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WEEKEND FEATURE

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Tycoons slip in for a PNG holiday

WEALTHY tycoons are being lured to see and experience West New Britain's marine wonders, with private jets zipping in and out of Hoskins airport. People linked to the Netscape and Hyatt hotels fortunes slipped into the oil palm capital during the festive season and revelled in the province's dive spots and fishing, according to local residents.

Walindi Plantation Resort is the magnet for these well-to-do people who want to see the wonders of tropical waters and the award winning dive locations.

Tom Pritzker of the family which owns the Hyatt Hotels group flew in on their Falcon 900 private jet on December 21, chartered the Walindi-based Star Dancer cruise vessel and spent 10 days cruising and diving in the local waters.

They left on December 28.

They overlapped with Netscape supremo Jim Clark who flew in with a party of friends on his private Gulfstream jet on Christmas eve and left a week later, on New Year's Eve.

Mr Clark's private yacht,

the Athena, sailed in earlier with its fulltime crew.

The Athena is reputedly the largest privately owned sail yacht in the world.

It is 90 metres long and is a three-masted schooner built only two years ago with luxurious fittings and world renowned architectural design.

It sailed into PNG waters under the Oceanic Preservation Society banner of saving the world's oceans.

The Clark group did dives from the Athena, basing the boat at Walindi and using the resort's divemasters.



Hollywood star surfs in Kavieng

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Turf challenge

Bosses tell Moti probe to back off

By **ALEX RHEENEY**

DEFENCE Force board of inquiry counsel John Kawi yesterday lashed out at Chief Secretary Joshua Kalinoe and top government security adviser Joseph Assaigo for frustrating the proceedings of the inquiry.

He was replying to submissions by counsel for Mr Kalinoe and Mr

Assaigo which questioned the inquiry's jurisdiction as well its composition.

Mr Kawi said the two bureaucrats should go to the National Court and not waste the inquiry's time.

He challenged the argument by lawyer Davis Stevens for Mr Kalinoe and Mr Assaigo that section 51 of the Defence Force Act

restricted the inquiry to confining its investigations into the conduct of PNGDF soldiers and Department of Defence officers.

"The word 'government' (in the Act) should be given a very broad interpretation and when that is done, it covers not just members of the Defence Force and those employed in the Department of Defence. That is wrong.

"If we were to go by that definition then it would simply render our terms of reference useless because there is already evidence which shows in that 'great escape' (of Julian Moti), it was not the military alone who planned and carried that illegal exercise," Mr Kawi told the inquiry.

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