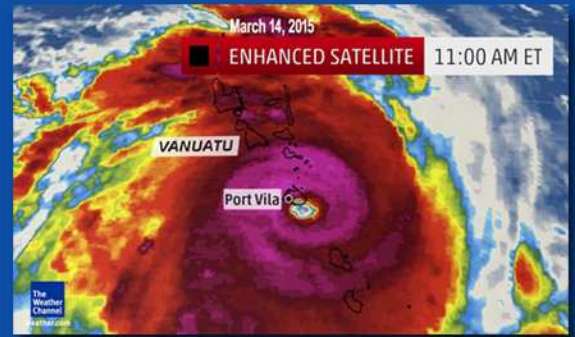




Sea Mercy

First Response Fleet



Join the Fleet!

In the South Pacific, it is not a matter of **if** a natural disaster will occur, but **when**, and how severe it will be. Sea Mercy's First Response Fleet, based in Port Denarau Marina (Nadi, Fiji), stands ready with food, shelter, desalination equipment, professional medical care teams and supplies. Pre-approved by our island nation partners, our volunteer vessels and crews are ready to assist with emergency aid distribution within days, not months, of a natural disaster.

Like many yacht owners, your heart and desire is to help when disasters strike. Yet the frustration of paperwork, approval delays, scheduling chaos, and securing emergency aid has prevented many from helping. Our First Response Fleet offers a professional, flexible and confidential disaster response program for you to join. We confidentially handle all the approval paperwork, the purchase and staging of emergency aid supplies, and notifying our member vessels of any upcoming disasters in your area and how you can assist.



My grandfather once told me that there are two kinds of people: those who work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was less competition there.

~Indira Gandhi

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You're Invitation



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Dear Yacht Owners & Captains,

Many predict this will be the most active and deadly decade on record in the South Pacific for natural disasters. Following our Disaster Response efforts in Vanuatu (Cyclone Pam in 2015) and Tonga (Cyclone Ian in 2014), we found that due to the logistical difficulties of reaching them, thousands of villagers living on the remote islands were the last to receive aid despite the fact that they were often the most in immediate need. To meet that need we've developed the **First Response Fleet**, a program that engages the yachting community during the most crucial first 30 days following a natural disaster. We would like to extend an invitation to you and your crew to consider the various ways you can play a vital part in this important program.

Why a **First Response Fleet**? Following a cyclone or tsunami, the majority of local vessels are either destroyed or damaged, power and communication lines are down, and the government leadership is being overwhelmed by the massive number of emergency requests. The local government and various aid organizations need help in meeting the remote island needs until they can implement a disaster relief strategy for the "at risk" remote islands. That is the vital "emergency aid" role our **First Response Fleet** of volunteer yachts provides. The good news is that we make helping the devastated remote islanders easy and safe for both your crew and vessel by providing the following services:

Pre-approval of vessels - Operating under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with our island nation partners, our vessels, crews, medical teams, and emergency aid can sail directly to the affected "at risk" islands pre-approved.

Professional Disaster Response Support Teams - Our highly trained Professional Disaster Response teams are standing by to provide added security, trained medical staff, and support for your vessel and crew (or we can pre-train your crew).

Staging of Emergency Aid, Water & Medical Supplies - We stage our emergency aid equipment and supplies in Port Denarau, Fiji for quick and easy loading of your vessel (marine & land based desalination equipment, Food, Life, Medical and Shelter units).

Thank you for your consideration of this **First Response Fleet** invitation and please contact me with any questions.

All the best to you,

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Your Impact

Immediately following a natural disaster, there are four primary emergency needs that require immediate attention on the remote islands: Water, Food, Shelter and Medical Care. We have developed a simple, yet powerful program to assist our island nation partners, while making participation simple and safe for those vessels volunteering during their First Response Fleet Assignment:

Water Production & Storage

The vast majority of drinking water used on remote islands is generated from roof catchment (gutters) and stored in water tanks. These are often destroyed during a Cyclone. This puts the remote islanders at risk of dehydration and water born illnesses. Our vessels and teams are trained to deliver and install solar desalination units, water filters, storage tanks, water bladders, pipes and connectors.

Food Aid - Life Units

The majority of agricultural crops and naturally growing fruit and coconuts are destroyed following a cyclone leaving the islanders foraging for what little remains until crops can be replanted and grown (3-6 months). To meet this need, we have created what we call Life Units that can be easily dropped off at each remote island stop. Each unit can feed a family or small village for 2-weeks.

Shelter Units

With homes destroyed or roofs gone, our goal is to provide devastated families with the ability to stay dry and warm until international aid can be delivered. To help the remote islanders get back to healthy conditions and self-sufficiency, we have created Shelter Units that include tarps, hammers, nails, machetes, stoves, pots and pans, fishing line, and hooks.

Medical Teams & Units

Following natural disasters there are always emergency medical needs that need to be addressed and delivering a trained medical team with the necessary medical supplies is the only answer. We have also created a Medical Unit to leave with the village nurse or medical center.



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Make a Difference

Joining the First Response Fleet is easy and confidential. Simply contact us directly at info@seamercy.org or through your yacht agent. We will add your vessel to our island nation partner agreements, and submit your vessel and crews for pre-approval for future emergency needs. We will keep you, your captain, and/or your agent posted on any pending concerns and/or natural disasters and handle all the heavy lifting and paperwork until there is a need. You are never obligated to send your vessel, and the captain always has the final say on any aspect of an assignment.

About Us

Based in Port Denarau Marina in Nadi, Fiji, [Sea Mercy's First Response Fleet](#) is a partnership of several key organizations and individuals who have a heart for the people of the South Pacific and are working together to change the way Emergency Aid and Medical Care are delivered to the neglected and forgotten remote islands following natural disasters.

Sea Mercy (Fiji) - Our mission is to be the primary advocate and service delivery platform for the thousands of remote islands across the South Pacific. To ensure that the same level of health, education, economic, and disaster relief services and opportunities available on the primary islands, are also available to them.

Port Denarau Marina (Nadi, Fiji) - As the South Pacific's premiere marina facility, Port Denarau Marina is the center of the South Pacific and the perfect disaster relief hub for our First Response Fleet vessels and an emergency aid storing and staging location.

YachtAid Global (International) - Dedicated to delivering humanitarian, developmental, and conservation aid onboard yachts to isolated and underprivileged coastal communities worldwide.

YachtHelp (Nadi, Fiji) - Formed in 1987, their central focus is to supply professional shore support services to superyachts operating in Fiji and our First Response Fleet.

Our Volunteer Vessels - A volunteer fleet of large yacht owners who are committed to helping meet the needs of those devastated by natural disasters by volunteering their vessels, crews and financial support to the First Response Fleet program.



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