



SKIPPER'S NOTICE

CHARTER START

Maeva! Welcome to Polynesia!

Your embarkment is by 12:30. Our customer service will welcome you by 9AM for a chart briefing and paperwork's. A technical briefing will be conducted aboard when the boat is ready.

The pre-cruise check list and inventory list are to be checked and signed before leaving the dock. Take the necessary time and pay attention to make sure you have all the info you need for a pleasant cruise.

DREAM YACHT BASE & CONTACT

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RETURNING OR STOPOVER AT NYC Uturoa MARINA

Ideally located in the middle of the Leeward's, our base is perfect for a technical stopover: water refill, prov, linen change (**not on Sundays**)

Call the base bay phone 1 day before coming and when approaching Raiatea. The marina staff will assign you a berth or a mooring and assist you for docking. Stopovers are possible during the busy week-ends, but we will offer a better service during the week (especially the Saturdays very busy and minimum staff on Sundays).

In case of unattended late arrival, pick up a mooring outside and dock next morning.

Last night: the Apu bay, the Motu Cerant, the Teavapiti pass or the motu Artificiel moorings are some good anchorages for the last night as less than 1H30 from the base.

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 Uturoa town.

Most of the big stores and hotels accept credit card payment.

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 inside the lagoons where the info on charts and buoyage are poor. The Gps and chart plotters must be considered as a support, the charts (electronic or paper) are not really accurate so you should navigate by seeing 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. Bora Bora to Tahaa) so we recommend an early start as the passage could be very long.

Navigation area

The authorized sailing area extends from Huahine to Maupiti (+ Tahiti et Moorea in case of a one way). Sailing outside of this area is submitted to the NYC base approval and special conditions apply, especially Mopelia and the Tuamutu

MAUPITI : Because of the difficult pass, the access to Maupiti is restricted to : less than 15 knots of wind and less than 1,50M of swell.

Night sailing is prohibited in the Polynesian lagoons. 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.

Recommendation: live and sail with the sun in order to maximize the daily sailing time. Awake early!

Tides: 0.2 to 0.5 meters between low tide and high tide. The tide do not affect much the navigation in the islands.

Cruising guide: the only cruising guide, The NYC Iles-Sous-Le-Vent sailing guide is provided in the standard inventory of your yacht. An electronic version is available, ask the last version at the base.

REFILLING WATER & FUEL

Gasoline and fuel is available at the Uturoa Harbour dock. Water at Dream Yacht base, at the Bora bora Yacht Club and on the main dock at the Fare harbor, Huahine. The fuel, gasoline, propane are not included in the standard charter prices. You can refill the fuel and gasoline at the Total fuel station of the marina just before coming back to the base.

PROVISIONING

Self provisioning is not simple and often a waste of time. The only place for a decent provisioning is Raiatea. Reprov is only possible at the Raiatea base by calling us at least one or two days prior your stopover. Forget tomatoes, diaries or cheeses, you are in the country of fishes and tropical fruits.

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; The navigation inside the lagoon needs a lot of attention, no autopilot inside the lagoons!

WEATHER FORECAST:

No weather forecast available in English on VHF or radio. Don't hesitate to call the base for a weather update. Book a 3G+ internet router and check winguru.cz on the web for a one 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.

Internet: Connect the Hotspot Wifi network <http://www.hotspot-wdg.com/howto/index.html> or buy a 3g SIM at a Vinistore (Uturoa, Papeete, Bora)

FISHING

The Polynesian 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").

RECOMMENDATIONS

-Respect the environment! :

-Do not use the engine or the genset when not really needed (i.e. for watermeter where you could fill your tanks near by....)

- Garbage: Take apart the glass, the plastics so you can put them in the specific disposal cans at the marina.

-Make sure to respect private island restrictions where disembarkment is not permitted

Alcohol: Do not offer alcohol to the DYC crew and staff. Give only real money as tips. Same thing in the islands : offer clothes or usefull things rather than alcohol.

For your safety:

- Do not go swimming nearby powerboat passages. (Especially near by the Bora Bora Hotels)

- Don't leave the yacht unattended and close the hatches with security.

- Please do not raft up to another yacht as severe damage to the topsides can occur.

- Don't tow your dinghy with the engine on for inter-island passages.

- Please don't take any cardboard boxes on board, because of the cockroaches eggs.

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 the fuel Station Total dock (red roof on the right corner marina entrance) by 8:30AM. NOT AT THE SHELL in town

Allow sufficient time in the morning to have your boat shipshape, baggage out, linens bagged in pillow cases, garbage removed, fuel & gasoline tanks refilled for the 9 AM debriefing and inventory, then the last paperwork's and final invoice at the DYC office.

If your flights are in the afternoon, book a day use at the hotel Raiatea Lodge (6000cfp/pax including lunch, swimming pool, showers, Wifi and kayaks, contact the base in advance.



**HAVE A GREAT VACATION
AND GREAT SAILING!!**