



Welcome to the World ARC 2027-28 Handbook

Your adventure starts here!

Sailing round the world is a true adventure and a tremendous achievement.

Thank you for choosing to join us on World ARC 2027-28, which will be the 16th edition of this rally. The experience and contacts we have developed since 2008 will guide your preparations and support and enhance your adventure.

You'll be following in the wake of many boats and sailors of all ages and nationalities, but your round-the-world adventure will be unique. You will return with an abundance of happy memories of exciting places, new countries, firm friendships and many thousands of miles safely sailed.

This Rally Handbook is designed to support your preparations in the months before the Rally, and to answer some of your questions about what happens in port and during the passages. There is a wealth of information in these pages, drawn from the World Cruising Club team, from marine industry experts and from previous rally participants. A pdf copy of the handbook is available for download from the Members Area of the website. Please read, share, and discuss with your crew.

We provide printed copies of the local information to each skipper in advance of the start of the Rally, to keep it onboard as a reference. Even in this time of Starlink and Google, paper and validated contacts have value, especially in more remote parts of the world. Previous Rally skippers all recommend keeping the printed handbook at the chart table, available when needed or to browse at leisure.

Every month before the Rally all registered crew members will receive a Rally Update email, with useful information, important dates and links to actions. Please don't forget that the World Cruising Club team are available to answer your questions about any aspect of the rally - we're only an email or phone call away.

I have been fortunate to lead several World ARC rallies and to sail with the fleet on various legs, and I have remained in touch with many participants. I can promise you that you are embarking on a real adventure of a lifetime.

Congratulations, and happy adventuring!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul".

Paul Tetlow
Managing Director
World Cruising Club



WORLD ARC 2027-28 RALLY HANDBOOK

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Local information for the rally route will be provided as a printed document to add to this handbook in the rally start port, and will be available online as a PDF in the Members Area of the website.



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About World Cruising Club

The World Cruising Club has been organising rallies since 1986. Since then, more than 7,000 boats from scores of countries have taken part in our events, looked after by our dedicated teams in every port en route. Our rally organisation ensures that participants are prepared for the voyage and supported on their adventure.



The 2026-27 World ARC Team wave goodbye to the fleet in Saint Lucia

Meet the Team

The World Cruising Club team are here to help make your participation in the rally as enjoyable as possible. All of our staff are keen sailors with a wide range of experience in cruising and racing offshore.

Before the Rally you can email or telephone us in the office during working hours - we're happy to answer any questions about preparations and what to expect of the rally.

During the Rally, all of the staff will wear yellow World Cruising Club polo shirts. Our 'yellow shirts' will be on hand to help every day, from taking your lines to ensuring the social activities go with a swing.

Leading the team...



Paul Tetlow: Managing Director

Paul joined World Cruising Club in 2008 as an Event Manager, following an eight-year stint in the British Army. He learnt to sail as a child

and was fortunate to gain sea miles and yachting qualifications whilst serving in the military. Now, he has overall responsibility for the planning and logistics of our events, and relations with our sponsors and corporate members.



Suzana Tetlow: Operations Director

Suzana has worked with World Cruising Club for more than a decade and has a lifetime of experience in the event and travel industry. She is fluent in Portuguese, English, German, Spanish and Italian and through her role has travelled to almost every location where World Cruising Club operates, including on the World ARC route.

At our HQ in Cowes...



Martine Waitt: Event Administrator

Martine has administered the entries for World Cruising Club events for over a decade and, using her wealth of knowledge is one of the first points of contact to assist skippers and owners. She answers any questions they have about their entry or the places they are planning to visit.



Emma Dymock: Event Administrator

Emma has completed two ARCs and another five Atlantic crossings. Emma supports our participants with their entries and pre-rally preparations and ensures that handbooks and branded clothing all get to you.



Claire Taylor: Marketing & Communications

Claire leads creative marketing and brand communications. She manages social media and digital storytelling, while overseeing photography and video for marketing, press, and participants. Claire also manages the websites, and organises and delivers our shoreside events. Claire has sailed halfway around the world with her family, and took part in ARC 2019.



Peter Gilmore: Marketing & Communications

Peter works closely with external media outlets and participants to publicise World Cruising Club events, as well as filming content at the start and finish of our rallies. He has cruised and raced all over the world, including two Atlantic crossings.

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How to Use the Handbook

The Rally Handbook is the starting point for preparing for and participating in the rally. It is intended to be useful both before and during the rally, so ensure you bring the handbook onboard with you.

The handbook is available in print and as a PDF, downloadable from the members area on worldcruising.com.

The handbook is not intended to supplement normal cruising reference books and does not replace those that should be onboard including pilots, almanacs and list of radio signals.

01. Introduction

Includes details of the rally schedule and background on World Cruising Club.

02. Preparations

This section covers the preparations for both boat and crew. It is packed with advice, tips and information on everything from essential safety equipment to guidance on selecting crew.

03. Local Information

This contains detailed information on each destination, from clearing Customs to finding a restaurant or sail maker.

04. Rally at Sea

Includes rally communications at sea, key passage planning notes, essential weather forecast information and ways to receive weather information. In addition, there is information on the fun competition.



The team for World ARC 2026-27 in Saint Lucia

Rally Support

World Cruising Club staff will be on hand in each port to welcome you, support with docking and clearance; to help with local knowledge and contacts; and generally ensure you have a great time. Our rally team includes experienced sailors who understand how to help you make the most of your adventure. The same team will be available in each port, so you will be able to get to know them.

Rally Office

There will be a rally office in each port. This will be the rally 'headquarters' for the duration of the stay in port. Come to the rally office if you have any questions, or ask any 'yellow shirts'.

Safety Inspections

All boats must pass the safety inspection prior to initial departure to be able to take part in the rally. Full details of the equipment required are covered in the 'Preparations' section.

Skippers' Briefing

Before each departure we will hold a Skippers' Briefing, which is compulsory for all skippers to attend.

Rally Control at Sea

Support from the World Cruising Club continues at sea, the Rally at Sea section in this handbook outlines how to contact the team.



Get featured!

Everyone has a story to tell and we often get requests from the press for stories and images from our boats and crews. If you have a story to share, please email us at media@worldcruising.com - you never know you might find yourself featured in a popular yachting magazine!

Share your photos

We'll be setting up a dedicated link where you can upload high-resolution photos for us to share with the press and use in our marketing. If you'd like your images to be featured, please upload them when the link is shared — and don't worry, we'll always credit you for any photos used!

Social media

We love following your adventure! When sharing your journey on social media, please tag us so we can see and share your posts. Your photos and updates not only inspire sailors thinking of taking part in future rallies but also keep family and friends back home connected to your incredible journey.

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ARC Atlantic Rally for Cruisers

World ARC

WorldCruisingUSA

Instagram

@arc_rally

@world_arc_rally

@worldcruisingusa

For Friends and Family Following the Boats Online

As part of the rally benefit, each boat on World ARC is given a YB satellite tracker which sends regular position, heading and speed reports, helping us to monitor progress and your family to follow your adventures. The YB trackers go live a couple of days before the start of the rally.

Use the Fleet Viewer on the rally website or download the free YB Races app from the app store to follow one boat or the whole fleet.

World Cruising Rallies

It's fun to start or end your World ARC adventure by joining one of the other World Cruising Club rallies, such as:



ARC

Since 1986 the ARC has been the must-do transatlantic rally. Attracting around 140 boats and over a thousand sailors from 40 nations,

the rally starts in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria and finishes in Rodney Bay, Saint Lucia.

ARC 2026 Start: 22 November.



ARC+

Like ARC, ARC+ starts in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in November each year, but runs first to Mindelo in Cape Verde, before crossing

the Atlantic to Port Louis in Grenada. The stop in Cape Verde provide more opportunity for exploring ashore, and to cement friendships with the other cruisers. Up to 90 boats take part.

ARC 2026 Start: 8 November.



ARC Europe

Ideal for returning to Europe at the end of the Caribbean sailing season, ARC Europe starts from Sint Maarten, first heading to Bermuda before

crossing to explore the Azores. From the Azores the fleet of 30 boats sail to Lagos in southern Portugal, or independently with support to Northern Europe.

ARC Europe 2028 Start: May.



ARC Baltic

ARC Baltic is a beautiful 1000 NM cruise across one month in the Baltic Sea. Participants will visit five countries, giving the opportunity to experience

the rich cultural history of the region. ARC Baltic combines a mix of coastal and offshore sailing.

ARC Baltic Start: July.

Full details of all our rallies can be found on our website: worldcruising.com/.

World ARC 2027-28 Key Dates

Date	Action
2026	
31 March	Last date for 50% of the boat entry fee to be paid (for all boats)
30 June	All boat information should be complete and documents including copies of the skippers' passport, boat registration, gross registered tonnage and insurance should be uploaded to the website Members Area
1 September	Whole rally and half rally to Australia: all entry fees and core crew fees to be paid (see worldcruising.com)
8 November	ARC+ starts in Las Palmas
22 November	ARC starts in Las Palmas
2027	
4 January	World ARC Office opens in Rodney Bay Marina, Saint Lucia
9 January	World ARC departs Saint Lucia to Panama
1 May	Half rally from Australia: all entry fees and core crew fees to be paid
29 August	Rally Office opens in Darwin, Australia and shoreside activities start
7 September	World ARC departs Darwin to Lombok
2028	
15 April	World ARC Parade of Sail in Saint Lucia
May	ARC Europe departs the Caribbean for Europe

Dates may be subject to change - updates will be advised in Rally Update emails.



World ARC Itinerary from Saint Lucia

The Rally is a blend of cruising in company and free time to explore. The pace of the Rally allows the fleet to stay together and to enjoy shore side activities as a group.

Routes are reviewed and may be updated periodically - if we make any changes you will be notified in the Rally Update emails and in the Members Area of the website.

Date	Description	Miles	Duration
2027			
9 January	Leg: Saint Lucia to Panama	1100NM	6-9 days
	Independent cruising San Blas to Colon	80NM	1 day
30 January - 5 February	Panama Canal transit		
	Independent cruising to Las Perlas, Panama	45NM	
9 February	Las Perlas rendezvous		
11 February	Leg: Panama to San Cristobal, Galapagos	850NM	5-7 days
	Independent cruising in Galapagos	(approx. 45NM)	
3 March	Leg: Santa Cruz to Hiva Oa, Marquesas	2980NM	15-24 days
	Independent cruising to Nuku Hiva		
31 March	Nuku Hiva rendezvous		
	Independent cruising Tuamotus, Society Islands	(approx. 1000NM)	
8 May	Bora Bora rendezvous		
11/14 May	Leg: Bora Bora to Niue Includes a 48-72 hour stop in Niue 18-23 May Leg: Niue to Vava'u, Tonga	1055NM+ 230NM	11-14 days with stops
Varies	Leg: Tonga to Fiji Clear into Fiji 9-15 June	(approx. 300NM)	
	Independent cruising in Fiji		
30 June	Fiji rendezvous		
3 July	Leg: Fiji to Tanna, Vanuatu	450NM	2-4 days
	Independent cruising in Vanuatu	(approx. 210NM)	
12 July	Port Vila, Vanuatu rendezvous		
15 July	Leg: Port Vila to Mackay, Australia	1025NM+125NM	6-8 days
	Independent cruising inside the Great Barrier Reef to Darwin	(approx. 1480)	
30 August - 2 September	Arrival in Darwin		

World ARC Itinerary from Australia

Date	Description	Miles	Duration
2027			
7 September	Leg: Darwin to Lombok	920NM	5-7 days
18/20 September	Lombok – Christmas Island – Cocos Keeling, IOT (24-48 hour stop in Christmas Island, 23 – 26 September)	625NM+ 525NM	
4 October	Leg: Cocos to Mauritius	2350NM	12-18 days
26 October	Leg: Mauritius to Reunion	130NM	1 day
3 November	Leg: Reunion to Richards Bay, South Africa	1370NM	8-11 days
	Cruise independently to Cape Town	(approx: 720NM)	
2028			
8 January	Leg: Cape Town to Walvis Bay, Namibia	715NM	4-6 days
16/18 January	Namibia – St Helena – Recife Multi-Stage (72 hour stop in St Helena, 24 - 28 Jan) Carnival 25 February – 1 March	1215NM + 1785NM	
	Independent cruising in Brazil		
2 March	Recife – Noronha – Grenada Multi-Stage (72 hour stop in Fernando de Noronha, 5-8 Mar)	300NM + 2000NM	
	Cruise Caribbean		
12 April	Rendezvous Marigot Bay (St Lucia)		
15 April	Saint Lucia Parade of Sail		



Country Comparisons

The stopover countries which World ARC visits vary in what they offer in terms of facilities, provisions, and the chance to get equipment repaired. There will be things which you need in a stopover and sometimes you will just have to accept what is on offer. However, it is possible to plan in advance and make the most of what is available - the diversity is part of the cruising adventure. The following comparisons should help with your planning and budgeting on World ARC.

Provisioning This information is designed to help you get a sense of what is available where and plan the best places to provision along the route.

Maintenance Sailing with World ARC provides several advantages for getting work done, either planned or not. The local information section of the Rally Handbook has a good listing of shore-based contractors in each port which offer professional advice and service. When contacting these contractors, it is best to do so by email and copy in the Rally Control team. They arrive in port before you and may get to meet the contractors face to face to discuss problems.

Make sure the contractor knows the date you intend to leave port and ensure that they are not planning to be working until the last minute. You'll need time to thoroughly test the work before leaving port. Get all quotations in writing, especially if there is a language barrier, and organise a reasonable payment plan in advance.

Berthing Costs These figures are based on our previous visits and are subject to change, but cost should still be comparable. Catamarans may be subject to surcharge.

- Saint Lucia:** Rodney Bay Marina from USD\$0.95 per ft per day
- Panama:** Shelter Bay Marina USD\$1.45 to \$2.03 per ft per day (mono-multihull) Higher rates for yachts over 60ft.
- Panama:** La Playita: USD\$2 per foot per day (+tax)
- Fiji:** Musket Cove Resort Marina from USD\$2.09 - \$3.70 per m per day (mono-multihull)
- Bora Bora:** Bora Bora Yacht Club morning buoys USD\$55 per night
- Niue:** 30NZ\$/night
- Vanuatu:** Yachting World Vanuatu docks in Port Vila from USD\$31 per vessel per day
- Australia:** Mackay USD\$50 per vessel per day / Darwin USD\$50 per vessel per day
- Lombok:** USD\$15 mooring per vessel per day
- Mauritius:** USD\$20 – USD\$25 per vessel per day
- Reunion:** USD\$30 per vessel per day
- South Africa:** Zululand Yacht Club (Richards Bay) USD\$5 per vessel per day
- South Africa:** Cape Town: USD\$30 per monohull per day.
- Namibia:** US\$12.50/\$25.00 monohull/multihull per day
- Recife:** From USD\$19 per day
- Grenada:** Port Louis Marina USD\$1.20 per ft per day.

In Bora Bora, Niue, Tonga and Christmas Island moorings are available and essential, or recommended, to use. The cost of these are around USD\$5-30 per vessel per night. In the San Blas & Las Perlas Islands, Galapagos Islands, Marquesas & Tuamotos archipelagos, Tanna (Vanuatu) and Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Saint Helena no yacht docks or moorings are available. In some places a small fee is charged for anchoring and/or local cruising permits.

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Included Nights 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 service charge fees. It does mean that the cost of 48 nights berthing, mooring and anchoring will be provided by World Cruising Club for whole rally participants. (Saint Lucia, Galapagos, Bora Bora, Niue, Fiji, Port Vila, Darwin, Lombok, Cocos, Mauritius, Reunion, Cape Town, Recife, Brazil, and Marigot Bay, Saint Lucia). Where possible the World Cruising Club will arrange special discounts for additional nights berthing.

Essentials: Water, Fuel & Power availability

Location	Potable Water	Fuel	Butane	Propane	Power
Rodney Bay	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	110/220v 50/60Hz
Shelter Bay Marina	Yes	Yes	Yes (3-4 days)	Yes (3-4 days)	110/220v 60Hz
La Playita	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	110/220v 60Hz
Las Perlas	No	Jerry	No	Yes (not refills)	No
Galapagos	Yes	Jerry/Barge	No	Yes	No
Hiva Oa	No	Jerry	No	No	50Hz/240v
Nuku Hiva	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Tahiti Island	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	220v 50Hz
Tahiti Outer Islands	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Society Islands: Bora Bora	Yes	Jerry	No	No	No
Niue	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Tonga	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fiji - Lau Group	No	No	No	No	No
Fiji - Savu Savu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	240v/415v
Fiji - Suva	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Fiji - Musket Cove	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Vanuatu - Tanna	No	No	No	No	No
Vanuatu - Port Vila	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	220 50Hz weak
Mackay	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (Aus)	220v 50Hz
Darwin	Yes	Yes	No	Yes (Aus)	220 50Hz
Lombok	No	Jerry	Yes	Yes	No
Christmas Island	No	Jerry	No	Yes (Aus)	No
Cocos (Keeling)	No	Jerry/Barge	No	Yes (Aus)	No
Mauritius	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	220 50Hz weak
Reunion	Yes	Yes	No	No	220 50Hz weak
Richard's Bay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	220 50Hz
Cape Town	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	220 50Hz
Namibia	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
St. Helena	Yes	Barge	Yes	Yes (SA)	No
Brazil: Recife	Yes	Truck	Yes	Yes	220V 60Hz
Grenada	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	110/220 50/60Hz
Marigot Bay	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	110/220 50/60Hz

Provisioning: Caribbean to Australia

Country	Rating	Comments
Saint Lucia	Good / Expensive	A number of large supermarkets to choose from. Many imported US products. Journey time to the largest supermarket is 5 minutes and buses and taxis are available.
Panama	Excellent	Panama is the last good provisioning option for the Pacific. Stock up on non-perishables and alcohol. There is a good choice of large supermarkets a cheap taxi ride away (Pacific side has more options than the Atlantic side). Good value for money with plenty of choice of local and international brands.
Galapagos	OK	Supermarket in Puerto Ayora has everything required and given its remoteness, prices are not too bad. They are certainly better than French Polynesia, so stock up. There is a good market for fresh and local produce. You can use the water taxis to take provisions back to your boat.
Marquesas - Hiva Oa	Expensive	There are four small supermarkets in Hiva Oa about 2km away. They are reasonably well stocked. Prices not too expensive especially if you opt for the red-stickers which are government subsidised products such as milk, flour and rice (products can change, depending on what the government decides). There are two stores in Nuku Hiva with the same selection of goods.
Tahiti	Expensive	There is a Carrefour supermarket near Marina Taina. This is huge and you're likely to find exactly what you need. But the prices are very high. Champion supermarket is a 15 minute walk from the Marina is very good and not as expensive as Carrefour.
Society Islands	Expensive	There are two good stores in Bora Bora, 5-10 minutes' walk from the Yacht Club. There are useful quayside supermarkets at the main anchorages on Huahine and Raiatea.
Niue	OK	A new modern grocery store with a decent selection of products and excellent frozen meats from New Zealand. Limited selection of fresh products mainly imported. Supplies depend on deliveries to the islands.
Tonga	OK	Several supermarkets which stock local staples and produce. A daily, quayside market sells fresh produce and is open from 8am to 4pm. A wide variety of packaged and canned goods available but will be expensive. Fresh produce is great but only consists of what is in season.
Fiji	Excellent/ Good	Generally, prices are reasonable, large supermarkets stock a large variety of local products. Some goods are imported from Australia/New Zealand. Most stores are a taxi ride away, they are inexpensive. The MH store in Savusavu is a reasonable size and almost on the quayside. It is not possible to purchase alcohol from shops on the island, only via bars and restaurants.
Vanuatu	Good	Two Bon Marche supermarkets near PVYC, the larger one has an excellent selection of foods, including a bakery, fresh meat and fish counter and some vegetables. It's a 10-15 minute walk from the dock. The smaller version is closer (3 minute walk) and good for staples. There's also an excellent fresh fruit and veg market just past Au Bon Marche downtown on the waterfront.
Australia - Mackay	Excellent/ Expensive	You will find everything you want and easily, but Australia is a relatively expensive place to provision.

Provisioning: Australia to Caribbean

Country	Rating	Comments
Australia - Darwin	Excellent/ Expensive	You will find everything you want and easily, but Australia is a relatively expensive place to provision.
Lombok	Good	Mini-market at the marina, other supplies in Tanjung (4km away) including a large public market and many local shops. Mataram in Lombok has good supplies of fresh food, groceries and alcohol and is certainly worth a day trip by taxi (or stop there at the end of excursions).
Christmas Island / Cocos	OK / Expensive	Fresh produce is flown in and refrigerated. Other products are shipped in and the prices reflect this. Availability is reliant on the date of the last shipment. Avoid buying all but the necessities. Provisioning on Christmas Island is far easier and has better choice than Cocos Island
Mauritius	Excellent	Several large hypermarkets with international brands. Prices are reasonable. Some smaller stores are a 5-10 minute walk from the dock but the larger stores are a taxi ride away.
La Reunion	Good	A large hypermarket with European brands a taxi ride away. Prices are normally more expensive than Mauritius. There are a few smaller shops 20-30 minutes walk away.
South Africa	Excellent	Excellent choice and prices are cheap. Most large supermarkets are a taxi ride away from the port or marina.
Namibia	Good	Convenient supermarkets and grocery stores available, plus a large mall a taxi ride away. Prices are cheap.
St Helena	Poor	Provisions are limited and expensive. Anything is a bonus!
Brazil - Recife	Good	Good range of options, well priced supermarkets. Street market a short walk from the marina with plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables. Various supermarkets and hypermarkets including Carrefour a taxi ride away. There are very limited options for provisioning on Fernando de Noronha.
Grenada	Good / Expensive	Plenty of options for provisioning. Closest supermarket to the marina just a short dinghy ride away. Others accessible by bus and taxi.
Saint Lucia	Good / Expensive	A number of large supermarkets to choose from. Many imported US products. Journey time to the largest supermarket is 5 minutes and buses and taxis are available.

Maintenance: Caribbean to Australia

Country	Rating	Comments
Saint Lucia	Good	Well serviced boat yard in Rodney Bay. Good electrical, mechanical and electronic contractors, several of whom work as service agents for major manufacturers. However, December is a busy time with plenty of public holidays so works should be scheduled for before this.
Panama	Good	Typically, equipment gets a good test across the Caribbean Sea, so normally a lot of repair work gets done in Panama. Any planned work should be carefully coordinated with the canal transit schedule. The Shelter Bay Marina boatyard team have proven themselves capable of managing repairs and also organising haulout and hull painting, ready for Galapagos. Work can also be planned in Shelter Bay, to take place on the Pacific side of the Canal.
Galapagos	OK	Basic repair work to a do-it-yourself standard. The chandlery in Puerto Ayora is probably better than you would expect. No marine specialist but very resourceful electricians, fibreglassers, welders and a metal machinist. A shoemaker also does sail repair.
Marquesas/Hiva Oa	Limited	Haulout available for monohulls up to 12.8m (42') and some catamarans. There is a small boat yard which can undertake basic marine repairs. There is a resourceful yacht repair business on Nuku Hiva.
Tahiti	Expensive	Everything is possible but expensive and contractors will require notice to perform repairs. Haulout available. Sail repair is difficult and unreliable. A good place to plan repairs and book in advance. World Cruising Club's local agent can organise work very quickly and get the boats into a marina but will add a 10% charge.
Fiji	Good	Good value for money and good quality. Healthy competition between the boat yards and service agents in the Nadi Bay area. Fiji is an independent cruising period of the rally so easy to programme in work. Servicing and repairs rely on using spares and parts you carry on board, no local spares and shipping takes minimum of 2 weeks.
Vanuatu	Limited	Port Vila has a haulout for sub-13.7m (45') approx monohulls. Marine electricians and mechanics are available and mostly knowledgeable. Spare parts can be ordered from Australia with sufficient notice.
Australia - Mackay	Good	Everything is possible but expensive. Plan well in advance, set an earlier deadline than required and keep reminding your contractors of it. Mackay and Cairns offer better facilities than Darwin (also more likely to need to get parts delivered to Darwin). Raymarine have an excellent service centre in Mackay. Doyle have a loft in Mackay, and it may be possible to order there for delivery to Darwin.

Maintenance: Australia to Caribbean

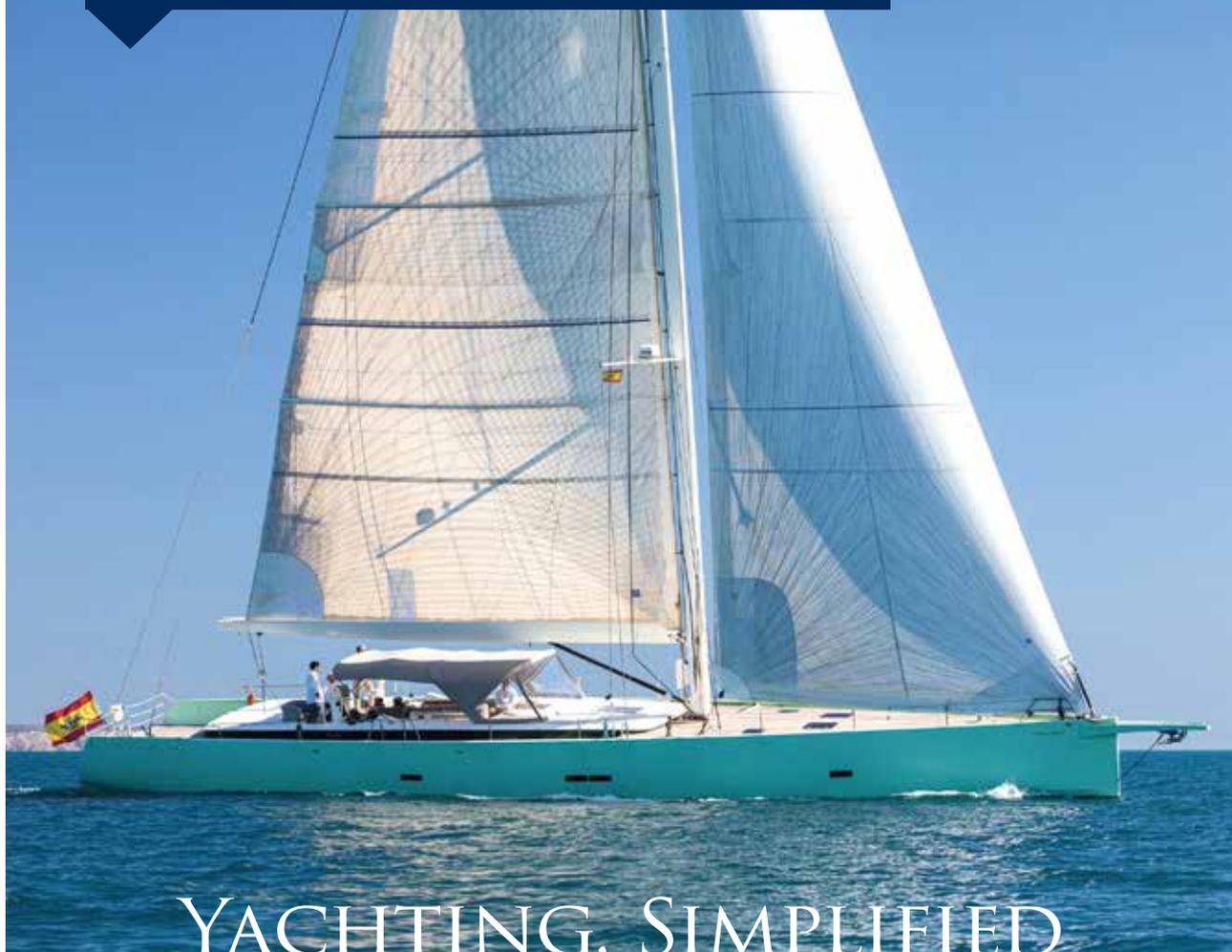
Country	Rating	Comments
Australia - Darwin	Good	Everything is possible but expensive. Plan well in advance, set an earlier deadline than required and keep reminding your contractors of it. Facilities in Darwin not as extensive as Mackay and Cairns - and you're more likely to need to get parts delivered to Darwin.
Lombok	Limited	There is a small boatyard and basic works can be done with sufficient advance notice. Haulout is available by trailer (up to 38 tonnes)
Christmas Island/ Cocos	Limited	The island contractors are resourceful but not many are marine focused. There is a limited boat repair facility on Home Island for emergency work only.
Mauritius	OK	A choice of reasonable quality contractors. The chandleries are limited for yacht needs but parts can be flown in. A good sail repairer but with limited capacity.
La Reunion	OK	A choice of contractors, most of whom have workshops in Le Port.
South Africa	Excellent	Independent cruising period of the rally so time is more flexible. Durban contractors will visit Richard's Bay so schedule work in advance. Good for sails (repair and new). The Cape Town contractors are numerous and reasonably priced. There are good chandlers in most ports including Richard's Bay, Durban and Cape Town. Southern Ropes in Cape Town excellent quality and exported all over the world, great place to replace all running rigging. Both North Sails and Ullman have lofts in Cape Town - previous participants have had full sets of sails made here, some shipped them back to the States/Caribbean. Note: Many companies, including marine contractors and courier companies will close for the holiday period (mid-December until 4 January approx.) so you will need to plan ahead.
Namibia	Limited	Only basic works and no sailmaker available.
St Helena	Very limited	The Island has no real ability to deal with yacht repairs, but the locals are friendly and there are some skilled engineers who may be able to help.
Brazil	Poor	Finding a reliable contractor in Brazil is difficult. It's also very difficult to obtain and even import spares. During the Carnival period all services tend to be slower than normal. Not suitable for planned maintenance.
Grenada	Excellent	After the South Atlantic, arriving in Grenada is a joy! An excellent choice of good quality, reputable contractors for every marine need since Cape Town. Several excellent chandlers too.
Saint Lucia	Good	Well serviced boat yard in Rodney Bay. Good electrical, mechanical and electronic contractors, several of whom work as service agents for major manufacturers.

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