

PACIFIC CIRCUIT RALLY 2017

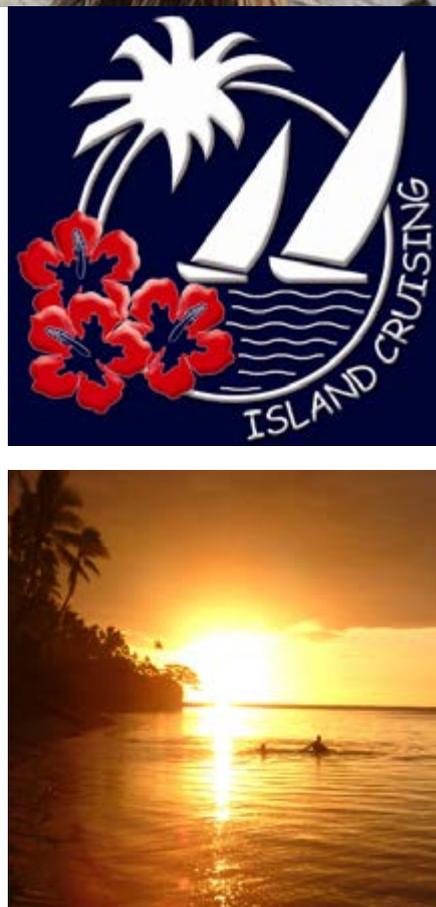
Vanuatu and New Caledonia Legs

Aneityum, Southern most Island
Vanuatu



"Off to Live the Dream"

The 2015 fleet departing on the PCR



INTRODUCTION



Sundowners with Friends

2017 Pacific Circuit Rally

Rally Program 2017 Vanuatu and New Caledonia Legs

Registrations for the Vanuatu and New Caledonia legs are now open!

Join either or both legs and join the rally from ANY Port!

Join us at Aneityum from ANY port!

Or join the rest of the fleet at Musket Cove Fiji for the clearance & passage.

Saturday 5th August
Festivities start at Musket Cove, Fiji

Thursday 10th August
Depart Musket Cove Fiji for Anatom, Vanuatu.

Tuesday 15th August
Arrival at Anelghowhat Anchorage Anatom, Vanuatu

Friday 25th August
Festivities start at the Waterfront Bar and Grill, Vila

Cruise Vanuatu

Saturday 16th September
Depart Vila for New Caledonia.
Arrival Destination - Lifou in the French Loyalties.

Tuesday 19th September
Arrival and Clearance at Baie du Santal - Lifou - New Cal

Cruise New Caledonia

Join the All Points Rally to NZ or the Go West Rally to Oz.\

As weather is a factor in the return to NZ skippers should plan to be ready for departure from Noumea from the 18th of October onwards.



Cruising Guides

VANUATU

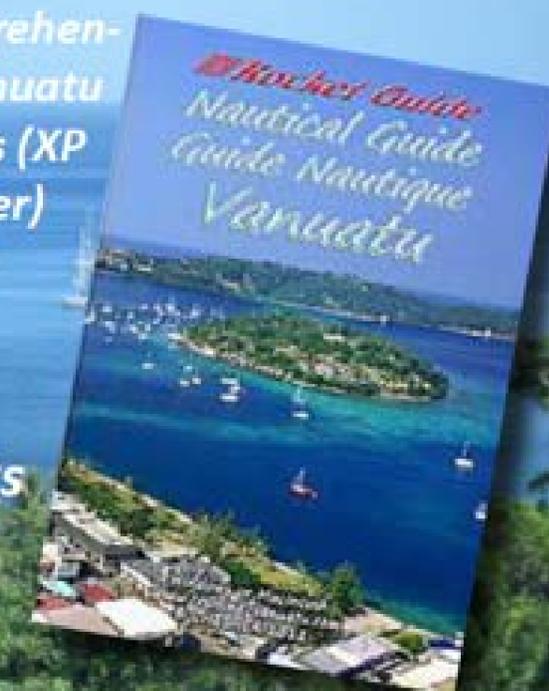
The cruising guide to Vanuatu is a comprehensive electronic guide to sailing in the Vanuatu islands. The program works on Windows (XP or later) and Macintosh (OSX 10.7 or later) computers.

RETAIL €90.00

ICA Members 10% discount

Special deal for PCR participants

20% discount
if you buy both guides
at the same time.



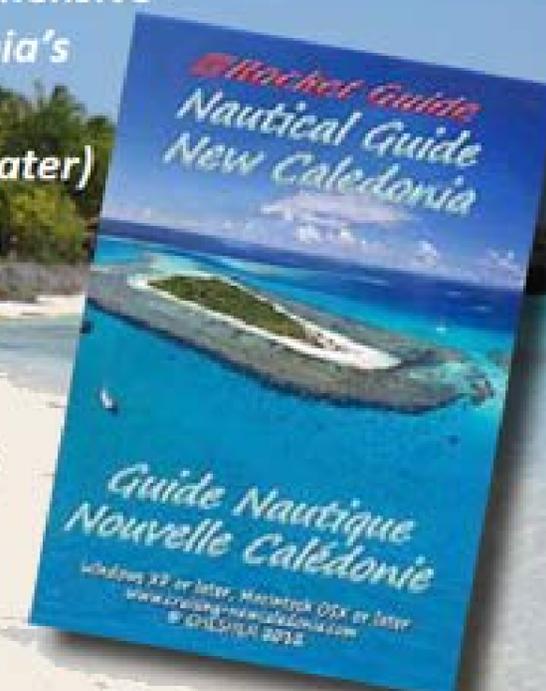
NEW CALEDONIA

The cruising guide to Vanuatu is a comprehensive electronic guide to sailing in New Caledonia's islands. The program works on Windows (XP or later) and Macintosh (OSX 10.7 or later) computers.

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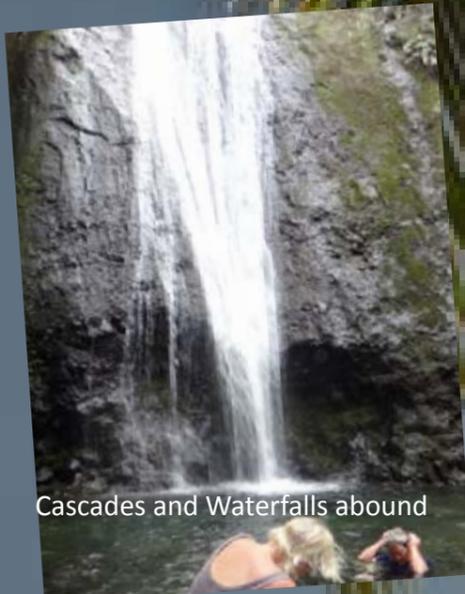
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VANUATU

Cruise in Company



Cascades and Waterfalls abound

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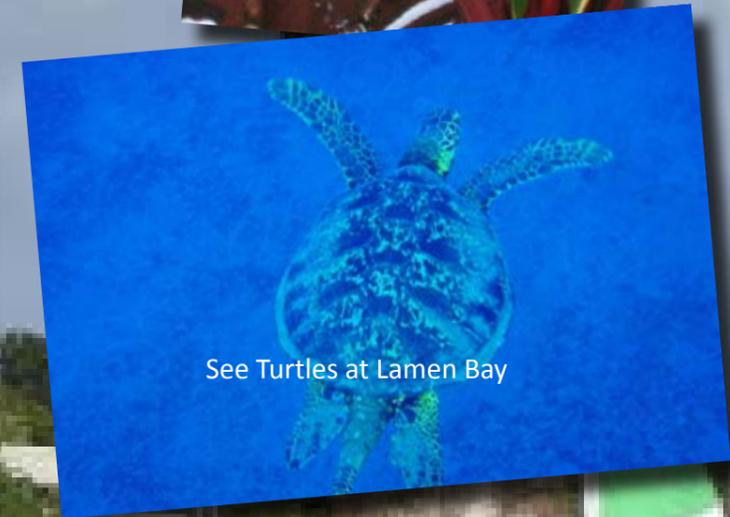
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One of Vanuatu's many volcanoes. Mt Yasur on Tanna.

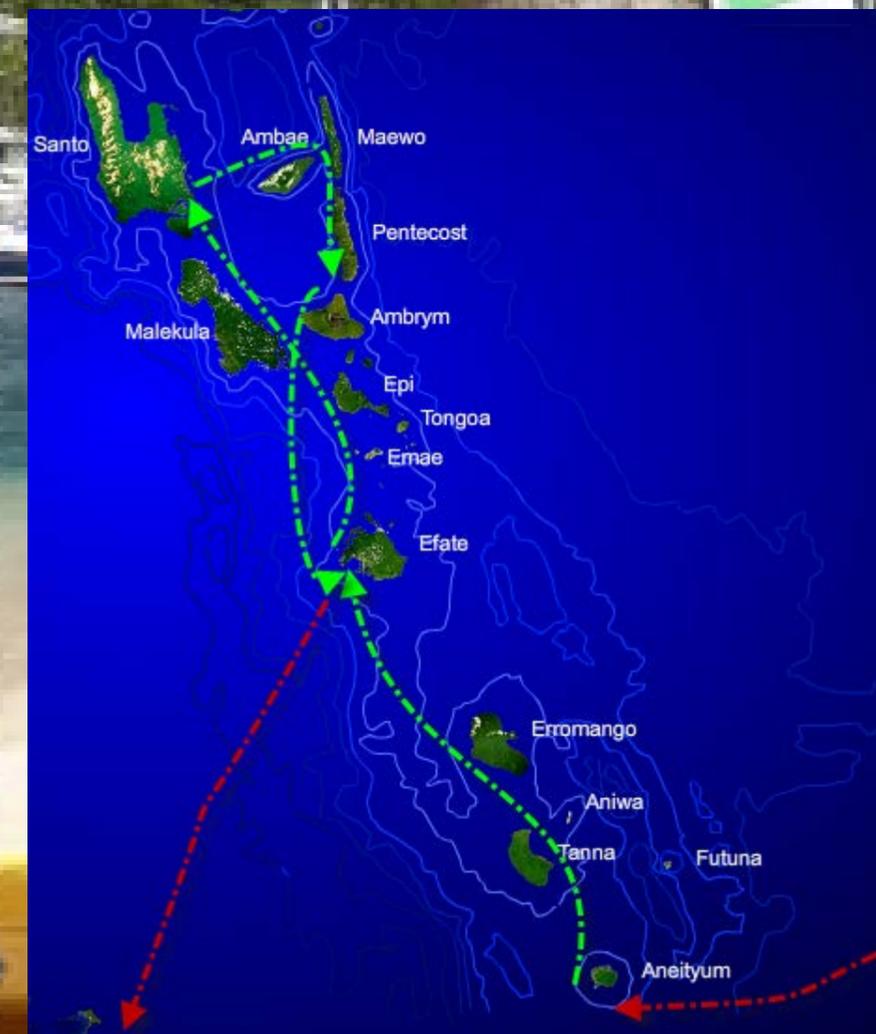


Join us for a Cultural Festival - Anatom



See Turtles at Lamén Bay

Vanuatu, land of mystery and black magic, volcanos and over 160 separate languages. Five main islands and over 100 smaller ones. Vila on Efate is the capital and Luganville on "Santo" is the only other main town. The population is still mainly village based. Vanuatu while known as the New Hebrides was run as a condominium by the French and English and their influence is everywhere still. Native relations were not always cordial and many a missionary was treated to an evening meal. Vanuatu was also subjected to "Black Birding", they called it Indentured labour but it was effectively slavery for labour in the plantations of Northern Queensland and the sugar fields of Fiji. Less than 20% of those taken ever returned to Vanuatu. Vanuatu is a lush, green and vibrant landscape with rugged steep faced islands and volcanic cones. It's natives are Melanesian and are a friendly, cheeky and savvy hard working people who will welcome you into their lives, villages and hearts. Brought from tree and bush dwellers to where they are today in only a couple of generations the Ni-van people are a fascinating race. Beware of the Kava here. It's potent and a couple of "shells" is usually more than enough. Alcohol and Kava shouldn't be mixed as one turbo charges the other. Your impression of Vanuatu will be quite different from other South Pacific countries and may surprise you.



New Caledonia Cruise in Company

Land of contrast



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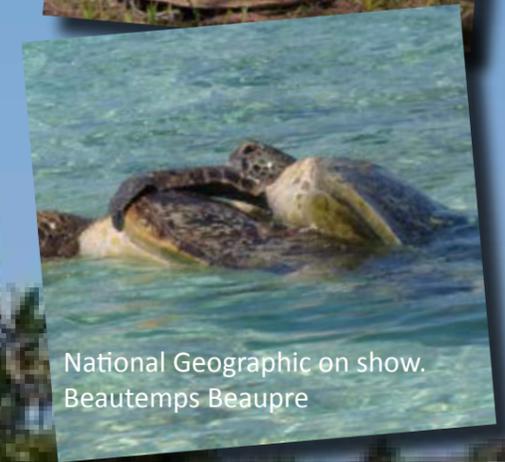
Ouvéa



White sand and Azure waters



National Geographic on show.
Beautemps Beupre



Beautemps Beupre.



Northern Lagoon

Beautemps Beupre

Ouvéa

Le Grande Terre

Lifou

Mare

Noumea

Southern Lagoon

Isle of Pines

New Caledonia is one of the least cruised countries in the SW Pacific yet it's natural beauty is second to none, mostly. New Cal is a country of huge contrast. With the Loyalty Islands and the Isle of Pines the creme de la creme of it's natural beauty. Unfortunately greed has also shaped the landscape in the form of Nickle mining.

The French are very much in charge here and relations with the local Kanak population is often strained.

Making an effort to say hello in French will often make them smile and if you're lucky they'll take over and talk to you in English.

The Loyalty Islands are our entry point for New Caledonia and are between Vanuatu and Le Grand Terre, the main Island. The Loyalties are "uplift" islands, the result of a "bubble" in the Indo-Australian Plate where it butts the Pacific Plate. There are Three main islands in the Loyalties, Mare in the south, Lifou and Ouvéa in the north and are mainly flat islands with beautiful white sand beaches and azure blue lagoons.

The main Island of le Grand Terre is a long thin mountainous island with a north and south lagoon. These shallow lagoons are home to hundreds of small islands.

The Isle of Pines is at the southern end of the southern lagoon and boasts some of the most beautiful beaches and anchorages in New Cal.

New Cal has a rich history, a cosmopolitan population and rich blend of new and old.

Come, Share the Dream

Spaces are still available for the Vanuatu and New Caledonia legs of the 2017 Pacific Circuit Rally

2017 Pacific Circuit Rally

Costs.

The cost of the rally is broken into two parts. Registration for the boat and two crew, plus a cost per leg. There are five legs in total. Plus registration for each additional crew plus a cost per leg, this covers the cost of festival events etc.

A deposit is required on entry of the rally (\$150.00) to secure your place.

Full payment of the remainder of costs is due prior to starting the rally Crew joining later than this can pay as they go.

Registration

for the boat and two crew (skipper and first mate) **\$150**
Plus Costs per leg.

NOTES - You can choose to join either or both of the legs, you can join from any Port, a good example of this is boats joining at Aneityum in Vanuatu from Noumea or boats joining in Lifou from Fiji.

Fiji to Vanuatu \$350.00 plus festival cost at Aneityum for two people \$80 **Total \$430**
Official welcome cocktails and dinner at Vila are included, courtesy of Yachting World Vanuatu.

Vanuatu to New Cal \$350.00 plus T & A for officials \$150.00 +festival at Lifou \$80 **Total \$580**

Each additional crew.

Registration includes first leg **\$75**
Each additional leg **\$45**

Other costs. - Immigration, Customs and Quarantine fees are each skippers responsibility although we are working on a number of fronts for reduction in fees, extension of Visas and Port Dues rebates on your behalf.

Ongoing membership of ICA for the duration of your participation is a condition of all ICA rallies.

What's included in the Registration fee?

For those joining for the Vanuatu and or New Caledonia legs.

2 x ICA Pacific Circuit Rally Tee shirts for two.

Rally Battle Flag.

ICA Burgee

Special Discounts on all ICA Merchandise relating to the areas visited by the rally.

Not to mention the tons of information and the promise of a first rate experience.

Rally - Definition.

Just what is the definition of a "Rally"? - A fun event where a number of individuals get together to go places, have fun and meet people. That's the crux of it and trust me on an Island Cruising Rally our motto "We Make Cruising More Fun" lives up to it's name.

On a more serious note though while ICA arrange and organise the rally the ultimate responsibility lies with the skipper who in all things relating to the safety and operation of the vessel and it's crew bears sole responsibility.

In this instance the Pacific Circuit Rally has a number of rally points, places where the boats "Must", or get together. ICA facilitate events and services at these rally points and acts as "Cruise Control" collecting information and making sure you get information relating to the events in a timely fashion. We cannot sail your boat for you and it's up to the skipper of each boat to get their vessel and crew from one rally point to the next. ICA will provide as much information as is available to help, but the interpretation of that information is the responsibility of the skipper. From a safety aspect ICA will also co-ordinate the collection of position reports by way of email and will pass that information on to NZSARCC and ARCC in the event of an emergency.

While "In Country" boats are not under any obligation to cruise with the group and can explore on their own timetable. ICA will from time to time arrange additional events while in country and will disseminate this information by email. There will be a "Cruise in Company" in each country but participants will be encouraged to stretch their legs on their own as well. While in each country a number of festival events are planned, participants can attend as many or as few as they wish we simply ask that you let us know your plans.

Where possible ICA will conduct "Chart Marking" sessions to give skippers a heads up on the local "lay of the land". The information presented at these sessions is not intended to imply suitability, skippers should evaluate anchorages, routes and passages as to their suitability at the time and in relation to their own vessel and conditions.

Weather forecast information is passed on based on the information received, again it's the skippers responsibility to interpret this data and plan accordingly.

