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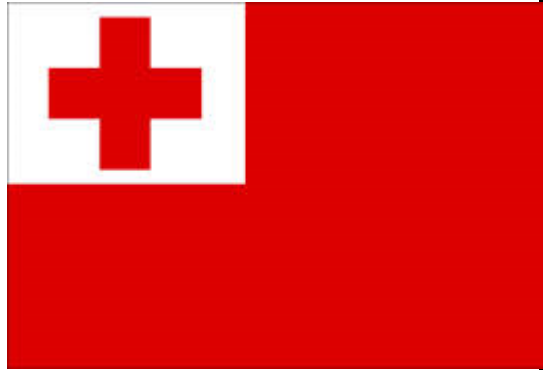
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Vava'u, Kingdom of Tonga, South Pacific

GPS Coordinates of location: Lat: 18°41' 60 S Lon: 174°1' 60 W

Version 2023/2



Description of geographic area covered:

The Vava'u Island group in the Kingdom of Tonga is a spectacular tropical island paradise in the Pacific Ocean. It has a year-round climate suitable for swimming, snorkelling, diving and sailing. Some islands are ringed by white sand beaches while others have tropical forests, sea-level caves, and dramatic limestone cliffs with breath-taking vistas.

Remote and truly unspoiled, the waters around Vava'u are crystal clear with visibility exceeding 100 feet. Most of the islands are uninhabited, a few have villages, and a few have very small unique resorts with exceptional food. There is abundant sea life with over 100 species of colourful tropical fish, giant clams, manta rays, sea turtles, spinner dolphins, and July-October the Humpback whales! Truly a paradise with the only Polynesian Monarchy this is a truly remarkable place to explore.

Port officer's name: Greg Just (Vava'u since 12 May 2007)



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Phone +676 71322 VHF Ch: 26 "Tropicana"
Mobile: +676 8812347 or +676 7512347
Home Address: Mt Talau Citizen: NZ/UK/Tonga
Divemaster IT Manager Analyst/IT/Fin/PM
Yachtie Master Drycleaner (nz) Treasury Analyst
Website: www.vavau.to/tropicana
Agent www.tongasuperyachts.com
Menu https://cafetropicnavavau.business.site/
Media www.offloop.net/media password tropo
For Sale https://cafetropicana.company.site/
Tourism portals owned by Greg
www.vavau.to
www.haapai.to
www.tongatapu.to
www.whaleswim.to
www.whitepages.com
www.sailingtonga.com
www.tongamazing.com
www.tongaholidays.com
Best way to contact: Cellphone
Show your support for this information
https://www.buymeacoffee.com/tropicana
UPDATED WEEKLY - please download regularly

Services available from Port Officer:

- Offshore assist via offshoreassist@vavau.to
Advanced Notice forms - Fiji/NZ/Australia.
Courier package assistance/advice on request
Snail Mail/Courier arrangements
Yacht in transit SY Yacht Name c/- Café Tropicana
Fatafehi Rd (or Private Bag 34 for Postal Service) Neiafu, Vava'u Kingdom of Tonga +676 71322
Charts/Courtesy flags for the Pacific/Asia
Receiver of recycling/Used Oil/Battery/etc.
Fully licenced bar
Provisioning for whales/picnics/passage.
Pre shop of supermarket provision items
Ice cubes and 2kg solid ice blocks - rain water
Rain water hot shower
Vava'u Deli: meats, delicatessen items
Resell TCC/Digicel phone credit
Gift Vouchers
LPG tank refill service - most adaptors
AIS host via www.marinetraffic.com ADS-B via www.flihradar24.com
Laundry: the only frontloading rain water and gas laundry in Tonga. Max 9kg per load. Wash / Dry / Fold / Spin. Ironing service available
Espresso Coffee/Café/Bread/all day breakfast/lunch/Dinner
Drinking water: potable filtered rain water, your container or our 20 litre loan container, free car ride to your yacht at wharf or small boat marina
Retail Store - carvings/maps/soaps/postcards/ magnets/iron on flags/lapel pins/cuff links... Vava'u vanilla/coconut oil
Harbour wifi provider SSID "tropicana" Free info, weather etc. via a Walled Garden service.
Resell Kingdom Koffee. Beans and Ground (to order)
Free booking and information service. Go to guy for help...
Huge free book swap and reference library. Free 100gb ebooks.
TV (11TB) and (10TB Movie (8000+) Documentaries, Concerts, Music, Comedy, Children, Fitness, Christian, Wiki offline).
www.offloop.net/media password tropo Research and basic shopping cart
Rentals - mountain bikes, kayaks, snorkel gear, tents, cars, scooters
Local news/info feed Facebook "Tonga Expats and Locals"
https://www.vavau.to/Cruising_Guide3.pdf being updated., but useful info
No credit card facilities - only a few restaurants take them, no supermarkets though!
Agents for Boat House Apartments in the harbour www.vavau.to/compendium.pdf useful information source
My guides are on www.svsogypaws.com/files which has all of the Pacific
Please advise corrections/suggestions to greg@vavau.to
Show your support for this information www.buymeacoffee.com/tropicana or come in and support my business or recommend us.

- 08-17 SAR coordinator
14 on ADS-B / AIS Host
15-18 Formed Vava'u Blue water Festival, gifted to VTA to manage 2018
15 on created 650+ FB POI pages
16 on,2 rubbish bins in town and Mt Talau
14 on wrote Cruising guide for Tonga
18 on, free reading glasses for locals, supplied by NZ
18 on formed PCA
20 on, formed Vava'u Community Trust NGO Youth sailing, education, employment Trust CT-199
23 on IIAB Internet in a box wiki wifi
23 on Portofficer summary

ICE In Case of Emergency

911 or 70699 Fire. 922 or 70233 Police.
933 or 70201 Hospital.
944 or 70798 or 7720115/6 Electricity.
Yachts can also hail 16/26 and ask for emergency assistance from "Vava'u Radio". See NGO section below for more details.

ALL Government departments will give receipts with the Tongan Crest on the top – anything else is NOT an official receipt, DO NOT encourage corruption!!!!

Pre-arrival into Tonga

Complete Advanced Notice of Arrival and email to info@customs.gov.to or fax +676 24124 at least 24 hours prior to arrival, an email confirmation will normally be sent. Covid vaccination is not required any more. ---Remember it is illegal to charter your yacht in Tonga, do you really want to lose your boat?

-Guns must be handed in at your arrival port, they will be returned when you leave.

-All recreational drugs are Class A here. A recent group of locals and expats were handed down 2 to 15 year sentences in 2022 for Cocaine offences. ANOA details are checked and verified against Interpol and Pacific Customs Intelligence units, don't mess around!

Customs:

International check in (first Tongan port – AT WHARF, unless bad weather, but call Customs to confirm)

Fly your Q flag; call Vava'u Customs on VHF 26/16, VVMRA may answer with details on procedure, wait for Customs, Health and Immigration (\$100 Practique FEE) to check you in. NO OTHER FEES, apart from overtime. Clear your cockpit of any cigarettes, alcohol, fishing lures and smaller items. We DO NOT encourage gifts to Government officials! Offer a sprite, coffee or juice...

Suitable casual attire to show respect please. Shirts, shorts, no see through clothing

International checkout; (last Tongan port - AT WHARF, unless bad weather). Immigration Office (only if you have crew flying in on one-way flights), then Marine and Ports to pay Lights and Buoy fee, then Customs and duty free fuel can begin once an Export permit has been written by customs.

As in ALL countries, you must leave the harbour and make your way out of Tongan waters... If you have issues VHF Customs and request return permission. The ONLY FEE payable on exit is to Ports and Marine unless you check out on weekends or overtime!!! DO NOT LOSE your Clearance/ZARPE documents! We have had several cases of people losing these.

DO NOT forget to complete your Advanced Notice of Arrivals for Fiji, NZ, and Australia etc.... massive

Services available within walking distance:

- Hardware : EM Jones, (PTH is out of town)
- Laundry: Café Tropicana and Bubbles Laundry
- Supermarkets – China Fortune, Neiafu Shopping Centre and various others, No credit cards accepted. No shops open Sunday, few restaurants open Sundays. No single one good shop, get receipts, compare prices.
- Shopping is a lot better in Nukua'alofa, then Vava'u, then Ha'apai
- Produce and Fish down at the 'Utakalongalu market on the waterfront, 6 days, best day Saturday, Night market Friday/Saturday
- Arts and Crafts market next to vegetable market on the waterfront, also Langafonua next to Tourism
- Post Office
- Police, Fire Station and Governors Office
- Duty Free Shop
- Historical – Pounu Park
- Scenic – Mt Talau National Park
- Cafe/Restaurant/Bar: Cafe Tropicana bar and grill, Kraken Restaurant and Bar, Bella Vista, Basque Tavern, Falalaleu Deli, Mango Cafe (re-opens May 2023), Tongan Beach Resort (reopens May 2023). Not recommended Panda, Sam Restaurant
- Transport:
 - Mountain Bike and Kayak hire in Café Tropicana
 - Ana Tevunga Taxi Stand: Phone +676 8872525 +676 7519622 Tevita 7513124 Hene 8616430 Kava 8442756 Hingoa 7209072 Please ask for a price for your trip, PRIOR, to getting into the taxi. We don't have taxi meters. Carry small notes to avoid no change!
 - Airlines. Aki/Nuk (TBU) Nadi/Vav. Suva/Nuk. Syd/Nuk
 - Lulutai Tonga Domestic Airline +676 70688 next to Tourism, Nukualofa 264888. lepani.baleinausori@lulutai-airlines.to website basic no online booking/schedule. Please check your flight times 24-48 hours prior to departure, best to give them your Tongan Cellphone number so they can text or call you for changes. Flight times change frequently! Book a taxi or arrange with your accommodation – do not rely on Taxi being at airport.
 - Air Fiji +676 24022 Nadi/Vav Sat/Wed May to Dec. Suva to Nuk most days. Also cheaper/better way to get to Auckland from Vava'u.
 - Airnz 30073. Qantas +679 323 9030.
 - Domestic National Ferries – freight/passage
 - Domestic Ferry Kelesi (Ko e Kelesi Pe) +676 7770965 osimiki@gmail.com No website
 - Domestic Ferry FISA (Otu AngaOfa and Niu Vaki) +676 23853 friendlyislandshippingagency@gmail.com www.friendlyislandshippingagency.com
 - Domestic Ferry Tofa Ramsay (Taka I Pomana and Vaomapa) +676 7725972 ramsayshippingcompany@gmail.com No website

Services available in area covered:

- **Superyacht Agencies**
Super Yacht Services dhunttonga@gmail.com David Hunt
Yacht Help dgleonard@hotmail.com Derek Leonard/
Tongasuperyachts.com superyacht@vavau.to Greg Just
- **Slipways**
Fishing slipway for smaller monohulls
Pafilios slipway for multihulls
The Boatyard Vava'u - Mono and multihulls on hard storage.
- **Water**
Town supply water available at Moorings/Riki Tiki by appointment please

finer! Take local currency with you checkin fees are FJD600+ NZD ? AUD ? Vanuatu ? New Cal ? Samoa USD? W Samoa ?

Fiji you must go to a quarantine ball, NZ/Aus you must go to a quarantine dock.

Check your passport is not within 6 months of expiring!

Customs, Health, Immigration have the option of coming aboard to check you out of the country.

Domestic check out (not your final Tongan port NOT AT WHARF)

Marine and ports to pay lights and buoys FEE, then Boarding Officer at Customs for local movement report – NO OTHER FEES, apart from overtime. CHECK your visa expiry DATES!

Local Lights and Buoys fees must be paid at each Island prior to departing.

Domestic check in (not your first Tongan Port NOT AT WHARF)

Anchor, and at your convenience (within 2 days) visit immigration (copy of the crew list is also required) local movement report from Boarding Officer at Customs. NO FEES, apart from overtime. CHECK your visa expiry DATES!

Vava'u

Phone: +676 70053 676 70928 VHF 26/16

GPS: 18°39'7.04"S 173°59'4.18"W

Halaevalu Wharf

Boarding Officer pooikaufusi@gmail.com

Nuku'alofa

Phone: 23651 VHF Ch: 16

GPS coord: 21° 8'24.41"S 175°10'45.38"W

Location Port Authority Building.

Ha'apai

Phone: 60651 VHF Ch: 16

Niuatoputapu

Phone: None? VHF Ch: 16

Customs Forms and locations

Advance Notice Of Arrival

<https://vavau.to/tongaanoa.pdf>

Inward Report

<https://vavau.to/tongainwardreport.pdf>

Outward Report

<https://vavau.to/tongaoutwardreport.pdf>

Outward Clearance C15 – duty free fuel

<https://vavau.to/tongaoutwardclearance.pdf>

Local Movement Report - domestic

<https://vavau.to/tongalocalmovement.pdf>

Appointed Masters Letter – if owner is absent from vessel. <https://vavau.to/master1.pdf>

See later for list of Yacht Masters.

Checkin and out for immigration purposes is done by

Rain water from Café Tropicana

Rain water showers at Café Tropicana

- **Fuel**

Fuel available at Moorings or fuel stations.

Duty free fuel at check-out wharf Min 200litres 70972. Pacific Fuels booked 24-48 hours prior to departure. See page 5 for info

- **Duty Free Alcohol**

Leiola Duty Free +676 70148 next to Cafe Tropicana Take your clearance paper to duty free, purchase spirits ONLY, they will deliver to customs immediately..Customs will tick items off receipt and hand to the yacht.

- **Moorings** – All moorings are privately owned. Do not just take one, different size blocks, chain etc. Approx \$15 a night but does vary based on weight and season. Do not attempt to leave without paying, owners may talk to customs if monies are owed.

- Beluga Diving VHF 09 +676 70327 (yellow and white numbered buoys) belugadivingvavau@hotmail.com

- Moorings +676 8746400 Shane@moorings.co.nz

Trades

- Rigging/Skipper. See Mary at Café Tropicana for her husband Veni

- Welding/Fabrication. Friendly Island Fabrication Ken 8437123 friendlyislandfabrication@gmail.com

- Diesel mechanic Tau +676 8731368 +676 8627252

-The Yachtshop Tonga:Chandlery +676 8816855

-Yacht Master on water service – checking vessel, engines etc

Riki Tiki Diving +676 8771066 rikikitonga2@gmail.com

Beluga Diving +676 70327 info@belugadivingvavau.com

-Yacht cleaning/caretaking airing, cleaning, checking etc

Cafe Tropicana +676 8812347 tropicana@vavau.to

-Storage – dry/secure 2x20ft

Cafe Tropicana +676 8812347 tropicana@vavau.to

Local cruising NET:

- VHF Cruisers Net VHF Channel 26 8.30am each morning except Sunday, since late 90's. Alternative VHF 06 if 26 is down <https://www.facebook.com/vavaucruisersnet>

Vava'u Cruisers Net: Order of service

Emergency/priority traffic

Check-ins

Arrivals and departures

Weather

Buy/sell/trade/swap

Crew available/wanted

Local special events

Anything else

Brief adverts from local business 30 seconds each

Local Charts and Chartlets:

- Sailingbirds Guide to Vava'u/Ha'apai sold at Café Tropicana
- www.vavau.to/marineguide free pdf for all of Tonga. Created by Cafe Tropicana
- NZ822 / NZ82 / NZ14605 / NZ14602/ 2691 Fiji A0 charts and laminated A3 Chartlets – sold at Café Tropicana
- www.vavau.to/weather all the weather in one spot!
- GigGuide/Calendar with summary of local regulations. The Vava'u Blue Water Festival is late September, other local events are on the calendar. www.vavau.to/gig_guide_2023.pdf

Customs. New visa, one-way fee, fines must be done through Immigration Ministry. Yachts have a 4 month visa, extendable to maximum 12 months by application prior to former boat visa expiring.

Hours 9am 12:30am. 1:30pm -4.30pm M to F

Website: www.revenue.gov.to

Email: inforev@revenue.gov.to

NO fees inward/outward

Weekend clearance \$140

\$20 per hour Sat/Sun OVERTIME.

Immigration:

Vava'u

Phone:+676 70629 +676 71443 VHF: None

GPS coord: 18°39'11.99"S 173°58'56.65"W

Location: Sanft Building I – first floor

Senior sunialilo@gmail.com +676 70629

Nuku'alofa

Phone: 23969 VHF Ch:

GPS coord: 21° 7'58.74"S 175°11'55.51"W

Location: St George building, Kolofu'au

Ha'apai – no extensions

Phone: NA VHF Ch:

Niuatoputapu – no extensions

Phone: NA VHF Ch:

Email: visatonga@gmail.com

Hours 9am 12:30am. 1.30pm -4:30pm M to F

Website: No website

Phone: 7401888

30 day free visa. 90 day free visa for Schengen countries. Check free list.

Maximum 6 months visa.

Country Boarding officer 7755160 Havea

\$69 per month Visa

DO NOT let it expire! \$1150 fine.

NO other fees inward/outward

One way crew fee \$34.50 (fly in, sail out crew).

One way crew visa \$34.50 – must have passport, flight details, has to be done by Tongatapu, Can take weeks!

<https://vavau.to/crew1.pdf>

\$20 per hour Sat/Sun OVERTIME.

Ministry of Health:

Vava'u

Phone: +676 70201 +676 70204 +676 758 4644

Health Officer 7710338, 7769916, 8845145

VHF Ch: NONE

GPS: 18°38'45.06"S 173°59'3.01"W

Ngu Hospital, Talau, Vava'u

Senior ftautuaa2018@gmail.com +676 7710338

+676 8840197

Nuku'alofa

Phone: 7400403

Health Officers 23200 VHF Ch: NA

GPS coord: 21° 9'19.56"S 175°13'6.79"W

Location Vaiola Hospital

VHF Channels:

- 06 Backup channel for VHF Net
- 09 Beluga dive/Beluga moorings
- 16 Hailing ONLY – Mayday/Pan Pan etc.
- 26 Repeater channel – VHF Net and used for long range communication, please be considerate, if you are talking to vessels that are close to you. Be aware this channel is monitored by Customs, Police, Governor and Tourism!
- 71 Game Fishing
- 72 Moorings/Sunsail calling
- 73 Moorings/Sunsail working
- 74 Whale watching operators
- 77 Mounu Island
 - Please be considerate and discrete on all VHF channels, especially the above and move to a non-working channel as soon as practical...
08, 14, 17, 68 Common chat channels, be aware nosy people may follow you and listen in....

Other useful information specific to this area:

- SPEED limit in the harbour 5 knot – and/or no WAKE. Be aware of wake for other yachts, swimmers, divers, fisherman turtles, whales! By order Marine and Ports Harbourmaster.
- Please consider the environment and follow MARPOL rules and go 12 nautical miles to dump septic waste.
- Please walk on the pavement/sidewalk – NOT the road, this is a LEFT side driving country, the roads, drivers and cars are not very good. If no sidewalk walk on the right side of the road (against traffic so you can see vehicles)
- Cover and clean any open wounds, flies carry staph bacteria. Stay out of the sea, especially the first 50 metres from shore.
- Beware of Alofi a tall Tongan hawker – flag maker/bread/feasts etc. Rows a dinghy and rides a bike. Report any problems to the Police, or Ministry of Tourism. He does homemade flags from tshirt material, charges for everything he does and frequently exaggerates about services he offers. Cruises through town on a bicycle, catch phrase "hello my friend".to show you his guest book from other cruisers, AVOID talking to him...
- Security and Safety are not normally an issue, but lock your boat up, do not leave things in your dinghy etc
- Special Management Areas/Fish Habitat Reserve SMA/FHR are now in place, the legislation is designed to protect the breeding areas and environment. Fees to anchor, snorkel and dive can be levied by the village whose waters are protected. Officers carry ID, give receipts etc. An old sma/fhr map is available https://vavau.to/Tonga_SMA-flier.pdf Vava'u has been updated here <https://vavau.to/vavausma2023.pdf>
- Whale watching regulations 2013
 1. Unless you are in a licenced whale watching or whale swimming vessel, you are not allowed to approach any whale closer than 300m
 2. Swimming with whales is prohibited unless you are on a licenced vessel and in the water with a certified guide.
 3. If a whale surfaces near you, you should change the course of your vessel, in a safe manner, and move 300m from the whales at no-wake speed.
 4. Kayaking with humpback whales is prohibited unless the kayak is launched from a licenced vessel.
 - 5 No jet Skis are allowed within 2km of any whale.First time offence is a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 and/or imprisonment of up to 18 months
Repeat offence is a fine of between \$1000 and \$10000 and/or imprisonment of upto 3 years.

Ha'apai
Phone: 60203 VHF Ch: NA
GPS coord: 19°48'12.88"S 174°20'42.81"W
Location Niu'ui Hospital, Hihifo

Niuatoputapu
Phone: 7585605 80100 VHF Ch: NA
Location

Health Practique form is part of a book.

Hours 9am – 12:30am, 1:30 - 4.30pm, M to F
Website: www.health.gov.to
\$100 Practique form is in a book
NO other fees inward/outward
\$20 per hour Sat/Sun OVERTIME.

Pharmacy at Hospital. Vava'u has 2 independent pharmacies and doctor by appointment. Universal pharmacy and clinic +676 70213 and Seini's pharmacy and clinic +676 8820427

Quarantine:

Protecting Tongas plants and animals. Yacht rubbish clearance. Please also contact them regarding procedures for clearing in animals prior to arriving into the county.

At this time no restrictions on fruit, veg, food. Best to declare fruit and veg though in case of issues. Fiji has increased biometric quarantine standards – I would expect Tonga to follow suit soon.

Vava'u
Phone: 70635 VHF: no
Location: Quarantine building, next to customs
GPS Coord: 18°39'6.90"S 173°59'4.93"W
OIC tahi.vulangi22@gmail.com +676 8420147

Nuku'alofa
Phone: 24257 VHF:
Location: Post Harvest Building, Hala Vuna, Touliki
GPS coord: 21° 8'23.91"S 175°10'37.59"W

Ha'apai
Phone: 60400 VHF:

Niuatoputapu
Phone: 80010 VHF:

Conveyancing Inspection Form is part of a book.

Clearance fee per boat \$22
Rubbish \$0.40 per kg
Overtime \$20 per hour
Conveyance Inspection form is in a book

Hours 8.30am to 12pm, 1.30pm to 3pm M to F
PCR tests are available at the hospital, sometimes compulsory if a outbreak is occurring. A good idea to carry some PCR test for your own piece of mind.
Dengue, Zika and Chikungunya are in Tonga during

<https://vavau.to/TongaWhaleWatchingandSwimmingRegulations2013.pdf>

- Do not feed street dogs, they might bite the next person walking by with food who does not feed them....imagine if it is child... Please report dog bites to the Police.
- **Banks** BSP is the only full service bank 9am to 4.30pm. ANZ closed 2020.2 ATMS BSP bank and next to Leiola duty free. Cirrus/Visa. Foreign currency at BSP, MBF, Western Union. Take several forms of ID.
- **Drones** Drones must be registered at Tonga Civil Aviation before you fly them. Do not invade people's privacy, it is illegal here too. Not to be flown on Sundays.
- **Etiquette** In town: men must wear a shirt at all times (and shorts of course). Woman dress conservatively (no bikini, see through clothing etc). Also do not get drunk or abusive, especially in town.
- **Sundays** only a few restaurants open. No shops. No noise

Must See and do in VAVA'U: All have FB Points of Interest (POI) created by myself <https://vavau.to/sitenames>

- Sunday Tongan Feast
- Walk up Mt Talau National Park; magnificent views from lookout platforms
- Swallows and Mariners cave tour
- Kava circle at Fire station or any village
- Sunday church service 10am for amazing singing at Catholic Cathedral, English service at City Impact Church in Toula
- Talau Cemetery – Palangi Cemetery
- Pouonu Park – birth place of Vava'u Code
- Kilikilitefua Wall (Makave) the old census system
- Catholic Cathedral
- Beaches (Eneio Private), Keitahi (Private), Talihau Beach, Ano Beach, Holeva Beach
- Toula cemetery and Veimumuni Caves
- 'Utula'aina (Hologna), 'Esi 'o Salota (Hologna), Hila Ki Tapana/I 'o Mata'aho (Leimatua), Tufutele Pool (Mataika), Rock Island Beach (Holeva), Vaipua, Ngofe-Reed fields (Tu'anuku), Mo'ungalafa (Tu'anuku), Longamapu. Lolo 'a Halavalu (Neiafu), Fa ko Fiem'a (Vai ko lelea) (Neiafu), Sia 'o Kafoa (Taoa), 'Api 'o Maka (Taoa), Loto 'a afitu (Makave), Mapu 'a Tonga (Makave), Nga 'unoho (Talihau), 'Out Mala (Talihau), 'Otualea (Ha'alaufuli), To 'anga'ofa (Utui)
- Whaleswim June/july to Sep/Oct. Dependent on whales
- Gamefishing – nearly all year
- Sailing – nearly all year
- Sea kayaking – nearly all year

www.vavau.to or www.tongatourism.travel for tourist information or marine guides www.zuluwaterways.com (and app) . Consider updating www.openstreetmaps.com if you find new POI as this feeds into most geo based apps/programs free of charge, another wiki foundation

Non-Government Organisations/Charities/Volunteering:

- VVMRA Vava'u Volunteer Marine Response Association Monitors VHF 26/16 24 x 7, responds to local and EPIRB (via RCC NZ), works with Tonga police, and locals/yachts based in Vava'u for emergency Response www.vvmra.org VHF 16/26 "Vava'u Radio" emergency, not general enquiries Cell +8465645 +7565645 Brian. vmratonga@gmail.com Also has hospital stay kits: linen etc P O Box 43 Neiafu, Vava'u, Kingdom of Tonga
- VCT/VBWS Vava'u Community Trust. Youth NGO Trust. Employment, education. Owns Vava'u Blue Water School (Sailing and swimming school), Accepting volunteers to repair our training vessel SY Lobo

the tourist season, bring deet spray etc

Website: www.mafff.gov.to

Email: info@mafff.gov.to

Marine and Ports:

Vava'u

Phone: +676 70100 +676 70657 VHF Ch: NONE

GPS coord: 18°38'57.61"S 173°58'43.86"W

Above Customs, Vava'u wharf

OIC Pahafuavao23@gmail.com +676 70639

Nuku'alofa

Phone: 22555 VHF Ch:

GPS coord: 21° 8'24.41"S 175°10'45.38"W

Location Port Authority Building.

Ha'apai

Phone: 60100 VHF Ch:

Niutoputapu

Phone: 7585506 VHF Ch:

Hours 8.30am - 12pm, 1.30pm - 3pm M to F

Email: akaufusi@foi.gov.to

Website: www.infrastructure.gov.to/marine-ports

No fees inward.

Vava'u: Lights and buoys fee \$0.45 per gross tonne per month.

Nuku'alofa: \$2.45 per gross tonne per month.

Ha'apai: Lights and buoys fee \$0.80 per gross tonne per month.

Were doing no charge for time in the boatyard, stopped after Covid. If gross tonnage on yacht papers is incorrect, download proof from manufacturer, make/model sites.

Waste Authority Limited:

State owned enterprise of the government of Tonga, heavily supported by Japan. Rubbish fees are paid by all households and business. Fines for dumping waste \$20 to \$2000, do the right thing!

Vava'u

Phone: +676 70704 VHF Ch: NONE

Kings Rd, way out of town

OIC Tevita Toli tevita.toli@gmail.com

Ha'apai

Phone: +676 60234 VHF Ch: NONE

Tongatapu

Phone: +676 27826 VHF Ch: NONE

Rubbish bins in town are for public use, normally collected Fridays in town, please be considerate if your rubbish smells. Do not use for used oil, batteries. Normally a large bin down at the wharf for yachts, it will be manned and a small charge is collected from yachts. For large collections please call or email Tevita.

Hours 8.30am - 12pm, 1.30pm - 3pm M to F

Email: it@wasteauthoritylimited.com

and other projects. See Greg at Cafe Tropicana who is the secretary

<https://www.facebook.com/vavaucommunitytrust>

- VEPA Vava'u Environmental Protection Association. An environmental NGO based in Vava'u. Mangrove, education, turtle and other conservation. Located next to the Bookshop in the middle of town. www.vavauenvironment.org Accepting volunteers <https://vavauenvironment.org/volunteer/>
- Vava'u Public Library The first public library in Tonga and a self-funded NGO. Accepting volunteers for english story reading Saturday morning and English childrens books Membership \$5 a year <https://www.facebook.com/groups/225935794136987>
- Host A Vet Partners with Vets to conduct Clinics/Surgeries/ Neutering, free medicines etc. See The Yacht Shop for donations etc <https://www.facebook.com/hostavet>
- Pens, paper, drawing pencils etc, Toothpaste/Tooth brushes, English childrens books, reading glasses. Accepted and distributed by Café Tropicana, or we can make suggestions if you wish to drop them off yourselves. We can also suggest places to Volunteer your time...

Communications/Internet:

Tonga had the HTHH volcanic explosion 15/1/22 which created a Tsunami. This destroyed our submarine fibre cable. Tongatapu link was fixed in a few months, Ha'apai and Vava'u are hopefully scheduled for repair 6/23. Both Telco's are relying on Satellite with one also investing in long range Microwave. Starlin also donated 50 units to Tonga, most are clustered in Government Ministries and Schools in the CBD of both outer Islands, these are also free to the public.

Digicel – owned by Telstra. GSM phone and internet services. 8nnnnnn number sequence. Internet top20 for 7gb over 30 days. Make sure you opt out of the off bundle casual rate or your money will disappear if you do not have a data plan active. International plans \$4 30 min, \$10 90 mins. Monthly local calling/texting \$12 2500 mins and texts to Digicel only otherwise 50 cents per min/text to TCC. Resellers all over, online credit card charging using My Digicel app, Cafe Tropicana is a reseller. SIM cards \$5 Also opt out of text ads – they get annoying. Call 123 and ask to remove text ads, takes 24 hours

TCC – government owned. Landline, GSM phone and Internet services. 7nnnnnn number sequence. Internet top20 for 7gb over 30 days. Make sure you opt out of the off bundle casual rate or your money will disappear if you do not have a data plan active. International plans \$3.45 40 min, \$2.30 15 mins. Monthly local calling/texting \$10 1000 mins and texts to TCC only otherwise 50 cents per min/text to Digicel. Resellers all over, online credit card charging using My Digicel app, Cafe Tropicana is a reseller. SIM cards \$5. Also opt out of text ads – hey get annoying. Call 800 222 and ask to remove text ads, takes 24 hours

WANTOK – PNG/Local partnership just starting up.

Laundry tips:

www.vavau.to/tipstrickslaundry.pdf

Yacht lockup hard and floating tips:

www.vavau.to/tipstricksyachtstorage.pdf

Passage planning:

Passage Vava'u to NZ to be completed

Website:

<https://www.facebook.com/wasteauthoritylimited>

Police

Visitor drivers licences are not required as of 2022. Any valid international drivers licence is acceptable.

Left hand drive, park on the left hand side, not crossing traffic – european parking rules are illegal in the pacific.

No public drinking in town, no public drunkenness or swearing

Costs for entering Tonga vs Fiji

Cost of entering for 2 pax 10 tonne vessel, week days. Suggest taking local currency to make entry faster

	Tonga TOP	Fiji FJD
Maff/Quarantine	22	172
Health	100	227
Mooring/Agent fee		20
Customs		105
Total	122	559

	Tonga/TOP	Fiji/FJD
Free visa	1, 3 Mths Schengen	3 Mths
Cost visa mth	69	91
Inflation rate 2022	11%	4.52%
Max Stay boat	12	Unknown
Max stay crew	6	Unknown
Chartering	NO	Fee +\$%
Entry Qball/wharf	Wharf	Q Ball
Marine ports lights bouys. leaving	\$4.50	Unknown

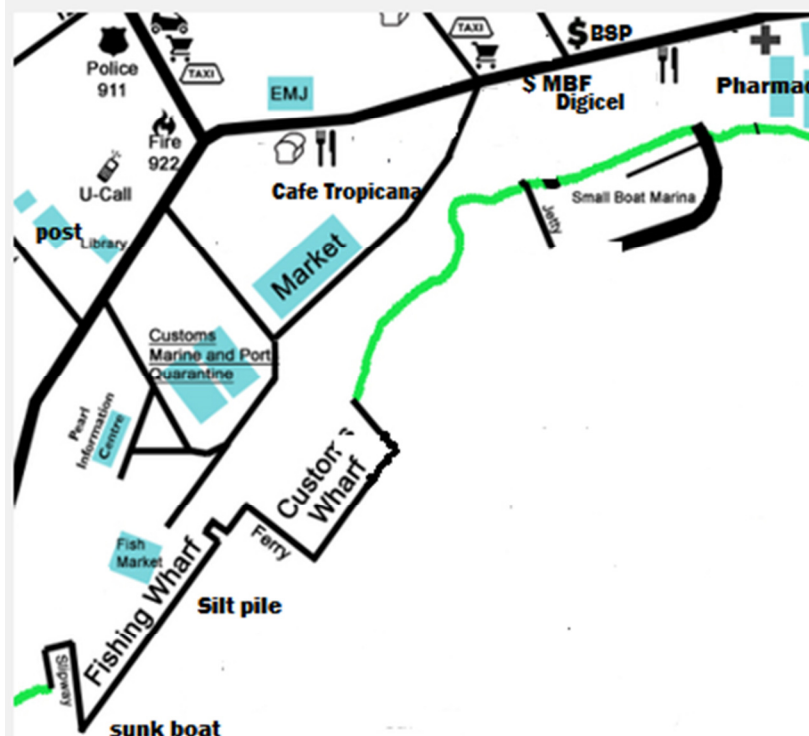
Vava'u Directory to be completed

Name	Number	VHF
Police	911 or 922 70324	16
Fire	999 70089	
Ambulance	933 70201	
VVMRA	8465645 7565645 "Vava'u Radio"	26 16
Cafe Tropicana	71322 8812347 Tropicana@vavau.to	26
Customs	70052 70053	16 26
Immigration		
Quarantine		
MAFF		
Health		
Marine and Ports	70639	
Pharmacy	70213	
ATS Vava'u	70139	
Air NZ Nuk	23192 NUK	
BSP Bank		
Beluga Diving		09
DHL NUK	27700 NUK	

Map of Vava'u harbour with description:

International Clearance

Berthing Note:



You will be instructed to tie up to the main wharf on the west side, in front of a container, lined up with your bow towards the main shore. This area is fenced off from the rest of the wharf. Occasionally the fishing wharf has to be used – a fee is charged \$20, a receipt should be offered. A sunken fishing boat is at the western end of the wharf.

Also an island of silt is 50m off the wharf.at the eastern end. A sunken fishing boat at the western end.

A dock hand will (should) direct you into position and assist with line-handling. It is advisable to sling your fenders horizontally to protect your vessel from the hard rubber wharf bumpers which are spaced well apart. Ferry dock schedule is subject to change, you will be told to move quickly if a domestic ferry comes in.

Pacific Fuels - Petrol/diesel:

Duty free is available once the vessel is cleared out from the final port. It can be shared to meet minimums. Duty free is a significant saving, Fiji does not do duty free fuel. Fuel bunker is closed for trucks if a bunker boat is in the harbour. Appointment times are indicative only. Duty free is about 30% cheaper than the retail price at the pump (15% CT/15% Duty).

Vava'u
Phone: 70972 NO VHF

Email: tuiaki.kauvaka@p.energy

Website: www.p.energy

Hours 9am to 4.30pm M to F

GPS coordinates: at Wharf 18°39'6.97"S 173°59'9.03"W

OFFICE Toula fuel Bunker 18°40'36.58"S 173°59'8.61"W

Vava'u Minimum 24-48 hours' notice. Cash Only. Duty free 200litres Min but boats can share. Duty free generally delivered after 10am to the wharf and AFTER customs have given clearance papers. MUST BE

EM Jones hardware	70422	
Lukes Supermarket	71222	
Lulutai Airlines	70688	
Pacific Fuels	70972	
Western Union	70888	

Learn a little Tongan...

Tongan	Meaning
Hello, Hi	Malo e Lelei
My name is	Ko hoku hingoa ko
You're welcome/Okay?	Sai pe ia
Goodbye – you are going	Nofo a
Goodbye – you are staying	Alu a
One	taha
Two	ua
Three	Tolu
Four	Fa
Five	Nima
Six	Ono
Seven	fitu
Eight	Valu
Nine	Hiva
10	Hongofulu
Zero	Noa
Yes	lo
No	Ikai
Fork or breast	Huhu
Go	'alu
Come	Ha'u
Fight	Fuhu
Look	Sio
Crazy	Fakasesele
i don't know	'ikai keu 'ilo
Hungry	Fiekaia
See you later	Tau toki sio
Goodnight	Po'uli a
Drink	Inu
Thirsty	Fieinua
Please	Kataki
Come here	Ha'u ki heni

last Tongan port. Tanker refills petrol stations Monday morning and Friday afternoon. Not an easy delivery when a ferry is at the ferry dock!

Nuku'alofa

Phone: 22511 22397 VHF Ch: None

Email: ifalemi.tauheluhelumau@p.energy

Website: www.p.energy

Tongatapu Minimum 24 hours' notice. Cash Only. Duty free 1000litres Min but boats can share. Duty free generally delivered after 10am to the wharf and AFTER customs have given clearance papers. MUST be last Tongan port.

Ha'apai no duty free fuel

Niuatoputapu no duty free fuel

Homegas/Tongagas - LPG:

Gas bunker is closed for refilling bottles if a Gas bunker vessel is in the harbour.

Vava'u

Phone: 70319 VHF: NONE

Email: NONE

GPS coordinates: 18°40'37.44"S 173°59'8.27"W

Location: Toulou fuel Bunker

Vava'u Cafe Tropicana charges \$5 a kg and a \$5 surcharge – generally next day if not weekly. Has 12+ adaptors, no clip-ons sorry.

Nuku'alofa

Phone: 21390 VHF Ch: None

GPS coordinates: 21° 8'33.09"S 175°10'33.57"W

Location Ma'ufanga Bunker

Website: www.homegas.to

DOES not have any adaptors

Vava'u Taxi from town is \$5 each way, no access from Harbour. Or bring in to Café Tropicana

Hours 9am to 4.30pm M to Sa

Couriers:

Tonga has the following couriers: UPS, Fedex, DHL. Service terminates in Nukualofa, you will have to pay for transshipment to Vava'u or Ha'apai. DO NOT give an address outside of Nuku'alofa, you will end up paying twice... Couriers are not cheap or quick to outer islands (5-7+ days from the time parcel is in Tonga).

Send colour scans of pratique, ships registration paper, skippers passport to agent asap as this will speed up clearance and yacht in transit.

UPS

Nukualofa +676 30221

Vava'u +676 70422

Yacht in Transit Yacht name (yacht email address)

c/- EM jones Logistics Tonga (Vava'u destination)

Hala Taufau'ahu

Nuku'alofa

Tongatapu, Kingdom of Tonga

Sorry	Fakamolemole
Up or top	'olunga
Down	Lalo
Town	Kolo
Shops or store	Falekoloa
Island, crazy, break	Motu
Day	Aho
Night	Po'uli
Rain	'uha
Sun	La'aa
Month, moon	mahina
Start	Fetu'u
thunder	Mana
Water	Vai
Light	Maama
Beautiful	Faka'ofu'ofa
Food	Me'akai
Movies	Faiva
Bikes	Pasikala, paiki
meat	Kakano'l manu
beef	Pulu
lamb	Sipi
chicken	Moa
horse	Hoosi
dog	Kulii
cat	Pusi
vegetable	Vesitapolo
carrot	Kaloti
pepper	Polo
Spicy pepper	Polo fifisi
tomatoes	Temata
bean	Piini
lettuce	Letisi
cabbage	Kapisi
apple	Apele
orange	Moli
mangoes	Mango
papaya	Lesi
watermelon	Meleni

Fedex
Western Union Nuku'alofa +676 23052
Vava'u Linda jetsave.vav@gmail.com +676 70215

Yacht in Transit Yacht name (plus yacht email address)
c/- Fedex Tonga (Vava'u destination)
Hala Taufu'ahu
Nuku'alofa
Tongatapu, Kingdom of Tonga

DHL
Tongatapu agent dhltongainfo@gmail.com Phone +676 27700.
Vava'u NO AGENT

Yacht in Transit Yacht name (plus yacht email address)
c/- DHL Tonga (Vava'u destination)
Vuna Road
Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu,
Kingdom of Tonga attn Silei

Starlink:

Changes were made early May 2023 which stop standard dish and standard plans being used underway, and on the water (anchored). Emails will be sent if the dish is seen to be used on the water without "Mobility Priority" plan, it will give a week to stop being used on the water or the plan will be deactivated for the account. Mobility Priority is EXTREMELY expensive! See below

The screenshot displays Starlink service plans categorized into 'ONE LOCATION' and 'ON THE GO'. Under 'ONE LOCATION', there are four plans: STANDARD (Best for households), PRIORITY (Best for businesses and high demand users), MOBILE (Best for RVs, nomads, and campers), and MOBILE PRIORITY (Best for maritime, emergency response, and mobile businesses). Each plan lists key features, monthly service plans with prices, and recommended hardware. Under 'ON THE GO', there are four plans: STANDARD, PRIORITY, MOBILE, and MOBILE PRIORITY, each with similar details. The plans are presented in a grid format with icons and descriptive text.

Weather/Tides:

Online tides for Tonga/Pacific.. [Tide Predictions for Australia, South and Antarctica \(bom.gov.au\)](http://Tide Predictions for Australia, South and Antarctica (bom.gov.au))

App Real Tide (IOS), Tides Near Me (Android)

Weather.. <https://met.gov.to/>

UPDATED WEEKLY - please download frequently

www.vavau.to/portofficer.pdf

Appreciate the info? <https://www.buymeacoffee.com/tropicana>