

Weather Information That We Use in French Polynesia (v3)

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Away from Internet

There are dozens of ways of getting weather while in French Polynesia (FP). Using our SSB Radio and Pactor Modem we use the following weather information. Not all is run on a daily basis.

The following are run using a saildocs tool. You do NOT need a subscription with sailmail to obtain these documents. Also can be submitted via internet using gmail, yahoo, etc

Email Information

To: query@saildocs.com

Subject: Your choice or blank

Body: See below

Subscribe nadi.sopac days=30 time=17:00 (SP Weather from Fiji includes FP)

Subscribe fr.poly.en days=30 time=17:00 (Current FP forecast from Meteo France in English)

Subscribe fr.poly.long.en days=30 time=17:00 (Long Range FP in English – new service still with a couple minor bugs)

Subscribe fr.poly.short.en days=30 time=17:00 (Short Range FP from Meteo France in English)

Subscribe FZPS40.PHFO days=30 time=17:00 (SP weather from Honolulu S Pacific 0-25S, 120W-160E)

Subscribe fleet.nadi days=30 time=17:00 (Fleet code from Fiji includes FP - Need Fleet code reader)

Subscribe Spot:08.8S,140.0W|5,6|PRMSL,WIND,WAVES,RAIN,LFTX time=17:00 (Spot Grib Forecast)

Subscribe <http://www.meteo.pf/previsions.php?carte=me> (Meteo France Long Range FP weather in French)

send GFS:08S,11S,141W,136W|1,1|0,9..162|PRMSL,WIND,WAVES,RAIN (Full Marquesas Grib)

Bob McDavitt's Weathergram Weekly weather discussion delivered weekly

Send an email to Bob requesting to be added to is distribution list <mailto:bob@metbob.com>

Weather Faxes

Honolulu (freq 9982.5, 11090,16135)

0649/1849Z SW Pacific Goes IR Sat Image

0701/1901Z 24 hr surface forecast

0714/1914Z 48 hr surface forecast

0727/1927Z 72 hr surface forecast

When Internet is Available (Not often in the Marquesas or Tuamotus)

<http://www.goes.noaa.gov/sohemi/sohemiloops/shirgoescol.html> (Infray Loop of SP includes FP)

<https://www.windyty.com/?-9.098,-140.336,6> (Can be zoomed into cover FP) for both wind & swell
Weather4D app for Ipad

Weather Articles we found Helpful for SP

There is a number of excellent articles written by cruisers and weather folks that you may want to download and save onboard. You can find most of these by using a Google look up. Both the Soggy Paws website and Ocelot are chock full of great suggestions about cruising and weather. Worth a couple of hours to check out while you have good internet.

I would start here: <http://svsoggyaws.com/files/#pacific> Great source of information on both N&S Pacific. A number of the following are also located via their site

Mariners Met Pack South West Pacific by Bob McDavitt (One of the best books we have found on SP weather)

Pacific Weather & HF Radio Nets - **SV Final Straw**

SV Chameleon SAILING TO NEW ZEALAND? The following is what Chameleon considers before a passage

SV CHAMELEON FORECASTING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC Rules of thumb and general discussion

South Pacific Weather - **SV Heart of Gold** SOUTH PACIFIC WEATHER (Lat38 articles)

<http://svsoggyaws.com/files/JimCorenman-SouthPacificLetters.pdf>

South Pacific Weather - **SV Ocelot**

http://hackingfamily.com/cruise_info/pacific/SPacific_Weather.htm

South Pacific Weather **SV Estrellita**

<http://thegiddyupplan.blogspot.com/2014/06/our-weather-routine-in-french-polynesia.html>

South Pacific Weather **SV Gryphon**

<http://www.oceannavigator.com/Ocean-Voyager-2012/Coconut-Milk-Run-weather/>

South Pacific Weather **SV Migration** Feb 2011 Latitude 38 article

<http://svsoggyaws.com/files/Migrations-PacWxSimplified.pdf>

South Pacific Weather **SV Soggy Paws**

<http://www.svsoggyaws.com/pacwx-internet.htm>

South Pacific Weather **SV Street Car**

Southwest Pacific Weather **SV Carina**

Weather FP weather zones

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