Location: Fakarava atoll in Tuamotu Islands, French Polynesia

Sailing Conditions: Windy conditions, choppy waters due to reefs and bommies, surf coming in, shallow waters over live coral reef, light wind sailing

Problems: Spearfishing incident resulting in injury from a fish, presence of sharks during

spearfishing, marine disease called Cera affecting reefs, remoteness of location with limited access

to doctors

Fixes: Seeking medical attention at the local hospital, using caution during spearfishing activities,

learning about local marine diseases and species

Anchorages: South pass, North pass in Fakarava atoll, main town in the atoll

Marinas: Limited facilities with no doctors available in most places visited

Rules: Protection of coral reefs by floating the anchor chain, respect for local fishing practices and

species

Safety Measures: Using caution in shallow waters and around live coral reefs, being aware of the

presence of sharks during water activities

Routes: Navigating through atoll passages, sailing within the atoll for flat water conditions

Sea Bottom: Presence of bommies (reefs) below the water surface, dead coral around anchorages

Weather: Overcast morning affecting visibility, wind forecasts not always accurate, trade winds

consistent in the area

Tides: Not explicitly mentioned in the transcript

Currents: Not explicitly mentioned in the transcript

This data provides insights into the sailing experience in Fakarava atoll, highlighting the challenges,

safety measures, and unique aspects of sailing in remote and exotic locations like French Polynesia.