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Quote of the Month....

"Cruising has two pleasures. One is to go out in wider waters from a sheltered place. The other is to go into a sheltered place from wider waters." - Howard Bloomfield

My Secret Itinerary through the islands of Tahiti

By Etienne Boutin

I have been a yacht agent in Tahiti for almost 20 years and have worked with many captains to open new itineraries to some remote and seldom cruised places in French Polynesia. For the exploring mind there are other wondrous areas to visit besides Bora Bora; specifically, five places around French Polynesia which are not commonly known. In my view, the following are very much worth a visit.



Tahiti Iti - Te Pari Coast

Tahiti is made of two islands joined by an isthmus, Tahiti Nui and smaller Tahiti Iti. The south coast of Tahiti Iti is very isolated as there are no roads. Starting at the worldwide famous surf spot of Teahupoo located at the end of the west coast tarred road, is an uninhabited seafront made of rugged black cliff and contrasting layers of tropical lush green foliage. The 20 miles of Te Pari coastline is worth exploring by foot in search of ancient petroglyphs and yachts can stop in some superb anchorages. There's plenty of manta rays, colourful fish and sharks with Humpback whales stopping to calf and rest from mid-July to October.



Makatea raised atoll

Laying half way between Tahiti and Rangiroa atoll, Makatea may remain the last bit of the Tuamotu archipelago out of the water - if the worst GIEC predictions of sea level rising becomes a reality. Makatea is safe for twenty first century's adventurers but like Nauru, Makatea was once an important mining field for phosphate and has been seriously dug out. A population down to 50 now enjoys a return to a peaceful environment.

For most yachts Makatea is just a radar print during night passages to Rangiroa. There are not any good anchorages around to invite stopping; however, a quick halt at the old Temao tender dock will allow guests to climb up the cliff and explore the island. They will meet the friendliest of Polynesian people, who will proudly lead the visitors through their incredible landscape.

Maupiti - the forgotten leeward island

The leeward islands of French Polynesia are the most visited and include the famous Bora Bora, magical Huahine, wild Taha'a and the sacred island of Raiatea - the legendary center of Mahoi religion. The island of Maupiti, thirty miles west of Bora Bora, is often forgotten when proposing an itinerary; however, the pass is no more difficult than many others to modern powerful yachts, as long as captains take the right advice and do not ignore weather warnings. Once inside the lagoon, manta rays come up to your yacht offering an unforgettable welcome to this little jewel of our seas and make you feel you have reached the 'Bali-hai' mythical island.

Toau Atoll - Anse Amiot

The Tuamotu islands are all flat atolls laying a few meters above sea level and covered with coconut trees. Rangiroa and Fakarava are well known dive destinations and have good passes to their lagoons which are vast enough to contain Tahiti Island. With strong winds year round and viewings of vast distances, the feeling is breathtaking. In the north part of Toau atoll is a colorful lagoon nestled inside the reef with an entrance from the sea protected from prevailing winds and currents. Yachts up to 45 meters can enter and stay until others request to stay - one family lives here - harvesting copra, fishing and playing music - they'll happily show you how to fish for delicious 'Varo'. And, taste coconut crab meat, a delicacy for those who dare to catch these prehistoric looking animals with finger-cutting claws!

Tahuata - Marquesas Islands

The Marquesas archipelago is one of the most remote places on earth and a superb group of dramatic islands with skyscraping peaks, vertiginous mountains cascades, wild goats, wild horses and wild people - simply calling their islands, Te Henua Enana - the 'Land of Men'. Gauguin has made Hiva Oa famous and many sailors have enjoyed the outstanding Bay of Virgins in Fatu Hiva or the sugar loaf peaks of Ua Pou. But not many have cruised the gentle coves on the western side of Tahuata, Vaitahu and Hapatoni bays - with their long black sand beaches bordered with coconut trees and vibrant seascapes where laid back villagers will show you some of the finest of arts & crafts in the south seas.

Slowly Tahuata will bring you down to her pace and soon you will find yourself feeling there is no better place to be. That's what I call a successful cruise.

- Andaman Islands
- Malaysia
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Borneo
- Phuket, Thailand
- Hong Kong
- Seychelles
- Indonesia
- Singapore
- Koh Samui, Thailand
- Sri Lanka



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S/Y Silolona confirmed host for 2014 Asia Superyacht Rendezvous Opening Party

PHUKET: Asia Superyacht Rendezvous 2014 organizers have confirmed the event's opening cocktail party will be hosted aboard a luxury superyacht. "As the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous party preparations for another spectacular event Dec. 16-18, we are happy to announce that the opening night cocktail party will be held aboard the stunning superyacht S/Y Silolona," said organisers.



Asia Superyacht Rendezvous will once again welcome guests aboard party host S/Y Silolona in Phuket, Thailand

"The Sailing Yacht Silolona, a traditional, Indonesian-style gaff-rigged Phinisi, is a truly fantastic vessel. At 50 meters in length, this beautiful vessel will no doubt leave you speechless when you step aboard and experience her wonders." Having hosted the cocktail party in 2012, Silolona is a true favorite with returning guests, who will be delighted to hear of her return - and a marvel that new guests will be able to enjoy." The Asia Superyacht Rendezvous 2014 will be returning to the luxurious and visually breathtaking Kata Rocks Resort at Kata Beach, Phuket.



In addition to the fabulous cocktail party aboard Silolona, the Asia Superyacht Rendezvous will be hosting two days of sailboat racing, the famous Feadship Challenge, the exclusive gala dinner and the final fun-filled finale that is the crew party. Organizers are already accepting registrations for this year's event. To register or make inquiries

contact: pr_comm@asia-superyacht-rendezvous.com or link to the ASR website above.

Sydney Superyacht Show now open

Published Announcement-Applications for vessels and exhibitors at the Sydney Superyacht Show are now available. The Show will be held at the Sydney Superyacht Marina, 1 to 3 August 2014.



According to organisers, the event is primarily a brokerage show, aiming to attract quality, not quantity and with the intent to draw attention to the superyacht lifestyle. Coinciding with other boat shows in Sydney, the three-day event will feature pre-owned premium yachts from 50 to 120-feet. The show is sponsored by Sydney Superyacht Marina and brokers based in the marina including Australian Superyachts and Geoff Lovett International.

20th Global Superyacht Forum Published Announcement

Published Announcement - The Global Superyacht Forum is on the horizon again, and this year marks the 20th anniversary! The forum will take place on 17-19 November and once again at the Amsterdam RAI in conjunction with METS and the SuperYacht Pavilion.

This year will incorporate new ideas, concepts and innovations with a strong emphasis on the breakout workshops. This coupled with FACE2FACE networking and a lively social programme will make this another successful Global event. The audience is set to grow, pulling in all key sectors of the industry for three days of discussion, debate, educational sessions and networking.

Marine 15 open for international speakers

Published Announcement - Marine industry professionals and related government officials from any country are encouraged to be part of the Marine15 international conference program to be held on the Gold Coast from 3 - 5 May 2015. A call for papers is open until the end of July. Abstracts are encouraged from all areas of the marine industry and all abstracts will be considered. Abstracts should relate to at least one of the three streams of the conference; Boating Business, Boating Safety and Marinas. Abstracts should be no more than 200 words in length; a template for submission is available from Marine15 web site.

REMINDER: 'PacificNet' Tahiti

Published Announcement - AYSS and Asia Pacific Superyachts Tahiti are delighted to invite Captains and Crews to join them at PacificNet - Tahiti on June 26, 2014. APS Tahiti and AYSS are proud to join forces with the Red Cross for the first PacificNet to be held in Tahiti at Marina Taina, Papeete, the home of Asia Pacific Superyachts Tahiti Ocean office.

Captains and Crews will have a chance to gain Pacific cruising knowledge and meet visiting Regional AYSS Yacht Agents from 17h00 to 19h00.

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Shared comments of sea journeys, destinations and news from Owners & Captains & Crew are welcomed!

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