

2019 SAILING SCHEDULE

# PLEIADES SAILING

ADVENTURE SAILING, OFFSHORE CREW EXPERIENCES & PRIVATE COACHING SERVICES



## PLEIADES

*Recently launched Seawind 1260 Bluewater sailing catamaran, selected as the Cruising World Magazine 2019 Boat of the year 'Best cruising catamaran under 50 feet'.*

ROUTE MAP

## LEG ONE

### TASMAN SEA OCEAN PASSAGE





**SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**  
to  
**OPUA, NEW ZEALAND**

**Distance**  
1,200 nautical miles  
**Time:**

14 Days (6-9 days Ocean Crossing)

**Date:**  
20<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Options:**  
 Single (double cabin)  
 Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

These crew spots would suit someone who would like to gain an experience in ocean crossings with the possibility of some heavy weather with a supportive coaching environment, gaining navigation and seamanship skills.

#### EXPERIENCE

Orientation onboard and predeparture passage planning in the beautiful City of Sydney, we will make a Trans-Tasman Crossing to New Zealand where we can expect variable and perhaps challenging conditions before arrival in Opuia. Sailing into the stunning and tranquil Bay of Islands after a lively ocean crossing.

## LEG TWO

### PACIFIC CIRCUIT RALLY OCEAN PASSAGE





**OPUA, NEW ZEALAND**  
to  
**NUKU'ALOFA, TONGA**

**Distance**  
1,000 nautical miles  
**Time:**

14 Days (6-9 days Ocean Crossing)

**Date:**  
18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Options:**  
 Single (double cabin)  
 Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

You will experience the wonder of sailing on the ocean in various trade wind conditions as well as learning about living onboard and coaching on the technical side of sailing and seamanship.

#### EXPERIENCE

Joining the Pacific Circuit Rally, we will sail from Opuia, to Nuku'Alofa amongst a fleet of forty other cruising yachts to the beautiful 'friendly islands' Kingdom of Tonga. Time allows for pre-passage planning and orientation in Opuia before the voyage into the tropical regions with destination Nukualofa. A serious Bluewater passage.

## LEG THREE

### ISLAND CRUISING TONGA GROUP





**NUKU'ALOFA**  
to  
**HA'APAI GROUP**  
&  
**VAVAU**

**Distance**  
250 nautical miles (varies)  
**Time:**

10 Days (longer by arrangement)

**Date:**  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Options:**  
 Single (double cabin)  
 Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

This opportunity is for people who would like to relax and enjoy the casual lifestyle of cruising and living onboard in a tropical setting. A great cruise for couples or singles. Exclusive options available.

#### EXPERIENCE

There will be day sailing, snorkelling and swimming, afternoon naps, sourcing local produce and cooking onboard, navigating between islands, possible overnight sailing and anchoring off white sand beaches amongst the beautiful islands of Tonga access to local village life and cultural experience. Meeting up with other cruising boats from the rally along the way.

## LEG FOUR

### OCEAN PASSAGE ISLAND CRUISING





**NEIAFU, TONGA**  
to  
**VANUA BALAVU**  
&  
**SAVUSAVU, FIJI**

**Distance**  
450 nautical miles  
**Time:**

10 Days

**Date:**  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Options:**  
 Single (double cabin)  
 Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

Option here is for slower pace cruising, including a short ocean passage, daysailing between islands and various anchorages. Time for snorkelling and relaxed pace in these remote and pristine areas.

#### EXPERIENCE

Short offshore trade wind passage – Neiafu, Tonga to Vanua Balavu, Fiji (300nms) cruising the local area and some of the eastern group before sailing onto SavuSavu, Vanua Levu. Gain valuable experience overnight sailing and piloting among reefs and coral, anchoring, and all facets of living aboard and safe cruising

All private cabins - Food and provisions included

Exclusions are own travel to and from the boat, accommodation and meals ashore, customs and or visa fees, health insurance, personal and wet weather gear  
Note: Departure dates are dependent on weather and may vary to suit conditions

## LEG FIVE



### ISLAND CRUISING FIJI



**SAVUSAVU**  
to  
**PORT DENARAU (NADI)**

**Distance**  
200 nautical miles  
**Time:**  
7 Days (+)

**Date:**  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 +  
**Options:**

-  Single (double cabin)
-  Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

Island cruising from Savusavu, Vanua Levu to Port Denarau (Nadi) Viti Levu (160 nm's) daysailing between several anchorages.

#### EXPERIENCE

Good opportunity to experience reef piloting along with sail and boat handling skills and anchoring and options to visit local resorts and dive activities along the way

## LEG SIX


### ISLAND CRUISING FIJI



**DENARAU, FIJI**  
&  
**LOCAL ISLAND GROUP**

**Distance**  
not far  
**Time:**  
7 Days (+) optional

**Date:**  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019  
**Options:**

-  Single (double cabin)
-  Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

Relaxed daysailing in the sheltered leeward side of the Fiji Group. A loose schedule with time to relax and explore whilst developing piloting and coastal navigation skills in reef waters, sail and boat handling skills and enjoy snorkelling or diving, (and surfing)

#### EXPERIENCE

Island cruising from Denarau and local island group including Musket Cove, Cloud Break and Yasawas Group

## LEG SEVEN

### OCEAN PASSAGE PACIFIC TRADE WINDS



**DENARAU, FIJI**  
to  
**NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA**

**Distance**  
700 nautical miles  
**Time:**  
10 Days

**Date:**  
11<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
**Options:**

-  Single (double cabin)
-  Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

A serious trade wind passage of 700nm's sailing the regions of Vanuatu (potential stop) and French loyalties, before a reef passage into Grand Terre and destination Port Mossel, Noumea.

#### EXPERIENCE

This will be an exciting passage with the possibility of fresh and sometimes variable trades with a unique and rugged tropical destination and sheltered lagoon to cap the trip off

## LEG EIGHT

### OCEAN PASSAGE CORAL & TASMAN SEAS



**NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA**  
to  
**GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA**

**Distance**  
810 nautical miles  
**Time:**  
10 Days

**Date:**  
27<sup>th</sup> August 2019  
**Options:**

-  Single (double cabin)
-  Twin share (queen cabin)

#### JOURNEY

Perhaps a tougher passage than some, though still within the tropics, strategy and timing are key ingredients and a great opportunity to add miles and live aboard experience. Enjoy the satisfaction that comes making a successful crossing to Australia

#### EXPERIENCE

You often hear it said that in a west about Pacific crossing the last 1000 miles are the hardest. This trip is often challenging as we transition into new sometimes variable weather regions to the west.

All private cabins - Food and provisions included

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*Alan & Cindy Nebauer experienced offshore sailors with many world-wide voyages undertaken together and with their family, over 30 years. Alan circumnavigated the world alone in the BOC Challenge Single-handed Yacht Race and is passionate about offshore cruising and voyaging.*



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