

COMMUNICATIONS FORM

FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF MAHINA TIARE'S EXPEDITION MEMBERS

This form is to let you know how to check our position and your options for staying in touch with your relative/friend while they are sailing aboard Mahina Tiare.

PASSAGE AND POSITION INFORMATION

You are welcome to check our web site: www.mahina.com, look under "Expedition Log Updates". While on expeditions we post passage log excerpts and positions every 10 to 15 days, time and technology permitting. We would like to post updates more frequently but each updates costs approximately \$350.

OVERSEAS PHONE CALLS AND INTERNET CAFES

In some of the remote locations we visit there are phones ashore although service is limited and often costs \$20-30 for short calls. There are Internet cafes in some of the larger towns we visit. Non-local mobile phones frequently do not work in small South Pacific countries.

MESSAGES TO MAHINA TIARE

We have INMARSAT-C and Iridium satellite communication systems onboard Mahina Tiare. These systems are slow and expensive and extremely vulnerable to viruses and spam. Because of slow transmission rates and large file size we are not able to use "auto-update" services to update virus our protection, so we request that you NOT email directly to the boat or include the boat's address in your email address file.

As to not disrupt expeditions, messages to and from Mahina Tiare are conducted Mondays only, weather and satellite conditions permitting.

To send a message to your friend or relative aboard Mahina Tiare send it to our Mahina Expeditions office.

Fax 360-378-6331

E-mail sailing@mahina.com

Telephone 360-378-6131

All messages are to be brief (maximum five sentences) and we request that you do not conduct business. Our office manager, Tracy McClintock, will forward your message to Mahina Tiare on Mondays only. The charge is \$40 per message and is to be paid in cash by your friend or relative when they receive it.

- Please note that while your relative/friend is on an ocean passage or in a remote area, there is no chance of them "getting off the boat early" to fly home for any reason.
- Please do not panic if you are late in hearing from your relative/friend.
- Please do not contact any ham (amateur) radio operator to relay messages to us as we do not have amateur equipment onboard nor do we monitor amateur frequencies. Do not contact the Coast Guard or any embassies or consulates for message relays.
- Mahina Tiare is a phone (cell & sat) free zone. Expedition members may use phones and communication devices ashore only. Onboard use has proven a major intrusion and distraction in the past.
- Please do not bring laptop computers or satellite telephones.

MESSAGES FROM MAHINA TIARE

If you receive an email from aboard Mahina Tiare via satellite, please do not use the satellite address or place it in your address book, as we have received many viruses this way.

Thank you.

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