

# Diesel mechanic

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Located in the village of Viatape. Recommended by SV Capall Mara

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We have spoke to a number of people who have used Jacques while in the Viare Marina and were very satisfied with him He lives in the marina so also close at hand

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5-23 SV Malaika He mostly works as a an independent contractor at Raiatea Carenage. He's a mechanic and all a round expert on boats

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Hio at Raiatea Carenage Recommended by a number of people as a good mechanic For more information, see Haulout

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3-21 SV Kini He worked on my engine, batteries, etc and I can testify of his serious thorough approach. He can do watermakers of course. He used to be engineer on superyachts in the Caribbean. Initially qualified in industrial electric engineering.

# Thierry Duvauchelle

Island: **Raiatea**

Thierry DuvauchelleHe will repair any diesel engine or outboard and can handle various general mechanical problems (windlass, watermakers, etc...). His forte are Perkins, Volvo, Yanmar and Westerbeck and all outboard brands. 📞 [+68987784792](#)

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# Diesel-Clinic

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Diagnostics, repair, technical consulting Located by Marina Taina, Punaauia Speaks: English, French & Spanish Excellent mechanic from diagnosing small problems to complete rebuilds. Reliable and knowledgeable as to where to get parts and find machine shops.

9-2021 SV Ipanema Very please with the work Adrian did for me.

10-2020 SV Marauder: We are repowering with Adrian, ordering a new Beta Marine inboard through him. He has incredibly helpful, friendly, knowledgeable, and for those who don't speak French, he speaks English! He is a certified dealer of Beta Marine engines and therefore also handles warranty work. We highly recommend Adrian and Diesel Clinic Tahiti if you find yourself forced to repower in French Polynesia. Prices aren't that bad, certainly not as steep as Yanmar engines through Sin Tun Hing Marine. The Beta Marine inboard is also built custom to you/your boat, which is pretty cool. If you dispose of the old engine properly and you're a boat in transit, you don't need to pay the custom fees on the new engine! We recycled ours at SOREMAT right next to Technimarine in town

2-2020 SV Avatar We would like to give a reference for Adrian Pataki. We have been in FP for 4 1/2 years. We have used Adrian in several capacities over this time. We have had him watch our sailboat, Avatar, when away on a trip to the US. also several mechanical projects, repairs and a gen-set replacement as he is the Beta Dealer for FP. Adrian has always been on time, does what he says he will do. And one of the few Marine Mechanics that I have been in contact with that does not overbook himself. I was in the Auto repair business for over 15 years and have known good technicians and Adrian in my opinion is good, honest, fair and knowledgeable. Shelly and I whole heartedly recommend him.

6-2018 Jacaranda We have used Adrian multiple times and can highly recommend him 100%. He is very honest and knowledgeable and not only did some work on our Yanmar but we used him to replace a cutlass bearing, align the shaft and do some keel bolt work.

## Lecler Patrick

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11-23 SV Elvira reported he has retired Pacific Marine -Dominique Fily Island: **Tahiti**

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8-24 SV Pelagic Life While I'm not one to write a review, even a positive one, I feel compelled to write one now, if only to give back after benefiting from using the guide. We were recommended Pacific Marine by another cruiser who used them and had received great service. We made an appointment to meet on the Taina dock Monday morning. We braved the fuel dock lineup and got to our designated spot. I sent several WA messages and phoned all morning, but never got a response. It wasn't until noon that they replied that they would come and see us on Wednesday now. I suggested that I could immediately return to the anchorage then and come back Wednesday, but they said I would lose my spot. I'm still not sure if this meant I would lose my spot with them, the docking spot in Taina, or both. As I don't want to pay for four days on the dock just

for an oil change, I will go elsewhere (or do it myself again). I found their communications poor. It took several days to get a response to get this set up, and it was never clear they would stick to a schedule.

11-23 SV Elvira Dominic and Ven helped us with a bad waterintake in our Volvo D2-55, taking it a part and cleaning everything, changing some parts. Motor is working good. They were kind, but had a very hard time to show up to appointed times, even though we prepared many weeks in advance. The second part they did fuck us up seriously. They had an idea of how to stop exhaust water getting into the motor. They gave us a choice of manual or electric. Then they asked us to order the parts from Ali Express, took many weeks and takes a lot of work with customs. Ended at like 300 \$. Then there idea of solution did not work, and they just stopped communicating, yelling at us for costing them a lot of money..... We were already delayed for departure and we had to find a solution in a few days even if we had waited for Dominique for many weeks. So please, if possible, work with someone else.

10-21 SV Alila Dominique does all kind of Diesel engines. Now he lives in Papeete . We had some problems with our main engine 140 hp yanmar engine. He repaired the turbo, the gear box, put a new elbow in. For this work he had to take the muffler and the air cooler off. Nothing was a problem for him. He worked so professional and did a fantastic job. In two days everything was done, he understood totally that a boat without engine on anchor is not what you dream of. He really knows his job and we had fully confidence. He definitely is the guy if you have engine problems. We can highly recommend him.

1-21 SV Cyrolia Dominique has been my mechanic for my 2010 Jeanneau 53, since I bought it in December 2020. I have 110 hp Yanmar, and a 5.5 KW Onan generator. Dominique is extremely professional, and as highly skilled of a mechanic as I've ever met anywhere. He specializes in Yanmar, but I believe he can work on just about any type of engine (he used to work for Yanmar I believe). For any issue I have had, he instantly knows what the problem is, is able to articulate it and repair it. He's professional, and his rates are reasonable and fair. Because he is good, he should be scheduled in advance. My experience with Dominique has been extremely positive.

01-21 SV BENG T We would like to recommend Dominique Fily, the diesel mechanic. He did a great job getting our engine going again. Competent, experienced and a nice guy. Speaks reasonable English.

5-2019 Kiapa Nui: Dominique is now independent and is not part of STH. Highly recommend him for Diesel work

8-20 ? on a recent FP FB page had 6 people recommend Dominic.

9-18 SV Airborne Dominique is a diesel and electrical mechanic... He lives on Moorea, but works in Papeete. He is associated with STH in Papeete and they had referred us to him when we had engine issues in Moorea. He came out on a Sunday to our boat to help us. When we continued to have issues he met us at the dock when we arrived in Papeete for further diagnosis and repairs. Great service. Speaks English and French. I'm not sure if he is an STH employee or a sub contractor, but there is some connection to STH (Yanmar dealer).

2018 SV Amelie Amelie's agent Laurent recommend Dominique and was he contacted directly. Stephen highly recommends Dominique after using him to remove and install a generator. He always showed up on time, great work ethic and did a wonderful job. 6000xpf per hour

# Sail The Way – Rudy

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languages: English, Dutch, German Location: Papeete Diesel mechanic: Everything what can go wrong or needs maintenance in the engine room: oil- filters, fuel filters, fuel lines, air filters, anodes, mixing elbows, exhaust plumbing, alternators and (external) regulators (12/24 V), starters and relays, starter battery, V-belts, injectors, dripless seals, stuffing box, raw water- and fresh water pumps, water hoses, bilge pumps, head gasket replacements, valve adjustment...

2-22 SV Matador I have seen many satisfied customers after Rudy has successfully solved their problems. I can recommend his thorough approach, tidy work and great ability to think problems through, resulting in correct diagnosis and permanent solutions. I would not hesitate to recommend his services.

1-22 SV Wandersurf I limped into Nuku Hiva on my Vagabond 39 after a long journey from Panama. Transmission shot and mast track popping off in a section where the wood rotted away. Rudy helped me pull my transmission, diagnose the issue and put me in touch with a company to order a replacement. He also guided me through the process of repairing my mast. He is extremely knowledgeable and helpful with all things Marine related. He was just someone who helped work on my boat he became a friend. I highly recommend his services.

12-21 SY Mary Ann I want to send a recommendation regarding Sail The Way, both for electric/electronic work, and as a diesel mechanic. He also worked on my boat to relocate a day tank and did a superb job. Lastly, as we had to leave the boat while on the hard undergoing various jobs, Rudy took over the management of all contractors, and when I returned, all was done - and well done. Rudy is a calm, organized and thorough man who knows what he's doing. Very highly recommended.

7-21 SV Harmony - Outremer 5X - Rudy's extensive knowledge of marine diesel mechanic was impressive to say the least. There is no job related to diesel engines that I wouldn't trust Rudy to tackle. His attention to detail and going above and beyond with preventative measures to ensure engine longevity was greatly appreciated. I highly recommend Rudy in this field and trust his skills, knowledge and character to get you moving forward under power quickly.

1-21 SV Juffa Rudy is an accomplished electrician and mechanic who managed to repair our Dometic freezer when others failed to do so. His fees are reasonable and he is an experienced

cruiser who understands our needs and is a pleasure to work with. When our Yanmar 3YM30 blew it's cylinder head gasket he again undertook the repairs and got us going in an efficient and well organized manner. We can highly recommend Rudy to our fellow cruisers.

2018 SV Pavo Real I would highly recommend Rudy-Sail the Way for those in need of electrical, diesel and general boat repairs. When sailing in Panama my vessel, a Lagoon 410 catamaran, was struck by lightening. It was a direct hit to the mast and the electrical damage was extensive. Nearly all the electronics on the boat were damaged. Navigation, radar, radios, charger/inverter, vessel lighting, engine sensors and helm gages were fried. I hired Rudy of Sail the Way to do the repairs. He did an amazing job. Rudy advised me to work together, to repair all the damage. The best way to learn about your boat and trouble shoot the things by yourself. Most of the boat needed to be rewired. He discovered many wiring issues beyond just simple repair and reconstructed the entire system including the electrical panel and breakers. All my systems now work better than ever. When we were hauled out he discovered some issues with through hull fittings and removed old no longer used valves and repaired the hull. Once back in the water he was able to get my two Yanmar diesel engine running in top shape. Rudy advised me to work together, to repair all the damage. The best way to learn about your boat and trouble shoot the things by yourself. We were truly lucky to have Rudy available to do the work. He was very busy with repair work on other vessels, including removing and repairing a keel on a large sailboat that had run aground. Fortunately, he committed himself to our job and installed systems as the arrived in Panama from the US. He is now in Tahiti and sailors there are lucky to have such an amazing individual available to their vessels.

1-19 SV Rosa dos Ventos I (Edwin Bovill) am writing this email to give an assessment of work done by Rudy S'hout on our Brewer 44 Cutter (1989) Rosa dos Ventos in 2018 at Shelter Bay, Panama. Electrical: Rudy S'hout installed a new Raymarine EV400 Sail Pilot system in our boat Rosa dos Ventos. Putting this state of the art system into our 28 year old boat was a challenge given the age of our boat and the complexity of the new system and fitting it together in an antiquated wiring system etc. Rudy S'hout did a superb job. He is incredibly knowledgeable about on board electrical systems. The system has performed flawlessly up to the present time. I give him my highest rating (5 out of 5) for the work he did for us and will point out that my rating was echoed by many other cruisers in Shelter Bay. Mechanical: We also had some problems with our Onan 6KW generator with which he helped us. Again he did a superb job trouble shooting and fixing both mechanical and electrical systems (5 out of 5). Also see Marine Electronics for more on Rudy

## Sin Tung Hing (STH)

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10-2019 SV Panache STH Marine did the 1,000-hour service on our Yanmar diesel engines. The mechanics were good, but their manager gave them the wrong manual and then interpreted it incorrectly. They set my valves incorrectly. It took me weeks to convince them that they were

wrong. They finally relented, agreed I was correct and fixed their mistake. I wonder how many boats in Tahiti are operating with the wrong valve settings For more information, see Marine Suppliers

# Thomas Lefebvre

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11-23 SV Elvira Thomas helped us out with an exhaust solution. He is nice, fast, good priced and professional. He is though more of a mechanic than a specialist on diesel motors.

4-23 We blew out our wet exhaust leaving marina Taina on a Saturday. We ended up out in the mooring field in front of the airport. Another sailer called him for us, and he came out on his boat on Sunday to look at our engine. He gave us his recommendation, we got into Papeete that afternoon, and he came and replaced the exhaust on Monday. He's been doing a lot of work on our friends boat next to us, an older catana 38

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