

Options for leaving your boat in French Polynesia (v3) 2-2024

<https://www.jacarandajourney.com/other-good-stuff>

I have received numerous questions about various options for leaving a yacht in French Polynesia while being off the boat. Due to Covid many folks are on a 3 month tourist visa and have to leave the boat for 90 days before they can return.

Version Update

V1 01-21 New Document

V2 02-24 Update Port Phaeton Boat Watcher

Removed Pakakota Yacht Services Fakarava

This doc is broken down East to West into the following sections:

Marquesas (Hiva Oa & Nuku Hiva)

Tuamotus (Apataki & Fakarava)

Societies (Tahiti, Mo'orea, Raiatea)

Note: Be sure to check up to date contact info at <http://www.tahiticruisersguide.com/>

Check haulout, marinas, boat watchers

Marquesas

Hiva Oa – There is a haul out and storage yard in Autona. Yard has space for about 50 boats. They have a small store with a small amount of marine items. Supplies are limited and anything needed will have to come from Tahiti on the bi-monthly supply vessels which is easily done.

Yard Name: Maintenance Marqueses Service

<https://www.maintenancemarquises.com/>

direction@maintenancemarquises.com

(689) 87 73 90 45

(689) 87 25 16 49

Haul out using a hydraulic trailer. 25tons 18m

Nuku Hiva – Kevin from Nuku Hiva Yacht Services has a service to watch your vessel while at anchor. The bay is large and mud bottom with good holding. Beware if you are planning on leaving your vessel for more than a few months would suggest you purchase a section of chain from Tahiti and use that. Many boats(5+ that I know of) have reported their chain being eaten up after leaving boat for 3+ months. Not due to electrolysis but more to corrosive bottom. Rather than have your main 100m length of chain needing to be replaced using a sacrificial piece of chain makes sense.

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Tuamotus

Apataki Atoll Apataki Carenage

Haulout by trailer and tractor. This yard is extremely remote. Across the lagoon from the village. Book flights in/out as far in advance as possible as they fill up with locals. Bring all supplies with you. See reviews in Tahiti Cruisers Guide – link above

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<http://www.apatakicarenage.com>

Often what yachties do when they fly into Papeete is to rent a car, do a major shop and then drop everything off at the shipping office that services Apataki. You can then hire the yard staff to take their boat over to the village to pick up your supplies

Society Islands

Tahiti

Port Phaeton

Tahiti Nautic Center
Taravao, Port Phaeton (Located in the isthmus between Tahiti Nui and Tahiti Iti)
tnc@mail.pf
<http://www.nautisport.pf/index.php/marinas/marina-taravao#>
(689) 94 05 4 76 16
Yvan - 87 74 85 60

25 places on land for a maximum draft of 2.10m and 20 tons maximum
20 berths in the marina for sailboats, with a maximum draft of 2.00m

Boat Watcher

Leaving yacht at anchor in Port Phaeton.
Phaeton Boat Watching
Muriel Dubois
Facebook : Phaeton bay yacht watching

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Papeete

No out of the water storage available

Haulout only Techni Marine

Marina Papeete

(689) 40.47.48.54 office
marinadepapeete@portppt.pf
VHF is NOT monitored

No reservations first come first serve. Can be very wicked when a NW swell rolls in. Mgt has authority to make boats move if a large swell starts to destroy docks. Has experienced a large number of breakins over the past 4-5 years

Boat Watchers

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Eric lives aboard in Marina Papeete in a permanent slip for many years onboard his catamaran with his family

Valery Friedel
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As of 10-2020 no reservations. This marina is more secure than Papeete marina.

Boat Watchers

Adrian Pataki
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He does Diesels diagnostics, repair, maintenance. Can watch your boat and do as little or as much as you want. We highly recommend him.

Valery Friedel
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Watch My Boat (Melanie)
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Yacht Club de Tahiti (Arue)

[689 40 42 78 03](tel:68940427803)
<https://www.yctahiti.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/yctahiti/>

A few private mooring and small amount of dock space

Mo'orea

Vaiare Marina

<http://www.portdepapeete.pf/fr/marina-de-vaiare-4>

Small marina that is home to mostly local French sailors. Marina office is next to the ferry terminal. Wait list can run many months

Boat Watcher:

Jacques - Contact Info jacques.services98@gmail.com

We had Jacques look after Jacaranda while we were gone land traveling for 3 month. He did an excellent job. He also looked after a number of other boats with equal results. He lives in the marina so also close at hand

Raiatea

CNI (Chantier Naval des Iles) Boatyard

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cni@mail.pf, www.cnislv.com

Hours: Mon-Thurs: 0730-1200 &

1300-1630. Fri: 0730-1200 & 1300-1530

Mgr: Karen

Yard is both a boat yard and a storage yard. They have a small marina as well. They do accept reservations with a deposit.

CNI has a fairly new travel lift (2019) that is incredibly sophisticated. It is a hydraulic trailer with many attachments to safely and securely haul out monohulls and catamarans. The lift is controlled by a remote and is constantly tweaked to ensure a safe haul out.

Raiatea Carenage

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<https://www.raiateacarenage.com>.

Hours: Mon-Thur: 0730-1200 and 1300-1630. Fri: 0730-1200 & 1300-1530.

Mgr: Dominic

They have a travel lift, travel trailer, and railway platform. They can lift monohulls and multihulls (cats and trimarans) and general facilities.

In November 2020 they will receive a new 50-ton travel lift and a new 50-ton trailer.

Dominique is the manager and fiberglass expert and is fluent in English.

Carenage has 3 ways to haul vessels: Travel lift, Trailer, Platform. They can haul cats as well as monohulls. They also perform most of the haul outs on the charter fleet in Raiatea. Haulout & long term dry storage

Apooti Marina

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marinaapooiti@gmail.com

<https://tahititourisme.com/en-us/business/marina-dapooiti/>

Apooti Marina is a small enclosed marina mostly full of charter boats. There is one wall that contain cruising boats(mostly local resident's) .There is a guest dock which depending on size can side tie up to 3 vessels. Water and power are available. There is also moorings that are used by the charter fleet that we used for a couple weeks. Moorings are the same price as the marina side tie berth. Check with harbor master office on marina grounds

Marina d'Uturoa

689 87305502

This marina is closer to town and also partial full of charter boats. In addition it contains permanent resident sailboats. Almost impossible to get into unless you know someone or you want a long term berth

Boat Watchers Raiatea

BMS (Boat Maintenance Services)

Fred Hermelin

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Fred is very experienced and also does general boat work (windlass, fiberglass)

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Boat Watching with references