

WORLD ARC 2016-17 RALLY NEWSLETTER

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FINAL PREPARATIONS!

I hope your plans are progressing well. From our experience we know that it is at about this point, six months or so before your departure on World ARC, that preparations feel at their most hectic. Whether you are trying to break the ties of working life, sort out your home arrangements for whilst you are away or trying to get the boat equipped and as ready as you would like, we know you will be busy. Some of you may have to do all of the above! But please remember that you are not alone and one of the rewards will be sitting on the deck of your boat in a year's time, in Tonga or Fiji, realising that all that effort is worth it!!



Hopefully this newsletter will help you by drawing your attention to important aspects of planning for your adventure. I hope you will find the advice on planning your personal administration for whilst you are away particularly useful and a few minutes online at home may save several hours online or on the phone whilst you are away.

Please also look at the advice on boat safety equipment. Again, a few moments now will save time and money at a later date. Not all equipment can be easily found along the route and so it's best to plan this now. If there is anything which we can do to help, please let us know.

Lastly, on page four of this Newsletter, you will find a

request to tell us a bit more about you. Please complete our online survey to provide some background on yourselves. We will then share this with other participants and you will hopefully feel as though you know each other already when you first meet.

If there is anything you feel we can help you with, please do get in touch with us.

All the best for your preparations,

Andrew Bishop
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Charity & Environmental Projects

The current World ARC crews have been getting involved in many of the charitable and environmental projects undertaken during the rally. During their time in Colombia participants visited a community school in Santa Marta, where donations were made to support children returning to school for a new term, establishing another link to a worthy local cause.



Whilst in Suwarrow crews helped us clear debris from the beaches to help keep the National Park there in good condition. And in Tonga, World Cruising Club sponsors the 'World ARC Way', a path through part of the Ene'io Beach Botanical Garden, leading down to the sea shore. The gardens, unique to the region, feature a great display of the botanical fabric of the South Pacific and are brought to life by a guided tour from their founder, Hanitelli Fa'anunu. Hopefully, World Cruising Club's sponsorship will help preserve this unique collection.

As the yachts sail through Fiji participants will be gathering much needed supplies for Port Resolution on Tanna, delivering them direct to the community that needs the help after the devastation of Cyclone Pam earlier in the year.

In the past we have also sponsored two new mooring buoys in Niue, delivered books to schools in Vanuatu, built a guest house for the remote community of Tanna, provided an activity afternoon for rescued street children in Salvador, Brazil and cleared plastic from the beaches in the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.



It's our privilege to sail around the world but it's also so rewarding to put something back into the places we visit too. If you have any ideas on how World ARC can continue to make a difference, with an environmental or local project, let us know and we'll try and add them to our own.

Berthing Costs

To help with your planning and budgeting on World ARC, the World ARC Rally Handbook summaries of the availability and costs of berthing/docking along the Rally route. The cost of mooring and berthing are not a huge proportion of the overall budget but can be quite high at the beginning of the route and in Australia.

Dock space is possible at the following stopover locations. Saint Lucia, Santa Marta, Panama, Tahiti, Raiatea, Fiji, Vanuatu, Australia, Mauritius, Reunion, South Africa, Salvador & Grenada. The cost range from US\$0.60 to \$2 per foot per day. Further details are contained in the Local Information section of your Rally Handbook, on page 03/9

In Niue, Tonga, Christmas Island and Saint Helena moorings are available and essential, or recommended to use. The cost of these are around US\$5 to \$15 per yacht per night.

In the San Blas & Las Perlas islands, Galapagos Islands, Marquesas & Tuamotos archipelagos, Tanna (Vanuatu) and Cocos (Keeling) Islands no yacht docks or moorings are available. In some places a small fee is charged for anchoring.

The World ARC entry fee includes 'three days complimentary berthing before the re-start of a scheduled competitive leg' where available. This does not include the payment of water, electricity, rubbish, live aboard or other the service charge fees. It does mean that the cost of 42 nights berthing, mooring and anchoring will be provided by World Cruising Club for whole Rally participants. (Saint Lucia, Colombia, Galapagos, Raiatea, Niue, Fiji, Port Vila, Darwin, Lombok, Cocos Keeling, Mauritius, Reunion, Cape Town, St Helena). It may also help your planning to know that in addition to these nights, for the average boat in World ARC 2014-15, World Cruising Club secured over 55 additional nights berthing, free of charge too, although this is not guaranteed for future World ARC's.



Payment Schedules Crew Fees

Please note that the deadline to pay the balance of the first 50% of the boat entry fee has now passed and with the final 50% payable by 1 December 2015, or 1 July 2016 for yachts joining the rally in Australia. Crew fees are also payable by 1 December 2015, and therefore the minimum of two crew fees will be invoiced at this time; additional crew fees should be paid as required.

Rally Clothing

Official World ARC 2016 poloshirts and other clothing items are now available to order. Orders can be delivered worldwide by post, or collected in Saint Lucia



on your arrival for the rally start. If you want to complete that smart crew look, why not include a shore jacket?

You can order your World ARC polo shirts, and other items from the Gill clothing range online at <http://shop.worldcruising.com>

The World ARC entry and crew fees reflect the associated rally costs. The entry fee represents costs associated with the yacht, such as the overall planning and management of the rally, customs clearance fees, harbour dues, agents fees and cruising permits. The crew fee contributes to the daily management of the rally and costs directly associated with crew, including per head taxes and charges, tours and parties. The crew fee is payable for each person on board, whether for the entire rally or per leg, and can be paid in three ways:

1. The simplest way is to work out your core crew: the number of crew (including the captain) you will have onboard for the entire rally. The people can change – the fee is for the crew place, not a named individual. A minimum of two core crew, including the captain, must be paid. Core crew fees offer good value for money but are not refundable or transferrable. You are encouraged to purchase your core crew fees before 1 December 2015 – a 25% late payment surcharge is applied after this date.
2. Where a yacht has extra crew for some legs, a fee of £135 is payable on a leg by leg basis and are not subject to the late payment surcharge. The leg structure is on the Itinerary page of the World ARC website.
3. Pre-paid crew credits are available in advance as a discounted bundle. These can be used on a leg by leg basis, or several on one leg as required. They are available in bundles of 10 for £1200 or 20 for £2100. Unused credits paid for in this way will be refunded at the end of the rally.

Payment of crew fees is the responsibility of the captain at all times, and crew fees are not transferable between yachts. If a crew member leaves one rally yacht and joins another, their previous skipper may be entitled to a refund at the end of the rally. The receiving skipper will need to use a crew place to have that crew member on board.



Safety Equipment

The World ARC Conditions of Entry require a basic inventory of safety equipment onboard each participating yacht. All the items required are those you would want to have onboard for sailing along the route of World ARC anyway, and therefore none of the items are exceptional. Your yacht will be visited by one of the World ARC team in Saint Lucia to check for safety equipment and offer advice. Primarily the safety requirements are made to protect you and your crew but the knowledge that all yachts conform to a basic safety equipment standard also allows World Cruising Club to alleviate some concerns which host countries may have with a large number of yachts passing through their waters.

You will find a handy checklist on pages 02/25-30 of the Preparations section of your World ARC Rally Handbook. The checklist is a précis of the Conditions of Entry and will guide you through the requirements. Please take the time, well before the start of World ARC, to check that you have the required items. For the reasons above, the requirements are not flexible and early planning will avoid last minute (and probably expensive) purchases, immediately before the start.

If you require further advice or confirmation of equipment suitability, please contact the World ARC team.

A few details which are often overlooked are:

Lifejackets & combined harness

One per crewmember on board at any time. Lifejackets shall have a whistle, light, retro-reflective tape, crotch strap and spray hood. Unfortunately, and despite the evidence justifying their use, the crotch strap and sprayhood are not yet industry standard and not present even on the more comprehensive models. If not present, both items must be purchased separately and fitted retrospectively to lifejackets. It is also important to carry spare inflation cartridges and re-arming kits for the model(s) of lifejacket you carry onboard.

EPIRB

Developments in 406 MHz Personal Locating Beacons (PLBs) mean they are almost as sophisticated as EPIRBs, but do not meet the WCC safety requirements alone. An EPIRB must be a floating water/manually activated SOLAS approved satellite EPIRB, with a 48 hour battery life, transmitting on 406MHz, and with a 121.5MHz transmitter for local homing, correctly registered with the appropriate authority. PLB's are unacceptable as main EPIRBs, but you may wish to consider them as additional to the basic requirements.

SSB Radio and AIS Transceiver

Should be fitted to each yacht and crew members should be competent with their use.

Again, please take the time now to check through your equipment to avoid last minute hassle and expense in Saint Lucia or joining ports.

Passports

During the rally crews will visit numerous countries which will result in lots of immigration stamps in passports. Participants are advised to ensure their passports are valid for at least six months after the finish of the Rally (i.e. October 2017) and that they have sufficient room for immigration stamps. When adding names to your online crew list, please ensure that the name is the same as is shown on each crew's passport.

Passport Copies

To help us manage the rally and to facilitate clearances we require copies of crew passports in advance. These should be electronic colour scans of the details pages showing passport number, expiry date and place of issue, holder's photograph. Black and white copies or faxes are not acceptable. Please send to mail@worldcruising.com and include your boat name.

It is a good idea to keep copies of your passport and other important documents in case of theft or loss. Photocopies and scans on a memory stick are ideal.

Boat Registration Documents

World Cruising Club will require copies of boat registration documents to make applications for clearances, through our yacht agents, in advance. Documents will differ according to national flag, but in general, we require an electronic scan of your registration document showing boat particulars, serial number, gross registered tonnage and date of registration. Copies should be sent to mail@worldcruising.com. Where a document is reissued annually, please supply copies of replacement documents as they are issued, during the Rally.

Personal Preparation

Experience from previous World ARC participants suggests that its worth spending some time now making some plans for how you are going to manage finances and personal affairs whilst you are away. Here are a few points we suggest you consider now to make your life easier whilst you are away:

Records

Decide what's best for you but you'll need some way of recording



usernames, passwords and policy numbers. It's probably best that this are not only stored electronically as computers and devices can fail. Consider using free online storage such as dropbox.com

Property

If you're leaving property behind, think who will manage it and if you're still involved what you can do if you have an emergency.

Mail/ Post

Try to go 'paperless' as far as possible so that copies of correspondence, bills and documents can be viewed online. Try to organise someone to receive and sift your mail and then to scan and email you the important items

Money and Currency

Online banking is essential. You need to be able to view your statements to monitor your spending (and savings!).

Having accounts in more than one currency (USD/Euro/GBP) may help.

Have more than one card for the same account or multiple accounts - if a card is lost or stolen it may be a considerable amount of time before a replacement can be sent out.

Always have a cash reserve onboard, either in USD/Euro/GBP but keep it secure and stored in small amounts if you don't have a safe.

Some banks will impose restrictions on transaction in countries if you don't inform them you are visiting there – provide you bank manager with the World ARC itinerary.

Action Points

Some reminders:

- Check your safety equipment
- Please let us know if you don't want to sail in the Cruising Division - see Newsletter 3 for details.
- **30 September:** send copies of passport and ship's papers
- **30 September:** deadline for boat data completion on WCC Members area
- **01 December:** deadline for remainder of boat fee and crew fees to be paid



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Tell Us About Yourself

In order for participants to get to know each other before the rally starts, we thought it would be nice to circulate some information about all of the boats and crews. We will make a special 'magazine' to go in the next World ARC Newsletter which will be sent to everyone in August.

But, we need to know about you! We are inviting you all to complete an online survey to tell us a little about yourself, your boat, your crew and your dreams. The more information you can give us, the more the other crews will feel like friends when you meet for the first time. We would also like some photos too. These can be emailed to us once the survey is completed to sarahcollins@worldcruising.com



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