



SKIPPER'S NOTICE

CHARTER START

Welcome to New Caledonia!

Your embarkment is by 12PM. Our customer service will welcome you and start with the paperwork's, and you will receive a pre-cruise checklist. The inventory list is aboard your yacht. Both are to be checked and signed before leaving the dock. A technical and a chart briefing will be conducted aboard. Take the necessary time and pay attention to make sure you have all the info you need for a pleasant cruise.

DREAM YACHT BASE & CONTACTS

Noumea base

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LANGUAGE & MONEY

The official currency is the Pacific Franc (1 euro = 119, 33 cfp. There are some ATM machines at the airport and in many places in town.

Most of the big stores and hotels accept credit card payment. You can change money in the several banks in town and at the airport.

Customary gestures

You will meet some Kanak tribes which have a strong culture that includes the "customary gesture" when entering a tribe for the first time. The simpler and the more sincere the gesture the better it will be appreciated.

NAVIGATION

The weather and conditions are nice all over the year: Trade winds E-SE 10 to 20 knots average. With numerous isolated dangers and not all areas well surveyed, pay attention to the navigation especially where the info on charts and buoyage are poor. The Gps and chart plotters must be considered as a support, the electronic charts are not as accurate as the nautical charts so you should refer to the paper nautical charts and not rely only on the GPS, especially when in shallow waters or when close to dangers.

Passages heading east could be long and uncomfortable when the trade winds are blowing more than 15 knots (i.e. Noumea to Isle of Pines) so we recommend a night stopover in one of the nice islets or Ouen Isle.

Night sailing is prohibited in the New Caledonia lagoon. Night sailing outside the lagoon is possible, talk with the base manager before.

Plan your sailing trip to reach your night anchorage after 10AM and before 3 PM especially around coral grounds. Insure to not sail too late while the visibility is poor.

Buoyage: The buoyage exists only around the channels. These channels are marked like in Europe, red on port and green on starboard when entering harbors, with few cardinal marks where necessary.

Tides: 1.5 to 2.5 meters between low tide and high tide. Be careful with currents in narrow passages between islands or at reef corners.

Cruising guide: the only cruising guide, The New Caledonia sailing guide is provided in the standard inventory of your yacht. An electronic version is available.

REFILLING WATER & FUEL

Water, gasoline and fuel is available at the Dream Yacht base in Port Moselle. Water is possible at Kuto dock in the Pine's Island.

PROVISIONING

Self provisioning is not simple and often a waste of time. The only place for a decent provisioning is Noumea. Reprov is only possible at the base by calling us at least one or two days prior your stopover.

some marine parks with restrictions like fishing (look at the pilot).

CHARTERER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Dream yacht charter shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to persons, property or to the yacht. The charterer is responsible for every damage, loss or theft that may happen during the charter. Any damage to the boat is covered by your deposit.

Choice of anchorage:

Dream Yacht Charter provides you during the briefing with accurate information on anchorages but the choice of the anchorage (location, picking up a mooring buoy) and the checking of its reliability are on the skipper's responsibility;

WEATHER FORECAST: There are VHF forecast in French at 6:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 3:15 PM and 6:30 PM.

Don't hesitate to call the base for a weather update in English (79 91 18)

Read the weather chapter of the pilot, it gives a lot of information.

Check winguru.cz on internet for a week forecast.

COMMUNICATIONS

The VHF is used down here only for weather forecast or for emergency.

Communications with the shore and the Dream Yacht Charter bases only with cell phones.

There are some places where a Internet wifi connection is available (Noumea, Kuto at Pines Island)

RETURNING OR STOPOVER AT DYC Port du Sud MARINA

Our base offers all modern marina facilities, Showers, restrooms, bar, restaurant and internet at the DYC office.

Call the base bay phone ½ day before coming and when approaching Noumea. The marina staff will assign you a berth and assist you for docking.

In case of unattended late arrival, just anchor outside and dock next morning

FISHING

The New Caledonia waters are a nice spot for fishing. Coral and pelagic fishes are abundant but only pelagic can be eaten as coral fishes could be poisonous ("ciguatera"). There are

Fuel and consumables

The fuel, gasoline, propane are not included in the standard charter prices and will be charged at the end of the charter. We charge 400 cfp per engine hour that include all consumables. You can also refill the fuel and gasoline at the Port Moselle fuel station in Noumea just before coming back to the base.

CHARTER END

Your charter ends at 9 AM so schedule to dock your boat for the last night before 5PM or stay outside on anchor then come to dock by 8AM.

Allow sufficient time in the morning to have your boat shipshape, baggages out, linens bagged in pillow cases, garbage removed, for the 8:30 AM debriefing and inventory, then the last paperworks and final invoice at the DYC office.



HAVE A GREAT VACATION
AND GREAT SAILING!!