francaise

Simplified:

A common form for all government agencies.

Accessible:

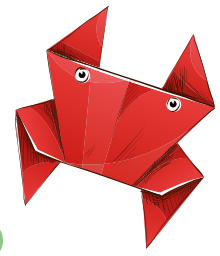
pre-filled online, so boaters can anticipate, complete and modify information during their stay (embarkation, disembarkation, etc.).



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WHERE TO START?

PROCEDURES AND APPROACHES UPON ARRIVAL



ENTRY PORTS

13 entry ports in French Polynesia.

Decree n°759 of July 13rd 1987

The entry formalities must be completed in Nuku Hiva, Ua Pou, Hiva Oa, Tubuai, Rurutu, Raivavae, Rangiroa, Mangareva, Moorea, Raiatea, Huahine, Bora Bora and Tahiti.

Vessels must fly the yellow flag until the formalities are completed (immigration, customs, phytosanitary) and the courtesy flag.

ON YOUR ARRIVAL

You must imperatively:

- Perform customs and immigration formalities in Tahiti or at the gendarmerie of your port of entry. Provide a list of passengers and crew, the list of restricted or prohibited goods and all passports with necessary valid visas. Online declarations for entry (see page 4) & to reserve moorings (see page 8).

- Tahiti & Moorea Entry/Exit Authorizations: only if you are making a stopover at Tahiti or Moorea, an entry authorization must be obtained from the Capitainerie du Port Autonome in Papeete or by email (traffimaritime@portppt.pf), as well as an exit authorization.

AT SEA EMERGENCY

JRCC (sea rescue)

VHF & phone:

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M/HF

8291 Khz

Immarsat

C 582.422.799.192

Website

www.jrcc.pf

LONG STAY

Citizens from foreign countries who want to stay more than 3 months, have to apply for a long-stay visa, but you must go through these steps before your departure for French Polynesia, with the French consular authorities in your country of origin, or with the French consulates before departing for French Polynesia during your mainland stopover (especially Panama).

Find out more about the documents to provide and procedures to follow on : www.yellowflagguides.com.

IMMIGRATION

(Border police / STPAF)

Formalities to be done at the office of STPAF in Faa'a (Tahiti Faa'a Airport) if you enter through Tahiti or Moorea. Otherwise, to be done at the gendarmerie of your port of entry. Note that if you make a change of crew during your stay, you must declare to the STPAF in Faa'a and update your pleasurecraft declaration - see previous page.

Each crewmember must present a valid passport and justify and a proof of health insurance coverage. French citizens may stay and work without a visa. Those coming from the E.U. (except from France) may stay without a visa under certain conditions and citizens from other countries must have a visa. This visa must imperatively carry the mention "Valid for French Polynesia".

For non-E.U. passport holders, it is mandatory to show a return ticket to your home country. The best option is to book a refundable ticket with the airline. Or use the services of a local yacht agent by which you will be exempted from this obligation.

It is highly recommended that you visit the following websites before leaving:

- www.diplomatie.gouv.fr
- www.tahiti.aeroport.pf
- www.polynesie.francaise.prefgouv.fr

CUSTOMS

The formalities and verification of your situation are to be done upon arrival. If you enter through the port of Papeete, go to Papeete's Customs Office. Otherwise, go to the gendarmerie of your entry port from the first official clearance island.

The Customs form, which is given to you when you arrive must be filled out and mailed to "Direction des Douanes" de Papeete within 24h. dr-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

Remember : Failure to declare one's arrival or departure is a violation of FP's Customs Code and is liable for penalties.

According to **decree n° 401 CM of March 27, 2013** modified by decree n° 991 of July 9, 2020,

a vessel may stay under the regime of temporary admission in Polynesian waters without clearing customs and suspended from **import duties and taxes for a period of 24 consecutive months under the following conditions:**

- The owner or user of the boat must not be a resident of French Polynesia nor work during his stay.
- The vessel must be registered outside of French Polynesia, it shall not be sold, rented or lent to a third party.
- **Beyond the period of 24 consecutive months** under temporary stay, you must leave French Polynesia waters with your boat (minimum time of 6 months is required between 2 stays in French Polynesia) If you want to base your boat more than 24 months, you have to «import» it with a customs procedure..

• **More info : Decree N° 401 CM of March 27, 2013 on lexpol.cloud.pf**

HARBOR MASTER OF PAPEETE'S AUTONOMOUS PORT

Ph. 40 47 48 81 / 89 71 84 47

VHF 12/16

Motu Uta, Papeete

traffimaritime@portppt.pf

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

Motu Uta, Papeete

Monday through friday: 8 am to 3 pm

Ph standard: 40 50 55 50

Ph marine traffic : 40 50 55 36

dr-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

Bureau de la Navigation (Sailing Bureau):

Ph. 40 50 55 73

papeete-port@douane.finances.gouv.fr

Customs Council:

Ph. 40 50 55 58

cce-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

BORDER POLICE (STPAF)

Monday - Thursday: 7:30 am - 11:45 am

& 1:30 pm - 4:45 pm

Friday: 7:30 am - 11:45 am & 1:30 pm -

4:15 pm

Ph. 40 80 06 00

dtpn987-stpaf-usg@interieur.gouv.fr

INSECTS AND ANIMALS CONTROL

(Biosecurity authority)

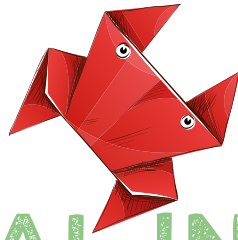
To protect French Polynesia, which is free of many pests and diseases, the import of any animal, plant and any product of animal or vegetable origin is prohibited. Waivers may be granted under certain conditions by the Rural Development Service. Declaration forms are available on the website. Bringing your pet on land is prohibited. It's a crime. The import of honey is prohibited. Food products of animal and plants origin should be strictly kept onboard.

Ph. 40 54 45 85

secretariat@biosecurite.gov.pf

■ www.service-public.pf/biosecurite

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TAKING YOUR BEARINGS IN FRENCH POLYNESIA

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



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USEFUL CONTACTS

JRCC (rescue at sea)	
VHF et Ph.	16
Samu (paramédics) Ph.	15
Gendarmerie Ph.	17
Fire department Ph.	18



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WATER & POWER

Tap water

In Tahiti (Papeete, Pirae, Arue, Punaauia, Papara, Faa'a), Bora Bora, Huahine, Moorea, Rurutu.

Electricity 220 v - 60Hz

Gaz French standard butane only.

Buy with deposit a 5 or 13 kgs tank with its pressure release (in gas stations).

CURRENCY

Pacific Francs (XPF)

on January 2024

• 1000 XPF8,34 €
(rate parity)	
• 1000 XPF± 9 US\$
• 1000 XPF± 14 AU\$
• 1 €± 120 XPF
• 1 US\$± 110 XPF
• 1 AU\$± 71 XPF

Opening hours

Stores: 7:30 am to 5 pm, closed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Grocery: 5:30 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday, Sunday morning only for most.

Banks and Administration:

Opening hours 8 am to 4 pm closed on Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

COMMUNICATION

Telephone

GSM network everywhere except remote islands

Country code: 689

Information: 44 99 (paying)

Local SIM cards: buy them in phone shops, gas stations or post offices.

Internet

Yacht Services and WiFi networks. 3G/4G network except remote areas.

Internet Service Providers:

Vini, Viti (Ora), Vodaphone

Internet Service Provider by card:

TahitiWiFi, Vini & Viti (Ora).

- www.ora.pf
- www.tahitiwifi.com
- www.vini.pf - www.vinispot.pf

TRANSPORTS

Tahiti Faa'a International Airport

Ph. 40 86 60 60

■ www.tahiti-aeroport.pf

Air Tahiti Nui Ph. 40 46 03 03

■ www.airtahitinui.com

Domestic Flights Terminal

Air Tahiti

Ph. 40 86 41 84

■ www.airtahiti.pf

Maritime Transports (ferrys)

Moorea / Leeward Islands

Aremiti Ph. 40 50 57 91

■ www.aremity.pf

Terevau Ph. 40 50 03 56

■ www.terevau.pf

Vaearai Ph. 40 46 11 60

■ www.vaearai.com

Taxi in Papeete

Airport - Ferries docks (Gare maritime):

1950 XPF (day), 2680 XPF (night)

Ph. 89 40 10 30

■ www.taxitahiti.com

Vaima Station: 40 43 72 47

Faa'a Airport station: 40 86 60 66

Fanfan 4 car places: 87 77 13 87

Ariane 8 car places (day): 87 34 23 67

Public Transportation

Bus service: Leaving from the ferries docks (to the west coast all the way to the peninsula), leaving from Bank of Tahiti (towards west coast to Papara), leaving from City Hall (to the East Coast)

Transportation Management

Ph. 40 54 81 81

■ www.teretahiti.pf

SAILING

French Polynesia's coordinates:

17°32 S / 149°34 W

Time Zone

- French Polynesia: UTC-10
- Mangareva: UTC-9
- Marquesas: UTC-9:30

Winds: East trade winds (5-15 knots) to the NE (Austral Summer) and SE (Austral Winter). Sustained trade winds (15-25 knots) in July/August.

Swells: Long S/SE swells generally small, 2-4 m during Southern depressions.

Tides: In the Society Islands, there are solar tides only, 20 cm amplitude. Every day of the year high tide is at noon and midnight, and low tide is at 6 am and 6 pm. There are moon tides for the other archipelagos 0.5 to 2 m. There can be strong current and possible tidal bore in the passes in the Tuamotus. Sail through during slack tides.

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Hotspot 9900F



Detailed coverage map available on www.vini.pf - Recommended retail price includes VAT. More info in Vini boutiques, post offices or at www.vini.pf



CLIMATE AND WEATHER FORECAST

Tropical oceanic climate

Températures between 24 °C and 30 °C all year round.

November to April: "Hot season" or Austral Summer (more humid). Cool trade winds over warm ocean, cumulus and frequent showers.

May to October: "Cool season" or Austral Winter (drier). Trade winds, few clouds and rare rainfalls.

Weather Information **VHF 13**

Weather forecast in French

VHF 13 (Society islands) : 6:30 am -

12 pm - 4 pm - 8 pm

HF 8803 KHz : 7:30 am - 12:30 pm -

4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Contact Meteo France

Ph. 40 803 300

■ www.meteo.pf

Meteo marine radio

(polynésie îère)

AM 738 MHz (5:10 am - 6:26 pm)

Meteo Pacific region

■ www.weathergram.blogspot.com

(Bob McDavitt forecaster NZ)

■ www.windguru.cz



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DPAM - Polynesian maritime affairs department.

Organization in charge of regulating the maritime area. Please consult DPAM website for each of your stopover islands, to find the information concerning the prohibition or restriction of mooring.

Ph. 40 54 45 82 • escales.dpam@administration.gov.pf

■ www.escales.gov.pf



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MARKERS

Society Islands

Pass entrance markers:

red = port / green = starboard

(International system A).

Markers in the lagoon:

red = land side / green = reef side.

Marquesas

Few markers, only in bays giving access to the main villages.

Free coasts and rather weak sea currents.

Tuamotu

Markers in passes only. Sail when sun is high up or your back.

EVENTS

Major nautical events:

TAHITI MOOREA SAILING RENDEZ-VOUS (June-July)

A 4 days encounter and activities between Tahiti and Moorea.

Open to all kinds of sailboats.

stephanie@archipelagoes.net

■ www.tahiti-moorea-sailing-rdv.com

TAHITI PEARL REGATTA (May)

International event in the Leeward Islands. Open to all kinds of sailboats.

■ www.tahitipearlregatta.com

HAWAIIKI NUI VA'A (October)

A three-day outrigger canoes race between Raiatea, Huahine and Bora Bora.

■ www.facebook.com/Hawaikinuivaa/

THE SAGA (June to August)

Summer camps with many water activities around sailing for the disadvantaged children of Tahiti and the islands.

■ www.sagatahiti.com

More about events (in French):

■ www.tahititourisme.pf/agenda-et-billetterie/tout-lagenda/



TAHITI CREW

Your marine concierge specialist in

French Polynesia

Arrival and departure formalities

Customs formalities

Duty free fuel certificate

Crew placement

Residency card assistance

Concierge service

Receiving parcels and letters

Provisioning

Technical assistance

Boat gardiennage

Guided tours and excursions

Discount card

Phone number : (+689) 87 23 55 41

Email : yachts@tahiticrew.com

Sign up on : www.tahiticrew.com



WHAT IS IT ?

Escales is a booking portal for all ships wishing to make a stopover in French Polynesia. It allows the reservation of spaces in dedicated anchorage areas or in port infrastructures.

FOR WHO ?



Yachts



Cruise ships



Local and foreign pleasure vessels

THE BENEFITS

Registering a ship before a stay in French Polynesia

Requesting an exit clearance

Consulting booking Schedules

Booking a berth 24/7



Web app mobile adaptive

HOW TO USE ESCALES ?

- 1 Consult booking schedules
- 2 Create online account
- 3 Declare personal or professional identity
- 4 Make online booking
- 5 Request for exit clearance

DISCOVER ESCALES

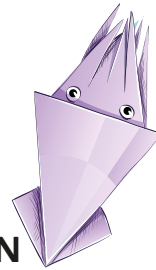
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GET INFORMATION SKIPPER'S WELCOME BRIEFING

Tourism and maritime and maritime authorities of French Polynesia, with the involvement of the tourism committees of the islands concerned, have designed welcome and information documents for international yachtsmen.

Some committees can provide you with a lively presentation, with commentary and their own recommendations.

These presentations are drawn up in conjunction with the administrative departments, the Communes and the tourism committees and associations of the more popular islands. These presentations can be viewed by request at the tourism committees office, or downloaded as pdf files (see QR code below).

They are structured along the same lines, with general information and key contacts for each port of call, as well as practical advice and recommendations, descriptions of the various authorized anchorages, their exposure and activities or points of interest in the vicinity, followed by information on the rest of the itinerary, either in the same archipelago or for the next archipelago.

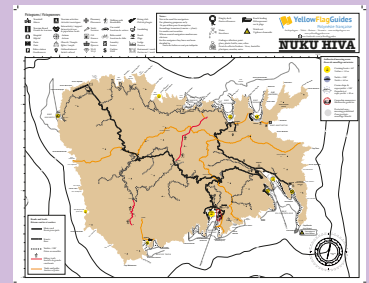
A veritable compendium of practical information specific to yachting, these briefings also recall the components of a successful stay and stopover, the blunders to avoid, and the most important rules to respect, in terms of good manners and respect for the inhabitants of these islands and communes.

Access to online storage (GoogleDrive) via the following QR Code:



CRUISER ORIENTED CHARTS

In addition to the presentations freely available on request, the islands' committee of Tourism offer specific charts for yachtsmen, specifying authorized anchorages and recommended activities.



The list of committees offering these services is updated on a monthly basis. Don't hesitate to contact the committee on each of the islands you visit.

Information for yachtsmen - Nuku Hiva

Hikes departing from Taiohae

- 3 km hike to the **Mataupuna sentry**, ideal to watch the sunset. Access to a small pebble beach.
- The **Toovii trail** (13km) is accessible from the Toovii Plateau, it allows you to reach numerous viewpoints dominating the north of the island, and the fortified site of Mahakatu'ua.
- The **Te Ivi Pakeka trail** (8km) runs along the main ridge and the edges of the cirque overlooking the Hakau valley.
- The start of the 3 hikes is marked by a **red sail shaped sign**. These routes are indicated on the boaters' welcome map available at the Tourism Committee.

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Information for yachtsmen - Fakaofo

The northern pass

- Width : 1600 m
- Depth : 10 m at center
- Green flashing light on the starboard side, visible from 4NM
- Easily passable except in north winds and if the south swell is strong .
- When there is maaramu, SE wind (from June to September), very strong outgoing current (up to 8 knots) and tidal bore.
- The incoming current does not exceed 3 Nds.
- Enter with an axis of 147° true for a mile before turning port, avoiding the Pufana reef.
- A beautiful beach on the motu to port when entering the pass.

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**MAINTENANCE
MARQUESIS
SERVICES**



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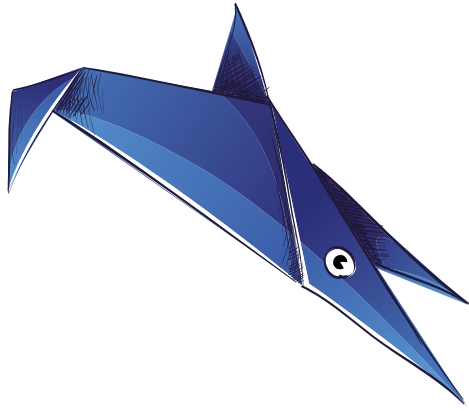
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NUKU HIVA

NAVIGATION

- **No tropical depression, weather generally good**, rainy season not very strong. Regular winds, influenced by the islands' mountains. Heavy swells. Inter islands navigation feasible in one day among the Northern islands and among the Southern islands.
- **Open and steep coasts.** Weak W/NW sea currents (1 knot), reinforced in narrow passes (ie: Bordelais channel between Hiva oa and Tahuata).
- **Bays sheltered from the wind**, but open to major swells. Wharfs and docks available. Muddy but stable bottoms.
- **Few markings:** port entrance markers facing the main villages. Landing light (white fixed) on the North coast of Hiva Oa.

Authorized anchorage areas:
visit www.escales.gov.pf

MOORINGS

October to February

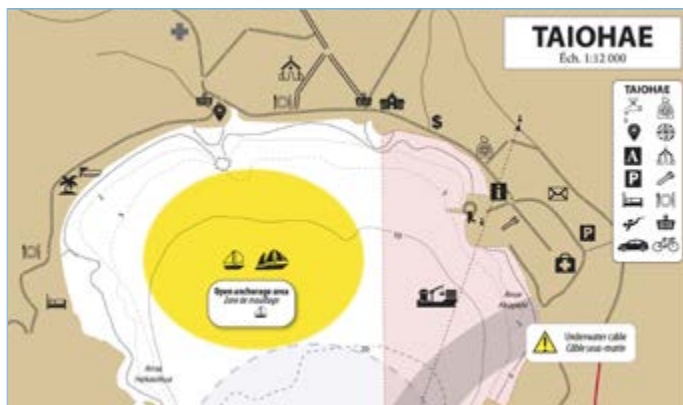
- **South coast bays:** more sheltered from the wind and swells.
- **Taiohae:** stable moorings, often rolling. Restricted anchoring area: east part of the bay.
- **Small wharf of Taiohae:** for the dinghy (use a long line and don't tie to the ladder). Bathrooms, non drinkable water, market, handicraft, diving club, snack, yacht services...
- **Schooner wharf Quai des goélettes:** gas station.

Upon arrival in Nuku Hiva, go and pay the water and garbage fee at the city hall in Taiohae. 1500 XPF/month



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NUKU HIVA: MOORING AREA IN THE BAY OF TAIOHAE



June to September

- **Hakaehu:** North side, landing at the mouth of the small river.
- **Anaho Bay:** sandy anchorage in 12m water, max. capacity 10 yachts. White sand beach, restaurant, water, fruit and vegetables. Excursions to Hatiheu Bay, restaurant, grocery store, infirmary.
- **Baie du Contrôleur:** access by dinghy on the beach or by river at high tide. Village with artisans and archaeological sites, snack bar, grocery store, sports field.



UA POU

MOORINGS

- **Hakahau:** safe mooring, sheltered by a dock, stores, infirmary, post office, bank, airport, craft and cultural center, agricultural cooperative.
- **Vaiehu Bay:** mooring ahead of the reefs, 7-8 m deep, pebble beach.
- **Hakahetau Bay:** used April to September. Landing dock to reach the village. Educational Marine Area.
- **Uapo Bay:** to the South, safe mooring, small recessed bay.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ua Pou Town Hall Ph. 40 91 51 05
Ua Pou Tourism Committee
uaopoutourisme@mail.pf
Eliza: 87 72 90 08

USEFUL CONTACTS

Nuku Hiva Town Hall Ph. 40 91 03 60
Taioahe Hospital Ph. 40 91 02 00
Tourism Committee Ph. 40 92 08 25
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Nuku Hiva Maintenance

Ph. 87 23 73 48

UA HUKA

MOORINGS

- **Haavei Bay:** landing on the East side of the beach.
- **Vaiepe Bay:** narrow entrance, curved shaped, small wharf, recommended mooring S/SW of the wharf, infirmary, post office, stores, museum, tourism committee, arboretum, horse ride.
- **Hane Bay:** Not navigable when S swells are present, stores, post office, infirmary, Educational Marine Area.
- **Hokatu Cove:** facing the village, landing dock to the right.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ua Huka Town Hall Ph. 40 91 60 26
Tourism Committee at Vaiepe
Ph. 40 92 61 16 / 87 718 508
comitetourismeuahuka@marquises.pf



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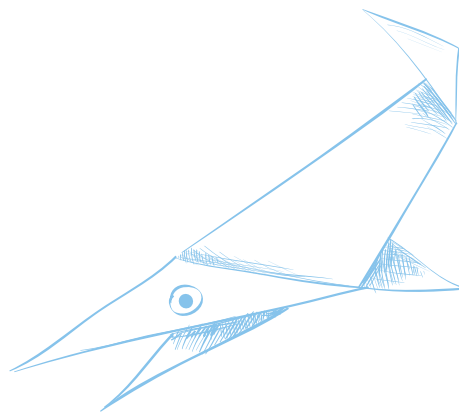
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Landing light (fixed white light) on the N coast of the island for arrival by night.

MOORINGS

- **Tahauku Bay** (or Bay of the Traitors): protected by a rocky embankment, dock for fishermen. Port equipped, service station with dock, drinkable water, car rental, boat maintenance services, Internet at the Tourism Committee Office on the dock baie anchor at the deep end of the bay. Restricted moorings area, especially during cargo ship stopovers.

Atuona (3 km away): Brel and Gauguin Center, grocery, medical center, banks, store, restaurants, post office.

- **Hanaiaapa Bay**: very sheltered from eastern winds and swells. Wharf to access the village.

On arrival in Hiva Oa, pay the tourist tax at the Tahauku cityhall.

USEFUL CONTACTS

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AREA WHERE ANCHORING IS PROHIBITED IN THE BAY OF TAHAKUKU



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 ■ www.yellowflagguides.com

TAHUATA

MOORINGS

- **Vaitahu**: water and grocery, infirmary, post office, snack and internet. Car rental. No bank. Educational Marine Area. Enjoy a petanque game with the inhabitants in the afternoon
- **Hapatoni**: ideal mooring depending on weather. Small dock for dinghy, grocery, artisan center, marae, the Queen's pathway.
- **Hanamoenoa Bay**: NW coast, white sand beach.

- **Motopu Bay**: good mooring north of the landing spot on the south coast of the bay.

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 comtahuata@mail.pf
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FATU HIVA

MOORINGS

- **Omoa Bay**: at the foot of Mount Touaouoho. Landing on the beach at the mouth of the river or at the wharf, accessible to sailboats and dinghies. In the village, infirmary, post office, some stores, museum, Tourism Committee. In the Valley, go see the petroglyphs or watch the endemic bird.

Authorized anchorage areas:
 visit www.escales.gov.pf

- **Hanavave Bay**: Bay of the Virgins. Small dock for dinghies with drinkable water, grocery, church, paramedics. Do not miss the hike to the waterfall.

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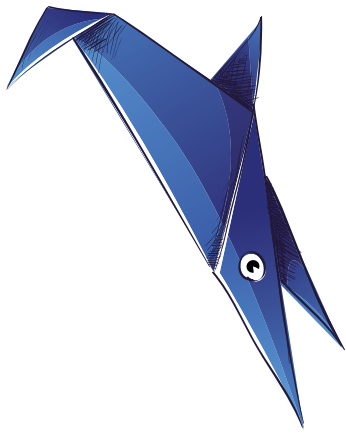
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RANGIROA

NAVIGATION

Be careful between the atolls, visible only when less than 10 NM away. Strong currents in the channels between the atolls. In the **76 atolls**, there are **few navigable passes**. When there is strong SE winds or heavy swells, the current coming out of the passes can climb to 6 knots. A tidal bore can rise inside or outside of the passes. Enter during slack tide. Tide table on www.shom.fr

There are **side markings** in the passes of the main islands and sometimes in channels leading to villages.

Be careful in the lagoons, on-sight navigation, have the sun at your back or straight above so you can see the colors and the coral heads, as well as the pearl farms buoys.

Anchoring recommended on the east side in July-August when strong E/SE winds blow.

Authorized anchorage areas:
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Fresh water sources are rare. Fill up in the Marquesas and refill with rainwater if your boat doesn't have a watermaker (desalinization unit)

ACCESS

• **Avatoru and Tiputa Passes:** on the north side, marked, possible strong current (8 knots), to enter with entering current or reverse. Very choppy current by SE wind.

MOORINGS

- **On the east side:** facing the Kia Ora, motu Faama, motu Mauahatea, motu Otepipi, Naonao and Mahitu, or toward the islets of Kiroria, Atiati Rahi, Hauone.
- **On the west side:** in good weather, at the "Lagon bleu", motu Paio and motu Pomariorio.
- **Avatoru:** wharf in deep water, marina, fuel delivery to the wharf for over 100 L, stores, medical and dental center, post office, banks, etc.
- **Tiputa:** wharf, small marina, stores, dumpster, post office, banks, 5 diving clubs, dolphin's show at the sunset, water trail in the pass

Upon arrival, go and pay the garbage tax (2500 XPF/Week), and visitor's tax at Avatoru Town Hall.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Avatoru Town Hall Ph. 40 96 83 43
Makatea Town Hall Ph. 40 96 91 60
Gauguin's Pearl, visit of a Pearl farm - 10:00 am or 2:00 pm
Ph. 40 93 11 30

Rangiroa Mihiroa Yacht Service
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■ www.rairoa.com

Rangiroa Tourism Committee
Discover Rangiroa
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APATAKI

ACCESS

- **Pakaka Pass:** to the southwest (120 m wide and 25 m deep), generally easy to pass. Exiting current rarely higher than 5 knots, counter current along the south, helping in case of strong exiting current. Proximity of the main village of Niutahi (wharf, airport, grocery store, post office, infirmary).
- **Tehere Pass:** NE point of the island. Wide and deep, easy passing, but without markings. Ideal for fishing and diving.

MOORINGS

- **Motu Rua Vahine:** on the south side.
- **Tamaro:** on the SE side, facing the Assam pearl farm and the shipyard site (water, gasoline, gas, supply of vegetables and fresh products). Sheltered from major winds.
- **Teonemahina Point:** NE side, well sheltered, magnificent environment.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Apataki Shipyard (VHF 16 or 72)
Ph. 87 71 61 39 or 87 72 78 13

TIKEHAU

ACCESS

- **Tuheiva Pass:** large and easy, except by SW wind.

MOORINGS

- **Motu Teonai:** the fishermen's village is right at the pass' entrance.
- **Tuherahera village:** on the southern side. Marina for 8-10 boats (max draft 3 m), dinghy floating dock, cistern for water supply, infirmary, restaurants. Limited supply of fuel. Uncomfortable when east winds blow, and no electricity.
- **Tavana Islet**
- **Motu Aua**
- **Motu Puarua:** bird sanctuary, be careful and leave them alone, especially when they hatch.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ninamu Resort (3 stars Ecolodge)
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MAKATEA

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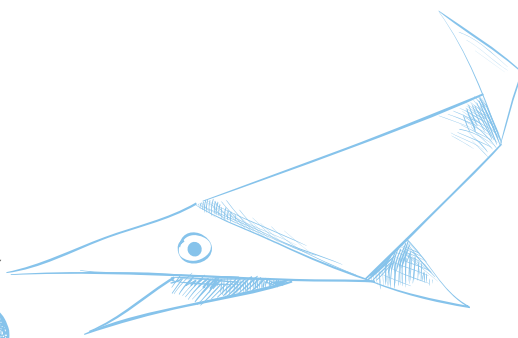
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FAKARAVA

ACCESS

- **Garue Pass:** to the North, unusable when N winds blow with exiting currents, village of Rotoava
- **Tumakohua Pass:** to the South, unusable when S winds blow, village of Tetamanu.

MOORINGS

Fakarava offers five mooring areas

- **Nord Pass:** snorkeling and beach
- **Airport:** dinghy dock and snack
- **Rotoava village:** wharf in deep water, infirmary, post office, stores. Gas station at the pier. Do not moor too close to the houses nor block the access to the pier.
- **Hirifa:** kite surf school and snack
- **Tetamanu village:** old coral church, pink sands, snack, etc.
- **Amiot Cove of the Toau Atoll:** to the N of the island. **Gaston & Valentine** Ph. 87 33 74 12. Dinners, fishing, activities, etc.
- **Kauehi:** An alluring atoll. Fishing, biking. "Pick your own" vegetable garden and small groceries.

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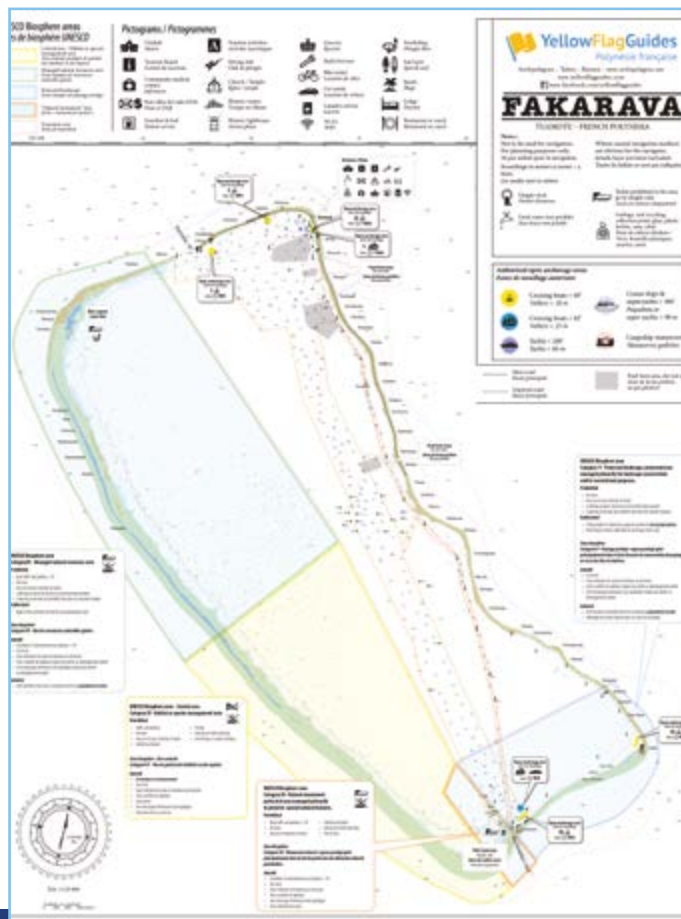
Fakarava Town Hall
Ph. 93 40 40 40

Tourism committee
Your key contact for activities and entertainment. Ask for the skipper's welcome briefing
ctfakarava@gmail.com
Facebook : [ctfakarava](https://www.facebook.com/ctfakarava)

Fakarava Yacht Service - Rotoava
Services available to the boats: Internet access, computers, transfers, parcel management, laundry, bicycle rental.
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fakayachtservices@gmail.com
■ www.fakayachtservices.com

Tetamanu village Pension / Restaurant: fish sales, wifi, diving.
Ph. 87 71 38 34 / Sané : 87 77 10 06
■ tetamanuvillage.com

Authorized anchorage areas:
visit www.escales.gov.pf



Upon arrival in Fakarava, go and pay the garbage (1000 XPF/week) and tourism taxes (55 FXPF/crew) at the cityhall.

FAKARAVA UNESCO BIOSPHERE RESERVE

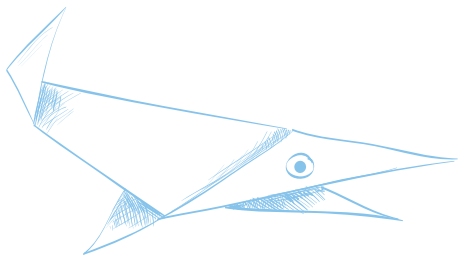
Since Octobre 2006, the commune of Fakarava has been classified as a Biosphere Reserve in UNESCO's World Heritage due to its specific characteristics and its natural and cultural heritage. It includes Aratika, Fakarava, Kauehi, Niau, Raraka, Toau and Taiaro, which represent the diversity of the Tuamotu's atolls, from the large open atoll of Fakarava, to the small closed atoll of Taiaro.

Warning: strict regulations to control the organization, the use and the management of land and marine areas of the reserve.

More information on:
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Contact the Environmental Direction - DIREN
Ph. 40 47 66 66
direction@environnement.gov.pf
■ www.service-public.pf/diren

Reminder: as soon as you arrive, contact the Town Hall to report your presence and get information on the regulations.



THE TUAMOTU ARCHIPELAGO

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ACCESS

The Tiareroa Pass can be used almost all the time. Beacons channel from the pass to the village.

MOORINGS

- In the village, a wharf for cargo ships, with one side that is available for visiting vessels and yachts.
- A good anchorage, protected from the swell and the winds, just in front of the village, between the wharf and the Motu Moitessier, 10 m depth.
- A sheltered anchorage north of the atoll, near the pension Coco Perle Lodge. One of the best restaurants of the Tuamotu, and a lot of activities available (fishing, watersports,

hiking, pool, ping pong...). Call Frank or Jeanine to reserve a table or to have some assistance to get to this anchorage.

- Do not miss a visit of the original forest motu and its giant sea urshins.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Ahe Town Hall
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MANIHI

ACCESS

- **Tairapa Pass** on the southwest side. Navigational markers make it possible to sail in two thirds of the lagoons. Careful, the pass is limited to boats under 2,30 meters draft.

MOORINGS

The municipality has set up 4 moorings at motu Tatetate.

- **Motu Tatetate:** close to the airport (1,5 Mn to the east of the village).
- **Eastern area:** Ideal anchorage at the extreme eastern tip of the atoll.
- **Village:** 3 grocery stores, infirmary, post office, town hall, Sailmail radio

station, gas oil and gasoline (book in advance). We can momentarily dock along the wharf on the south shore of the pass.

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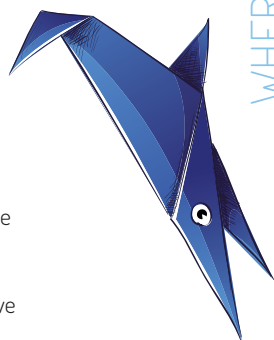
Manihi Town hall Ph. 40 96 42 55

Sail Mail Radio Station VHF 16/77
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The station is also equipped with an AIS receiver and freely distributes all the data it receives on the website:

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THE GAMBIERS ARCHIPELAGO

UPON ARRIVAL

- Perform entry formalities with the police officer in Rikitea.
- Day navigation only inside the lagoon. Make sure not to sail above or nearby the pearl farms buoys.
- Access by the Rikitea pass (23°14 S -134 °53 W). Pass large and easy, can be used almost all of the time.
- Upon arrival, go to the town hall and pay for garbage and water fees. Fuel can be ordered at the town hall for over 200 l.
- Be aware that the groceries and shops in this village are replenished by cargo ship only every 3 weeks, imported food and items are therefore expensive and few.

- **Reminder : never pick fruits without asking permission.**

Upon arrival, go to the cityhall to pay for garbage and water taxes.

RIKITEA

USEFUL CONTACTS

Town hall 40 97 83 07
Gendarmerie 40 97 82 68
Tourism Committee 40 97 83 76
Post office 40 97 82 22
Open Monday Tuesday Thursday 7:30 am - 3 pm
and Friday 7:30 am - 2 pm.
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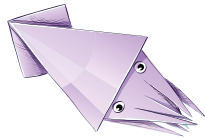
- Visit of the Cathedral in Rikitea
- A hike on the Mont Le Duff
- Bastille day festivities in Mangareva



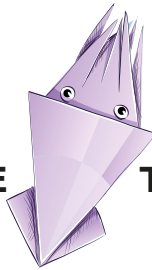
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DIVING IN POLYNESIA

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

The first image coming to mind about diving in Tahiti and her islands, is the presence of 'large' fish: sharks, rays and cetaceans.

In July 2020, the journal 'Nature' published a study about reef shark populations throughout the world and ranked French Polynesia on top of the podium.

There are more than twenty shark species including the emblematic Mokorran (hammerhead shark) or the tiger shark. In addition, there are lots of manta rays in all the archipelagos and around the islands of Tahiti, on 'manta cleaning stations' or simply moving around.



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The other specificity of the Polynesian waters is the abundance of marine wildlife offshore (tuna, barracuda, kingfish...) and on the coral reefs (turtle, parrot fish, grouper, angel fish, lionfish, bass and many others...)

About fifty diving centres are active in the whole archipelagos, allowing to discover the seabed, equivalent to a territory as vast as Europe.

From the Tuamotu, globally renowned for the shark concentration in its passes, to the Australs with the most transparent waters of the planet, or the lagoon of Bora Bora and its eagle rays or lemon sharks, or Tahiti and Moorea: each island will reveal its unique underwater identity.

GOOD HABITS:

Courtesy: inquire about diving clubs of the island or the nearby island and inform the authorities about your excursion if it is not supervised. The respect of the underwater heritage is crucial for the population and authorities of French Polynesia.

Snorkelling: no trampling nor coral collection. Be careful with underwater fauna when kicking with diving fins.

NOT TO BE MISSED

THE TUAMOTU

- The pass of Tiputa in Rangiroa, looking for bottlenose dolphins
- The passes of Fakarava and their sandbar shark 'walls'
- The pass of Tikehau, one of the most fish-filled area

THE SOCIETY ISLANDS

- The white valley in Tahiti, interacting with many different shark species, even with tiger sharks
- Lemon sharks in the bay of Opunohu in Moorea
- The Nordby wreck in Raiatea

SWIMMING WITH THE WHALES

Each year, from July to November, dozens of humpback whales migrate inside the Polynesian waters to calve.

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Before plunging, find out about each island's habits, approaches and effective respect measures towards marine mammals and sharks.

More information: www.service-public.pf/diren

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- Observatoire des requins de Polynésie : www.requinsdepolynesie.com
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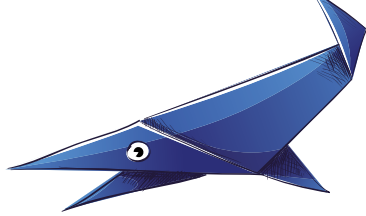
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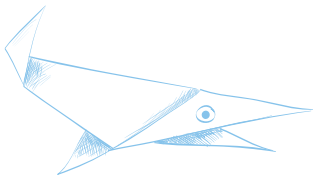
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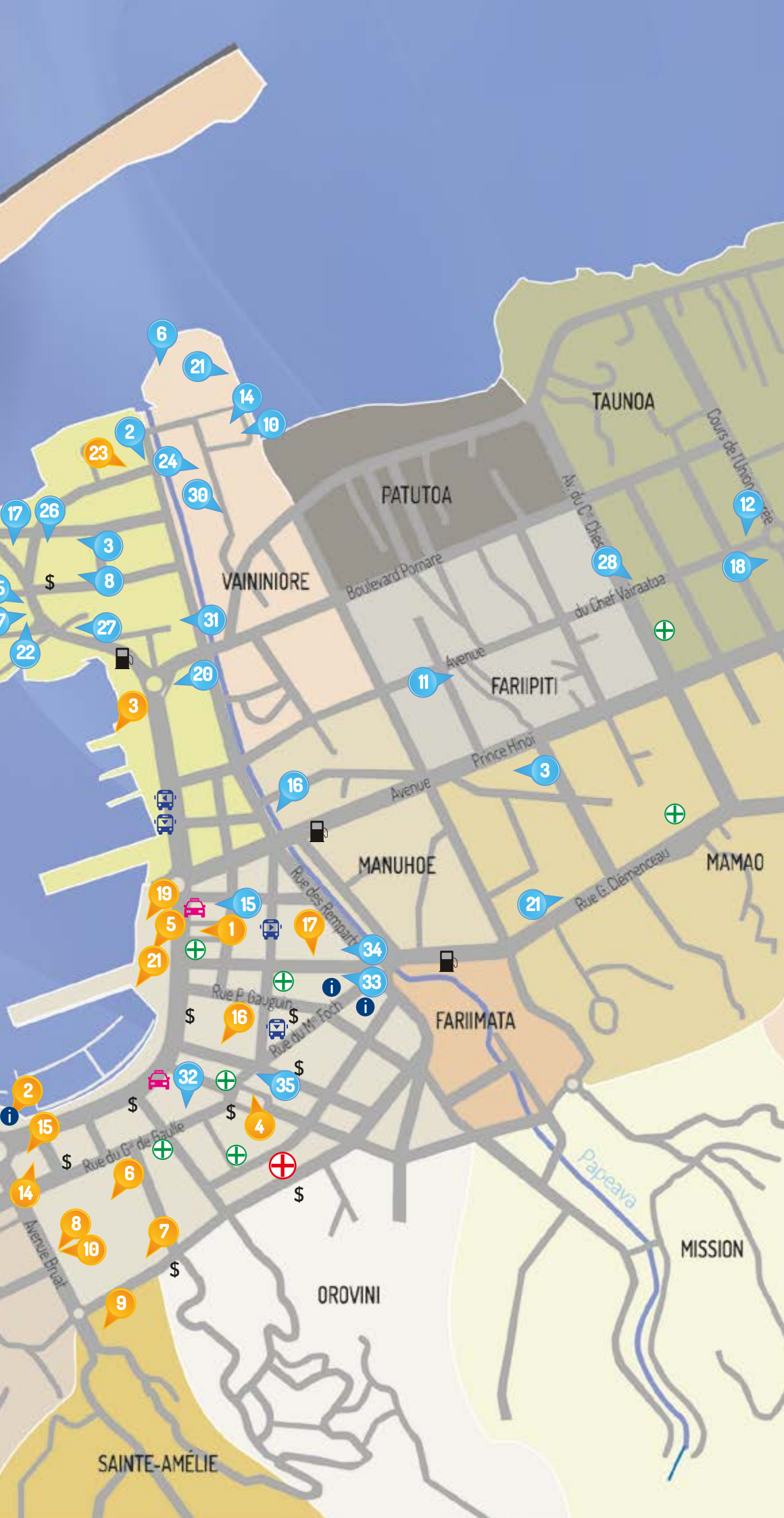
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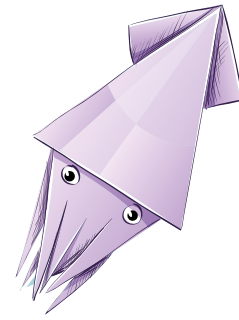
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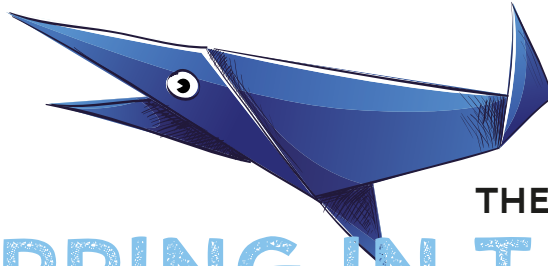
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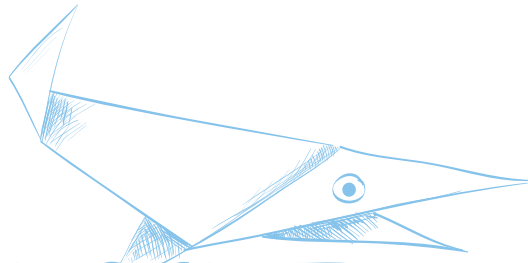


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TAHITI ITI, THE RURAL AREA

STOPPING IN THE PENINSULA

ANCHORING IN THE VICINITY

- **Tautira lagoon navigable**, efficient navigational aids. Anchorages at the mouth of the Aiurua river, small approachable dock to the south, access to the valley.
- **Navigable lagoon from the Vaiau pass to Teahupoo**. Warning: narrow artificial channel, only 2 m deep. Anchorage south of Maraetiria point (landing spot).
- **Access through Havae pass** (Teahupoo) to the Phaëton port (deep bay): narrow but deep, accessible under any weather. Gives access to the moorings to the south of Arahoutou point (natural small harbor), to Pataoa point, to the Vairao wharf (gas station, stores, etc.) and to the Puunui Marina (in refurbishment).
- **Teputa Pass** (Phaëton port): always accessible. Possible anchoring near Paparaoa point.



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MARINA

TAHITI NAUTIC CENTER

Phaëton Bay, Taravao
20 spots on dock, 25 on land, water, electricity, bathroom, laundry, sailing club, diving club, fairing, slipway, chandlery, repairs.
Ph. 87 74 85 60 • tnc@mail.pf

Phaëton Boat Watching

Ph. 87 71 93 62
phabwatch@outlook.fr

Voilerie Mado Sails Taravao

Phaëton Bay • Ph. 89 34 96 83
madosail.vdt@gmail.com
■ www.madosails.com

Under construction:
Puunui and Teahupoo marinas
(opening in 2024).

USEFUL CONTACTS

Taravao Gendarmerie

Ph. 40 54 73 05

Taravao emergencies

Ph. 40 57 76 76

Tourism Committee

Bernadette TAPUTU-WASNA

Ph. : 87 78 86 40

comite.tourisme.taiarapuvest@gmail.com



THE MYTHICAL WAVE OF TEAHUPOO

BILLABONG PRO International Surfing Competition in August. Possibilities of surfing excursions all year round, depending on weather conditions.

■ www.surf.pf

Teahupoo Excursion - Ph. 89 75 11 98
teahupooexcursion@mail.pf



BELVEDERE OF THE TARAVAO PLATEAU

Road through a "country style" scenery with cows to a viewpoint built on the isthmus of Taravao with orientation table, fare pot'e and picnic tables. 500 m higher is the second highest natural viewpoint. Footpath between the two viewpoints.



MAUI'S BEACH - VAIRAO

Small restaurant with an exceptional view of the lagoon and where you can eat with your feet in the sand. The cuisine is generous and the menu offers a wide variety of dishes. It's worth the detour. Remember to book. Ph. 87 74 71 74



PUBLIC BEACH IN TAUTIRA

Black sand beach located in the bay of Tautira. The area is well developed: it has showers, petanque ground, playground for children and tables to eat with a view of Vaitepiha valley.



VAIPOPO RIVERS AND VAIOIRI GROTTO

Inquire with the Tourism Committee.

Authorized anchorage areas:
visit www.escales.gov.pf

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DISCOVER MOOREA

IN THE WINDWARD ISLANDS,
THE SISTER ISLAND



SAILING TO MOOREA

- Accessed from the East, the channel between Tahiti and Moorea is subject to crossing swells from the East and the South, plus choppy seas generated by inter-island ferries, priorities.
- The island's North and Northwest passes do not present any danger.

MARINA VAIARE MARINA

Access through the Eastern pass. 85 spots, maximum draft 4 m. Docking, water, bathrooms, electricity in the marina, sailmaker, mechanics, commerces and "roulottes" nearby. VHF 12 (Port of Vaiare) Ph. 40 56 26 97 marinadevaiare@portpvt.pf Ph. 40 47 48 40

RECOMMENDED MOORINGS

2 LARGE AREAS

- **Cook's Bay:** dock, water and fuel supplied, stores.
- **Opunohu Bay** in the middle of the bay: small wharf and shops, supplies.

5 MAJOR SPOTS

- **Pao Pao**
17°28'52.1 S / 149°48'48.3 W
Anchoring area limited to 2 boats in front of Moorea Beach café (dinghy dock). Access to the pharmacy, bank and shops.
- **Longer term anchorage inside of Cook's bay** Anchoring area allowed up to 20 boats between the PGEM yellow buoys.
- **Haapiti Bay :** Enter through Matauvau pass, village of Haapiti, anchoring allowed up to 5 boats. Great surf spot.
- **Vaiare Bay :** anchorage North of the marina for a few boats, in sandy bottom.
- **Opunohu Bay : Moorea Yacht Club.** Marina at the deep end of the bay. 13 berths at the pontoon (water and 220V), 4 moorings for boats up to 60' and 5 for bigger ones. Services : snack, shower, dumpster, beautiful garden. mooreayachtclub@gmail.com Facebook : Moorea yacht club



THE TIKI UNDERWATER

On the West side of the Opunohu pass, snorkel above the enjoyable exhibition of Tikis sculpted in the rock ashore and dove there by the maohi artist Tihoti.



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USEFUL CONTACTS

Moorea Town
Ph. 40 55 04 55

Afareaitu Hospital
Ph. 40 55 22 22

Moorea Gendarmerie
Ph. 40 55 25 05

Tourism Comittee
Facebook: Comite du Tourisme de Moorea - Moorea Tourism Committee
Ph. 40 56 50 55 / Vaiana: 87 73 14 24
■ www.gomoorea.com

Taxi Nadette
Ph. 87 70 37 45

Water supply and fuel suppliers

- **Mobil Pao Pao** (Cook Bay) possibility to dock for refueling (4 m draft) Ph. 40 56 13 25
- **Vaiare Mobil** (near the ferries dock) Ph. 40 56 27 69

Hiking guides:
Hiro Damide
Ph. 40 56 16 48 - 87 79 41 54

Authorized anchorage areas:
visit www.escales.gov.pf



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TE FARE NATURA

In Opunohu bay, this eco-museum will allow you to better understand the polynesian ecosystem. • Tél. : 87 70 60 61 contact@farenatura.org ■ www.farenatura.org



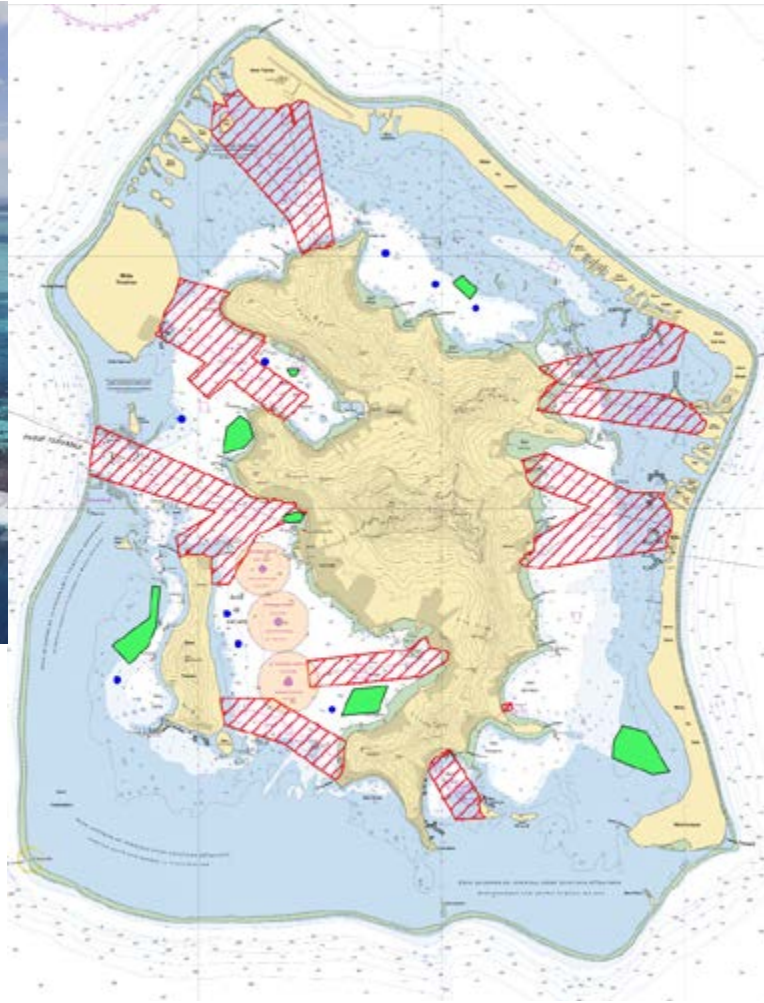
OPUNOHU VALLEY




Valley located in the collapsing caldera of the summit of the volcano which gave birth to the island. Protected wide archeological area. Marked foot paths to the discovery of the natural archeological heritage. Opening of eco-touristic paths (foot and VTT paths, **fitness and connection addicted paths**).

PGEM OF MOOREA

Managed Marine Area Plane Warning: an actualization of the PGEM is in progress. For more information contact the Direction of Marine resources. ■ www.ressources-marines.gov.pf Ph.40 50 25 50 - drm@dm.gov.pf

BORA BORA: MOORING AREAS



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-  Yachts moorings (> 20 m)
-  Protection zones for submarine cables



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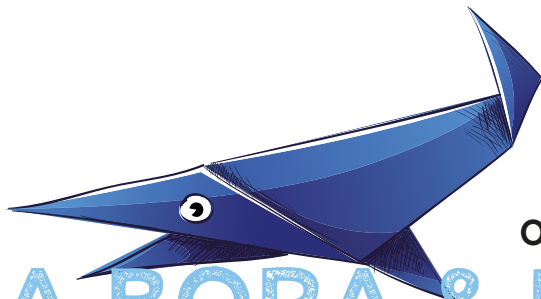
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BORA BORA & MAUPITI



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BORA BORA

New rules and regulations about moorings in the lagoon of Bora Bora:

Since January 1st, 2020, anchoring is **prohibited** inside the lagoon of Bora Bora, in order to protect its underwater flora and infrastructure (cables and piping). To facilitate your stopover, they have installed 100 moorings, located in 5 large areas around the island (green zones).

Reserve and pay for your mooring with **Bora Bora Mooring & Services** manager: Ph. 89 440 888 • bbmoorings@gmail.com • VHF 9

Bora Bora moorings:

You must have a black water holding tank, because no waste is allowed to be dumped overboard. Pump out service available at the pier in Vaitape. Buy a water card from BBMS and refill your water tank at the pier. Drop both recyclable and non-recyclable garbage at the pier as well. Check it more infos with **Bora Bora Mooring & Services**.

ACCESS

• **Teavanui Pass:** North toward the port of Vaitape. Airport on Motu Mute. Air Tahiti boat shuttle available from Vaitape to the airport.

VILLAGE AND RESTAURANTS

WEST COAST

Bora Bora Yacht Club: on Farepiti Point. Dock, ice, bathrooms, laundry, free wifi.

Ph. 40 67 60 47
contact.bbvc@gmail.com

■ www.boraborayachtclub.net

Bora Bora Beach Club

Restaurant, shop, beach.

Ph. 40 67 52 50

■ www.borabora-beachclub.com

Pier of Vaitape: daytime and short time docking, market, stores, doctor, committee of tourism and restaurants.

EAST COAST

(maximum draft 2.5 m)

SE Platier: snorkeling coral garden on Motu Piti uu Uta, Faroone Beach, Matira Point access by dinghy only.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Bora Bora City Hall

Ph. 40 60 58 00

Police Ph. 40 67 70 41

Gendarmerie Ph. 40 60 59 05

Fire Station

Dispensary Ph. 40 67 70 77

Lafayette Pharmacy (Vaitape)

Ph. 40 67 70 30

Post Office Ph. 40 67 70 74

Tourism Committee

Ph. 40 67 76 36

boraboratourisme@mail.pf

■ www.boraboraofficiel.com

Authorized anchorage areas:
visit www.escales.gov.pf



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VAITAPE WHARF IN BORA BORA

MAUPITI

Lagoon partially navigable for boats with shallow draft.

ACCESS

Onoiau Pass on the Southern side to be sailed across only during the day and preferably at tide slack. Narrow pass generating strong currents, to be avoided when swells are coming from the south exceed 2 m.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Town hall Maupiti Ph. 40 60 15 55

Committee of tourism

Ph. 87 72 81 25

Centre médical Tél. 40 63 67 66

Infirmary Ph. 40 67 80 18

MOORINGS

Patito Point: 30m main wharf to the south. Water from the cistern, fuel in very limited quantity (Electra).

Motu Tiapaa: very sheltered anchorage, 6 to 8 m deep in the entrance channel.

Motu Pitihahei: North of Tamaupiti Point, while exiting the pass, fishing and snorkeling, mooring buoys and buoys marking the Manta Rays areas.

Pauma: 200 m east of the wharf (2 m draft), bottom 5 to 6 m.

Village: 3 mooring buoys in front of the village.

BBMS

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[@BBMS](https://www.instagram.com/BBMS)

100 ecological moorings in 5 areas around the island

2 waters terminals

Garbage

Waste water treatment service

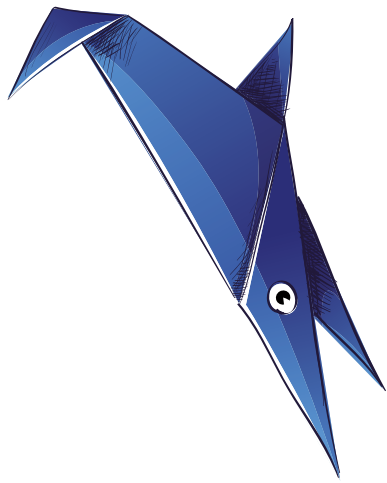
Ice vendor, laundry

Boat transfer

Ia Ora Na, Manava ! Welcome to Bora Bora !

Book you place before arrival, it's possible

Please announce before or upon your arrival on the island



WHERE? WHEN? HOW? THE SAILORS'

RAIATEA AND TAHA'A

Great sailing in the double lagoon of Raiatea and Tahaa.

Remember: watch for the buoys and nets of fishermen and pearl farms.

Upon arrival, go to the cityhall to get all informations and rules about the moorings and places where to drop your garbage.

Be careful with anchorages, away from houses, and respect private places: pontoons, beaches, gardens and motu, many of which are not public.

ACCESS

- **Toahotu Pass:** East side of the lagoon, 30 m deep and 200 m wide.
- **Te Ava Piti Pass:** the easiest on the east side to access Uturoa.
- **Iriru Pass:** 3 MN south of Teavapiti, flanked by two motu, narrow but deep.
- **Te Ava Moa Pass:** facing Marae Taputapuatea. Narrow but deep, navigable under strong winds.
- **Paipai Pass:** facing Hurepiti, on the west side, 36 m deep and 250 m wide.

MOORINGS



RAIATEA

Apooint and Upapa bays: Several mooring areas nearby: see www.escales.gov.pf. Access to Apooint marina and Uturaerae technical area.

Uturoa village: two anchorage areas near motu Aito. Visitor pontoon on the quay.

Vairahi Bay: pontoon, access to shops, pharmacy, hiking and activities nearby.

Faaroa Bay: deep, excellent and sheltered anchorage with a dock for dinghies, a water faucet and waste collection, navigable river (by dinghy or canoe) and botanical garden.

Motu Tipaemao: anchorage in front of the motu.

Fareatai zone: anchorage in the sand on the reef side.

Tuatua Bay: access to the southern part of the island. Dock, water, shops.

Motu Toamaro: anchorage in the sand on the reef side.

Tevaitoa village: anchorage in front of the village.

Authorized anchorage areas:
visit www.escales.gov.pf

TAHA'A

Apu Bay: southern Taha'a Point, open anchorage, mooring buoys available. Free visit of the Champon pearl farm. Don't miss the polynesian dance party at the Ficus (see next page).

Utuoone anchorage zone: anchoring on sandy bottom on the reef side.

Hurepiti Bay: private mooring buoys at the head of the bay.

Tapuamu Bay: sheltered by SE winds, small port, gas station, water and grocery. Pari Pari rum factory.

Motu Tautau: Anchoring prohibited. By dinghy only to «coral garden» (snorkeling).

Patio village: Anchorage and access to the village.

Faaha Bay: small dock in front of the restaurant. Polynesian evenings. Pearl store.

Haamene Bay: mooring buoys of the Hibiscus restaurant or anchorage at the end of the bay facing the village. Pharmacy, market, post office, shops.

• **Tahaa Maitai Restaurant:** Dinghy dock. Ph. 50 65 70 85

Motu Mahaea: stable mooring, sand bottom, by 4/5 m, possible meals on the motu. Reservation required - Ph. 87 28 64 37.

On motu Atger - polynesian meal on Sunday - Ph. 87 28 26 81.

MARINAS

Port and Marinas - VHF 12 / 16

Uturoa's Marina and Port: 100 spots, clean water, electricity, restroom, showers. Close to: gas station, hospital, stores, market, restaurants.. Access to Mount Tapioi (panoramic viewpoint).

Ph. 87 22 50 11 • 89 78 18 07
marinadeuturoa@portppt.pf
Port Master Ph. 40 66 38 00

Marina Apooint: NW of the island, visitors wharf, dock, water, shops, restaurant, sail loft, diving club.

VHF 12 • Tél. : 40 66 12 20
marinaapooint@gmail.com

Uturaerae Technical Area: fairing, various repair shops and gearing (Cf. Services directory).



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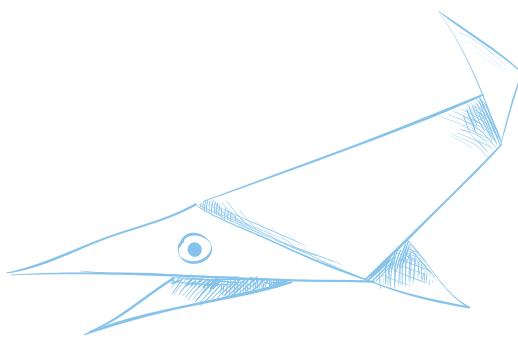
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USEFUL CONTACTS

RAIATEA

Uturoa's TownHall Ph. 40 60 03 80
Gendarmerie Ph. 40 60 03 05
Municipal police Ph. 40 60 05 69
Uturoa Hospital Ph. 40 60 08 00
Dentistry Center Ph. 40 66 31 31
Pharmacy Ph. 40 66 34 44
Tourism Committee
 Ph. 40 60 07 77
Air Tahiti, Uturoa airport
 Ph. 40 60 04 44

NAUTICAL CHARTERS

MARINA APOITI

Tahiti Yacht Charter VHF 69
 Ph. 40 66 28 80
The Moorings - Sunsail
 VHF 10 • Ph. 40 66 35 93

MARINA UTUROA

Dream Yacht Charter
 Ph. 40 66 18 80
O'ron Sailmaker & laundry
 Tél. 87 70 99 01 • laverie.orion@mail.pf

DIVING CLUB

Hémisphère Sub
 Ph. 40 66 12 49 • 87 72 19 52
 hsbraiatea@gmail.com
 ■ hemispheresub.com
Deep Zen Free diving club
 Ph. 87 32 42 12
 deepzen.raiatea@gmail.com

VARIOUS

Esland Bike Electric bikes rental
 Ph. 87 72 12 71 / 87 739 779
 ■ www.esland.bike
Mystery House "the Leaning House"
 Ph. 87 74 33 12 / 87 21 05 96
 www.mysteryhouse.fr
Raiatea Quad Ph. 87 79 27 66
 raiateaquad@gmail.com
Cadichon Ranch Ph. 87 22 21 65
 Facebook : Cadichon Vallee
Le Fish & Blue Bar & tapas, rest..
 Dinghy dock. Ph. 40 66 49 25
Restaurant Fare Vai Nui Dinghy dock
 Ph. 87 77 03 64 - www.farevainui.com

TAHA'A

Patio Town Hall Ph. 40 60 80 80
Gendarmerie Ph. 40 60 81 05
Champon Pearl Farm
 tel. : 40 65 66 26
Tahaa Maitai Restaurant
 Ph. 40 65 70 85
Vanilla Tour botanic excursion
 4X4 Ph. 87 35 86 39 - contact@vanillatours.pf
Motu Pearl Farm Ph. 40 65 66 26
Motu Tuahi Meal and BBQ on the beach - Ph. 87 75 04 76
 Facebook : Motu Tuahi Tahaa
Domaine Pari Pari
 Pari Pari rum factory - Ph. 40 656 174
contact@domaineparipari.com
 ■ www.domaineparipari.com
Le Ficus Restaurant on reservation,
 Polynesian evening (Thursday, Friday).
 Ph. 87 30 20 66
 06011983zzz.aaa@gmail.com



EXCURSIONS TO THE TE MEHANI

Exceptional view point, the Te Mehani plateaus are home to various plants and small trees that are protected and strictly endemic to Raiatea. One is the *tiare 'apetahi*, which is the emblem of Raiatea and has been celebrated in many local legends. It is also an example of Polynesia's plants that are threatened by extinction.

Remember:

- Thank you for staying on the hiking paths, an ecological restoration is being done: we are replanting *tiare 'apetahi* for future generations as well as several endemic plants.
- Do not step on, cut or pick any plant.
- Take out your backpacks when coming close to the *tiare 'apetahi*, no more than 5 people around and keep a distance relative to the plant, avoid touching the plant.
- Preferably use a professional guide.

The Te mehani rahi plateau is mostly private. Please contact the Tuihana Association (87 79 37 12) or the Service Développement Rural (40 60 21 00) before any hike for your safety.

The Te mehani 'ute'ute plateau is listed as a protected area and its access is regulated and strictly submitted to authorization.

INFO

Agriculture Authority
 Ph. 40 60 21 02
Association Tuihana
 Ph. 87 79 37 12
 ■ www.facebook.com/tuihana.org
Thierry Laroche Raiatea Randonnée
 trekking - Ph. 87 77 91 23
raiatearando@mail.pf
Kiam Marti randonnée trekking
 pension Temehani
 Ph. 87 27 23 00
kiam.marti@gmail.com



TAPUTAPUĀTEA

The site of Marae Taputapuātea on the island of Raiatea is an ancient cultural and political complex, which played a major role in the history of Polynesian civilization. Located strategically between land sea at the Mā-tahi-rā-i-te-ra'i point, it is home to many monuments, the most notable of which are the marae, open air temples and Polynesian sacred spaces: the Taputapuātea marae is the most monumental (whose large slabs carved in coral rise up to 3 meters high), the Hau-viri marae (facing the pass and on which Te Papa o Tea Rūea, the inauguration stone of the Huiari Tamatoa - ancient chiefs - stands in the center of the court), the 'Ōpū-teina marae, the Tau-aitū marae and the marae-o-Hiro.

Taputapuātea was the religious and political center of the Tamatoa chiefdom of 'Ōpoa, which reigned in the 17th and 18th centuries through a network of religious and political alliances throughout eastern Polynesia, particularly through the mastery of canoe building and navigation. The spread of the cult of the god 'Ōro to whom the Taputapuātea marae was dedicated, was manifested by the replication of many marae Taputapuātea in eastern



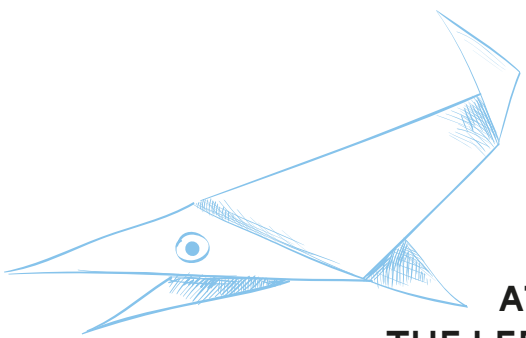
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Polynesia (Windward islands, Tuamotu, Cook Islands, Australs, etc.) or the adoption of a name as a place name (Hawaii, New Zealand).

This sacred site is also inseparable from the traditional territory of the former 'Ōpoa chiefdom, of which it was the center: the landscape is dominated by the sacred Tea-ē-tapu mountain, forests home to many archaeological remains in the 'Ōpoa valley, the sacred Te Ava Mo'a pass, and the islet (motu) 'Ā-tara. The cultural scenery of Taputapuātea including these marae is now on the list of UNESCO World Heritage sites since July 9th 2017.

■ <https://youtu.be/VwgFG2eFN08>

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HUAHINE, THE WILD ONE

ACCESS

- Avamoa Pass and Avapehi Pass navigable by all weather, near Fare.
- Eastern pass but gives access to few mooring spots.

Mobil gas station - Fare
Ph. 40 68 81 41

Total gas station - Fare
Ph. 40 68 80 54

Tourism Committee Ph. 87 30 52 18
huahine-info@tahiti-tourisme.pf

Fare: anchorage areas in front of the village and inbetween the 2 passes.

Access to Fare by dinghies using the floating dock of the

Huahine Yacht Club
Restaurant & bar, yacht services
Ph. 40 68 70 81

Huahine Yacht Services
Sailboat services. Ph. 87 79 77 59
huahineyachtservices@gmail.com

Huahine Nautique
Activities in the lagoon or ashore
Ph. 87 78 59 05
■ www.huahinenautique.com

Hôtel Maitai Lapita Village Huahine:
Nice hotel with a small archaeological museum. - Ph. 40 68 80 80

Hana iti: at the entrance of Port Bourayne to access to this beach, anchor in the green area Faava, and go by dinghy. The site's Manager proposes activities such as beach BBQ, snorkeling, hiking.

Port Bourayne: At the end of bay, 30 m deep mooring, anti-cyclone hole.

Haapu Bay: possible anchorage in front of the village, grocery store, vanilla plantation, hiking.

Avea Bay: exceptional anchorage, select the reef side (coral regeneration are land side). Go see the marae Anini.

Hotel le Mahana: yacht services, waste drop, water (inclusive) restaurant, wifi, spa. Bicycles and cars rental, excursions. Great spot, good food.
Ph. 40 45 04 00 / 40 60 60 40
■ www.lemahanahotel.com

Tefarerii (Motu Murimaora) :
Mooring in the shelter of the motu Murimaora, south of the Farerea pass.

Faie: Do not miss to visit the village and the sacred eels site.

USEFUL CONTACTS

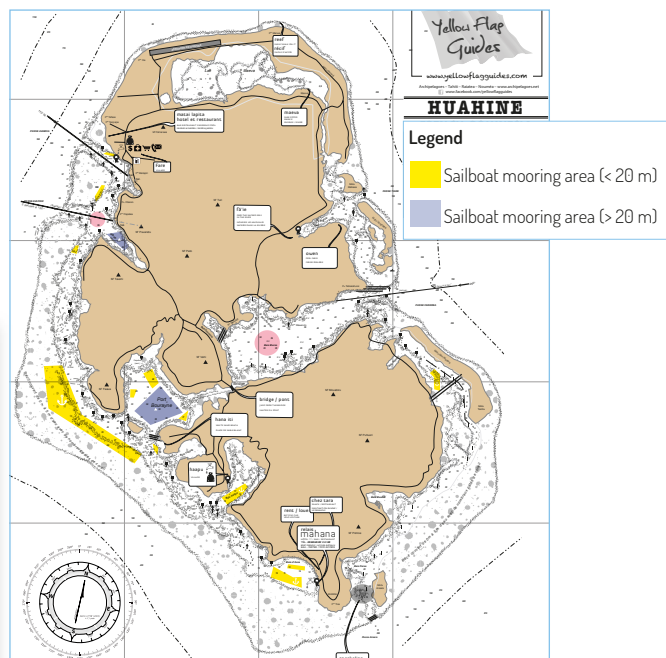
Huahine Town Hall Ph. 40 60 63 21
Gendarmerie Ph. 40 60 62 05
Infirmary / Emergency
Ph. 40 68 82 48
Pharmacy - Fare Ph. 40 60 61 41

Upon arrival, go to the townhall in Fare to pay for mooring and garbage tax.



MOORINGS

Main "goelettes" wharf in Fare
temporary docking.
Port Master: VHF 12
Stores, restaurants, banks, market.
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PROTECT MARINE LIFE

THE SEA, A RICH BUT FRAGILE ECOSYSTEM

THE IMPORTANCE OF CORAL REEFS

Coral reefs are at the base of the Polynesian marine ecosystem and host a rich and diverse fauna and flora. Fragile as they are very sensitive to the quality of water, reefs are built by colonies of minuscule animals, the coral. To continue to preserve the quality of Polynesian waters and the health of coral reefs. Please be respectful.

GOOD PRACTICES

Moorings: when available, use mooring buoys, because anchoring can cause coral damage and spread invasive species. Use the available mooring areas.

Public maritime domain: using the public maritime domain; do not enter private properties to access them. Respect local prohibitions (motu and coasts).

Waste management: dumping waste in the lagoons is strictly prohibited (possible fines). Your waste must be sorted and disposed of in waste bins on land.

Snorkeling: do not step on or collect coral. Do not hit the bottom fauna with your fins.



PROTECT AND REGULATED SPECIES

Sharks, marine mammals, sea turtles, manta rays, shells (troca, burgau, conch, giant mussel, helmet, triton) and black coral are protected all year round. Capturing, possessing and eating these species is prohibited under penalty of fine or boat seizure.

Some species of marine animals are protected according to the area or the season (like lobsters) or are subjected to a minimum size when captured (like the "benitier" clam). Get information at each island, before catching anything.

SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Very few marine species are dangerous in Polynesia.



Use caution when walking in the water. **While diving or snorkeling** do not touch fire coral. Any sting by a stonefish, resting at the bottom, must be taken care of immediately in an emergency medical facility.

Ciguatera (or "grate") is present in French Polynesia. Do not eat species known to be poisonous and/or whose sale is prohibited. Consult

EMBLEMATIC SPECIES

SHARKS

Some twenty species of sharks have been identified in the archipelagos. Black tips, gray or lemon sharks are common. Some passes in the Tuamotu or bays in the Marquesas attract remarkable shark concentrations at the world scale.

TURTLES

5 species of sea turtles live in Polynesian waters. The green turtle and the "imbriquée" turtles can be seen in the lagoons or behind the reef. Green turtles regularly lay their eggs in Polynesia.

CETACEANS

16 species come regularly to Polynesia. The bottlenose dolphin, is often seen in bays and passes. Humpback whales are the most common. They are normally present from July to December when they reproduce. In French Polynesia, these species are followed by scientists and often observed by the public.

In case you encounter one of these animals, do not hesitate to also participate by visiting the following link:

www.requinsdepolynesie.com

CETACEANS WATCHING

- Do not go straight toward a group of cetaceans, but approach it at an angle of about 30° relative to its direction.
- Do not exceed a speed of 3 knots within a 300 m radius.
- Do not encircle them or separate members from their group. Keep your course and speed steady. Avoid all changes in direction and motor speed.
- All boats must stay on the same side of the group.
- Do not surprise them or trap them between a reef and your boat.
- **If an animal comes close, put your engine in neutral. Do not stop it in order to remain maneuverable, while being recognizable by the animal**



More info: www.service-public.pf/diren

IF YOU FIND A BIRD

Call the Polynesian Ornithological Society, SOP Manu, which will pick it up.

Vini pétrel : 87 22 27 99
Société d'Ornithologie de la Polynésie Manu (SOP Manu)
Tel : 40 52 11 00
sop@manu.pf / www.manu.pf

- Handle it as little as possible (avoid stressing the animal).
- Place it in a carton pierced with holes, in a quiet and shady place.
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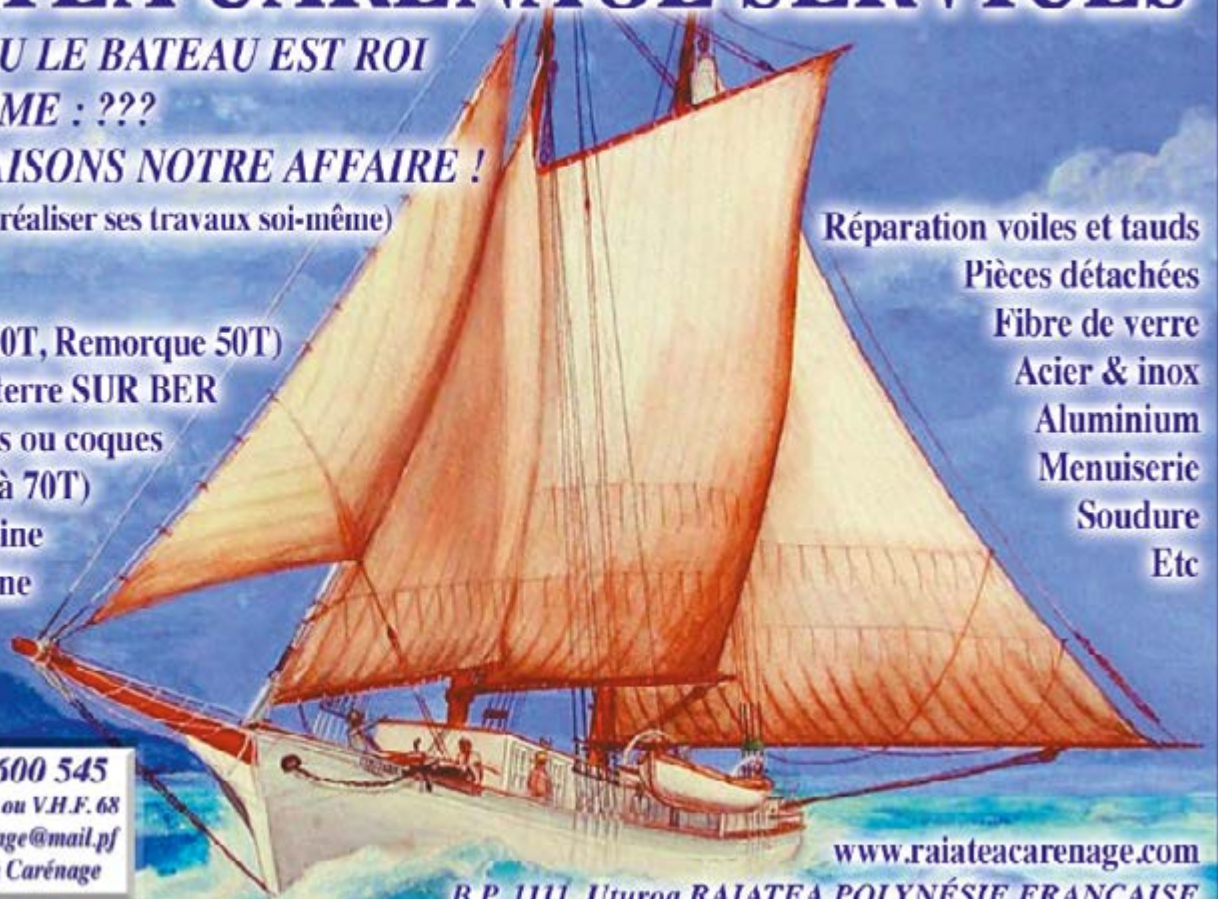
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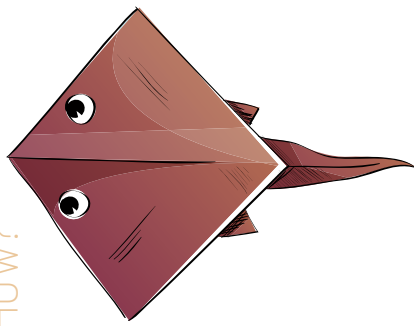
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BOATYARD IN POLYNESIA

Three of our archipelagoes offer ways for you to either dry store your boat in a boat yard, or leave it at the anchorage with security services.

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Tahiti Nautic Center

Taravao PK 58 (Phaeton Bay)
Ph. 87 74 85 60

tnc@mail.pf

- **Repairs:** outboard motor mechanics, diesel, polyester, etc.
- **BoatYard:** boats up to 25 tons, parking on cradles.
- **Long-term storage,** in water (20 spots) or on land (30 spots).
- **Shipchandler,** sale of outboard and inboard motors, sail making, woodwork.

Technimarine Sarl

Motu Uta - Papeete
Ph. 40 43 02 22

87 71 70 61 / 87 22 21 49

exploitation@technimarine.pf

■ www.technimarine.pf

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- **BoatYard:** all boats up to 25 m, 3 travelifts (70, 75 and 300 tons)
- **Caretaking and mechanics.**

Watch my boat

Ph. : 89 37 43 59

watchmyboat@gmx.com

Phaëton Boat Watching

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phabwatch@outlook.fr

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Chantier Naval des ISLV

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■ www.cnislv.com

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87 71 61 39

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- access through Pakaka pass (marked) or Tehere.
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- **Hydraulic cart** (17 tons).
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Maintenance Marquises Service

Hiva Oa

Ph. 87 73 90 45 / 40 92 75 05

direction@maintenancemarquises.com

■ www.maintenancemarquises.com

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VHF 72 • ysnukuhiva@hotmail.com

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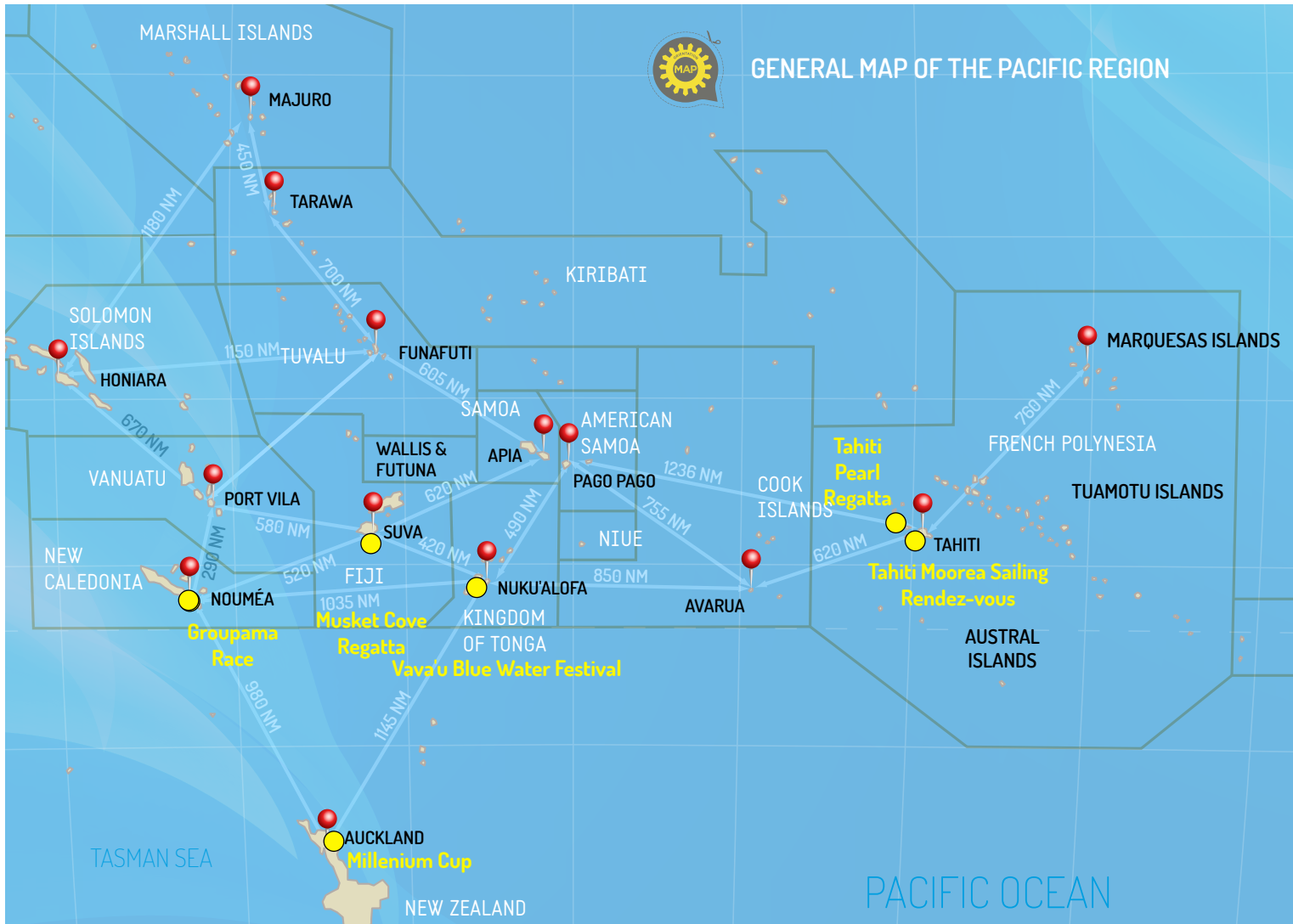
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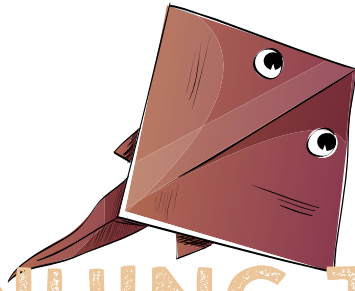


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EXIT FORMALITIES

CONTINUING THE VOYAGE

FORMALITIES

Immigration formalities upon exit:

If you are leaving French Polynesia via Tahiti or Moorea, register your departure with the Papeete port yachting Service (contact details on page 1).

Customs formalities upon exit:

You can come to the customs office 24 hours before departure. If you're leaving on a Monday, remember to come on Friday. If your next destination requires an **exit clearance form**, please go to the Autonomous Port of Motu Uta to obtain one (trafficmaritime@portppt.pf). This document will enable you to benefit from tax-free diesel fuel.

Make sure you have completed all the formalities on the the formalities on your online custom and immigration declaration form (see p. 4).

Entry and exit conditions for foreigners in French Polynesia are the responsibility of the Service Territorial de la Police aux Frontières (STPAF). If you are not a citizen of the European Union, please contact the Border Police.

Tahiti Faa'a Airport

BP 6362 - 98702 Faa'a
dtpn987-stpaf-usg@interieur.gouv.fr
Ph. 40 80 06 00
Fax: 40 80 06 18

TAX-FREE FUEL

- The Papeete Customs Office (only) can give you an authorization of tax-free fuel. This authorization is valid 6 months.
- If you have a maritime agent, he can get this authorization for you as soon as you arrive in the Marquesas.

IMPORTATION OF EQUIPMENT AND SPARE PART

The suspension of duties and taxes is granted to the boat under the Boat Temporary Admission. The previous dispositions also apply to spare parts, equipment and parts used in operations of repair of a vessel under temporary admission.

Spare parts, equipments and parts covered in the previous paragraph must be declared to Customs under temporary admission (DAUP unguaranteed model) and are declared to codification 99.08.00.00

Non residents do not entitled to the postage free allowance. They will therefore have to fill a customs declaration for their temporary import, regardless of its amount.

To benefit from it on imported equipment, the replaced equipment must be either destroyed (destruction certificate required) or exported (exit customs declaration) or released for consumption (by paying the appropriate taxes). If the imported equipment is not a replacement or a repair, it will be released for consumption and does not benefit from duties and taxes exemptions.

As a derogation to the dispositions of the precedent paragraph, the suspension benefit is also granted:

- either for general interest reasons,
- or when the parts and equipment are included in the entry declaration and are subject of a later delivery.

Depending of the value of the requested equipment, you are advised to go through the services of a freight-forwarder or buy from local merchants. Feel free to request quotes or inquire locally before ordering from outside of French Polynesia.

Moreover, if your purchase (equipment or fueling equipment) is concomitant of departure and that the merchant agrees to grant you the regime of final exportation (DAUP Modele E100), you will benefit from a tax refund on VAT. If you pay the tax, no exit formality is required.

FOR ANY INFORMATION,
WE ADVISE YOU TO CONSULT THE
CUSTOMS COUNCIL, MOTU UTA

Ph. 40 50 55 58
cce-polynesie@douane.finances.gouv.fr

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