

New Caledonia

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New Caledonia Location Map



Presentation of New Caledonia

The Largest Lagoon in the world !

New Caledonia is situated in the heart of the South Pacific, 1 500 km east of Australia, 2 000 km north of New Zealand. Along with other Pacific Ocean territories of French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia is part of the French Republic.

This land of contrast is composed of a group of islands: the main island, Loyalty Islands, Isle of Pines, Belep and a myriad of small islands.

The barrier reef stretching 1 600 km and encircling the mainland island is the world's largest lagoon, and surely one of the most beautiful.

The mainland (Grande Terre) is by far the largest of the islands, and the only mountainous island. It has an area of 16,372 square kilometers and is elongated northwest-southeast, 350 kilometres in length and 50 to 70 kilometres wide. A mountain range runs the length of the island, with five peaks over 1,500 meters (4,900 ft). The highest point is [Mont Panié](#) at 1,628 meters elevation. The total area of New Caledonia is 19,060 km², 18,575 km² of those being land.

Cooled by the Pacific Ocean and the trade winds, New Caledonia enjoys a soft, sunny climate. From the central mountain range to the warm tropical waters you will discover flora and fauna which people come from all over the world to discover.

With an incredible mixture of ethnic groups, New Caledonia is a land with many traditions, customs and different cultures. The blend of Melanesian and French culture enhanced by Polynesian and Asian races makes an exciting yet harmonious lifestyle.

Whether experienced from the sea, land or air, New Caledonia's wild, unspoilt beauty leave everyone with lasting memories.



New Caledonia sailing area limits

Authorized sailing area is located around the main land plus Isle of Pins, Ouvea, Lifou and Maré. No night sailing in the lagoon and approaches must be done at daylight. Authorized night sailing only to go to Loyalties Island.

NOUMEA

Nouméa is the capital city of **New Caledonia**. It is situated on a peninsula in the south of the main island, Grande Terre, and is home to the majority of the island's population. Noumea is one of the South Pacific's most industrialized cities. The city lies on a protected deepwater harbour which serves as the chief port for New Caledonia.

Dream Yacht Charter New Caledonia

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Noumea Overview

□ Noumea New Caledonia key points

- ! **Many flights to reach the destination from / via Asia, Australia, New Zealand**
- ! **Many unspoiled natural spots : 2/3 of the lagoon have been registered World Heritage Site by the UNESCO**
- ! **“Short” sailing steps**
- ! **Combinable land and sailing staying**
- ! **Amazing endemic flora**
- ! **Fabulous snorkelling spots**
- ! **Whale watching (July to end of september)**

Noumea itself is a rich and unique mix of Kanak, Asian, Oceanian and European cultures. The city welcomes several museum reflecting cultural and historical diversity (Museum of New Caledonia, Tjibaou Cultural Center specialized in Oceanian and Kanak cultures, Museum of the Maritime History, Geological Museum,...).

Several good reasons to sail New Caledonia :

- The beauty and the security of the lagoon
- The semi tropical climate
- The variety of nautical and land activities
- The quality of service
- The unique experience of whale watching (depending of the time of the year)
- The unspoilt underwater fauna and flora

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Time difference**
GMT + 11 hours

- **Base**
The Dream Yacht Base is located in **Marina “Port Moselle”**, in Noumea, 45' from Tontouta International Airport

- **Sailing experience Level**
Sailing conditions needs sailors “to be cautious” because of pass currents, reefs, GPS maps are too indefinite. Obviously, it’s also depending on weather conditions. Most of moorings are safe.

- **Yachts**
Dream Yachts have a range of yachts available for charter, monohulls and catamarans either bareboat or skippered/crewed boats.

- **Turnaround days**
Embarkation and disembarkation are possible any day.
../ Embarkation is at 14:00 PM (noon)
../ Disembarkation is at 8:00 AM

- **Base opening hours**
Base is opened from
- 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM and 02:00 PM ti 06:00 PM (monday to friday)
- 8:00 AM to 12:00 AM (saturday and Sunday)

- **Fuel and consumables**
All our yachts are delivered to you with full tanks of fuel (yacht & dinghy), full tank of water, 1 bottle of cooking gas in duty + 1 spare bottle. Staff will take care of refilling water and diesel tanks and will charge the costs to customer.

- **Options**

Included in charter fee	Available for extra fee
◆ First & last night at the D.Y.C pontoon	◆ Skipper
◆ Autopilot	◆ Steward / cook
◆ GPS	◆ Guide
◆ CD-player & cockpit speakers	◆ Kayak
◆ Dinghy & outboard engine	◆ Fishing gear
◆ 2 sets of linen, towels, beach towels per person/week	◆ Security insurance
◆ Snorkelling gear	◆ Transfers
◆ Dream Yacht Charter Guarantee	◆ Children safety net
◆ Final cleaning	◆ One way to Ile des Pins, Loyauté or Vanutaus

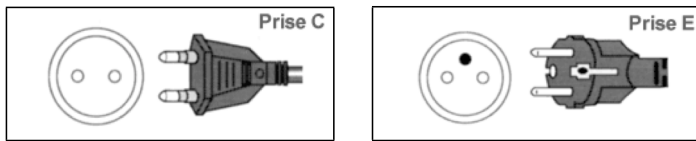
- **Cruising Limits :** Main land plus Isle of Pins, Ouvea, Lifou, Maré and Vanuatu island.

- **Transfers and Airports**
Flights from Australia, New Zealand, Asia, Europe (main airlines: Aircalin, Qantas Airways, Air New Zealand), Transfers can be organized from Tontouta International Airport to base, with extra fee

- **Shore facilities & services**
DYC base is located in Marina Port Moselle, Noumea. There are several restaurants in the center town at 100m from the marina. The following facilities are available at the base : Water
- Fuel - Showers and Toilets.
Supermarket : 800 m from base

□ **Electricity**

Voltage is 220V - 50Hz (and the plug type are C,E)



□ **Telephone**

Area code:

- From Europe to New Caledonia for a home telephone: + 687 + correspondent N°
- From Europe to New Caledonia for a Cellular phone: + 687 + correspondent N°
- From New Caledonia to France + 33 + correspondent N° (without "0" after 33)

□ **Attraction and activities**

- ../ **Visit of Noumea and its numerous museum / cultural center**
- ../ **Discovery of the Melanesian culture, visit of tribal villages**
- ../ **Trekking, mountain climbing, canyoning, in the Great South**
- ../ **Visit of the botanical forest**
- ../ **Snorkelling and diving on the reef**
- ../ **Visit "Aquarium des Lagons"**
- ../ **Discovery of Ile des Pins and its crystal clear waters, white sandy beaches and hidden treasures**
- ../ **Discovery of Loyalty Islands, three unspoilt pearls in the Pacific Ocean**
- ../ **And so much more...**

□ **Provisioning**

We recommend at least to provision (all products) with basic products because there are not too many places for supplies in this area; so it's easier to make it before departure as most of meals will be taken on board even though crew can go ashore for dinners. A provision list is available on DYC web site. Re-provisioning is only possible at the base by calling us at least one or two days prior your stopover.

Sales Alcoholic drinks :

On the municipality of Nouméa, the sales of alcohol are generally forbidden every Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays afternoon, from 12 am till 9 pm (except hotels and restaurants).

□ **Currency**

Local currency is Pacific Franc (XPF) (1 euro is 119,3317 XPF or 1 US dollar is about 89,4535 XPF) - Credit cards are accepted in the shops. There are cash dispensers. You can change money in the several banks in town and at the airport.

□ **Passport and Visas**

Entry Formalities : for French citizens an identity card is required but a valid passport is highly recommended in case of stopovers. No visa is required for countries belonging to the EEC, Japan, USA and New Zealand.

Only a valid passport is compulsory for European (for staying not exceeding 3 months on spot) and North American citizens (for staying not exceeding 1 month on spot). (For other countries check on the following link:

<http://www.nouvelle-caledonie-tourisme.com/anglais/informations/index.htm>



□ **Health**

No vaccines compulsory.

If you are under treatment:

- Bring along with you the necessary pills or drugs quantity.
- Keep your vital pills or drugs with you in your hand luggage (in case of luggage losses).
- Plan a mosquito repellent and a first aid kit.

Even if you can easily stand the sun, it's much harder on a boat than on the land because of reverberation. Smooth breeze, avoid feeling the heat and you get sun burnt before noticing it. One recommends having a "wind resistant" cap and sun glasses (tied) with cord, sweat shirt or long sleeves t-shirt and trouser. A good solar cream is necessary at least for first days.

□ **Advice**

Take only soft bags - No suite case (rigid suite cases are too cumbersome on a boat).

□ **Diving**

Diving can be arranged locally upon request. There is a dive shop 900 m our office.

□ **Charts and pilot books**

The only pilot (cruising guide) is the New Caledonia Cruising Guide provided in the yacht inventory (<http://www.rocket-guides.com/new-caledonia-cruising-guide.html>). An electronic version is available.

□ **New Caledonia Climate and Weather Conditions**

New Caledonia enjoys a warm, subtropical climate. Temperatures are warm all year round and can get hot in the summer but seldom reaches above 35°C. Trade winds from the east southeast bring year long cooling breezes late afternoon and early evening. New Caledonia is situated in the southern Hemisphere, so "summer" lasts from November to February and "winter" from April to September. However, there are no significant differences in Temperature; in general, the temperatures between April and August are only slightly cooler than from November to February. The seasons are less defined on the east coast than the west. Climate is tempered by trade winds.

ILE DES PINS / LAGON SUD

ISLE OF PINS / SOUTH LAGOON

ITINERAIRE 8 JOURS / 7 NUITS

ITINERARIE 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

CHECK-IN 14H00

Prise en main bateau / Technical briefing on board 1H30

Point Carte / Chart Briefing 1H00

• JOUR 1 / DAY 1

-17h00 Départ Nouméa → Ilot Maitre / Maitre Island

Durée / Cruising Time 45MN

Hôtel Escapade (Bar, restaurant, activités nautiques)

Réserve Naturelle, PMT

Resort Escapade (Bar, Restaurant, Nautical Activities)

Protect Area for the fish, Snorkelling...

-17h00 Départ Nouméa → Baie Uéré / Uéré Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 1H30

Night Stop Only

-17h00 Nuit à quai / Night inside Marina

• **JOUR 2 / DAY 2**

-08h00 Départ Ilot Maitre / Maitre Island → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 5H30

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

-08h00 Départ Baie de Uéré / Uéré Bay → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 5H00

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

-08h00 Départ Marina Port Moselle / Port Moselle Marina → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 6H00

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

• **JOUR 3 / DAY 3**

-08h00 Départ Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay → Baie de Prony Ilot Casy / Prony Bay Casy Island

Durée / Cruising Time 2H00

Ballade Pedestre vers le sommet de Ilot 45 MN, PMT / Trek to the top of Island 45 MN View point on the Bay, Snorkelling

-14H00 Départ Ilot Casy / Casy Island → Baie du Carénage / Carénage Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 45 MN

Source d'eau chaude + Cascade / Hot spring + Falls

• **JOUR 4 / DAY 4**

-08h00 Départ Baie du Carénage / Carénage Bay → Iles de Pins Baie de Kuto / Isle of Pins Kuto Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 07H00

Point de départ excursions Piscine Naturelle, Ballade pirogue traditionnelle Mélanésienne, Ascension Pic N'GA, restaurant / Departure point to the Natural Swimming-pool, Excursion on the traditional Mélanésienne « pirogue », Trek on the top of « Pic N'ga »

• **JOUR 5 / DAY 5**

-08h00 Départ Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay → Ilot Brosse / Brosse Island

Durée / Cruising Time 45 MN

PMT / Snorkelling

-15h00 Départ Ilot Brosse / Brosse Island → Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay

Durée / Cruising time 45MN

-08H00 Excursion à la journée piscine naturelle et repas langoustes / Day trip Natural swimming-pool and lobster lunch on the beach

• **JOUR 6 / DAY 6**

-08h00 Départ Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay → Lagoon Sud Ilot Kuaré / South Lagoon Kuaré Island

Durée / Cruising Time 05H30

PMT / Snorkelling

• **JOUR 7 / DAY 7**

-08h00 Départ Lagoon Sud Ilot Kuaré / South Lagoon Kuaré Island → Ilot Amédée / Amédée Island

Durée / Cruising time 4H30

Réserve Marine, PMT, visite du Phare / Protect area for the fish, snorkelling, Discover the Amédée lightning house

• **JOUR 8 / DAY 8**

-06h30 Départ Ilot Amédée / Amédée Island Nouméa Marina Port Moselle / Nouméa Port Moselle Marina

Durée / Cruising time 1H15

CHECK-OUT 08H00

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ILE DES PINS / LAGON SUD

ISLE OF PINS / SOUTH LAGOON

ITINERAIRE 11 JOURS / 10 NUITS

ITINERARIE 11 DAYS / 10 NIGHTS

CHECK-IN 14H00

Prise en main bateau / Technical briefing on board 1H30

Point Carte / Chart Briefing 1H00

• JOUR 1 / DAY 1

-17h00 Départ Nouméa → Ilot Maitre / Maitre Island

Durée / Cruising Time 45MN

Hôtel Escapade (Bar, restaurant, activités nautiques)

Réserve Naturelle, PMT

Resort Escapade (Bar, Restaurant, Nautical Activities)

Protect Area for the fish, Snorkelling...

-17h00 Départ Nouméa → Baie Uéré / Uéré Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 1H30

Night Stop Only

-17h00 Nuit à quai / Night inside Marina

• **JOUR 2 / DAY 2**

-08h00 Départ Ilot Maitre / Maitre Island → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 5H30

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

-08h00 Départ Baie de Uéré / Uéré Bay → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 5H00

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

-08h00 Départ Marina Port Moselle / Port Moselle Marina → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 6H00

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

• **JOUR 3 / DAY 3**

-08h00 Départ Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay → Baie de Prony Ilot Casy / Prony Bay Casy Island

Durée / Cruising Time 2H00

Ballade Pedestre vers le sommet de Ilot 45 MN, PMT / Trek to the top of Island 45 MN View
point on the Bay, Snorkelling

-14H00 Départ Ilot Casy / Casy Island → Baie du Carénage / Carénage Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 45 MN

Source d'eau chaude + Cascade / Hot spring + Falls

• JOUR 4 / DAY 4

-08h00 Départ Baie du Carénage / Carénage Bay → Iles de Pins Baie de Kuto / Isle of Pins Kuto Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 07H00

Point de départ excursions Piscine Naturelle, Ballade pirogue traditionnelle Mélanésienne, Ascension Pic N'GA, restaurant / Departure point to the Natural Swimming-pool, Excursion on the traditional Mélanésienne « pirogue », Trek on the top of « Pic N'ga »

• JOUR 5 / DAY 5

-08h00 Départ Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay → Ilot Brosse / Brosse Island

Durée / Cruising Time 45 MN

PMT / Snorkelling

-15h00 Départ Ilot Brosse / Brosse Island → Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay

Durée / Cruising time 45MN

-08H00 Excursion à la journée piscine naturelle et repas langoustes / Day trip Natural swimming-pool and loabster lunch on the beach

• **JOUR 6 / DAY 6**

-08h00 -17h00 Excursion Piscine Naturelle avec repas langoustes / Excursion Natural Swimming-pool with loabster lunch

• **JOUR 7 / DAY 7**

-08h00 Départ Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay → Lagoon Sud Ilot Kuaré / South Lagoon Kuaré Island

Durée / Cruising Time 05H30

PMT / Snorkelling

• **JOUR 8 / DAY 8**

-08h00 Départ Ilôt Kuaré / Kuaré Island → Ilôt Ua / Ua Island

Durée / Cruising time 45 MN

PMT / Snorkelling

• **JOUR 9 / DAY 9**

-08h00 Départ Ilôt Ua / Ua Island → Ilôt Mato / Mato Island

Durée / Cruising time 02H00

PMT / Snorkelling

• **JOUR 10 / DAY 10**

-**08h00** Départ Ilôt Mato / Mato Island → Ilôt Amédée / Amédée Island

Durée / Cruising time 04H30

PMT / Snorkelling

• **JOUR 11 / DAY 11**

-**06h30** Départ Ilôt Amédée / Amédée Island → Nouméa Marina Port Moselle / Port Moselle Marina

Durée / Cruising time 01H15

CHECK-OUT 08H00

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ILE DES PINS / ILES LOYAUTES

ISLE OF PINS / LOYALTIES ISLAND

ITINERAIRE 16 JOURS / 15 NUITS

ITINERARIE 16 DAYS / 15 NIGHTS

CHECK-IN 14H00

Prise en main bateau / Technical briefing on board 1H30

Point Carte / Chart Briefing 1H00

• JOUR 1 / DAY 1

-17h00 Départ Nouméa → Ilot Maitre / Maitre Island

Durée / Cruising Time 45MN

Hôtel Escapade (Bar, restaurant, activités nautiques)

Réserve Naturelle, PMT

Resort Escapade (Bar, Restaurant, Nautical Activities)

Protect Area for the fish, Snorkelling...

-17h00 Départ Nouméa → Baie Uéré / Uéré Bay

Durée / Cruising time 1H30

Night Stop Only

-17h00 Nuit à quai / Night inside Marina

• **JOUR 2 / DAY 2**

-08h00 Départ Ilot Maitre / Maitre Island → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising time 5H30

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

-08h00 Départ Baie de Uéré / Uéré Bay → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 5H00

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

-08h00 Départ Marina Port Moselle / Port Moselle Marina → Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 6H00

Point de vue sur le Lagon Sud / View point on the south Lagoon

• **JOUR 3 / DAY 3**

-06h00 Départ Ile Ouen Baie des tortues / Ouen Island Turtle Bay → Ile des Pins Baie de Kuto / Isle of Pins Kuto Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 7H00

Point de départ excursions Piscine Naturelle, Ballade pirogue traditionnelle Mélanésienne, Ascension Pic N'GA, restaurant / Departure point to the Natural Swimming-pool, Excursion on the traditional Mélanésienne « pirogue », Trek on the top of « Pic N'ga »

• **JOUR 4 / DAY 4**

-08h00 -17h00 Excursion Piscine Naturelle avec repas langoustes / Excursion Natural Swimming-pool with lobster lunch

• **JOUR 5 / DAY 5**

-17h00 Départ Baie de Kuto / Kuto Bay → Maré Baie de Tadine / Maré Island Tadine Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 13H00

Navigation de nuit / Night Sailing

• **JOUR 6 / DAY 6**

-08h00 -17h00 Maré Baie de Tadine ou Baie de Pédé / Maré Island Tadine Bay ou Pédé Bay

Journée découverte / Day trip on Maré Island

-17H00 Départ Maré / Maré Island → Ile de Lifou Baie du Santal Eacho / Lifou Island Santal Bay Eacho

Durée / Cruising time 13H

Navigation de nuit / Night Sailing

• **JOUR 7 / DAY 7**

-14h00 Départ Baie Eacho / Eacho Bay → Baie de Docking / Docking Bay

Durée / Cruising Time 03H00

• **JOUR 8 / DAY 8**

-08h00 – 17h00 Journée découverte / Day trip

Visite de la Vanillerie / discover Vanilla plantation

PMT / Snorkelling

-17h00 Départ Baie de Docking / Docking Bay → Ile d'Ouvéa Baie de St Joseph / Ouvéa Island St Joseph Bay

Durée / Cruising time 13H

Navigation de nuit / Night Sailing

• **JOUR 9 / DAY 9**

-08h00 – 13h00 Coutume avec le Grand Chef / Meeting with the traditional village chef

-13h00 Départ Baie de St Joseph / St Joseph Bay → Baie de Mouly / Mouly Bay

Durée / Cruising time 2H30

• **JOUR 10 / DAY 10**

-08h00 – 17h00 Journée découverte Mouly / Day trip Mouly

PMT / Snorkelling

-17H00 Départ Baie de Mouly / Mouly Bay → Côte Est Baie de la Ouiné / East coast Mainland Ouiné Bay

Durée / Cruising time 13H00

• **JOUR 11 / DAY 11**

-08h00 – 17H00 Visite du Village Minier pour l'extraction du Nickel / Discover Nickel Mineral Village

• **JOUR 12 / DAY 12**

-08h00 Départ Côte Est Baie de la Ouiné / East coast Mainland Ouiné Bay → Baie de Yaté / Yaté Bay

Durée / Cruising time 6H00

• **JOUR 13 / DAY 13**

-08h00 Départ Baie de Yaté / Yaté Bay → Baie du Carénage / Carénage Bay

Durée / Cruising time 2H30

Source d'eau chaude + Cascade / Hot spring + Falls

• **JOUR 14 / DAY 14**

-**08h00** Départ Baie du Carénage / Carénage Bay → Ilôt Ua / Ua Island

Durée / Cruising Time 3H30

PMT / Snorkelling

• **JOUR 15 / DAY 15**

-**08h00** Départ Ilôt Ua / Ua Island → Ilôt Amédée / Amédée Island

Durée / Cruising Time 4H00

• **JOUR 16 / DAY 16**

-**06h30** Départ Ilot Amédée / Amédée Island Nouméa Marina Port Moselle / Nouméa Port Moselle Marina

Durée / Cruising time 1H15

CHECK-OUT 08H00

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SKIPPER'S NOTICE

CHARTER START

Welcome to New Caledonia!

Your embarkation is by 02H00 PM. Our customer service will welcome you and start with the paperwork's, and you will receive a pre-cruise checklist. The inventory list is aboard your yacht. Both are to be checked and signed before leaving the dock. A technical and a chart briefing will be conducted aboard. Take the necessary time and pay attention to make sure you have all the info you need for a pleasant cruise.

DREAM YACHT BASE & CONTACTS

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Friday)
8h-12h (Saturday and Sunday)
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CUSTOMARY GESTURES

You will meet some Kanak tribes which have a strong culture that includes the "customary gesture" when entering a tribe for the first time. The simpler and the more sincere the gesture the better it will be appreciated.

NAVIGATION

The weather and conditions are nice all over the year: Trade winds E-SE 10 to 20 knots average. With numerous isolated dangers and not all areas well surveyed, pay attention to the navigation especially where the info on charts and buoyage are poor. The Gps and chart plotters must be considered as a support, the electronic charts are not as accurate as the nautical charts so you should refer to the paper nautical charts and not rely only on the GPS, especially when in shallow waters or when close to dangers. Passages heading east could be long and uncomfortable when the trade winds are blowing more than 15 knots (i.e. Noumea to Isle of Pines) so we recommend a night stopover in one of the nice islets or Ouen Isle.

Night sailing is prohibited in the New Caledonia lagoon. Night sailing outside the lagoon is possible, talk with the base manager before.

Plan your sailing trip to reach your night anchorage after 10AM and before 3:00 PM especially around coral grounds. Insure to not sail too late while the visibility is poor.

Buoyage: The buoyage exists only around the channels. These channels are marked like in Europe, red on port and green on starboard when entering harbors, with few cardinal marks where necessary.

Tides: 1.5 to 2.5 meters between low tide and high tide. Be careful with currents in narrow passages between islands or at reef corners.

REFILLING WATER & FUEL

Water, gasoline and fuel is available at the Port Moselle Marina Dream Yacht base.

CHARTERER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Dream yacht charter shall not be held responsible for any loss or damage to persons, property or to the yacht. The charterer is responsible for every damage, loss or theft that may happen during the charter. Any damage to the boat is covered by your deposit.

Choice of anchorage:

Dream Yacht Charter provides you during the briefing with accurate information on anchorages but the choice of the anchorage (location, picking up a mooring buoy) and the checking of its reliability are on the skipper's responsibility;

WEATHER FORECAST:

There are VHF forecast in French at 6:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 3:15 PM and 6:30 PM.

Don't hesitate to call the base for a weather update in English (28 66 66)

Read the weather chapter of the pilot, it gives a lot of information.

Check winguru.cz on internet for a week forecast.

COMMUNICATIONS

The VHF is used down here only for weather forecast or for emergency.

Communications with the shore and the Dream Yacht Charter bases only with cell phones.

There are some places where a Internet wifi connection is available (Noumea, Kuto at Pines Island)

RETURNING OR STOPOVER AT DYC Port Moselle

Our base offers all modern marina facilities, Showers, restrooms, bar, restaurant and internet at the DYC office.

Call the base bay phone ½ day before coming and when approaching Noumea. The marina staff will assign you a berth and assist you for docking.

In case of unattended late arrival, just anchor outside and dock next morning

FISHING

The New Caledonia waters are a nice spot for fishing. Coral and pelagic fishes are abundant but only pelagic can be eaten as coral fishes could be poisonous ("ciguatera"). There are some marine parks with restrictions like fishing (look at the pilot).

Fuel and consumables

The fuel, gasoline, propane are not included in the standard charter prices and will be charged at the end of the charter. We will refill the fuel and gasoline at the Port Moselle fuel station in Noumea just before coming back to the base.

CHARTER END

Your charter ends at 8 AM so schedule to dock your boat for the last night before 5PM or stay outside on anchor then come to dock by 8AM.

Allow sufficient time in the morning to have your boat shipshape, baggage out, linens bagged in pillow cases, garbage removed, for the 8:00 AM debriefing and inventory, then the last paperwork and final invoice at the DYC office.

**HAVE A GREAT VACATION
AND GREAT SAILING !!**