



3rd Annual
VAVA'U
BLUE WATER FESTIVAL

Oct 1st to the 8th 2016

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Representing the heart and soul of Tonga, the Vava'u Blue Water Festival is celebrated in October.

Want to stay in one of the safest cyclone harbours of the Pacific for the summer? the event is managed by the Vava'u Tourist Association, we have all the information, leave your boat here for upto 12 months... Haul out or moor your yachts...

We also have our Platinum Sponsors (Port Opuua and Whangarei Marine Group) who want to encourage cruisers to "hang a left" and go down to God zone (New Zealand) for the summer, and then come back through Tonga next year! NZ Biosecurity/Quarantine officers are available for queries and assistance. Passage planning, weather information, NZ tourism and the kiwi lifestyle will all be discussed. The 7th Whangarei Vava'u Challenge Race a marina party are among the activities planned for all to enjoy. (See detailed schedule)

Registration fees are \$50 TOP per adult and \$25 TOP per child (ages 12-16), and no charge for children under 12.

Registration pack: 3 tickets for the Marina party (per boat), 1 x Prize Dinner Voucher, NZ Border information pack, Whangarei and Port Opuua Information,

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Date	Morning Activity	Day Activity	Evening Activity
<i>Saturday October 1</i>	Registration 9am to 5pm at Café Tropicana . Come get your tickets for the week's events and tell us your questions about sailing to NZ.		Official welcome 6pm Small Boat Marina on the waterfront. Official welcome speaker as well as information on Crown of Thorns and the local Sailing Waka society, Local dance group and DJ. Food from restaurant vendors, kids games Tickets
<i>Sunday October 2</i>	Festival Free Sunday ideas; Cruise some of the 55 Islands in the group, Walk / cycle up Mt Talau National Park, spectacular views, 10.00 Visit a Church – dress respectfully, 1pm Tongan Feast at Eneio Beach		Warning for friendly pirate boardings of Kiwis armed with swords and information checking you are signed up for the regatta.
<i>Monday October 3</i>	Hot Breakfast hosted by Port Opua 9am at Mango Cafe Information on Port Opua and NZ Passage planning by ICA Director John Martin. Ticket \$5	Vava'u Environmental Protection Assocn 1pm to 3pm Crown of thorns survey and collection. Any divers, snorkelers who can assist with an area re-survey and collect crown of thorns to be re-used as fertilizer. Free VEPA shirt for the most collected!	Passage planning session by John Martin from NZ ICA 5pm at Aquarium Opua, Whangarei and NZ Biosecurity crew present to talk with too.
<i>Tuesday October 4</i>	Hosea School visit. 11am meet at Café Tropicana for a short walk there. Enthusiastic entertainment by the students, followed by lunch provided by the parents. (Bring some small cash notes for the dancers.) NOT to be missed event.		Whangarei Pizza night Information on Whangarei and NZ Quarantine. 6pm at Aquarium Café . Your ticket , which is a \$5 donation towards the Hosea School, will be exchanged for a drink and Pizzas galore.
<i>Wednesday October 5</i>	The Whangarei Vava'u Challenge Harbour to Euaiiki Island and back to the harbor. 8.30am Skippers meeting at Aquarium Cafe 9.30am Friendly "Race" Start Monohull/Multihull/Powered		Small Boat Marina Stage party 6pm to 9:30pm Small boat Marina DJ dance party for the whole family. Various restaurants doing food on site \$10 TOP entry for non sailors 10pm Faka Leite show Bounty bar
<i>Thursday October 6</i>	The BoatYard Sausage Sizzle 11am. Enjoy a snag and some freebies at Vava'u's only full service hardstand haul out yard. Hear what's going on at this new cyclone storage facility, all the service providers will be present from painting, electrical, fibre glass, welding, refrigeration to engineering and rigging. Dinghy ride to Vaipua bridge 5 to 15 minutes.		Regatta free evening 7:30pm Pub Quiz Bounty Bar
<i>Friday October 7</i>	Treasures of Bilge; Swap meet 9.30am Aquarium car park/under the deck		Opua Fancy Dress (Costume) Pubcrawl 5-6pm Aquarium 6-7pm Basque 7-8pm Rooster Bistro 8 on Bounty Bar Prizes for best/worst dressed. \$300 free drink tickets given away on the night. Leave your dinghies at Sea adventures dock next to Aquarium
<i>Saturday October 8</i>	10am Café Tropicana need more Passage Planning or weather predictions? Catch John Martin before he loses his voice completely for passage planning help		Sail week's Prizegiving /charity auction/Buffer dinner 7pm Not there, no prize Aquarium Café Dinner included in your registration fee. Also, a charity auction for the Vava'u Youth Sailing School. Tickets

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Saturday 31 October	8th Annual Fancy Dress Halloween party at <u>Aquarium Café</u> \$500 first prize! Or farewell party if your sadly leaving paradise
Monday 2 November (or another date as deemed appropriate)	All Points rally to NZ Free registration, prizes and welcome parties http://www.bayofislandsmarina.co.nz/all-points-rally/

4th Annual VAVA'U BLUE WATER FESTIVAL Sept 30th to Oct 7th 2017.

ICA Pacific Circuit Rally Opuā to Ha'apai/Vava'u, May 1 2017

Tropical Tease is the authorized t-shirt/cooler retailer for the event.

Get your team's/yacht name on the official T-shirt, with prices ranging from \$35 -\$55.

About our Charities

Vava'u Blue Water School: Formed in 2014, our aims are to teach the people of Vava'u, from 5 years upwards, to swim, respect the sea & the environment, build & maintain sailing dinghies, sail as well as paddling outriggers for match and club competitions. We also wish to provide the basic skills needed to learn a marine trade, and to provide the hull mould for a safe, economical transport for outer island villagers. Assistance from Port Opuā, Whangarei Marine Group, Matson Shipping and many others!

Hosea Preschool: This local pre-school was adopted by Whangarei Marina and cruisers in 2009, and since then they have provided fencing, English textbooks and a trampoline. Future projects are in development!

We would like to express sincere appreciation to the following sponsors for their generosity:
Port Opuā , Whangarei Marine Group

- Web-hosting and design for Vava'u Sailing School and Blue Water Festival donated by Tongamazing.com website
- First prize for Pub Crawl best dressed of water blast, seven days on hard, and launch provided by Port Opuā
- First prize for Pub Crawl worst dressed of \$500 voucher towards any 2016 ICA Rally
- Fancy dress prizes of 100 drinks paid for by Port Opuā
- Prize donation of one week's berth age at Whangarei Marina
- Prize donation of nine days' berth age at Marsden Cove Marina
- Prize donation of haul-out and rig check at Norsand Boat Yard
- Prize donation of haul out and two days hard at The Boatyard Vava'u
- Prize donation of \$250 voucher from Riverside Drive Marina
- Prize donation of \$250 voucher for haul-out and hardstand at Dockland 5
- Prize donation of two festival t-shirts with your name on them from Tropical Tease, \$110 value
- Prize donation of one Taste of Tonga vanilla tour
- Prize donation of one load of laundry at Coconet, \$23 value
- Prize donation of three days mooring from Beluga Diving, \$45 value
- Prize donation of one snorkel trip from Hakau Adventures, \$200 value
- Assistance with shipping dinghies from New Zealand provided by Matson Shipping
- Storage of Vava'u Blue Water School dinghies and outriggers supplied by Ministry Infrastructure

Please also support our fantastic Non-profit organizations:

VEPA The only NGO in Tonga that is focused on the environment, specifically in Vava'u. Their projects include turtle monitoring, mangrove development, clean-up efforts, and education in both the schools and villages. They also foster cooperative efforts with the Tongan government and various aid organisations. Contact them at www.vavauenvironment.org/ info@vavauenvironment.org /phone +676 8441747 or +676 7517752 /or find them on Facebook.