



*Sabine Schworer...with her two children on their yacht.*

that Savusavu's reputation for faster clearance than other ports of entry in Fiji meant 2009 would be just as busy.

Meanwhile, I was quickly discovering that every visitor has their own unique story.

Kati Mund and Arne Hinz set sail from Germany 10 years ago in their 40-ft yacht, *Iemanja*: the Brazilian goddess of the sea.

Their intention was to circumnavigate the world. They were so beguiled by the islands of the Pacific, that their journey stalled for several years.

When Kati became pregnant, they decided to settle permanently in New Zealand.

Kati and Arne were spending three months in Fiji, sailing the archipelago with their children - six-year old Emily and four-year old Lennard.

"This is our first overseas sailing trip in five years," said Arne.

I asked them why they'd chosen Fiji.

"It's easy to bring a yacht up here from New Zealand. There are lots of nice islands and everyone is friendly towards the kids," he

replied.

"We came to Savusavu nine years ago and we wanted to come here again," Kati concluded simply.

Dario and Sabine Schworer were in Savusavu for very different reasons. The couple were sailing the world on a mammoth expedition to conquer the highest summits of the world by 'human and nature's power only'.

Their journey began in 2002 and they've produced two children along they way - Salina and Andri - both born in Patagonia.