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Boating in New Caledonia, an expanding leisure



New Caledonia is renewing its nautical structures to better accommodate boaters. Five marinas and several billion XFP francs of investment have made New Caledonia a particularly popular destination for sailors.



Each year, around twenty thousand pleasure boats are listed in New Caledonia, which places the territory as the **second biggest marina site in all French territories**. A ranking that deserves ambitions of expansion.

The Bay of Moselle in renovation!

If boating in New Caledonia is developing so much, it is notably thanks to **SODEMO, the Société d'Économie Mixte de la Baie de la Moselle**, created in 1987 at the initiative of the City of Nouméa, the Port Autonome and private partners to develop the Port Moselle and its surroundings. The company then extended its activities to **Port Garnier, Port Brunelet, Nouville Plaisance** (the careening area) and the **Mont-Dore marina, Port Boulari**. Among the novelties, we can cite, for example, the renewal of pontoons and the reinforcement of underwater safety elements. In addition, as part of the development and operation of a **Yachting base in Nouméa**, SODEMO is working in close collaboration with the **Nice Chamber of Commerce** in order to benefit from its expertise in this area.



One of the largest projects in France

It is to respond to a shortage of places that the first marina of Nouméa, the Port Moselle is renewing itself: **Renovation of the car park, sanitation works, 2.2 km of new pontoons, a new barge of 600 tonnes, 150 additional places created to reach a maximum capacity of 700 places**. This work will end in April 2021 and will stimulate others including the **overhaul of the refuelling station** for a budget of 50 million XFP.

The Port Moselle welcomes around **400 visitors per year** between September and November, leaving 95% of visitors satisfied (according to a SODEMO study on visitors to Port Moselle in 2015) and willing to **recommend New Caledonia as a stopover and essential destination for South Pacific sailors**.