Refilling foreign gas bottles in New Caledonia has been difficult in the past.

New Caledonian LPG is butane. Australian LPG is propane or sometimes a mix of propane and butane. The amount of energy from either gas is almost the same, however propane has a much higher static cylinder pressure than butane. Since we are operating in the tropics, the lower cylinder pressure of butane makes no difference to filling techniques or to how well our stove will work.

**Update May 2016**: Gas is now available at the fuel wharf at the Port Moselle Marina

The special CORC gas adaptor only fits the large size French cylinders. There are some various other connectors in use in New Caledonia for the various cylinders, but none of them fit our adaptor.

Hervé (an agent at one of the offices between the marina and the markets) has adaptors for all types of cylinders and offers a service to fill Australian and other cylinders.

**Caution**: Decanting gas is dangerous!If you decant gas, do so at your own risk.

Gas decanting is not illegal in New Caledonia. However, it is forbidden to decant gas in any marina. Be extremely careful not to allow escaping gas into the boat.

1. Rent a returnable large sized gas bottle from a Service station (e.g. Shell at Port Plaissance).
2. Take the yacht out of the marina and away from other vessels.
3. Connect the rental bottle to Namadgi’s bottle using the adaptor hose stored on Namadgi.

1. Hang the rental bottle upside down using a halyard so the cylinder hangs over the rear of the bimini.
2. Secure it to prevent it from swinging.
3. Rig it so that the decanting hose is almost straight down to the Namadgi cylinder, which should be sitting upright on the boarding platform.
4. Fully open both cylinder valves and also open the bleed screw on the Namadgi cylinder. Note: The bleed screw on the Namadgi cylinder is on the side of the valve and is most likely to be a slot head screw.
5. After some time a stream of white gas will spray out of the bleed valve, shut off the Namadgi cylinder valve, then the bleed screw, then the valve on the upside down cylinder you are filling from.
6. Remove the hose, taking care to not have bare skin near the liquid evacuating the hose as this may result in severe cold burns from the propane.
7. Return the rental bottle for your deposit.

Note: It is quite important to place the cylinder to be filled on the boarding platform at the stern, as this is the only point on Namadgi which is low enough to guarantee that none of the gas being vented during the decanting process can enter the interior of the yacht. Motoring slowly into the wind (or at ninety degrees to the wind) during decanting will ensure that no LPG vapour will stay near the yacht.