

## CHARTER



*A magical atmosphere; welcome to New Zealand!*

*Aboard this Leopard 46, you will enjoy the delightful and often deserted anchorages in the Bay of Islands.*

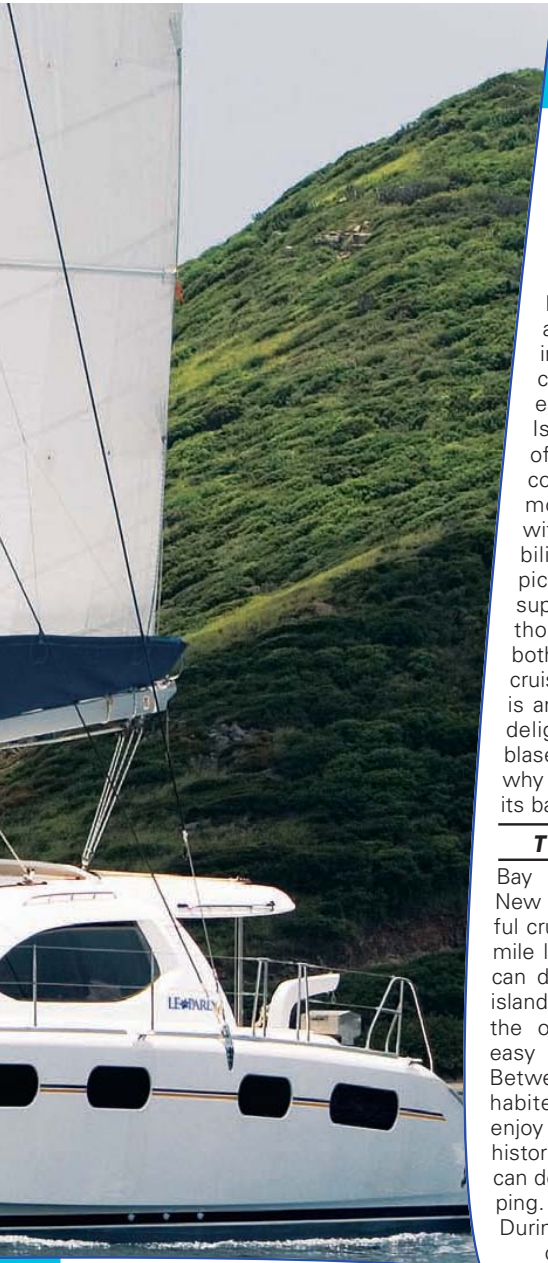


# New Zealand, a sailor's dream...

Cruising in New Zealand means being lucky enough to discover a country of sailors who are passionate about multihulls, as well as, and above all, some incredibly preserved, imposing scenery... A must!



*A jagged coastline, a symphony of colours and anchorages galore: this is the Bay of Islands!*



volcanoes, national parks, tropical forests and beaches are mixed together in perfect harmony, as is the case here. Although all New Zealanders (or almost) sail, the most interesting place for a charter cruise is on the east coast of the North Island. Bay of Islands offers a 75 kilometre coastline, sheltered by more than 80 islands, with innumerable possibilities for anchorages, picturesque towns and superb bays. There are a thousand things to do, both ashore and afloat. A cruise in the Bay of Islands is an adventure which will delight even the most blasé crew... And this is why Moorings has set up its base here!

#### **TYPICAL ITINERARY**

Bay of Islands is one of New Zealand's most beautiful cruising areas, with a 50 mile long area in which you can discover a string of 80 islands, well sheltered from the ocean swell and with easy and enjoyable sailing. Between these mostly uninhabited islands, you will enjoy discovering charming historic villages where you can devote yourself to shopping.

During your cruise, you will certainly be lucky enough to see dolphins, blue penguins,

north island robins, jobfish, kingfishers and many other marine and land based species which will captivate both young and old aboard your catamaran...

Here is the itinerary recommended by Moorings, leaving from its Bay of Islands base.

#### **Day 1: Opuā to Russell - 4 nautical miles.**

Start your Bay of Islands itinerary with a short sail to Russell, originally a Maori village, where the Europeans settled for the first time in New Zealand. The historic town is full of shops and restaurants. Note that three different paths lead to historic sites, for some fascinating walks.

#### **Day 2: Russell to Moturua Island - 5 nautical miles.**

Allow almost a full day for the second stage of your cruise in the Bay of Islands, which takes take you to Roberton Island (Motuarohia Island). The British explorer, James Cook, landed here in 1769, during his first voyage in the South Pacific. It is a small island, about one kilometre long, and is part of the marine reserve. Two lagoons separate the land into three

parts. In the lagoons, you will find an underwater trail intended for free divers, and ashore, a beach of white sand, as well as a path leading to a superb panorama of the bay. After the pleasures of Roberton Island, it is time to weigh anchor and set a course for the picturesque Moturua Island (which is also part of the marine reserve) to spend the night. Waipo Bay is a superb place where you can gather fresh mussels for a fabulous feast!

#### **Day 3: Moturua Island to Whangaroa Harbour - 35 nautical miles.**

Get up early to enjoy a nice day's sailing. On the way, you can stop on the superb Cavalli Island. You can swim, dive or explore the surrounding area on foot. Then head for Whangaroa Harbour.

#### **Day 4: Whangaroa Harbour - Relaxation day - 0 nautical miles.**

Whangaroa Harbour is a huge, well-protected haven, with numerous creeks and bays nestling in amongst majestic headlands. In this isolated wildly beautiful paradise, the scenery has remained intact for centuries. Many fascinating places await a stone's throw away, including Rere Bay, with its waterfalls and footpaths.

#### **Day 5: Whangaroa Harbour to the Cavalli Islands - 35 nautical miles.**

Heading south, you will reach the Cavalli Islands, where you will find some wonderful

#### **LOGBOOK**

If you have seen the 'Lord of the Rings' trilogy, you already know to what point New Zealand offers sublime scenery. These three films were actually shot in Peter Blake's country, allowing the islands' unparalleled beauty to be promoted: mountain ranges, active volcanoes, wide expanses of beaches, deep fjords and lush forests.

The country is divided into two islands, one in the south, with a temperate climate and the other to the north, with a subtropical climate. The islands have preserved an incredibly rich and varied flora and fauna. There are not many countries where lakes, geysers, glaciers,

*The Bay of Islands, where your cruise in New Zealand takes place: incredible beauty!*



Beware: kiwi!!!



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*Tropical luxuriance and mountain lake atmosphere: you are in New Zealand.*



*Moorings is offering 4300s and 4600s, to discover and enjoy New Zealand.*



*These dolphins will be your travelling companions during your passages...*

anchorage which deserve to be visited in good weather. Horseshoe Bay, situated on the east coast of Big Cavalli is quite busy, as are the footpaths which circle the island and offer an amazing view of the waters bordering the island. This

area, and more especially Nukutaunga Island, is ideal for free diving.

**Day 6: Cavalli Islands to Waewaetorea Island - 20 nautical miles.**

After a short passage, your cruise in the Bay of Islands takes you to the pretty Waewaetorea Island and its many protected beaches, ideal for swimming. Ashore, you will find the ruins of an old Maori village.

**Day 7: Waewaetorea Island to Whangamumu Harbour - 11 nautical miles.**

Between the historic Cape Brett lighthouse and the steep Percy Island, well known for its Hole in the Rock and Cathedral cave sites, you will spend an unforgettable day. The scenery is breathtaking; you will perhaps see dolphins and little penguins. This place is ideal for fishing. A bit further on, you will find Whangamumu Harbour, a former whale fishing harbour,

stuck between the two continents. Taking the dinghy and going ashore to explore the surroundings is a very nice way of spending the afternoon. You will find footpaths leading to the neighbouring waterfalls and a panoramic view.

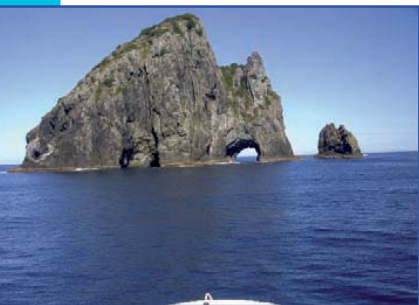
**Day 8: Whangamumu Harbour to Oke Bay - 12 nautical miles.**

By sailing quickly north around Cape Brett, you will find Oke Bay. You will perhaps be accompanied by dolphins, which add to the wild atmosphere of this

coastline, bordered by rectilinear cliffs. On the way, remember to stop at Deep Water Cove for lunch and to admire its artificial reef. Well-protected at the foot of the west side of the headland, Oke Bay is an extraordinary diving spot. Collecting a few fresh mussels for dinner is one of the pleasures the bay offers...

**Day 9: Oke Bay to Otehei Bay - 4 nautical miles.**

Leave Oke Bay and head for the beautiful Otehei Bay, to the



*The famous 'hole', symbol of the Bay of Islands...*



*Nature is particularly preserved: you must get off the beaten tracks and away from the sea shore...*

Before or after your cruise, a stop in Auckland is essential!



south-west of Bakers Island, famous for the Zane Grey Resort, a tourist complex where you can take advantage of the restaurant, the bar or the beaches, go diving or kayaking, or take one of the many footpaths leading to the archaeological sites...

**Day 10: Otehei Bay to Assassination Cove - 5 nautical miles.**

Head for Assassination Cove, where you will find a multitude of pretty, protected bays. Nestling behind the long peninsula of the east coast is Te Hue Bay, more commonly called Assassination Cove. The bay is one of the best protected in the region.

**Final morning: From Assassination Cove to Opuia - 9 miles.**

Even if the idea of returning to life ashore does not fill you with joy (you can always come back to the Bay of Islands!), the final stage of your cruise is a short passage to return to the Moorings base at Opuia. It's finished already!!!



*New Zealand is not just a welcoming land; the seabed also offers enough to make your mouth water...*



*The sheep, symbol of the country, is present everywhere.*

**PRACTICAL NEW ZEALAND**

**Getting there:** Auckland is easily accessible from the world's main capitals. From Europe however, allow over 24 hours travelling time...

Then, from Auckland International Airport to the Bay of Islands, you have the choice of a three and a half hour car journey or a 1-hour internal flight.

**Weather:** The warm tropical waters of the South Pacific flow west along the Equator. When the current turns southwards, it produces a semi-tropical oceanic climate, which the Bay of Islands enjoys. The temperate environment stops the summer becoming too hot (from November to April – the seasons are reversed in the southern hemisphere). Spring and autumn are mild and the bay region is renowned for being 'winter-free'.

The North Island's average temperature varies from 23°C in the summer to 8°C in the winter. One of the special features of the New Zealand climate is its extreme changeableness, in both summer and winter: sun and rain succeed one another often in the space of a few hours. Take a bit of everything in your bag, from a warm waterproof to a bathing costume...

**Formalities:** Passport currently valid, and valid for three months after your departure. No visa necessary for citizens of more than 50 countries...

**Money:** New Zealand Dollar. All major credit cards are accepted.  
1 euro = 2.10 NZ Dollars - 1 £ = 2.45 NZ Dollars - 1 US\$ = 1.49 NZ Dollars

**Local charter companies:** Moorings is offering Moorings 4300 and 4600 catamarans, leaving from the Bay of Islands base.

**NEWS FROM THE CHARTER COMPANIES**

**ERRATUM CUBA**

In our latest issue, we presented Cuba as a destination - an enchanting island if ever there was one. To be more exact, we ought to make it clear that the base was created by GPS Yachts SRL, and not by Sud Horizon which is the sales representative. We had to render to Paolo what was Paolo's! Done! **Information:** [www.gpsyachts.com](http://www.gpsyachts.com)



**NAUTITECH 442 FOR CHARTER...LONG TERM!**

Punch Croisière continues and signs! After a Nautitech 40 and a Lagoon 400, the charter company is now offering a brand new Nautitech 442 in its private owner's version, with all the ad hoc equipment for big (and long) completely independent trips. In other words, for long-term charter. So, if you fancy taking your family cruising in the West Indies for several months, don't hesitate: [www.punch-croisières.com](http://www.punch-croisières.com)

**EDEL 33 FOR CHARTER**

Those of you who like sailing fast on small, light, fun catamarans will be in seventh heaven: from this spring, Tendance Voile will be offering an Edel 33 for charter, in its new Cruiser version. On the programme, the Golfe de St. Tropez, the Calanques de Marseille, and why not a quick return trip to Corsica? Note that the company, which likes fast, beautiful boats above all, is also offering an Absolu 50. Enough to have fun with this summer!!! **Information:** [www.tendance-voile.com](http://www.tendance-voile.com)

**LAGOON 450 IN THE WEST INDIES**

Coraïl Caraïbes has just received two Lagoon 450s, which will be operated directly from the company's bases in Martinique and Guadeloupe. These two 450s are of course very well-equipped (generator – 180 l/h watermaker – ice making machine, etc...), and are available with or without a skipper... But that's not all: Coraïl Caraïbes has also just received a Nautitech 411 in its 4-cabin version. **For more information:** [www.coraïl-caraïbes.com](http://www.coraïl-caraïbes.com)

**IN THE WEST INDIES ABOARD A MOTOR CATAMARAN**

Yacht Evasion Caraïbe is offering a Cumberland 44 catamaran from Fontaine Pajot for charter with a skipper, to discover the Guadeloupe archipelago and all the fabulous West Indian islands... And to make things even better, the company is offering all Multihulls World readers a champagne meal for every week-long booking. Enough to spend the holiday of your dreams! **Information:** [www.yacht-evasion-caraïbes.com](http://www.yacht-evasion-caraïbes.com)

**ERRATUM GUADELOUPE**

In our October 'special charter edition', we announced that Moorings, the charter company, was present in Guadeloupe. This is not the case! On the other hand, the company is well and truly present in French Polynesia... To be certain of making no further errors, the journalist who wrote that article has been condemned to making a tour of the famous charter company's bases...and there are 26 of them in the world! **Information:** [www.moorings.fr](http://www.moorings.fr)

**DREAM YACHT OFFERS GREECE**

Not content with offering bases all over the world (from the Seychelles to the Caribbean, via Asia, and the Pacific and Indian oceans), Dream Yacht Charter is of course also present in the Mediterranean. But the number of bases and the offer in Greece and Turkey must clearly have increased, with the buy-out of Vernicos Yachts... From the Dodecanese to the Cyclades, via the Sporades or the Ionian Islands, Dream Yacht is now offering a service, a fleet and bases which will satisfy all enthusiasts... **Discover them on:** [www.dreamyachtcharter.com](http://www.dreamyachtcharter.com)