

Mail / freight

Island: **Tahiti**

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Used for shipping items via ship down to Tahiti from vanguard in LA

Generalities

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Replacement of broken parts for a foreign "yachts in transit" is duty free but two customs applications are required: one when the item arrives and another when the yacht leave FP. This "duty free" exemption does not apply to any new items on your vessel only replacement parts, therefore you need to be ready to prove "replacement" when you leave FP although by keeping the old part (I doubt this is rigorously enforced.) This double customs applications also double the charges of the customs brokerage. We have heard of yachts having to pay a customs agent to come to the boat and observe replaced sails being destroyed. On the other the other hand we personally know two yachts who recieved new sails without any hassles. You are allowed to receive goods valued up to \$200, including the shipping cost, duty free without requiring any duty or application to customs. Putting your yacht name on the parcel will insure you will not recieve the item without expensive customs agent fees. Using an address which is not a marina may also help avoid having to pay for an agent. We have recieved two parcels this way without requiring an

agent.

Gondrand Transit & Voyages

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📍 GPS decimal degrees: Lat -17.541653, Lon -149.56863 [GoogleMaps](#) [OpenStreetMap](#)

Michael Lichon at Gondrand 68940543164 was very efficient, speaks good English and works closely with UPS. They are just behind the Mc Donalds near Marina Papeete. We received a package from Defender in the USA weighing approximately 10lb value \$760, shipping cost with UPS was \$82, shipping time just prior to Christmas was about eight days including customs time here and the customs agent fee was \$120 (2x \$60 which include clearance out of FP when the time comes.) He also allowed us to receive a new passport there at no charge. 10-2022 SV Auntie AVOID!! Complete fail on Gondrand, largely because of their US partners, 📍 [I.L.S.](#) Bottom paint I use not available here any longer so bought 8 gallons in Miami and had Gondrand handle all shipping. In the US, 📍 [I.L.S.](#) lost 4 gallons, and damaged the remaining 4 gallons beyond use. They did not communicate this, had I not repeatedly asked for updates I would still not know. Gondrand's insurance would not cover because it never reached the dock. AVOID!!

For more information, see Agents Main Couriers Companies

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Postal Service

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We have shipped several packages to the UK with OPT which arrived in approx. 10 days; cost for t-shirt sized packages was around \$14. After getting several quotes in the \$400 range to courier our radio to a repair centre in the USA we decided to ship via OPT, FP mail system. The cost was \$63, it was tracked and signed for but only up to the US border. The package took about 4 weeks to arrive in Florida. We also received a very small mailbag from the UK which took 5 weeks to arrive in Papeete. We used Marina Tahina as our receiving address invariably you must pick up packages from the OPT office after receiving notice of their arrival there was no fee for part which came free of customs charges but might have had a value of perhaps \$100. If receiving parcels to Marinas best to put your name without the vessel name.

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