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Yachts being welcomed back to Fiji after recent hurricane

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Though a terrible disaster, the hurricane in Fiji only hit a few parts of the country and most islands haven't been damaged and remain as beautiful as ever! The recent hurricane in Fiji has caused serious damage and tragically cost lives as widely reported on the news all over the world.

Now Fiji wants to let the world know the country is moving on and ready for the season's visiting yachts. "The Fijian people are at work to bring assistance to those in need", reports David Jamieson of Asia Pacific Superyachts in Fiji, adding: "However, we feel it is important to share the news that even though a terrible disaster happened and its consequences should not be dimmed, it is important to know the hurricane only hit a few parts of the country (about 10%) and most of the Fiji islands haven't been damaged from the cyclone February 20th and remain as beautiful as ever.

The Tourism Advisory Group (TAG) is focusing on immediate actions to reduce booking cancellations due to the impact of Tropical Cyclone Winston to parts of Fiji. And most importantly, focus on educating visitors that tourism in Fiji is very much active and ready to receive all our guests with the usual 'Bula' smile. "Port Denarau Marina and Nadi International Airport were far enough away from the storm's eye to suffer no damage as evidenced by photo taken March 1st", Dave reports, "The cruising areas suffered about 10% damage. By the time the yachting season starts in April/May the situation in the remote areas and villages should have stabilized to the point where subsistence fishing and farming will be taking place. Debris will have been cleared and the foliage will have a good covering. Reports from the live-a-board dive boats are back in operation and reporting minimal damage to dive-sites and reefs."

Fiji is a very special country to visit in the South Pacific. This season yachts will be able to cruise there in complete safety surrounded by beautiful scenery and friendly people. . A reminder from Dave, "If you are thinking of cruising Fiji this season you will see that things will be well on their way to returning to normal and for those who are happy to assist, transporting school books etc. to the outer islands, will be hugely appreciated. The underwater world in Fiji is amazing and though it may have been slightly hit in very shallow areas where the hurricane struck, the quality of dives and snorkeling is not affected in most places.

The teams of Superyacht Private Expeditions (SPE) and yacht agent Asia Pacific Superyachts Fiji are ready to bring their expertise to any diver on a superyacht and will adapt the itinerary accordingly. "We strongly feel that Fiji is definitely a place to charter during the 2016 summer and on our side, we will keep on recommending this country as one of the most beautiful places to cruise and dive in the South Pacific", concludes Dave Jamieson. For further information please contact: david@asia-pacific-superyachts.com and visit www.asia-pacific-superyachts.com

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