



## **ADVISORY: CHANGE IN PROTOCOL FOR THE BLUE LANE INITIATIVE**

**14 June 2021:** In light of the current COVID-19 outbreak on Viti Levu, Fiji, the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Taskforce (CRMT) has strengthened protocols for the Blue Lane initiative, to ensure that the Fijian population, as well as the travellers, are protected.

As such, effective immediately, all yachts, crew and passengers approved to enter Fiji and for those already in Fiji under the Blue Lanes initiative are advised:

1. Following the easing of restrictions in Nadi and Lautoka, vessels may disembark Viti Levu based ports for contactless provisioning, with the exception of the Lami – Suva – Nausori Containment Zone.
2. Port Denarau remains a customs and quarantine clearing port for yachts arriving.
3. Once a yacht successfully clears at Port Denarau and completes **contactless** provisioning, the vessel may cruise to other outer islands. The yacht must, at all times, display the Blue Lanes flag provided at the time of clearance.
4. For vessels clearing outside of Viti Levu (Savusavu), while cruising throughout the island groups is permitted with clear display of the Blue Lanes flag, access to Viti Levu is prohibited.
5. Vessels cruising outside the Containment Zone may go ashore and partake in leisure activities such as water sports, snorkel, dive, etc., while observing COVID safe protocols.
6. For vessels whose crew and passengers need to disembark on Viti Levu for any reason, a mandatory 14-day quarantine on their vessel shall apply, prior to visiting any other islands. This will be undertaken at the designated quarantine anchorage at Port Denarau under the surveillance of the Fiji Navy. The yacht will only be permitted to depart for other islands upon clearance by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services, as per the standard protocols of clearing yachts arrival under the Blue Lanes.
7. All ports are to continue with strict monitoring and all vessels are required to keep their Automatic Identification System (AIS) turned on and visible at all times.
8. Penalty for breach of any of these terms may result in seizure of vessel.

For instance, if a yacht clears at Savusavu Bay, it will be permitted to travel to other marinas and island groups outside of Viti Levu. However, it must not disembark anywhere on Viti Levu.

For contactless provisioning and fueling requirements, vessels will have to apply directly to the Fiji Navy based at Port Denarau Marina.



Further to the above, all crew and passengers must download the careFIJI mobile application and keep the device Bluetooth turned on at all times.

**These protocols reinforce Fiji's containment efforts and remains in place until further notice.**

Port Denarau Marina, Nadi and Savusavu Bay remain the designated ports that will serve as clearance ports and quarantine anchorage for yachts under supervision by Fijian health officials and members of Fiji's disciplinary forces.

Passengers aboard yachts bound for Fiji must adhere to Fiji's rigorous quarantine protocols, including COVID-19 pre-departure testing, 14 days of quarantine at sea or in harbour, border quarantine exit testing and no disembarkation at any of the maritime islands, including those that are uninhabited prior to inward clearance protocols.

Fiji's Blue Lanes remains the safest and most sustainable tourism pathway in the world and will continue to serve as the Pacific's hub for blue tourism throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CRMT requests all relevant authorities to inform mariners of the change in the protocol under the Blue Lanes initiative.

We look forward to your support.

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