



Introduction

This update is for Rally entrants and those interested in the Louisiades Rally 2008. If you are interested in the Rally and haven't yet seen a briefing, please email or call us!

Strong Interest

So far there has been strong interest in the Rally with over 100 Rally Briefings sent out to interested yachties.

Sail/Power – Monos/Multis

Interest to date, "definitely coming" include yachts from a 30 foot multihull, typical cruising yachts 30-50 feet, large power cruisers, a large Swan, large power and sail catamarans, *a good mix!*

Entry Forms

The entry form is now available and should be completed and returned as soon as possible. Remember early bird entries close 30 May, the earlier we know the size of the fleet the better our arrangements for the Rally can be... get in quick.

We are sorting out the maximum fleet size, don't miss out!

Visa's

There have been a few questions regarding Visa's for PNG. For folk who provide us with the completed forms, passports with 6 months validity and dollars, by 1 September, we hope to arrange Visa's. There is a special skipper/crew visa arrangement for PNG.

PLEASE NOTE PNG VISAS MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, DO IT YOURSELF OR ASK US!

The PNG Consulate website has great info, check out www.pngcanberra.org

Departing/ Arriving Crew

There are regular flights between Port Moresby and Misima, crew can leave/arrive via Air Niugini.



Not entered yet? YOU can make it happen, watch it happen or wonder what happened... WE'RE going anyhow.

Key Dates

Early Bird Entries Close	30 May
Skippers Declaration Due	1 September
Muster at Yorkeys Knob	13 September
Briefing	16 September
Safety Seminar	17 September
Farewell	19 September
Customs Clearance	20 September
Depart for Louisiades	20 September
Duchateau	22-24 September
Panasia BBQ and Skull Cave	25 September
Panapompom Canoe Regatta	28 September
Bagaman Muster	1 October
Customs Clearance Misima	3-6 October
Nimoa	12-14 October
End of Rally	14 October



Customs Matters

We have made arrangements for the Rally fleet to depart from Yorkeys Knob (Half Moon Bay Marina) with customs clearance at Yorkeys on 20 September.

For PNG we will be flying a customs officer out to Bwagoia (Misima) for customs clearance. We will hopefully be able to clear in and out at the same time.

As we expect vessels to be returning to OZ from mid October to mid November we have not made special; arrangements for clearing back into Australia as a group. Yachts will need to clear back into a port of entry (e.g. Cairns), using the nominated berth and providing customs with advance notification (four days prior to arrival!).

Safety Seminar

We have a safety seminar planned for 17 September, this will include First Aid/Resuscitation, life raft briefing, safety at sea aspects and, weather info etc. A must for skippers and first mates (if not all crew!).

Passage Times

A few folk have asked how long the passage will take. We have consulted Visual Passage Planner, and for vessels sailing at 90% of their potential:

30' Heavy Displacement	4 days 9 hours
35' Light Displacement	3 days 20 hours
40' Light Displacement	3 days 14 hours
50' Multihull	2 days 11 hours

Need Crew?

We have some interested and experienced crew available, ask us!

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