

# SKIPPER'S NOTICE

#### **CHARTER START**

Welcome to New Caledonia!

Your departure time is either 02:00 PM or 05:00 PM. Our customer service will welcome you, starting with the paperworks. A technical and a chart briefing will be conducted by our team. Take the necessary time and pay attention to make sure you have all the information you need for a pleasant cruise.

## **DREAM YACHT NC - BASE & CONTACTS**

Dream Yacht Nouvelle Calédonie

Noumea base

Address: 40 rue d'Austerlitz Marina Port Moselle

BP 1068

98845 Nouméa Cedex

Office phone: +(687) 28 66 66

Office opening hours: Monday to Friday 8h00-12h00 / 14h00-18H00 Saturday and Sunday 8H00 to 12H00

Manager: Stéphane Auché

Email: basecaledonie@dreamyachtcharter.com

### **COMMODITIES**

Our base offers all modern marina facilities: showers, restrooms, bar, laundry, restaurant and internet at the DYW office (during opening hours).

#### **LANGUAGE & MONEY**

The official language is French.

The currency is the Pacific Franc "CFP" (1 euro = 119, 33174 CFP).

You will be able to withdraw "CFP" notes from ATM machines at the airport and all banks in town. You will be able to exchange currency in several banks, located in proximity of our office. Most of the big stores and hotels accept credit card payment in the main island, but you should have some local currency available for your trip.

#### "CUSTOMARY GESTURE"

You will have the opportunity to visit Kanak tribes during your trip. The main tradition is "the

customary gesture", done when first entering a tribe. A simple and sincere present will be appreciated. (a sarong, a 500 CFP note and some tobacco are usually offered in this gesture).

#### **NAVIGATION**

The weather and conditions are nice all over the year: South East trade winds blow an average of between 10 and 20 knots.

With numerous isolated dangers and several areas that have not been well surveyed, pay attention to the navigation, especially when information on charts is reduced.

The GPS and chart plotter must be considered as a support: you should refer to the paper nautical charts and not rely only on the GPS, especially when in shallow waters or close to dangers.

Passages heading the south can be long and uncomfortable when trade winds are blowing more than 15 knots (i.e. Noumea to Isle of Pines). We recommend a night stop-over at one of the nice islets located on your itinerary or at OUEN Island.

**Night sailing** is prohibited in the New Caledonia lagoon but possible in commercial marked channels. Refer to the base manager during the departure briefing.

Plan your sailing trip to reach your night anchorage between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at the latest, especially around coral reefs, considering the best visibility.

Buoyage exists only around the channels, following the European codification (red on port and green on starboard when entering harbors).

**Tides:** 1 to 1.5 meters between low tide and high tide (twice a day). Take care with currents in follow passages:

- -Canal Woodin
- -Passe de la Havannah
- -Passe de la Sarcelle

**Cruising guide:** The "Cruising guide to New Caledonia" is provided in the standard inventory of your yacht.

# **PROVISIONING**

The main provisioning should be done in Noumea. Dream Yacht NC can organize it if you send your shopping list one week prior to your first day of charter.

This service will be charged at the base by Dream Yacht NC.

#### CHARTERER'S RESPONSIBILITY

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

#### Choice of anchorage:

During the briefing, Dream Yacht NC provides you with accurate information on anchorages. Nevertheless, the choice of the anchorage (location, picking up a mooring buoy) and the checking of its reliability are under the skipper's responsibility.

## **WEATHER FORECAST**

In French on VHF channel 16 at 6:30 am / 9:30 am / 3:15 pm / 6:30 pm.

Check *windguru.cz* or *meteo.nc* on internet for a week forecast.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The VHF is to be used only for weather forecast or for emergency.

Communications with the shore and the base of Dream Yacht NC are only possible with cell phones.

#### **FISHING**

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

**Warning**: Some areas, sand cays, islets and islands are classified as Marine Protected Areas. In MPA fishing and shell collecting is strictly prohibited. However, fishing is allowed in Provincial Marine Park. Refer to our base manager before departure.

## **RETURNING AT DYNC MARINA**

It's forbidden to dock the boat without assistance of Dream Yacht NC staff.

You can be back between 4:00 to 05:00 PM or between 8H00 to 09H00 AM.

You must choose when you want to be back and inform the Dream Yacht NC staff prior the departure.

Call 30 min before arrival, our staff will come on board to park the boat.

In case of unexpected late arrival, anchor outside and dock the following morning.

#### CHARTER END

Allow sufficient time in the morning to have your boat shipshape, (luggage out, linen down the table, garbage removed, refrigerators and freezer emptied, removal of food and garbage...). A first inspection of the boat will be done in your presence, but your deposit will be retained pending a more thorough check (Inspection of the hull by a diver, checking the condition of the sails, etc...).

Any damage caused to the boat (hit a coral heads, torn sails, etc ...) and not reported on return, will involve an increase in the cost of repairs.

#### FUEL AND CONSOMMABLES

At the end of each charter, the yacht's tanks will be filled in the presence of the Dream Yacht staff at Marina Port Moselle.

The fuel used (diesel) and any option booked in Noumea (canoes, diving equipment, airport shuttles, etc ...) will be charged when you return to base.

#### CUSTOMS

In case you would like to leave French territorial waters, it is the responsibility of the skipper to make the customs and immigration formalities upon entry into foreign territorial waters.

Three offices should be contacted: immigration, customs and harbor master's office. These procedures require time, so please plan them in advance. For further information, you should contact the base manager.

# HAVE A GREAT VACATION AND GREAT SAILING!!

Dream Yacht Nouvelle Calédonie Port Moselle – BP 1068 – 98845 NOUMEA CEDEX Mobile +(687) 78 44 43 – Line +(687) 28 66 66