



CRUSING GUIDE

The Leeward Islands of Tahiti

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All the staff of Raiatea welcome you at the base. This guide aims at helping you usefully during your cruise and all along your stay in the leeward island. It will provide you with a choice of anchorages, activities and restaurants in order to help you enjoy your cruise.

Your contact at the base are :

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Customer Service

The base is open 7 days a week from 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can contact us by phone 600 485

V.H.F 10
Fax : 66.23.19

In case of an emergency after 5 p.m. call 777 003 (base manager)

GENERAL INFORMATIONS

CURRENCY

Tahitian money : **CFP** = French Colonies of the Pacific (ou Fcp)

You can change currency in every bank. Credit cards as Visa or Master Card are accepted in all the main shops and supermarkets, also US dollars and euros.

Payment with American Express card is limited.

Keep around 20 000 fcp cash during the cruising time (for moorings, water...).

1 Euro = 119.33 Fcp

1000 Fcp = 8,38 €

BANK

Opening hours on weekdays

Banque de Tahiti : 8h00-12h00 and 13h00-15h45

Banque de Polynésie : 7h45-15h45

Banque Socredo : 7h30-11h30 and 13h30-16h00

PROVISIONING

Supermarket : opening hours

Champion 7h30-18h00 monday to saturday

Liaut 7h30-18h00 monday to saturday (fresh fish and fresh meat)

Leogite open sunday from 6h00 à 11h00 am

It is possible to order a provisioning on line delivered on your boat on the day of the departure.

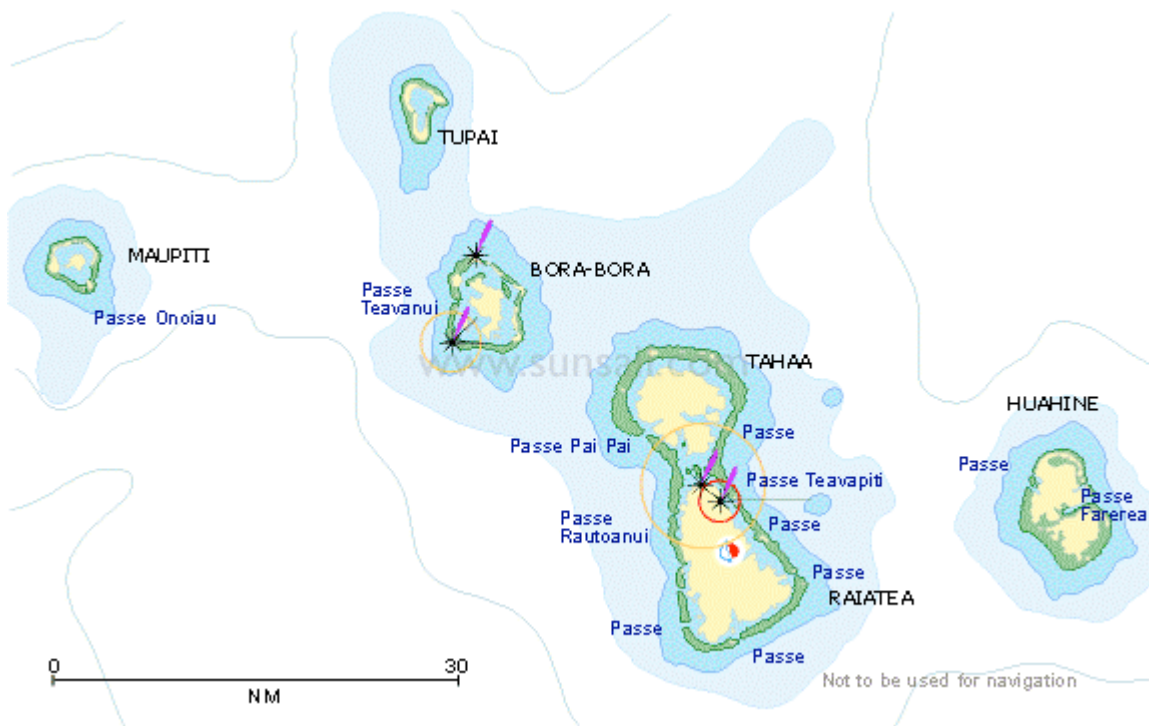
TAXI AND CAR RENTAL

Taxi TRUCKY: 78 23 36

JOSEPH: 29 43 70

Car rental EUROPCAR: 66 34 06

AVIS : 66 35 35



GETTING AROUND

Air

Air Tahiti réservation :	86 42 42
Agence de Raiatea :	60 04 44
Air Moorea :	86 41 41
Polynesia Hélicoptères :	54 87 20

Ferry

King Tamatoa:	45 32 63
Maupiti Express:	66 37 81

HEALTH

There are 5 doctors in Raiatea as well as an hospital and health center. There is a health center in Tahaa, Huahine and Bora Bora, also a drugstore on each island.

Don't forget to bring your own medicine, you don't need to be vaccinated.

Hôpital Uturoa : 600 800

Health centers :

Bora :	67 70 77
Huahine :	68 82 48
Tahaa :	65 63 31

Doctors Uturoa :

Docteur Bataillon :	66 34 55
Docteur Diochin :	66 23 01

Drugstore Uturoa : 60 20 10

COMMUNICATION

The Sunsail base provides a mobile phone for your cruising time.

It is possible to call international in every island from public phones, post offices or resorts. If you need to receive messages, you can use the Sunsail office phone number (689) 600 485. We will forward messages.

Mobile phone : the VINI net works everywhere around and if you have an extension for your own cell-phone you can use it in French Polynesia. Otherwise you can buy a SIM card to have a local number.

There is also a fax machine in the Sunsail office to send or receive messages, fax number is (689) 66 23 19.

Internet : internet access is available at the base. Personal messages can be sent to you through to the following address sunsail.tahiti@mail.pf. You can find internet cafe on each island as well as in all resorts.

Post office : they are open from 7.30am to 3.00pm during week time and from 8.00am to 10.00am during weekends.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

SUNSAIL

777 003

POLICE

<i>Raiatea</i>	<i>Bora Bora</i>	<i>Huahine</i>	<i>Tahaa</i>
<i>60 03 05</i>	<i>60 59 05</i>	<i>60 62 05</i>	<i>60 81 05</i>

HOPITAL

<i>Raiatea</i>	<i>Bora Bora</i>	<i>Huahine</i>	<i>Tahaa</i>
<i>60 08 00</i>	<i>67 70 77</i>	<i>68 82 48</i>	<i>65 63 31</i>

RELIGION

In Leeward Islands 95% of the population is practising. Protestant people represents 50%, Catholic ones 34%. There are also the Mormons, the seventh day Adventists, the Sanitos, the Jehovah believers.

Services schedule:

- protestant : on Sunday at 10.00am
- catholic: on Saturday at 6.00pm and sunday at 8.00am.

STARTING YOUR CRUISE

FACILITIES AT THE BASE

The Sunsail base is located at the Marina Apooiti at 5 km from the main village of Uturoa which is also the administrative capital of the leeward islands. You will find the following facilities:

- Fax,
- Public phone
- Internet
- Bar
- Dinghies or kayaks
- Touristic brochures and informations
- Weather forecast
- Bathrooms
- Water and fuel at the dock
- Transfers to airport or town
- Souvenirs shop
- Snorkeling gear
- Dive center
- Restaurants



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CRUISING TIME

YOUR PROGRAM

Before your cruise

The following formalities are part of our contract schedule and will enable us to give you the vessel papers. You have to:

- fill in a crew list if you haven't already done so
- leave a bond or a security insurance deposit
- pay the balance of the cruise fare
- sign the check in & yacht condition forms
- sign the inventory form
- pay for your food supplying

We can provide you -free of charge- with snorkeling equipment (fins, masks, snorkels) and ice chests.

Presentation of the boat

A member of the Customer service staff will check the boat with you and show you the important technical points.

Chart Briefing

We will give you information about some good anchorages and visits you shouldn't miss according to your route, as well as a few sailing advices. A general introduction to sailing in Polynesia will be offered to you with charts.

Inventory formalities

The inventory is normally complete, nevertheless it is your responsibility to check it. You will find a check list in your folder. If necessary, we will help you to find the missing items. You will then have to sign the list and give it back to us.

DURING YOUR CRUISE: RESPONSABILITY OF THE CAPTAIN

Log book

The skipper of the sailboat is supposed to fill in this document everyday, this is the only legal paperwork in case of customs control.

Flag rules

The crew flag can be on portside in the middle of the mast, on starboard it is the courtesy flag and at the stern of the boat the national flag.

In case of problem

Don't hesitate to contact the base in case of technical problems you can't solve yourself. We can assist you with a speedboat in the lagoon of Tahaa-Raiatea. For Bora Bora and Huahine we can call mechanics leaving on those islands, shipping parts depends essentially on flights schedule. You can come back at the base anytime you want (office hours), thanks for calling on VHF 10.

UPON RETURN AFTER YOUR CRUISE

VHF call

You should disembark before noon. Upon arrival to the Marina please call on VHF channel 10. We will systematically send somebody to your boat to help you bringing her back to the dock.

Please never do this maneuver yourself.

Check out

We'll ask you to put all left over food in a basket as well as all sheets and towels. Also, please put snorkeling equipment on the dock.

For garbage separate glass-aluminium from the rest.

Transfer

We can organize a transfer to the airport with a minibus (1 to 8 persons, 300 fcp per person one way).

METEOROLOGY

There are 2 main seasons during the year and the equivalent to fall and spring between them. The rainy season is wet and hot (29° à 35°C) and runs from November to April.. The dry season which is also the "winter" is cooler (26° à 29°C) and windier. It runs from May to September. The Leeward islands enjoy a prevailing easterly wind of 15 to 20 knots and a swell of 3 to 5 feet. In July and August the wind called "maramu" coming from south-east of 25-30 knots can blow and create a choppy sea from 6 to 8 feet high. The sky is clear, climate is cool (29°C during day time and 20°C during night time). When it happens we strongly recommend not to anchor wind sides and leeward island side: winds can increase and even double compared to the offshore ones, this is gust, when Maraamu is settled down.

HOW TO GET A WEATHER FORECAST

- Radio: Radio Polynésie (RFO) on 94 FM, at 5.55am, 6.50am, 7.50 am, 10.30am and 5.50pm
- VHF 10: the base takes every day on the internet a report from Météo-France and a chart indicating all centers of pressure.
- VHF 26: "Mahina Radio" 11.00 am, 12.00 am, 8.40 pm, 9.00 pm (English on request only). Mahina radio is on Channel 27 in Windward Island.
- By phone directly to Météo France : 36 70 08
- Sunsail base phone number: 600 485

SWELL

Usually coming from the South West with occasionally rough seas is due to crossed swell when South and East winds are blowing.

TIDES

Around 20 to 30 cm (approx.: 1 foot).

In the Leeward Islands low tide is around 6.00 am and 6.00 pm, high tide around noon and midnight.

INSTRUCTION IN CASE OF HURRICANE

From November to April, Polynesia can be affected by bad weather such as:

- Tropical wave: heavy rains, winds 20 to 30 knots
- Tropical storm: very heavy rains, rough seas, winds 40 to 50 knots
- Hurricane: winds over 60 knots

3 STAGES

1st warning : hurricane within 1000 to 1200 km around Tahiti

2nd warning : 48h before hurricane

3rd warning : 18h before hurricane = DANGER

If you are sailing at such a time, daily inquire about weather evolution.

In case of warning “RFO FM 94” broadcasts all day long information concerning the evolutions and the position of the system (depression or hurricane). Pay attention to the safety instructions.

ALERT ARRANGEMENTS:

Compulsory instructions in case of tropical depression or hurricane.

1-- Contact Sunsail Base and report your position (phone call or VHF). We will guide you towards the nearest safe shelter.

2 - Preparation of the boat :

If you cannot reach a mooring or a marina, tie both anchors on the same chain and drop the maximum length, but be careful with the swinging radius. At the bow the mooring line must be seriously protected (hose or rag) in order to avoid any breach by chafing. Take the strain off cleats by using the genoa winches.

- Clear the deck (bimini top, boathook)
- Bring down the jib and store it inside the boat
- Bring down the main sail or secure the furling roller main sail
- Set the boom on the deck and secure it so that it won't move
- Turn off all valves (including engine valves)
- Remove the boat documents and lock the boat

3 - Leave ship

As far as possible secure dinghy and engine. Find a shelter (hotel).

4 - After warning

Evaluate the damages and call Sunsail

NAVIGATION RULES

MARKERS

Lagoon beacons

You will see a lot of markers inside the lagoon on the reef itself, you have to navigate between the red and green one not too close not too far.

Red square marker

In the lagoon it shows lagoon side dangers.

Green cone marker

In the lagoon it shows reef side dangers.

In channels you navigate according to the colors of water and the best way is : when you pass one marker you have the next one in sight.

Cardinal marks

North cardinal beacon : two cones superimposed points up. Stay to the north of this beacon

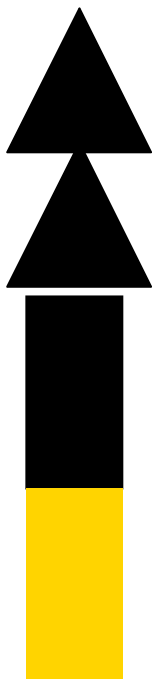
South cardinal beacon : two cones superimposed points down. Stay to the south of this beacon

East cardinal beacon: two reverse cones y the base. Stay to the east of this beacon

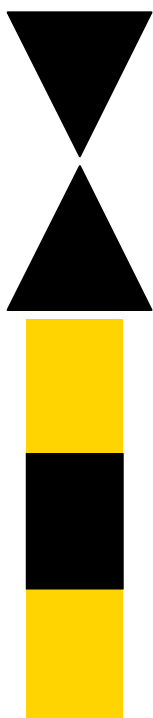
West cardinal beacon : two reverse cones by the points. Stay to the west of this beacon



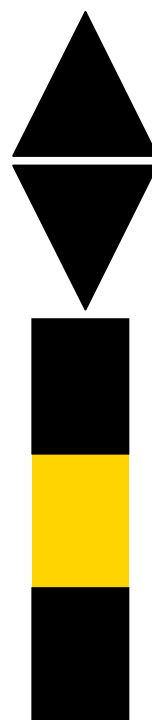
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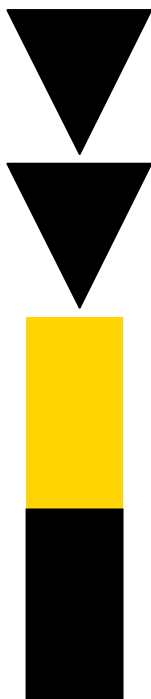
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Passer à l'est



Passer au sud



PASSES

Marine charts and magnetic compasses

The declination here is equal to 12° east. Therefore, subtract 12° to the direction given on the chart to read the compass heading. Conversely, before reporting on the chart, you must add 12° on the heading read on the compass.

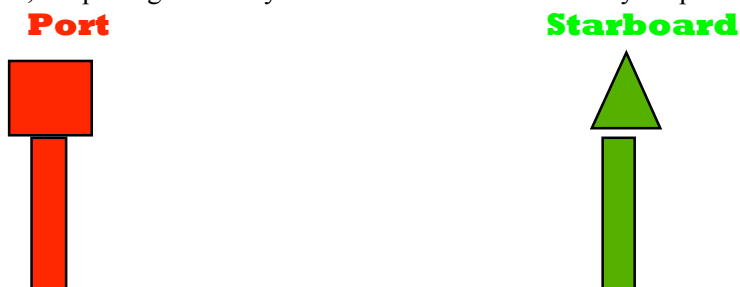
Currents

Invariably there is a set outwards through the barrier reef passes, often quite strong and continuous. Bear this in mind when navigating in the vicinity of a pass and when entering or leaving a pass. Do not attempt to go out through or even into a pass and nearby with the dinghy. Waves and currents can be dangerous, when swimming and snorkeling, particularly in the vicinity of the passes.

Entering and leaving passes

This is the opposite of the American system!

When entering the pass, keep the green buoy on starboard and the red buoy on port side.



Always stay far out from barrier reef before attempting to enter a pass. Turn in on the bearing of the pass only after having positively identified it.

On leaving a pass, always continue out on the same bearing for at least half mile to get well clear of the barrier reef(and possible side or cross currents) before setting the next course. Generally there is confused water off the barrier reef due to reflected wave action. The long ocean swells also begin to build up as they approach the reef edge. Do not cut corners in order to make an oblique approach or departure from a pass entrance.

If there is a heavy squall or poor visibility in the area of the pass you intend to transit, stand off until the squall passes and enter. It is better to use this technique rather than push through a bad squall.

GPS points passes which may be use

RAIATEA		Latitude	Longitude
Passe Teavapiti(Uturoa)	between red and green buoys	S 16° 44,563	W 151° 25,182
Passe Irihu(Faaroa)	center of entrance	S 16° 47,186	W 151° 22,874
Passe Rautoanui(Miri miri)	center of entrance	S 16° 45,506	W 151° 30,438

TAHAA		Latitude	Longitude
Passe Pai pai (Hurepiti)	center of entrance	S 16° 40,289	W 151° 32,394
Passe Toahotu (Hamene)	center of entrance	S 16° 39,038	W 151° 25,268
Pointe ouest du reef de Tahaa	Extreme point	S 16° 38,060	W 151° 34,862

BORA-BORA		Latitude	Longitude
Pointe sud ouest du reef de Bora	White mark	S 16° 32,776	W 151° 47,309
Passe Teavanui	center of entrance	S 16° 29,498	W 151° 47,063

HUAHINE		Latitude	Longitude
Passe Avamoa (Nord Fare)	center of entrance	S 16° 42,491	W 151° 02,850
Passe Avepehi (Sud Fare)	center of entrance	S 16° 43,509	W 151° 03,215

FOR YOUR SAFETY

BETWEEN ISLAND NAVIGATION

Do not leave an island to make an inter-island passage later than 9.00am. Going downwind, Raiatea to Bora Bora or Huahine to Raiatea, in any condition, it should not take more than 4 hours to make the passage. Things are quite different against the wind like from Bora Bora to Raiatea or Raiatea to Huahine where it could be the entire day with rough conditions, especially when the Maramu is blowing (strong south-east wind). Arrival time at the pass entrance should be not later than 3.30pm, allowing plenty of time to enter the pass or stand off while poor conditions clear.

LAGOON NAVIGATION

In case of strong winds (usually from southeast) : Under leeward elevations winds are usually stronger by 50 per cent. The wind accelerates down in the deep bays (gusts). When very windy, be careful when choosing your anchorage and always prefer windward and sheltered from gusts anchorages.

Reef and dangers: It is advisable to sail with the sun behind, usually between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm for the colors of the reef are more obvious. Be extra careful in bays where the water can be muddy and you do not see the reef.

Yellow = shallow

Light turquoise = from 1.5 to 2 Meters

Dark turquoise/green = from 4 Meters to 8 Meters

Blue = more than 20 Meters

Pearlfarms : especially in the lagoons of Tahaa and Raiatea you'll see areas covered by buoys. They generally belong to pearl farms and mother-of-pearls are hanging down from them and left there to grow. Do not pass in the middle of buoys and avoid anchoring or going close to these areas.

Moorings : never pick up a mooring that you're not sure of. Certain restaurants have moorings available for clients and are regularly checked. These are mentioned in this cruising guide. Do not pick up any other mooring as you can never be sure it's strong enough for a boat your size or if it has been checked regularly. Never put two boats on the same mooring.

Night sailing is strictly FORBIDDEN in the lagoon and in-between any of Leeward Islands.

ANCHORAGE

It is strongly recommended not to nightsail. The boat needs to be stopped and well anchored at least one hour before sunset. Do not anchor more than 15 meters deep (45 feet) for night time or pick up a mooring where it is available. If it is necessary for you to anchor deeper than 20m (60 feet) choose a very protected spot with space around you and drop all the chain. But there is a risk for the anchor to be stuck in the bottom coral.

DANGERS TO AVOID

Sun and heat

French Polynesia is located in Tropics, so it is very hot and frequently humid.

-heat exhaustion is a state of dehydration with salt loss. Adult has to drink at least 3 liters per day and kid at least 1,5 liter.

-heat stroke happens when the cooling effect of sweating fails, heat stroke ensues. You need to cool down the body and see a doctor

-sunburn is of course a main danger (burned skin, dehydration and in long term skin cancer). Do not exposure between 11.00am and 3.00pm even if sky is covered by clouds), do not forget sunscreen lotion, to wear hat and sunglasses.

Underwater dangers

Threats to health from animals and insects are rare indeed but you need to be aware of them : there is very rarely jellyfish and no seasnake. If you touch coral it can very itchy, rinse with fresh water, put lemon on it (very painful but very efficient) and disinfect. Avoid to touch sea urchins because their long black spines hurt as well as sea stars called acantasther. The only dangerous fish is the stonefish, its poison is extremely-powerfull and painfull, the only solution is to reach immediatly the closest hospital. It is always better to wear plastic shoes when you walk on reef and beach.

Shark is everywhere in lagoons, but small and harmless, accidents are very rare and often because of fishing activity (blood fish from spearfishing).

Anyway do not touch anything underwater, you are here to watch the show.

Whales come in polynesian waters between July and October.



Fish

Most of the lagoon fishes can be affected by ciguatera disease, so it is better not to eat them.

Offshore fishes as bonito, tuna, mahi mahi are eatable. Crabs and lobsters are rare but very good to taste.

Swimming

We recommend that :

- you do not swim at night
- you do not wear bright jewelry when swimming or snorkeling
- you do not swim where fish have just been cleaned or scraps have been disposed in the water
- you should always be aware of the currents in the area where you are swimming.

No problems related to sharks.

Fresh water

Water is precious in islands even if it rains a lot during summer time, it can become rare during dry season especially in Bora Bora and Moorea where it might be restricted for a few hours per day. We recommend to watch your consumption. It is possible to fill up water tanks on each island. Water is normally pure and drinkable, but we can not guarantee the quality everywhere especially during rainy season.

SUNSAIL GUARANTEE

“Sunsail guarantee” is applicable on every Sunsail base.

If a technical problem occurs during your cruise, we commit to respond immediately. If the problem immobilises you for more than 4 hours during your day cruise (between 8 am and 5pm), we offer a compensation based on the daily rental free.

What is covered by the “ Sunsail guarantee “

The following equipment is considered as essential for the operation of your vessel and is covered by the guarantee :

- Engine, transmission, windlass, sails, wheel, rudder, batteries and alternator.

Any other damages will be repaired as promptly as possible but are not covered by the “ Sunsail guarantee “ since they do not prevent the boat from sailing.

What is not covered by the “ Sunsail guarantee “

“ Sunsail guarantee “ is applicable within a 20 miles radius from a Sunsail base in the lagoon Tahaa-Raiatea.

This guarantee can not be apply for departure and or return outside a Sunsail base.

What to do in order to benefit the “Sunsail guarantee”

- Contact the base as soon the incident occurs

- Ask for the “ Sunsail guarantee “ to apply when returning to the base

Our local manager will do his best to find a fair solution with you.

The “ Sunsail guarantee “ does not apply if not requested at the base.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY

The Leeward Islands of Tahiti are a very special place. The waters around the islands are clear and pollution is minimal. Most of local inhabitants use the ocean as their main source of food. It is therefore very important that all visitors cruising the Tahitian Islands protect the undersea environment so that the future of Tahiti remains healthy. Should all visitors follow the simple rules listed below, this South Pacific Paradise will remain forever.

1 - Whenever possible anchor in sand. Make sure when the yacht swings that all the chain has sufficient room to clear coral heads. Coral takes many years to grow and supports the delicate marine ecological balance. It only takes seconds to destroy this balance.

2 - Do not take any live coral or shells. Cleaned shells are available from many village people and in gift shops.

3 - Never throw garbage or trash overboard. There are garbage bins at Sunsail base, the main dock in Vaitape, in Bora Bora, the main dock in Fare - Huahine, and the main dock in Uturoa.

Help us to fight cockroaches, do not keep boxes on board.

POLYNESIAN LIFE STYLE

Respect of culture

Naturism is not a polynesian life style, don't be naked in the marina or near the polynesian houses .

Local Production

Vanilla

Harvesting is between April and June. The pods, once harvested, are spread out to dry in the sun for 2 or 3 months. Tahiti's vanilla is considered as the best in the world. It gives a wonderful aroma to sugar, coffee, cakes, etc...

Culture pearl

Tahitian's black pearls are produced from the mother of pearl with black lips using classical grafting techniques developed by the Japanese. Local and Chinese pearl farmers are beginning to put these techniques into practice with success.

Mother of pearl

Pearl culture development has brought an abundance of mother of pearl exported to Asiatic countries or locally used by craftsmen.

Copra

Copra is the dry flesh of the coconut. It is treated in Tahiti's oil factory and used for the manufacture of soap, cosmetics (monoï), margarine, biscuits, or exported. A coconut palm tree can produce till the age of 50 or 60 years. The metallic bands you see around trunks are there to protect the trees from rats and crabs.

Flora and Fauna

The flora

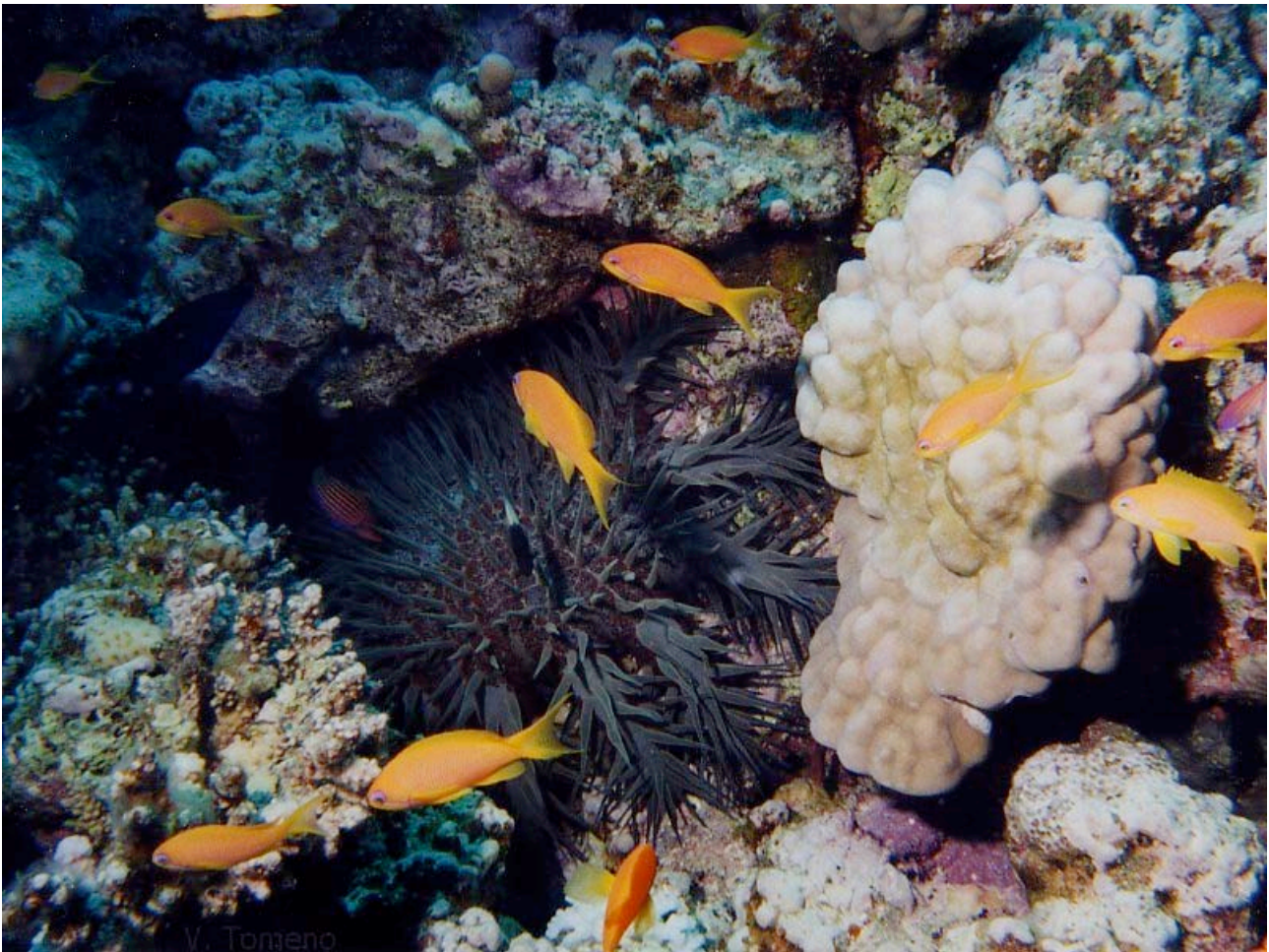
Exotic flowers with a very strong fragrance are part of the local life: hibiscus, bougainvillier, tiare...
Leeward Islands have a luxuriant and varied vegetation. You can find a lot of fruit trees: mango tree, banana tree, coconut tree, grapefruit, lemon, breadfruit trees...

The animal life

You don't find a lot of variety: birds as the merle of Moluques, as well as Tupa a crab leaving on land. The coconut crab or Kaveu is rare (only in Tuamotu archipel) but delicious. Bees and scolopendres are the only ones to sting and it can hurt. In rivers you can find sacred eels and chevrettes, big fresh water shrimps.

The underwater animal life

In water there is much more varied and colored wildlife, but unfortunately too much collected. Shells start to be rare, lobsters and varo are only in isolated islands. Fishes are nice to be observed and eaten too.



Useful lexicon

Welcome Maeva
Good morning Ia orana
Woman Vahine
Man Tane
Thank you Maururu
Good Maita'i
Yes 'E
Good-bye Nana
Islet Motu
Bread Faraoa
Fish I'a
Food Ma'a
Meat Puatoro
Water Pape
Phone Niuniu
Doctor Taote
Bank Fare moni
What price ? Ehia moni
Forbidden Tabu

Recipes

French Polynesia, because of its particular location and climate, has an abundance of both marine and agricultural resources. With just a few recipes, you can discover the full savouring taste of the fresh vegetables and fruits of this country.

Poisson cru à la tahitienne (raw fish)

Preparing time: 10 min

Ingredients for 6 persons : 1 salad bowl of fresh tuna

2 carrots

5 tomatoes

1 cucumber

4 or 5 lemons

a cup of coconut milk

1 - Cut the fish in small cubes in a salad bowl

2 - Leave it marinade in seawater for 3 minutes then strain

3 - Add tomatoes cut into slices, grated carrots and the cucumber cut into strips, add salt & pepper

4 - Add the juice of the lemons a few minutes before serving and let it marinade. It's ready.

5 - Add a cup of coconut milk, it will make it even more delicious.

Mahi mahi with vanilla from Tahaa

Preparing time: 10 to 15 min

Cooking time: 10 min

Ingredients for 8 people : 8 escalopes of mahi mahi (150 g each)

For the sauce: 150 g of butter

50 g of shallot

150 cl of white wine

250 g of fresh cream

pod of vanilla

Salt and pepper

Sauce : Cut the shallots into strips, split the pod of vanilla in two, and take out the pulp with a knife.

In a saucepan, sweat the shallots, add the wine and the pulp of the vanilla. Reduce the sauce until it becomes syrupy.

Add the cream, bring to the boil and season. Stir with a whip. Keep the sauce warm in double saucepan.

2 - Cooking: Either steam 6/8 minutes or cook in a frying pan with butter.

3 - Put each escalope in a plate. And coat with the sauce. Serve with rice.

SUNSAIL ITINERARY

7 nights/8days Raiatea-Tahaa-Bora-Raiatea

Check in day 1 at noon / check out day 8 at noon

J 1 : Arrival at the airport and transfer to the base, we go through the boat with the skipper and make a chart briefing of the islands. In the beginning of the afternoon, the boat will be ready to go and can sail east to Uturoa for provisioning (1/2 hour sail). Then anchor in front of the motu Taoru (Raiatea) for a first bath in our turquoise water and overnight stay.

J 2 : Sail to Tahaa, Motu Ceran or Mahaea, where there is nice snorkeling in the pass and white sandy beaches on the pretty and unspoiled motu. In the afternoon you can visit a pearl-farm in the Hamene bay or rent a bicycle to visit the island, unless you prefer a tour in 4 wheel drive. Here you'll also find the Hibiscus restaurant where you can enjoy dinner. Some nights they have a tahitian dance show with a buffet with local food (moorings available).

J 3 : Sail around Tahaa and stop for lunch in front of motu Tau Tau. In the afternoon snorkeling between motu TauTau and motu Maharare where there is plenty of colorful coral and fish. In the evening anchor either in Tapuamu bay or Hurepiti bay a bit further south where you'll find moorings who belong to the "Vanilla tour" (VHF 9). You may spend the night on their mooring if you are going on their "botanical" tour in 4-wheel drive across the island. The tour also includes a visit to a vanilla plantation.

J 4 : Set sail through Passe Paipai on the 4-hours reach to Bora Bora. Enter through Passe Teavanui. Spend the afternoon at Motu Topua, snorkel and discover the "legend of Iro Bells". In the evening, pick up a mooring in front of the Bloody Mary's restaurant if you want to have dinner ashore, otherwise anchor and enjoy a relaxing evening on board.

J 5 : Sailing and motoring around Bora Bora and its sandy shallows. Stop to swim in the turquoise waters of the lagoon and continue to the south east of the island to snorkel in the coral garden where you can anchor for the night.

J 6 : In the morning set off on a 4-5 hour sail to Tetoorea Bay, also called the bay of the hundred waterfalls, located on the western side of Raiatea. Anchor in the bay and if there isn't too much swell outside, take go out through the pass again by dinghy and snorkel at sea, in 4-6 meters of water. It's covered with multi-colored fish and coral. If you're lucky you'll also see the many dolphins that often play in this bay.

J 7 : Continue to the southern tip of Raiatea and anchor at motu NaoNao, a big sandy islet covered with coconut palms and vegetation. The motu has a magnificent beach on its south side and the coral gardens are beautiful all the way to the reef. Very good fishing and diving in the NaoNao pass, however be careful with the outflowing current. Also take the opportunity to go for a walk on the reef to collect shells.

J 8 : Head back to Sunsail base in Faaroa bay. On the way you can stop in Opoa bay to visit the marae Taputapuatea, Society Islands most famous "old Maori stoned temple". In this bay there's also a vanilla plantation where you can buy some vanilla to bring back home. Return at the Marina for a check out at noon.

9 nights/10 days Raiatea-Tahaa-Bora-Raiatea

Check in day 1 at noon / check out day 10 at noon

J 1 : Arrival at the airport and transfer to Sunsail Base at the Marina Apooiti for a check in of the boat with the skipper, then everybody is welcome to join at the veranda for the chart briefing.

In the beginning of the afternoon, the boat will be ready to sail to Uturoa for some provisioning if needed – 1/2 hour east after airport. Then go and anchor in front of the motu Taoru (the “motus” are the little islands on the reef) for a first bath in our turquoise water.

J 2 : Sail to Tahaa and enjoy a first anchorage in the turquoise waters surrounding motu Ceran or Mahaea. If there isn't too much current in the pass go for some snorkeling by the green marker in the pass. You can also visit one of the Black Pearl farms in the area. In the evening, enjoy dinner ashore at Hibiscus Restaurant (moorings) located in Haamene bay nearby. Certain nights they have native music, dancing and huge Tahitian buffet.

J 3 : Visit some of Tahaa's motus by dinghy or kayak, then sail around Tahaa to Motu Tau Tau where you have a wonderful snorkeling. You can also take the opportunity to walk on the reef or why not paddle your kayak along the inner side of the reef. This is a perfect place to look at the sunset over Bora Bora in the evening. Some may prefer to discover Tahaa in a 4-wheel drive tour with “Vanilla tour “ to visit a Vanilla Plantation and learn about all our tropical flowers & fruits. Possibility to have dinner ashore either at Chez Louise or at the newly built Pearl Beach resort on TauTau.

J 4 : Set sail through Passe Paipai on a 4-5 hour reach to Bora Bora. Enter through Passe Teavanui. Spend the afternoon at Motu Topua , snorkel and discover the” legend of Iro Bells”. In the evening, pick up a mooring in front of the Bloody Mary's (water available at the wooden dock). You can either have diner ashore or enjoy a relaxing evening on board.

J 5 : Take the opportunity to do some more provisioning in Vaitape, then head for the eastern side of Bora Bora with its magnificent lagoon in different shades of blue & turquoise. Visit the Lagoonarium where you can snorkel among sharks, rays, turtles and multi-colored coral fish. Relax on the beach or maybe go for a walk on the reef.

J 6 : Continue down south to the Coral Garden where you have a peaceful anchorage. If you're interested you'll find hotels that offer activities such as jet skiing along Pointe Matira. There are also some scuba diving clubs in the area.

J 7 : Head back to the western side of Bora Bora, maybe stopping for a couple of hours near the airport to go and visit the motus on the north-eastern part of the island by dinghy. Then Anchor near Motu Topua or by one of the restaurants if you wish to go out or fill up with water before leaving.

J 8 : Sail out through the pass and head south to Tetoora Bay, also called the bay of the hundred waterfalls, located on the western side of Raiatea. Anchor for the rest of the day & night and if there isn't too much swell outside, take the opportunity to snorkel outside the pass, in 4-6 meters of water. It is covered with multi-colored fish and coral.

J 9 : Enjoy the morning at anchor in the bay. If you're lucky you'll get to see the many dolphins that often play in this bay. After lunch head out though the pass and sail to the southern tip of Raiatea. Sail in to the lagoon again though “Punaeroa” pass and continue inside the lagoon to motu Nao Nao where you anchor for the rest of the day. Enjoy a lazy afternoon swimming or sun-baking on Motu Nao Nao's white sandy beach. Otherwise go for a walk on the reef to collect shells or check out the snorkeling in the pass.

J 10 : Head back to the Sunsail base in Faaroa bay to visit a river and botanic garden. On the way you can stop in Opoa bay to visit the marae Taputapuatea, Society Islands most famous “old Maori stoned temple”. We can book a guide there to explain you more about the Maori civilization. Check out at the Marina Apooiti at noon.



Discovering

Leeward Islands

Cruising area

RAIATEA

Raiatea, 12 000 inhabitants, the largest island in the leeward group, is located 220 km northwest of Tahiti. Raiatea and Tahaa, surrounded by one of the biggest lagoons in Polynesia are an ideal spot for nautical and underwater activities.

R20: UTUROA, capital city of the Leeward Island, is a lively harbor with a market place (every morning from 7.00 to 11.00 with more activity on Friday and from 3.00 to 7.00 am on Sunday)

TO EXPLORE :

- pearl farms
- Taputapuatea's marae
- Mount Temehani, only place where the "Tiare Apetahi", a very rare flower can be seen
- Mount Tapioi, the nicest view over the Leeward Islands
- You can go upstream the river Faaroa, birthplace of all polynesian migrations, by dinghy or kayak (available at the base)

4x4 Tour: Don't miss it : Discover island landscapes and gorgeous sites through mountain roads. Meet adventure on roads of the volcano, let the tropical beauty hold you spellbound. You can even swim in rivers. Raiatea 4x4, Tel : 662416 or Trucky Tour, Tel: 782336 (tour in minivan with Christian who explains Polynesian culture, religion & history)

Scuba diving : All levels with fully qualified guides. Exploration dives, night dives, wreck dives in different spots and passes around Raiatea & Tahaa.

TE MARA NUI : Tél : 72.60.19 ou HEMISPHERE SUB Tél. : 66.12.49 or 78.55.00

Randonnée pédestre : discover inside island from different gorgeous spots. We advise you to take a guide. Contact Eric Pellé, Tel : 66 49 54 / mobile : 736 123 ou mail : ktiki@mail.pf.

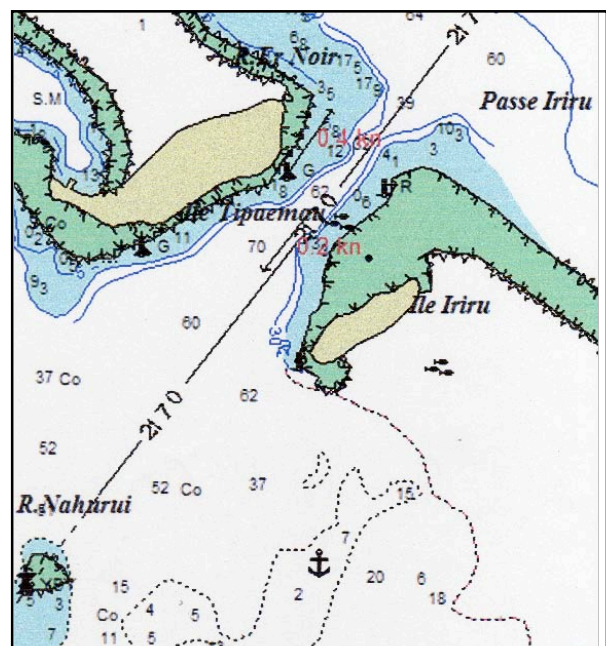
R 13 : Bay Faaroa

This is the old Sunsail base. Moorings and water free of charge. From here you may go up the Faaroa river by dinghy or kayak, visit the botanical garden or enjoy. lunch or dinner at the boarding house/restaurant "Southern Cross" located on the other side of the main road, above the base. Reservations by phone 662755. Access from the poontoon of school on the right side of the bay when you face the end and then a 10mn walk.



R 12 : Possible pass with all weathers, way in or out to Huahine, approaching by 205 magnetic.

Raiatea to Huahine: 4 hours motoring or 6-7 hours sailing (generally upwind sail). In good weather conditions it is possible to anchor near **motu Irihu**, a well kept motu with nice beaches, showers, toilets, pic-nic areas...



RAIATEA

R 14 : Bay Opoa - the marae Taputapuatea : An early place of maori religion. Catamarans can pull up to the concrete dock by the church, monohulls have to anchor. You'll find about 16m of depth behind the red marker. Marae Taputapuatea is undoubtedly the oldest royal marae in the Society Island. It was dedicated to ORO, a war divinity, Taaro's son, who fathered the polynesian mythology gods. Royal weddings, human sacrifices, religious celebrations took place in this 1500-year-old cultural and religious center, birth place for the influence and power of the Pomare family. This site was restored six years ago. Possible anchorage in Opoa Bay – Dinghy dock. Don't miss this visit.

Passing along the beach of the marae, you will reach the **ATIAPITI boarding house/restaurant** where you can enjoy lunch or dinner next to their nice little beach : warm welcome, original drinks and good food. Tel : 661665.

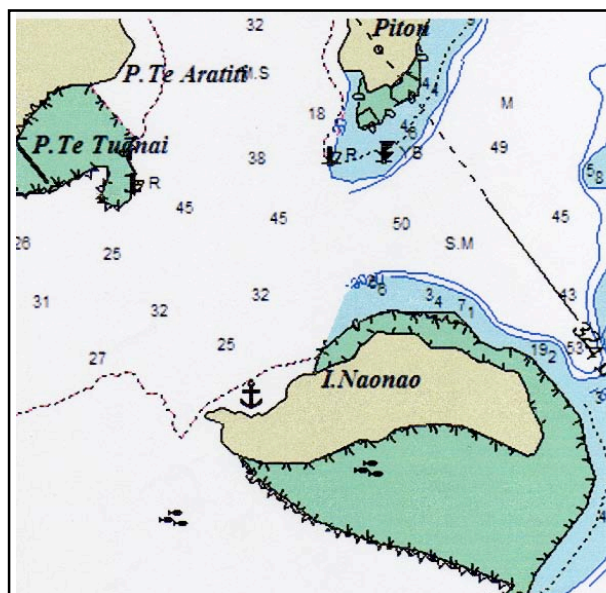
R 15 : Teavamoa pass good to sail out but not recommended to come in.

South of R15 : Motu OATARA also called bird motu. Dinghy is the only way of accessibility. You must anchor in R14 or R16



R 18 : motu NAO NAO

You can anchor there when the weather conditions are stable, but should avoid it when there are strong winds or lots of squalls



R 17 : Forbidden pass: no marking, too much swell, tidal wave at times.

R 19 : possibility to anchor day time

R6 : Pass PUANEROA. Sail up Northwest and out of the lagoon through (impossible with a strong south-west swell)

R4 : Pass to enter Tetooroa bay (which is only accessible through this pass). You can anchor in about 7 meters of water behind the northern motu in the area between the two white and black sticks that mark the reef/coral heads. Be careful with the big coral head just below the surface in the middle of the bay (be aware even with the dinghy). In the morning there are usually hundreds of dolphins in the bay. Can be gusty because of high mountains.

RAIATEA

R2 : Enter the lagoon in **RAUTONANUI** pass, large and easy pass by all weather. Anchorage in bay PUFAU. From here you can have a walk from the road to the top of the Mont Temehani mountain. Count 5-6 hours back and forth. . There is a range marker with 2 poles in the bay, the bearing is 71° .

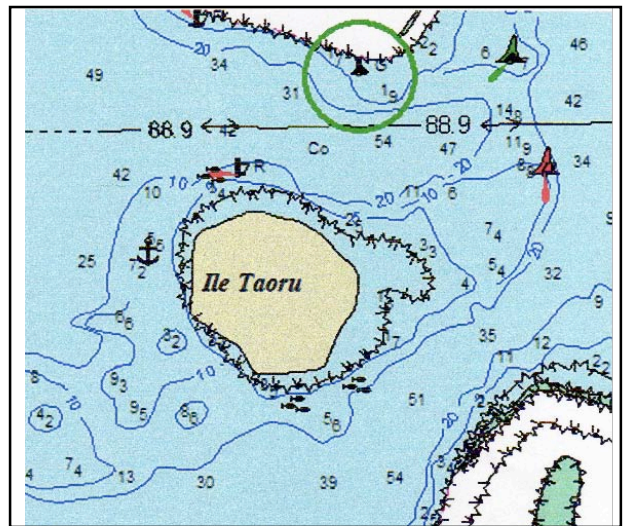
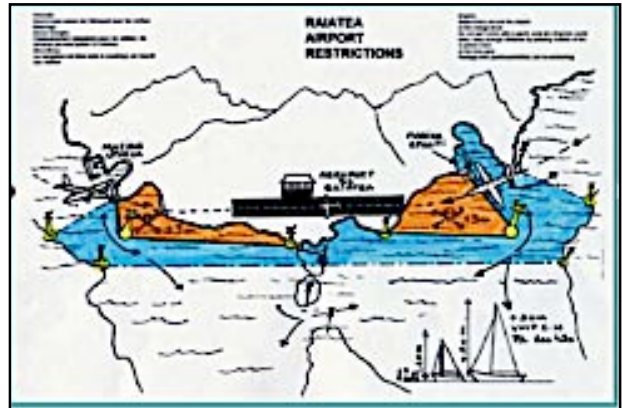
R3 : Sail south you pass by a pearl farm (Anapaperles) you can visit. 2 moorings available, Tel: 707 607

R1 : Marina APOOITI-SUNSAIL Base

Moorings available at the entrance of the marina. Inside, you are welcome at the visitor's dock where you can fill up with water. Call on VHF 10. In the Marina, restaurant « The Club House » : a gastronomic restaurant in a local and refined setting, Tel : 66 11 66 or the more casual "La Voile d'Or", Tel 66 12 97. Facilities available in the marina : curios shop Mana Shop, Scuba diving "Hémisphère Sub" Tel : 66 12 49, showers, internet



Going on east you approach the village of Uturoa.



RAIATEA

R7 : Tepua bay. You can find 2 moorings available to enjoy lunch or dinner the Hawaikinui Resort in the northern part of the bay (overwater bungalows), pool and a good restaurant, tel 600 500. Show on Friday nights. Otherwise, in the south of the bay.

R9: good anchorage west side of Motu Taoru and go by dinghy for a snorkelling in the pass or relax on Ofetaro motu.

You can scuba dive on a wreck just in front of the Hawaikinui Resort, between 20-30 meters of depth.

R 10 : Good anchorages in quiet spots protected from “ Maramu “ you can reach the hike to the “ 3 waterfalls” by the path of the ranch.

Uturoa: You can attach alongside directly in downtown at the main dock and go shopping and provisioning. Don't stay night time and lock sailboat and dinghy up. A few boats got troubles in the past...



R8: main pass of Raiatea used by cargos and cruise ships coming from Tahiti, very well marked on both sides also you find leading markers on land.

TAHAA

Also called The Vanilla Island, Raiatea's twin island Tahaa is wild and beautiful, with original natural and archeological sites, full of coral fishes and a lagoon with it's own magic. Tahaa is located in the center of the leeward Island. You will discover Raiatea in the south, Huahine in the east, Bora Bora in the west. A road across the island offers wonderful panoramas.

There are two passages bypassing the Central Grand Bank between Raiatea and Tahaa. Be careful of the venturi effect which can be very strong between the two islands.

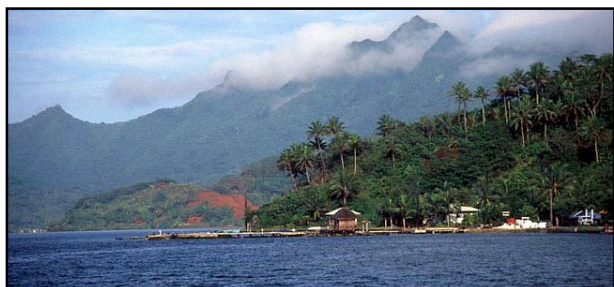


T1 : Taravana Yacht Club. VHF 68 / Tel 65 61 01. Bar-restaurant with facilities for yachts ; moorings, ice, showers, possibility to come to the dock for water. Facilities are free of charge for clients dining at the restaurant, otherwise a small financial participation will be asked. A reservation is required at least one day in advance for the restaurant. Local show with buffet and polynesian dances every tuesday evening

Visit the Pearl Farm from 7 a.m to 5 p.m : Champon tel 65 66 26.

See the house of the vanilla in the bottom of the Apu bay tel :65 67 27.

T2 : Bay Haamene : one of the largest bay in the Leeward Island. Good walks.



Yacht Club Hibiscus : VHF 68 / Tel 65 61 06. Hotel, restaurant and bar located to your right when you enter Haamene Bay. Leo and Lolita serve traditional Tahitian cooking with fish and seafood as well as French cuisine. Dinner-show with Tahitian buffet, local dance show and musicians on every

saturday. 7 moorings are available for the clients of the restaurant, Lolita tours or the Hibiscus Foundation (book by VHF), car and bicycle hire, phone box, groceries 500 m away as well as a doctor. (Tel 656811 ou 656060) Hibiscus Foundation: It is a foundation for the protection of marine turtles, created in 1992 by Léo and Lolita. You can sponsor a turtle and release it yourself in the ocean. The visit is free of charge.

Lolita Tours : VHF 68 / Tel 65 61 06. Guided tours (French and English) in 4-wheel drive across Tahaa, including a visit to a vanilla plantation and a pearl farm.

Poerani tours 4x4 : If you want to discover the authentic vanilla island, you can reach Teva by phone 78 80 25 for a guided 4-wheel drive tour or walking tour.

T3: in the village Haamene you can find a well stocked shop.

Tahaa Maitai : Tel 65 70 85

Newly opened restaurant with good reputation located at the end of Haamene Bay. Two red moorings available for clients in 3 meters of water, otherwise it is possible to anchor nearby. Closed on Sunday evenings and Mondays all day.

Reservation is recommended before 6 p.m. Tel : 65 70 85.

Entering Faaaha Bay, in the north, 4 moorings allow you to reach the Pearl farm "Motu Pearl farm". A guide offers you a visit with technical explanations about black pearls. Shop and bar are located next : tel : 65 69 18

You can have lunch, get ice and fill up water tanks.

T4 : Pass Toahotu for Huahine, head to 101° to sail out of the lagoon.

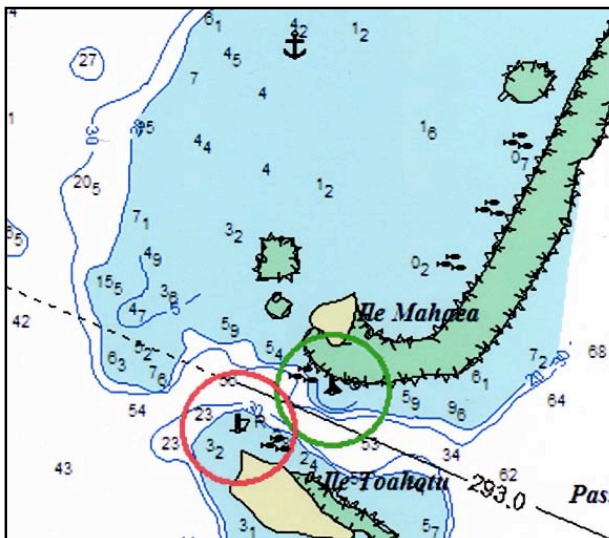
T5 : Motu Seran (Mahaea) : 3-6 meters deep sky blue anchorage. Sand bottom. Day and night anchorage in moderate winds. It is better to take a mooring or anchor in Haamene bay when there are strong winds.

T6: day anchorage

T7: one mooring available from hotel Vahine Island with possibility of snorkeling and lunch on the motu-reservation needed.

TAHAA

Activities: snorkeling in the pass, fishing, sunbathing. Be careful with the current when swimming in the pass. You can order a tahitian meal, call the day before :65 60 83.



The motu Toahotu (also called motu Adge) on the opposite side of the pass has a snack open for lunch (fish burgers, french fries...) as well as a "fish park" where you can see stone fish, sharks, swim with rays, turtles and other fishes. The cost is 500 Fcp per person. After the visit, you can leave your dinghy at their dock and go snorkeling along the edge in the pass (from the red mark towards the ocean). It's really beautiful with plenty of different varieties of coral. There is also a snack open for lunch. Tel : 28 26 81

T8 : PATIO: main village of Tahaa. Anchor in 20 meters exactly in the mentioned place and go to the village with the dinghy for supplies. In Patio: Health care center (65 63 31), Police station (65 64 07), shops, telephone, snacks

T10 : VAIROA bay. Well protected anchorage from strong east winds. Anchor in the middle of the

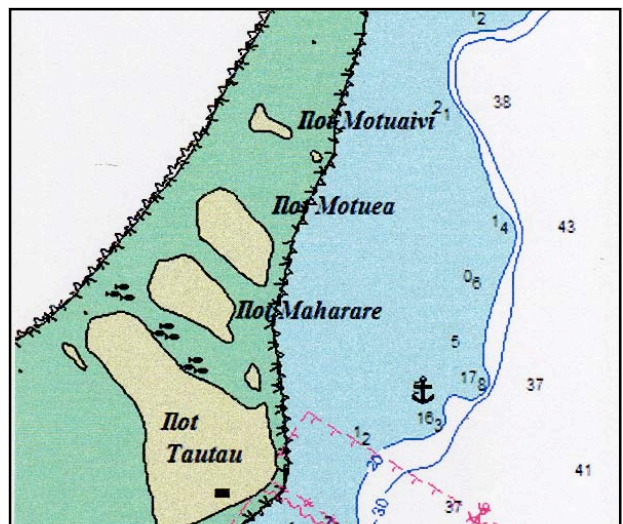
bay by 22/25 meters. Bad shelter with West winds.



T11 : Motu Tautau, day anchorage in front of the two small motus to the north. Be careful not to anchor too close to the buoys belonging to the pearl farm or in front of resort to not disturb customers of the bungalows on water. Catamarans can anchor in shallow water south of the hotel (2 meters of water). Remarkable snorkeling in the channel between motu Tautau and motu Maharare. Possibility to book for lunch or dinner at the exclusive Tahaa Pearl Beach Resort, Tel 608400.



Caution : Do not anchor in front of the bungalows on stilts, not to be disturbed and not to disturb the clients of the hotel.




T12 : Bay Tapuamu : anchor in 20/25 meters in the north of the bay. There is a small shallow marina where you can get water (500cfp for full tank) and fuel as well as two small shops and a car rental. Be very careful while entering the marina, passage is narrow. Avoid this anchorage with west winds.

TAHAA

☎ « **Chez Louise** » in TIVA (Utuone bay) offers delicious lobsters, crabs, shrimps and fish in a local atmosphere. There are three moorings just off the restaurant with a little dinghy dock, otherwise anchor in Tapuamu Bay and ask for free transfer. VHF 68 / Tel : 71 23 06

T13 Hurepiti Bay: when entering this bay, pass along the South border (about midway in there is a dangerous reef just below the surface).

 **Vanilla Tours** : Discover Tahaa in a 4X4 WD ethno botanic tour across the island and panoramic sightseeing from the top of the mountain. Alain, passionately fond of botanics will give you a lot of information about flowers, fruits and vegetables as well as relationship between polynesian people and nature. A 4 hours long tour that will give you the opportunity of becoming an expert in local flora. Tel: 65.62.46 - VHF Canal 9 (closed on Sunday)
(2 Moorings available in the bottom of the bay for clients of the tour)

Sophie Boutique : Painting on silk and textile, pottery, pareo, local handicraft, jewelry, black pearls. You can go to the dock and refill water tanks. One mooring available Tel : 65.62.56. Open from 8am to 5pm.

T14 : Passe Paipai : Good in all weathers. Come in with a magnetic heading of 005°. Stay away from the reef that starts before the entering buoys. After you get both leading marks on land, enter with the leading cap. When coming out through this pass en route to Bora Bora, make sure you bear off South before heading for Bora. Give way to the ferries.

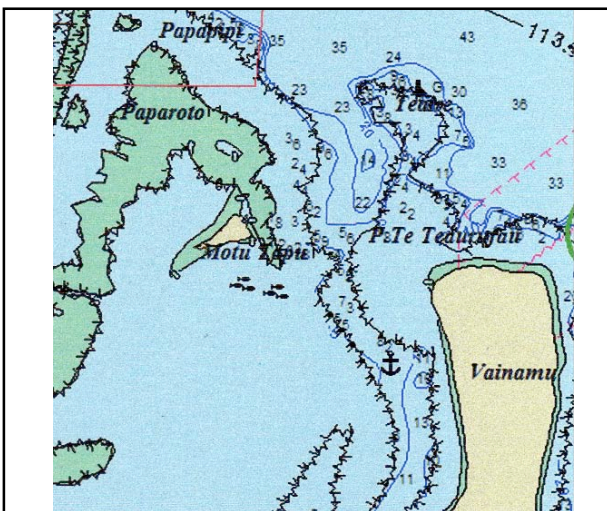
BORA-BORA

Bora Bora is considered as one of the most beautiful island of the world, “the pearl of the pacific” with its wonderful lagoon. Most touristic island of French Polynesia. It was a US navy settlement during World War II. As you discover this island you will fall under it's particular magic.

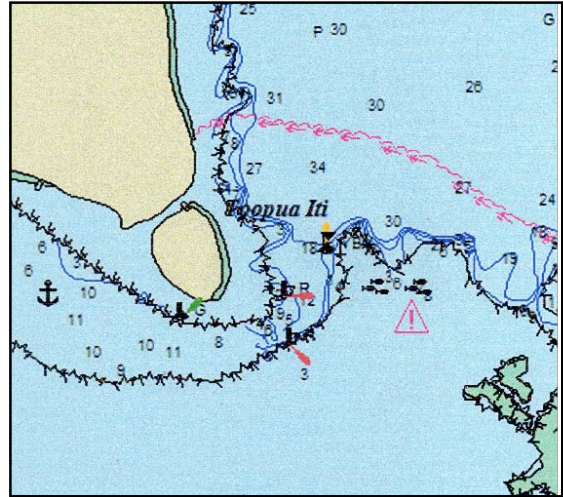


When leaving Raiatea or Tahaa for Bora Bora, do not steer directly for the island but for a southern heading (keep away from the south reef and beware of south swell). After point TE TURI ROA, marked by a buoy, you can sail along the reef while sailing North, and come in the pass with a magnetic heading of 113° in range with VAITAPE.

If you arrive before 3 pm you can anchor between **B8 and B10**. The channel is now marked with red and green buoys all the way around motu Topua. Anchor in B9 and B10, depht 5 to 10 meter not a good place with west winds



The Sheraton is on the south of motu Topua. Lots of bungalows on the water you can anchor between **B5 and B6**, very good snorkeling on **B5**. Small anchorage only in good weater and day in **B4**, near hotel Bora Bora. Good snorkeling west of the anchorage.



Baie de Povai : deep bay, no night anchoring except on the moorings of the Bloody Mary's.

Restaurant the **Bloody Mary's** : on the south side of the bay, moorings available, pontoon (with automatic lights at night), water, ice, garbage disposal. No charge for clients. Excellent sea food. Open for dinner every day except Sundays and also for lunch when the Cruise ships are in the bay. Tel 67 72 86.



BORA-BORA

VAITAPE : Main town of Bora Bora. Possible anchorage in **B2**, south of the dock in 20 meters or in B3, then dinghy to the village. The dock is accessible but can become dangerous with the swell or the waves from the ferries (no fuel, no water). Good stores in the village, Police Station (67 70 58), Health Center (67 70 77) very nice local shops, black pearls, pareos, bank, post office. In Bora Bora, many robberies have been reported. Be sure you lock the boat before shopping or snorkeling. At night, secure the outboard on the motor bracket with the padlock.

B3 In this bay you'll find the marine fuel station "Total". No water available. You'll also find the rather exclusive TOP DIVE restaurant which is also a hotel and diving club. Exotic menu 6500 fcp excluding drinks. Tel 605050 / VHF 68.

B1 Bora Bora Yacht Club 5 moorings available, restaurant-bar, facilities possible to fill up water tanks at the dock. Call: 67 77 77

B12 Nice anchorage in turquoise waters by the Bora Bora Pearl Beach Resort, dinner possible at the restaurant.

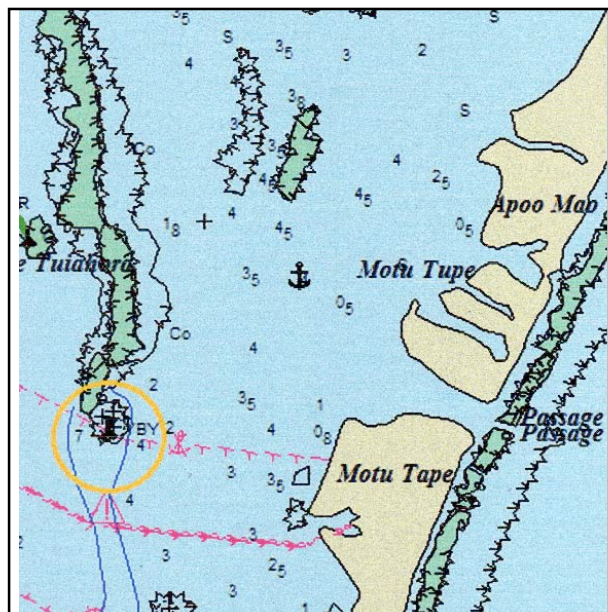
B13 à B16 : Lovely day anchorages in very shallow waters, but rather noisy when close to the airport. By dinghy access to the motus around which you'll find some nice snorkeling.

From **B16**, you can only motor and go very slowly, with someone in front watching for coral heads: depth from 1 to 3 meters.

After the bend formed by the South buoy and the red one., follow all the over water bungalows, you can navigate pretty close. Then come back to a heading between **B20 and B21**. Stay always in minimum 2 meters of water.

Lagoonarium : take your dinghy up on the beach on MOTU TUPE, bring your snorkeling equipment. Dive in the 3 natural parks (meet turtles, sharks, rays...). You can pic-nic on the spot.

Closed on Saturday. Tel: 67 71 34, VHF 12. Fee: 2500 CFP



Between **B18 and B20** you will find the Four Season and Saint Regis very luxury resort, dinner on reservation only.

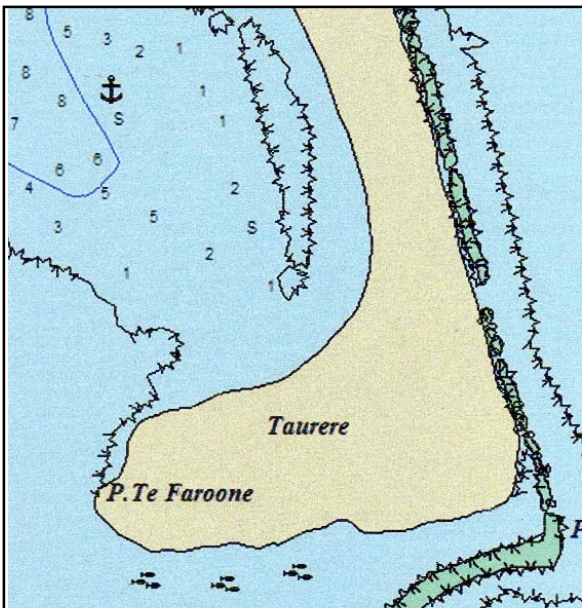
Le Méridien (B21) : Luxury hotel and restaurant that sometimes accepts clients from outside but only on reservation: always call on VHF channel 73 before coming to the dinghy dock. Please do not anchor close to bungalows, do not use the facilities of the hotel (showers, pool, ice, etc) and do not leave your garbage !

If you wish to go further South, it is necessary to keep close to the Meridien bungalows. Follow down the barrier, cross when you range the red buoy ahead on pointe MOHIO while you pass astern on the small wooden dock (see chart).

Caution: Difficult passage – Slow motion only with good visibility – with the sun in the back.

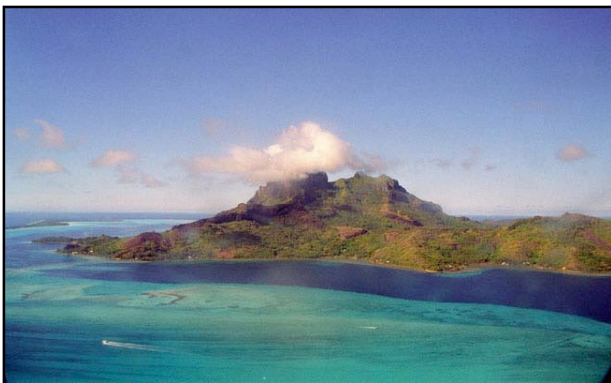
BORA-BORA

Then head to **B22** or **B23**, wonderful anchorages, 3 to 5 meters, nice viewpoint over Bora Bora.



SAILING AROUND THE SOUTH OF THE ISLAND IS IMPOSSIBLE.

In the bay north of pointe Matira are many hotels: Sofitel Marara, Maitai, Club Med (dinner, car rental, shows and heaps of activities...). It's better to anchor in the middle of the bay, by 30 meters or for just an hour in front of the two motus piti uu Uta, piti uu Tai.



On shore little supermarket open all day : Te Tiare market

To leave Bora you go back by the North of the island.

HUAHINE

Huahine lies 25 nautical miles east of Raiatea and 75 NM northwest of Tahiti with a population of 5600 inhabitants. The principal village is Fare. The village of Maeva is a remarkable point of interest, it is built beside the lake Maeva and forms an "out-door museum" which contains several archeological sites (marae and historical fish traps). Another marae is located in PAREA, next to the Hotel Relais Mahana.



Activities: horse back riding, lagoon excursions, mountain safari tours, Jet Ski, scuba diving...

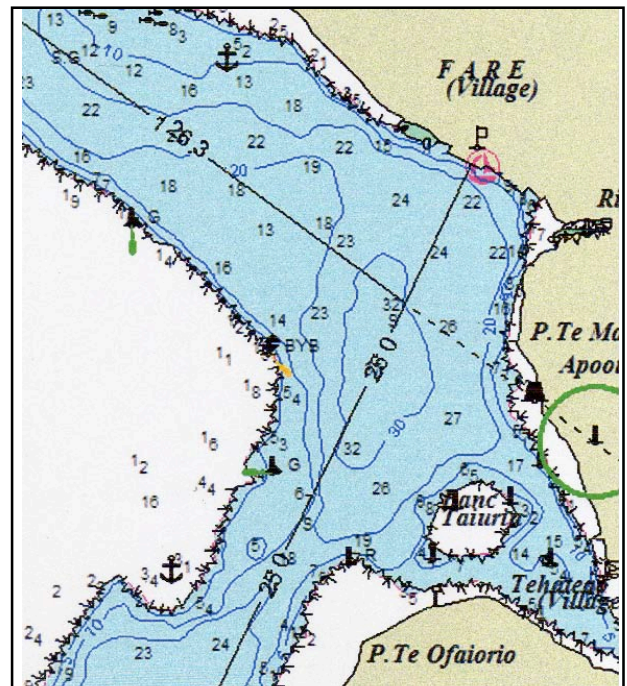
H14 : Pass AVAMOA is the main pass. Come in with a magnetic heading of 113°. Two leading marks on land near Pointe MATAPIRI.



H15 : Pass Avapehi : come in this pass with the magnetic heading of 89° with two white leading marks near point PAPATEA. If possible prefer pass Avamoia, wider and better marked.

H1 : Anchorage on white sand bottom, 5-8 meters, just to the left just when you've entered the pass. The anchorage can be dangerous when crowded, boats turn a lot because of gusts & current. Access to the village of Fare by dinghy, there's a dinghy dock. In Fare you will find stores, banks, restau-

rants, bars, car and scooter rental, Police Station, health center.



Water at the dock: never pull up to the dock without first asking permission. Call Martine and Claude by phone: 68 72 49 and they will tell you when to tie up to the dock and fill up water tanks. You will be charged 1000 cfp.

Police station (68 82 61), Health center (68 82 18) . Or you can go on the Curios shop Joe at the left side on the town for refill your tanks of water.

4x4 Safari tour. guide available with HUAHINE LAND.

Let yourself be seduced with the charm of this magnificent island. Visit of ancient temples, mountains, valleys, rivers... Tél.(689) 78 58 31 call Joel.

Scuba diving with pacific Blue Adventure
Tel 688721 or with Mahana Dive au 68 76 32.

H2 : Prefer H2 for the night if windy.

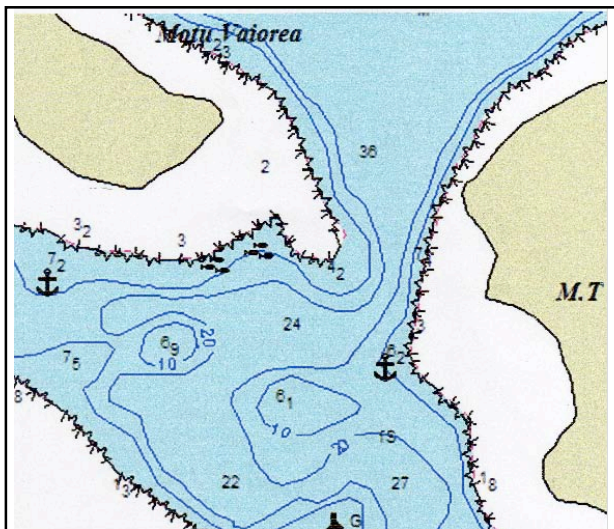
Make sure you're not anchored too close to the channel as there are regularly cargo ships coming in and out. Be careful with the current if you swim.

HUAHINE

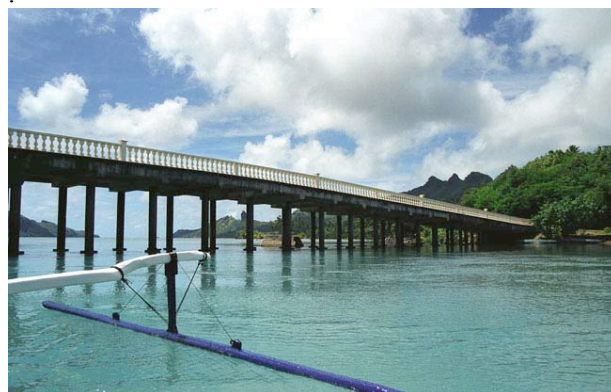
H3 to H9: Beautiful anchorages. Lovely beaches and good snorkeling. By dinghy you can go to the reef to swim, snorkel or go for a walk on the reef. Possibility to have lunch or dinner at Te Tiare Resort, tel 606050/VHF 72 (anchor at H4). Some Friday evenings they have a show with Polynesian dances and a local buffet for 5500 Fcp excluding drinks.



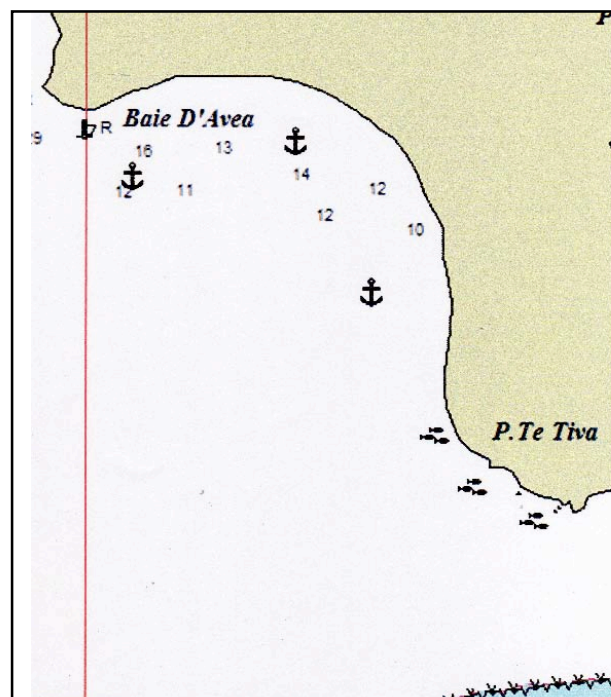
Port Bourayne : You can enter the bay to have a look at the landscape but it is nicer to anchor in front of Mt Teapaa (H7) where the Hotel Hana Iti used to be and use your dinghy to go in Port Bourayne then to passage Honoava under the bridge (shallow) to reach the other side of the island (3 white stakes mark the entrance to Passage Honoava).



H10 Avea bay The nicest anchorage. Well protected (except with South winds). Wonderful snorkeling on the long side of Tiva point



☛ ☛ **Pension MAUARI** Tél. 68 86 49. in Parea: a small restaurant /guest by the lagoon, white sand beach, good food with polynesian specialities and sea food. Possibility to rent cars, shop.



☛ ☛ **Relais Mahana** Tél. 60 60 40. Hotel-Restaurant-Bar. Facilities for yachts include a dinghy dock, showers, internet, laundry service, car rental and booking for tours and activities. They usually organize a Polynesian evening with dances and music on Saturday evenings (can sometimes be another day of the week). The cost is 4500 Fcp per person including a buffet with local food. Drinks excluded. Dive center.

HUAHINE



H12 To have access to the other side of the island, sail out Pass AVAMOA and come in Pass FARE-REA (H12). It'll take 2h-2h½. the most beautiful anchorage is between mainland and motu Murimahora, in 4-5 meters of white sand bottom (**H11**). You can then continue by dinghy all the way to the village of Parea in the south but it's a long distance so make sure you have enough dinghy fuel. Beautiful lagoon and beaches.

By dinghy you can also reach the very nice "Faie Bay", where there is a pearl farm, « Huahine Pearl Farm » that you can visit free of charge. Open every day from 10h00-16h00. Tel: 78 30 20.

We do not recommend anchoring in Maroe Bay because its deep and sometimes there are strong wind gusts. It is however possible to anchor by the village in 30 meters of depth. Here you'll find a grocery store and a church where you can listen to beautiful singing on Sunday mornings .



MAUPITI

In 1997, Hurricane OSEA damaged this island but the lagoon is always as beautiful.



During certain times of the year, the only pass into the lagoon of Maupiti is completely inaccessible, especially when the swell comes from the south. Even without this swell, the current is very strong causing waves which hide the dog-legged channel. (strongly not recommended if the south or south west swell is higher than 1.5 meters).

The pass in Maupiti should be attempted in the morning by aligning with the center of the pass from about 3/10 of mile out. It is very important to stay away from the reef, because sometimes the waves come in strong from afar.



OUR ADVICE: Stop at Bora Bora's Yacht Club and call **Richard of Maupiti phone: 67 80 62, cellphone: 73 55 62** or **Alain of Maupiti Village pension: 70 13 69** and ask how the pass looks like. You can tell him when you will be there, and hire him as your guide to enter the pass and for an excursion within the lagoon and around this tiny island.

A nice place to have lunch or dinner is the Maupiti Village on Motu Tiapaa, tel 67 80 08 or VHF 67 or Pension Papahani tel 67815, les deux avec de belles plage de sable blanc. They organize hikes, tours around the Island and to the motus, walks on the reef, fishing at sea etc On the same motu, but ocean side you'll find the guest house Kuriri Village, tel 745454. They can also give you information concerning the condition of the pass.

You can make the round of maupiti by bicycle (rental on the village) or go on the top .

