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Another ship was “arrested” and chained to the pier because it had defects that threatened navigation, safety and the environment. The vessel, *Santa Paula* sailing under the Venezuelan flag, had serious faults that made it a threat to navigation such as not complying with the minimum standards for buoyancy, safety equipment, crew and international environmental laws. The maritime authorities of Venezuela were informed and performed the necessary inspections and repairs. The ship, which was moored at the South Pier (freight pier), has since departed following corrections. The *Santa Paula* arrived from Aruba with a consignment of cement for Bonaire. Her next destination is unknown.

►The Executive Council has issued a ban on dogs on many Bonaire beaches. The measure aims to avoid nuisance and annoyance and to protect nature. On these beaches absolutely no dogs are allowed, even on a leash.



Recently the prohibition signs were posted on many beaches. Violation is punishable with a fine. The ban applies to large parts of the island: the total area of Kai and Sorobon, the area between the salt pier and the Williamstoren lighthouse including the kiteboarding beach, the fisherman's hut and the Slave Hut tourist attractions. The beaches include:

- Playa Lechi (Sunset Beach);
- Playa Lechi Suit (Promenade Beach);
- Playa Chachacha;
- Playa Pal'i Mangle (Donkey Beach dive site);

- Forn'i Playa Kalki (dive site Bachelor's Beach);
- From Salina (Salt Pier) to Lacre Point (Willemstoren) lighthouse;
- Sorobon and Cai;
- Fuse (dive sites and Andrea 1, Andrea 2);
- Piedra Haltu / trapi (dive site Thousand Steps);
- Tolo;
- Dive Site Nukove;
- Klein Bonaire.

►The political party “**Movimentu Lucha Boneiru**” (MLB) which did not get any representation in the last election, **noted that Bonaire does not appear to have a government or an opposition since the elections of March 2nd.** It is the Dutch who make the decisions on the island, said MLB chairman **Allee Wernet**. The chairman called on both the coalition and opposition party, “**Union Patriotiko Boneriano**,” (UPB) to take action in the interest of the Bonairean people. He added that the population of Bonaire can barely cope with the current situation. “The electricity rate seems to rise rather than drop as promised earlier and medical costs are also sharply increasing.”

►On Sunday June 19th the Minister of Home Affairs and Kingdom Relations **Piet Hein Donner** will have started a **five-day working visit to the Dutch Caribbean**. Donner will review the cooperation programs, the progress committees, transport of persons and goods and the kingdom conference planned for later this year. The meetings come in the wake of acknowledgement by the Dutch Second Chamber of the need for closer cooperation among the Antillean islands for taxation, medical needs and transportation. The visit coincides with the visit of the Secretary of State of Finance Frans Weekers. The visit of the State Secretary is meant to get acquainted with local officials and to discuss the tax laws.

►Last week Minister Donner, presented the **first Interim Report of the National Representative for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and**

Know Your Executive Council



Island Secretary Neri Gonzales, Commissioner Michiel Bijkerk, Commissioner Mirelva Cicilia, Commissioner Delno Tromp, and Governor Glenn Thodé

►On Monday, May 30, attorney and PHU (Party for Justice and Unity), **Michiel Bijkerk** was sworn in as a **Commissioner in the Island Government replacing Peter van de Mosselaar** who stepped down for medical reasons. Sworn in to replace Bijkerk on the Island Council was **Rafael Santana (at right)**, a leader in the PHU party.



Saba, Wilbert Stolte, to the Second Chamber of Parliament.

This first report looks back to the October 10, 2010, transition from the Antilles to the Dutch government. During that period new laws went into effect, the dollar was introduced as legal tender, the health insurance revised and new taxes became applicable. Representative Stolte wrote that he plans to strengthen confidence in the Dutch Islands relationship and promote a close collaboration between island residents and administrators and the European part of The Netherlands. He is convinced that cooperation and coherence can be improved when all stakeholders are committed and work together. **The Interim Report will soon be available** in three languages at the RCN offices and can be downloaded from the RCN website.

►Christie Dovale reports that the **Bonaire Post Office should be getting its first postage stamps** since the integration with Holland and the introduction of the dollar. Until now you had to mail all letters at the Post Office where “machine” postage was

applied. Look for them this month or in July. Oh yes, postal rates have gone up.

►Curaçao's Council of Ministers has decided to **build a new hospital at Groot Piscadera, near the University of the Netherlands Antilles to replace the aging St. Elizabeth Hospital**. The government also wants to incorporate the financially-troubled Taams Clinic in the plans. The new hospital will have 300 rooms. St. Elisabeth's is the regional hospital for Bonaireans.

►Bonaire's pioneer supermarket, **Cultimara**, has merged with Cash & Carry, also known as Consales, which is now closed. A visit to Cultimara last week, however, found many empty shelves, but improvement was promised. Meanwhile Warehouse Bonaire on Kaya Industria is trying to keep up with the increased demand.

►Watch out for hornets and wasps, known locally as **mari-bombas**. Favorable weather conditions this spring have caused an explosion in the population of

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► On Friday, June 24, the Bonaire Red Cross along with a number of businesses and NGOs will sponsor a Taste of Bonaire and Dia di San Juan fund-raiser in Wilhelmina Park from 7 pm til late. The proceeds from the bar and donations from the food vendors will go to the fund to construct a building to house our two new state-of-the-art ambulances. All your favorites will be there to tempt you with local, Suriname, Indonesian, Chinese and continental dishes.

mud wasps, ground dwellers and paper nest-making types. Local supermarkets are out of spray. Their sting does hurt and often the days after the stings swell and itch. Unless you are especially allergic recovery comes in a couple of days.

► If you want to buy Bonaire produce be at the Farmers' Market this Saturday, June 25, at Kriabon (Amboina). Disappointingly, at the last Farmers' Market there were few par-

ticipants because of personal obligations and an email failure. **If you want to participate or if you grow produce on Bonaire call the GoGreen Shop, They are interested in buying your produce. For info; call Tina Woodley at 700-5488, e-mail: tina.woodley@yahoo.com.**

► What's special about *The Bonaire Reporter*?

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► Last Saturday there was the annual contest of "Machi Modelo" in "Kas Di Kuido." As last year, the fashion show was sponsored by Jody's Fashion. Dymphie Bux (owner of Jody's Fashion) was on hand to congratulate the winners.

directly from computer to press.

- First newspaper on Bonaire to have color covers and have full color editions.
- First newspaper to feature photos of its readers in exotic places—hundreds of photos have been published with *The Reporter* from the top of Mt. Everest to the bottom of the sea in the Picture Yourself feature
- First Bonaire newspaper to be on-line
- First free classified ads
- First environmental advocate newspaper: Sea Turtle campaign, Save Klein Bonaire, Stop Karpata Development, Sewage treatment, flamingo deaths, spearfishing and more.



US Vice Consul Winifred Hofstetter presents a collection of books to the after school program at Jong Bonaire. L to R (back row) Gezaghebber Interino Peter Silberie, Vice Consul Hofstetter, Diputado Delno Tromp, Thevin Clappers, Sharys Anthony, Ilona Burgers, Bilha Thomas. Front row: Jong Bonaire teens

► The US Consulate presented a collection of English language books to the after-school program for teens at Jong Bonaire. Donated books include novels, biographies, US history and anti-drug flyers and will be used by Jong Bonaire as part of its homework and tutoring programs. The book donation is part of the Consulate's educational donations to each island in the Dutch Caribbean.

The after-school program at Jong Bonaire is the largest such effort in the Dutch Antilles, involving more than 260 teens as current members and more than 1,500 past participants. US Vice Consul Winifred Hofstetter made the presentation to Manager Bilha Thomas and several of the Jong Bonaire teens. Mrs. Thomas thanked Vice Consul Hofstetter and presented her with a copy of the Papiamentu English Dictionary which Jong Bonaire sells as a fund raiser. Also present to greet the Vice Consul were Gezaghebber Interino Pieter Silberie, Diputado Delno Tromp, Michael Gaynor, Consulate Warden for US Citizens on Bonaire, and Ilona Burgers, General Manager of Jong Bonaire.

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On the Island Since... April 1931 – Hugo Gerharts

“My father was born in The Hague, The Netherlands. In 1925 he was stationed on Curaçao as an accountant for KNSM, the Royal Dutch Shipping Company. Then he got promoted to inspect the offices of KNSM in Latin America and the Caribbean islands. On one of his trips to Bonaire he met my mother, Julia Maria van der Ree, who was going by the name Herrera, a true-born Bonairean. They married in 1930; my father was 28, my mom had just turned 20. I was their first child and my parents decided it was better to take the boat to Curaçao before I was born, so the delivery took place there. I was born April 11, 1931. Officially, I am a ‘Yu di Korsou.’ (Child of Curaçao) I have one sister, Astrid; she lives in Holland.

When I was eight, my parents split up and my father fought very hard to keep me with him. My sister stayed with my mom. After the divorce my father borrowed some money and started his one-man business, and in 1936 he

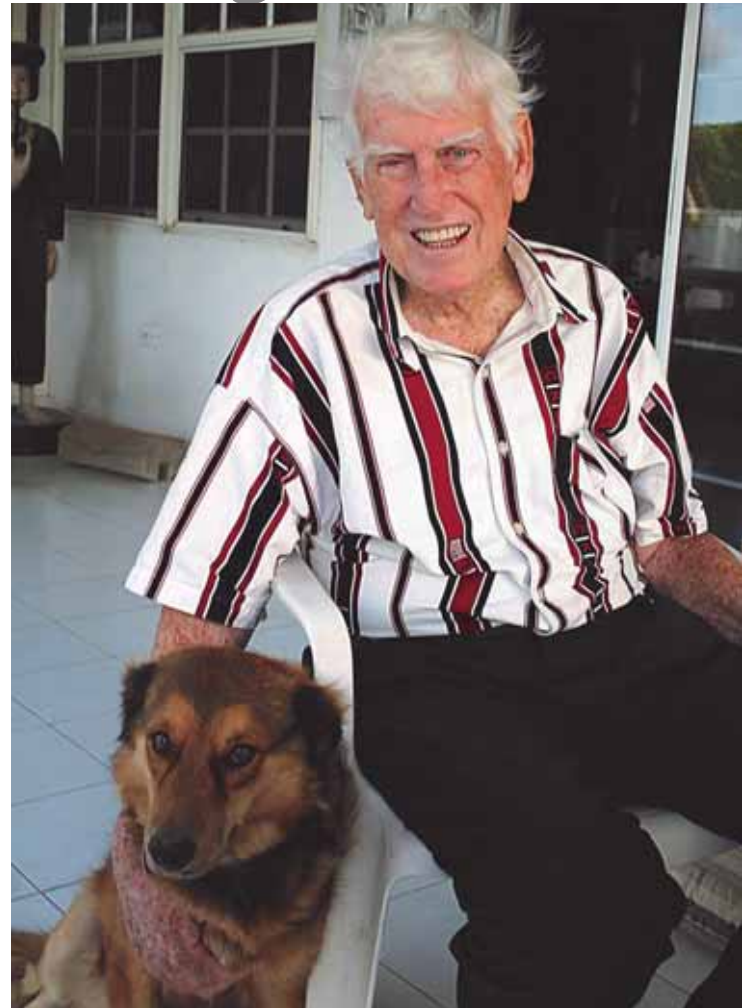
brought KLM to Bonaire. So, my father, LD, and I and my son Larry have done the handling of KLM on Bonaire for 75 years: three generations of Gerharts.

When I was 10 I was sent to Curaçao, to Saint Thomas College. Then my father planned to send me to his sister in Holland in July 1940 to continue my studies, but in May 1940 the Germans invaded Holland and WW II broke out.

Still, my father was determined to get me a good education, and he took the advice of a friend of his, Mr. Merryweather, who was the director of Shell on Aruba. Mr. Merryweather had a son who was at a boarding school on Jamaica and my father decided to send me there. It was 1941; I was almost 11 years old and I didn’t speak a word of English. In those days Jamaica was a British colony and when I arrived they almost sent me back because I was a child, alone in Kingston, and I only spoke Dutch and Papiamentu and my boarding school was in a remote place in the mountains. A

Dutch family took pity on me and explained to the governor of Jamaica that I had been accepted at the school. I stayed in Jamaica for seven and a half years. Only once a year could I visit Bonaire, but I am grateful for the excellent education they gave me. I participated in all kinds of sports and all our exams were related to the University of Cambridge. In June 1949 I graduated.

In Jamaica I had been a junior tennis player champion three times and so I wanted to go to Curaçao where the real tennis players were. I applied for a job with Shell and with KLM. I participated in a tennis championship – a skinny little boy of just 18 years old – and I won! I got a job offer from KLM and another one from Shell. I asked my dad, LD, what to do and he told me ‘You go and work for KLM.’ So I took his advice and worked for KLM in every department. Then they sent me to their head office in The Hague, to ‘brainwash’ me – getting me ready for an important job. When I came back to Curaçao



Hugo Gerharts with his dog Happy

“My work was my passion, my life, but now I feel I should have dedicated more time to my family ... ”

I told my father KLM wanted to send me to Mexico City. But... in those days children obeyed their parents and my father said, ‘NO!’ I had to come to Bonaire to work

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with him and so I landed here in 1956.

My father was very strict. He put me in a store and I was degraded to pricing articles, but soon after I took over the responsibilities for KLM and I did so until 1999."

Hugo Gerharts is 80 years old but young at heart. He's a man alone, taking care of himself and his dog "Happy." He reads all the available newspapers, listens to all the different radio stations, he's up to date with the news and is cooking his own onion soup from a recipe from the internet. He's kind and he's still a fighter...

"In 1940 my father founded Bonaire Trading Company Ltd. and Kralendijk Trading Company Ltd. He had shipping agencies and freighting, he had a grocery store, a bakery, a Shell agency, a Ford dealership and KLM. Although my specialty was KLM, I learned very fast how the other businesses were run. I traveled a lot and being young I had good ideas. In the course of the years new companies were formed.

When Hotel Bonaire went bankrupt it was bought by another group and when they went bankrupt too, I got some people involved to buy the hotel and it was named Sunset Beach Hotel. I was a very small share holder; I had

2%. Beforehand, I'd gotten involved in crude oil trading and in two years my partner and I became the second largest crude oil traders in the world. I invested all the money I made into Bonaire and it helped me buy the majority of shares of Sunset Beach Hotel and to expand my other businesses. Once I transferred three million dollars of the crude oil trading profit to Bonaire and it was entered in our administration books at Bonaire Trading Company. When we had an inspection from the tax office, they saw these 5.5 million guilders in our books and although the entire crude oil trading was done outside Bonaire and my being director of this crude oil trading company, I was taxed 2.5 million guilders...

As tourist promotion was very important for me and Bonaire I continued improving the Sunset Beach Hotel. At a certain time I had to borrow 1.5 million guilders from a bank to upgrade the hotel and of course I had to give guarantees to get the loan, both personal and from my other businesses. Then, some time later, the bank called in the loan, and in spite of the fact that I had a monthly payment schedule which was always executed on time, I didn't have the money at that time. It was a set-up - born out of hatred and jealousy to break me and... they succeeded.

When I came to Bonaire, my

father had a company with 23 people working for him, and when they set me up we had 20 companies and 345 people working for us. We were the biggest employer after the government.

For me it was the end - I left for Miami, penniless.

I have paid all my employees until the very end. But I didn't succeed in paying for the Pension Fund Foundation. I did try, because the 250.000 guilders I was going to get from the pension fund I left in the fund. Lots of people say I made millions, but... where are they?

I stayed in Miami for about eight years and then I came back to Bonaire, three years and three months ago. I've got nothing; my children are taking care of me and I have a 'job' as an advisor with my son Larry, who has his own company, Bonaire Air Services.

I have four children from my first marriage: Jennifer, Larry, Debbie and Grace, and from my second marriage I have Natasja and Alexander, and I have 13 grandchildren. I have always been a work-a-holic and a go-getter and all my life I wanted to do something good for other people and the island. Unfortunately, I never took care of myself; I invested everything in the island. I've felt a lot of rancor, but now I've accepted what has happened, but I have not forgotten... I am a person who thinks things over - I



On the airport apron with a KLM jetliner

am not impulsive, I have patience...

My work was my passion, my life, but now I feel I should have dedicated more time to my family. I took care that they all got a good education, but I've missed a lot of time with them...

Bonaire was another passion and I still believe Bonaire could become the Cote d'Azur of the Caribbean. It has all the potential to become one of the best places in the region, but... for that we need at least a hotel like the Hilton, the Marriot or the Hyatt at the top location where Sunset Beach Hotel used to be." *He grins.* "Having KLM's 'blue blood' I would like to see more flights

coming from Europe. I also would like to see all the apartments and villas being organized under one umbrella, like the hotels did in Bonhata. And I think we should explore the Canadian market. It has been done and it can be done again.



Further, I hope to live to become 90 and keep my healthy mind and if I take my pills and behave, I might succeed!




And whoever wants some advice - I am always willing to give it - take it or leave it!" ■ *Story & photos by Greta Kooistra*



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Seventh Annual Bonaire Jazz Festival

The Bonaire Jazz Festival, officially from June 2 to June 5th, actually started a day earlier when **Henk van Twillert's saxophone ensemble, "Vento do Norte,"** appeared outside City Cafe and showed Bonaire what marvelous music 10 sax players can make. This whet the appetite of quite a few people who were able to enjoy this group of young players the next night in the intimate atmosphere of Fort Oranje during the Jazz and Poetry evening that officially opened the Festival. The local band, **Pal'i Wiri,** started off the program with their wonderful Caribbean rhythms followed by the lovely voice of Slovenian **Nina Strnad** who played beautiful classic jazz tunes with a trio of Antillean instrumentalists.

Bonaire's winner of *Arte di Palabra*, **Junella Nicolaas**, who had captivated the jazz festival audience last year, read some of her poems and joined Henk van Twillert during the performance of "Vento do Norte" to read the lyrics of one of his compositions.

On Friday the event continued at Plaza Resort with some great acts. The kids' band, "**Kara Kora**," who won this year's Tumba Festival, got up on the stage and opened the show, followed by the husky Brazilian singer, **Kenia**. She dazzled the public, performing vivacious and sensuous rhythms full of melody with a beautiful Brazilian accent together with a buoyant, experienced jazz trio. The lyrics of one of the compositions was a recipe (put to music by Brazilian composer **Dorival Caymmi** who passed away in 2008 at the age of 94) and even though the words were in Portuguese, the swinging song made it possible to imagine how to stir the ingredients for this recipe.

This evening was rounded off with the sexy and vivacious, St. Maarten-born **Merietza Haakmat** who was accompanied



Kenia

by the Curaçao band, "**Jazz 2 Soul**," and local guest percussionist **James "Boy" Janga**. Merietza entranced the public not only with her great voice but also with her sassy stage presence. Band member, **Ismael Jeserun** finished the show by burning one of his keyboards on the beach.

Bonaire was able to show off more of its local talent during the pre-program on Saturday evening. **Benji Schaub's Quartet** did Coltrane and Miles Davis and a sensitive rendition of Billy Holiday's *God Bless the Child*. When it started to rain they were able to continue by playing faster than the raindrops could fall.

Fortunately the rain stopped and real jazz enthusiasts could enjoy two internationally acclaimed bands during the rest of this evening. The **Pablo Gil Jazz Ensemble** played with vibes artist **Dave Samuels** who is recognized for his fresh and innovative approach to both the vibraphone and ma-



"Vento do Norte"

rimba.. This veteran band was followed by another professional band with a Latin American approach to jazz, **Conrad Herwig's Latin Side All-Star Band**. The piano and percussion set up the rhythm for Herwig on the trombone and **Mike Rodriguez** on the trumpet playing their mutual tunes with gusto. Too bad rain intervened again just before the end of the show and due to all the electrical appliances on the stage the show was over.

Those who could not get enough could enjoy **jam sessions at the after parties at Little Havana and Sense**.

All good things have to come to an end. This goes for Bonaire's Jazz Festival as well. Instead of organizing the traditional jazz brunch, the Bonaire Jazz foundation had decided to offer a free concert. On this lazy Sunday afternoon jazz fans were treated to a performance by **Madeline Bell**. Ms Bell enraptured the audience together with **Frits Landesbergen and his band**. The atmosphere was very relaxed with families watching the show and enjoying a BBQ meal on the grass in the lush garden on which the stage was built. Despite the drizzle that started near the end of the performance they continued to play a few more songs.

All in all, the Jazz Festival was a great

success again with a varied program for a wide audience. Merietza Haakmat was a lively and spirited mistress of ceremonies and **Rene Hakkenberg and the members of the Bonaire Jazz Foundation** managed to organize this huge event professionally with a team of volunteers. Hopefully, Bonaire will be able to enjoy this international festival for many years to come. ■ *Johanna Gordijn. Photos by Herman van Leeuwen*

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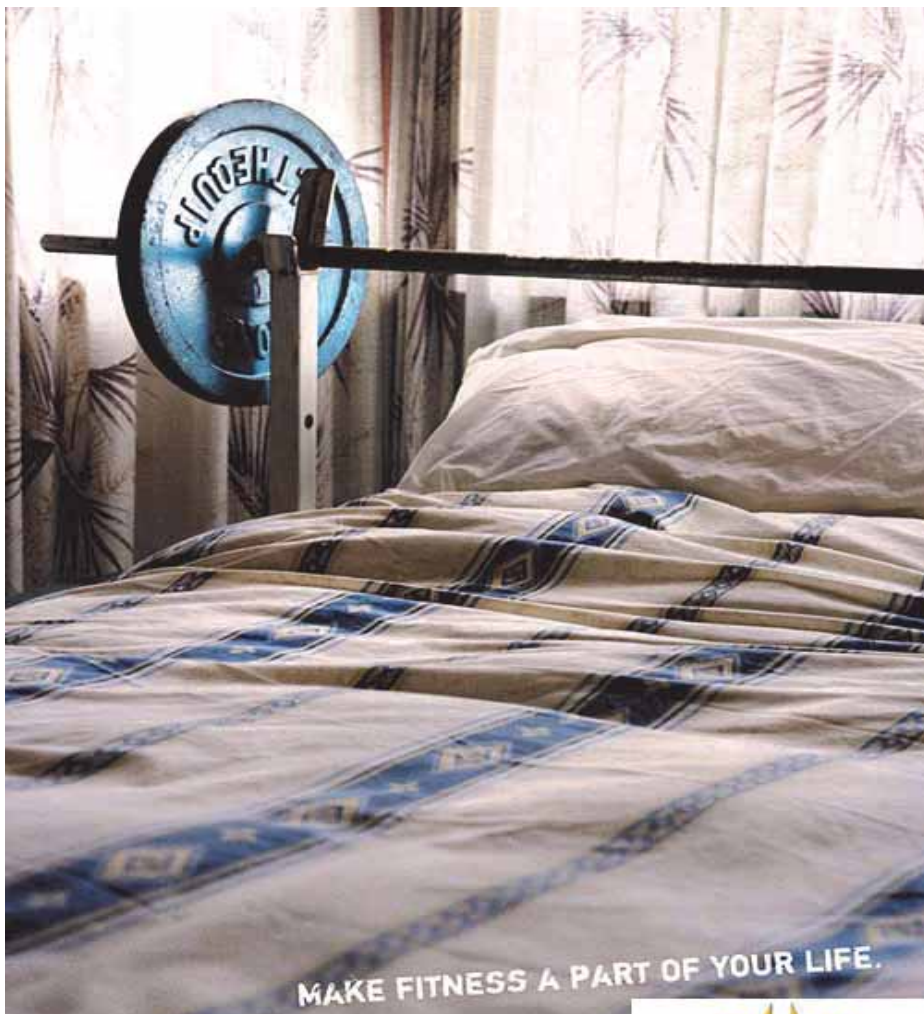
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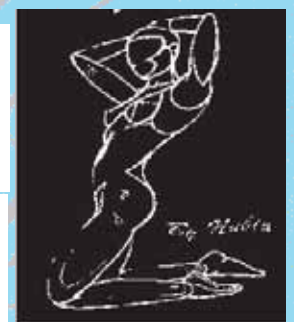
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Up-Turning Point for Bonaire Reefs



Vacuum trucks at the wastewater plant

Ministry photo

The first substantial step in decades towards improving the health of Bonaire's fringing reef was taken last week when a "vacuum tanker" dumped the first load of sewage into the new wastewater (*sushi* water) purification plant at the Department of Agriculture, Cattle Breeding and Fisheries (LVV).



An example of the 'surplus' dumping trenches at LVV

In the early 1990s Bonaire's need for sewage treatment, especially in the coastal zone, was recognized. Negotiations were held and a promise was made to have a plant operational by the year 2000. For a variety of reasons, that never happened.

Shortly after the turn of the century the increase in algal build-up on the reef from the nutrients in the sea water became more alarming and the environmentalists' call for sewage treatment was answered by a multi-million euro study which provided a preliminary design for a system that would initially collect the wastewater from the coastal zone from the Plaza Resort to Hato. Pipe it inland to LVV then return it to the resorts properties to use for irrigation. It was a fine plan, perhaps for Rotterdam, but not for Bonaire as the wastewater was to only be treated for bacterial contamination, and actually made the nutrients more soluble and harmful to the reef. Fortunately that plan was blocked by the island's nature conscious NGOs, but again, no solution for the continuing pollution was forthcoming. A call for shorefront resorts and businesses to voluntarily treat or truck away their waste was ignored by most.

When Bonaire voters opted for "closer ties" with the Netherlands, which morphed into quasi-integration, the responsibility for correcting the problem was assumed by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment.

Now, less than a year after the 10-10-10 transition, a temporary solution is in place. Responsibility will eventually be transferred to the Island Government.

Purification of wastewater is important both for the health of Bonaire residents as well as the reef. The plant is the first of two planned for the island. The LVV treatment facility processes wastewater from cesspools and septic tanks that the pump out (vacuum) tankers trucks bring in.

For many years the tankers were dumping the wastewater in ditches at LVV where it disappeared in the soil but eventually filtered through Bonaire's limestone substrate reappeared, nutrients included. Into the sea.

The purification plant can handle 478,000 liters (124,280 gallons) of wastewater per day. When fully operational, the plant can remove 350 kilos (159 lbs.) of biological pollutants, 74 kilos (33 lbs.) of nitrogen and 65 kilos (30 lbs.) of phosphate per day. That's about equivalent to two sacks of high-grade fertilizer.

The purification process is to start gradually. If all goes well, the plant will be fully operational within three months. It is currently being put through a trial run under responsibility of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment and by the Curaçao M.I.C. architecture firm. This company also supervised the construction and trained employees of WEB to be installation managers.

The second wastewater purification plant is now being built on the same location, where sewage system wastewater will be taken in the future. Expectations are that it will be operational in 2013.

It is important that the wastewater introduced into the system not contain any undesired substances and products that will disrupt the purification process. Oils, fats, chemicals and concentrated sea water are the biggest problems.

Bonaire residents will be informed as soon as possible on the substances that may and may not be flushed down the toilet or poured in the sink.

Rejected wastewater and surplus will be dumped in the trenches. The purified wastewater is disinfected to remove germs and bacteria. Afterwards, the clean water will be used for irrigation of farm animal feed (*maishi* - sorghum espe-

cially) and to make compost fertilizer.

The intention is to transport wastewater especially from the coastal strip to the purification plant. According to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment the seawater around Bonaire currently contains twice as many nutrients as 10s of years ago and those substances come from wastewater. The wastewater eventually ends up in the sea through the soil and the groundwater. This leads to

an increase of the algae growth in the Marine Park, and hampers coral vitality.

The additional nutrients in the seawater do not only form a problem for the corals but also for the entire natural balance in the sea. This can increase the growth of harmful bacteria, which could be harmful for public health. ■ G.D. / Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment press release

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BonQuiz Number 53

Dradu

Most restaurants on Bonaire use the wrong name for a popular fish which they get fresh. It is a deep water fish. This fish in Papiamentu is called **Dradu**, and yet those who serve us tend to give it the name of a totally different species of fish called dorado, a fresh water fish found only in South America that can weigh up to 70 pounds and is a member of the *Characidae* family.

Q) What is the name of this species of fish?

Answer on page 17

Story & photos by Christie Dovale

BonQuiz appears regularly in *The Reporter*. It's prepared by Christie Dovale of Island Tours. To arrange a tour, contact her via her website:

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On the Island Since... 1527 -Mr. and Mrs. Donkey

With apologies to Greta Kooistra and her "On The Island Since..." series



Mrs. Donkey and one of her children at leisure

"Yes, our family has lived a long time on the island. I've honestly lost count how many generations we are now. Our great-grandparents came here by ship. Yes, at that time you could not, of course, fly to Bonaire. It was a tough journey by ship. Our great-grandparents were brought here by the Spaniards to work. Yes, my ancestors have worked hard here on the island. You cannot imagine what they carried around the island: casks with water, baskets with harvests, people, and later they hauled carts over the barren land. Over time our family has expanded further. The people were careful with us and were proud to possess us. We were a valuable asset..."

Mr. Donkey talks with pride about his grandma Diligencia. She was the Police-donkey of Brigadier Vis. Together they made sure the Rincon area remained safe in those days.

"...until the introduction of the car...at least until after the construction of the first roads. When the first car arrived on the island my family laughed costily. In the rough and impassable tracks of Bonaire the thing could not drive a single yard. A donkey cart was much more effective on this terrain.

But once more roads were built we became slowly but surely unemployed.

Supplanted by the automobile, we were increasingly able to enjoy the outdoors of our lovely island."

Mr. and Mrs. Donkey are relaxed fellow islanders who have worked hard for the island and are part of the cultural heritage



A donkey cart was good for bulky loads

of our island. They are friendly and funny. Tourists appreciate their presence on the island very much.

After the flamingos, they are the most photographed fellow islanders.

"Nowadays the family is very happy living on Bonaire. In 1993 there came a shelter for injured relatives. Since that time injured family members are cared by Mrs. Marina Melis. We are happy that there is now a hospital for our family because we were not really welcome at Fundashon Mariadal. But we have a little concern namely that family members when they are recovered are not discharges from the hospital. And now even relatives who are not sick are caught and brought to the hospital. What would you think of it as Fundashon Mariadal would do the same with human fellow islanders?"

Mr. Donkey looks at Mrs. Donkey again, and says, "We appreciate the care of Mrs. Melis but would like our family to come home again after a visit to the hospital. And now we are appalled to read in *The Bonaire Reporter* that Mrs. Melis has plans to catch all family members to lock us up. We are very concerned. We have done nothing wrong, have we? This is still a free island,



A woman guiding a pack donkey

through driving training and enforcement of road safety rules is a much more logical solution than locking up the donkeys. And explaining to our visitors that feeding our family from the car is not wise would help a lot. We even have a unique traffic sign to warn the car drivers that we are walking around here on the island."

Perhaps the concerns of the donkeys became lost out of sight when the name was changed from 'Donkey Sanctuary' to 'Donkey Safari Park' and Mrs. Melis paid NAf15 for each 'problem' donkey. Mrs Donkey says,

"If I paid \$10 to anyone who signs on a troublesome 'human newcomer' to lock up, we'd need a lot of money very fast. When I read that 'more people are demanding that they (us, the donkeys) be removed,' I was shocked. We do no harm to anyone and have lived here for much longer than these people. We have to share this island in a respectful way with each other. We do not want to be locked up; we want to walk around freely—

as we have done here for almost 500 years!" ■ Story & photos by Alma



Brigadier Kees Vis and donkey Diligencia

isn't it? We have been here so long and love living here.

Of course there are car accidents because of collisions with donkeys. But take a look around yourself on the roads of Bonaire. There is often very irresponsible driving! The humans cannot blame us for that. A



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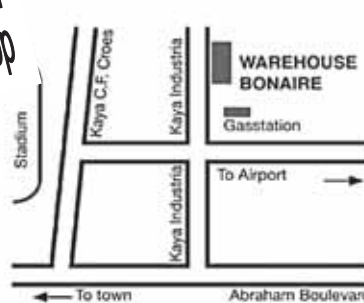


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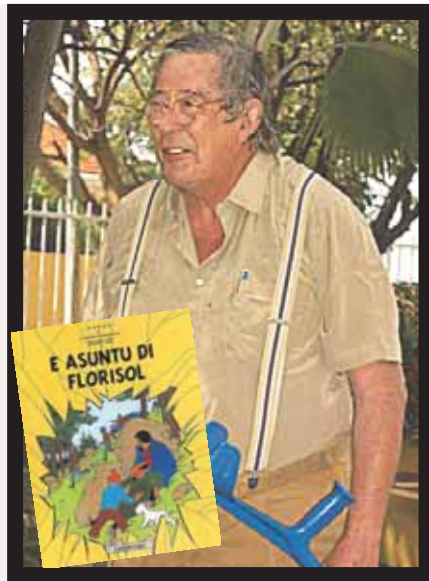
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Co de Koning Is Gone

Co de Koning, a true friend of Bonaire and one of the key people responsible for the resurgence of Bonaire's economy in the early 2000s, passed away following a stroke in The Netherlands on June 3, 2011. In Holland he was considered the best-known management consultant of the 70s and 80s. He was 76 years old.

Co was born and raised in Brussels. He studied economics and econometrics at Erasmus University in Rotterdam. As a young man he was an adventurer who toured as an actor, sailed small boats, narrowly escaped death in a 1962 train crash and met his lifetime wife, Hanne Vibbeke.

As a businessman he called himself "a trustee of the captains of industry" rather than a "management consultant." Many companies at that time sought advice from him.



At the presentation of the Kufije album to the executive Council

De Koning received a company's top executives in the garden shed behind his house on the *Prinsengracht* in Amsterdam. The results of those meetings in-



Co with the things he loved most: his wife, a pen, a good cigar and Scotch whiskey

cluded the merger of AGO and Ennia and perhaps as many as 13 others, said Aegon's CEO, Kees Storm. (De Koning himself never said anything about his clients.)

We first met him when he threatened to sue *The Bonaire Reporter* for panning a Bonaire guidebook written in part by his daughter. After a convoluted conversation he did admit *The Reporter* had a point and we became fast friends and he wrote numerous stories for the paper. In the slippery days before the integration of the BES islands into The Netherlands to better cement the relationship between Dutch and Bonairean businessmen, he hosted a reception at *Reporter* headquarters for top Dutch CEOs and Bonaire's business leaders.

Depending on your viewpoint you may bless or curse him for his role in kick-

starting the Bonaire economy by helping to negotiate the "technical stop" of KLM aircraft en-route to Ecuador and Peru. The impetus of that move is reflected in Bonaire's closer connection with Holland today.

He wasn't all business either. He founded a private "club," called *de clos*, of Dutchmen and Bonaireans who pledged thousands of guilders each year to benefit, in an informal, anonymous fashion, island activities that needed a financial boost - like senior citizen

homes, the sailing club, the music school and sea turtle conservation. Perhaps the most fun was his sponsorship of the translation of a famous Kufije (Tin-tin) adventure into a handsome Papiamentu language edition.

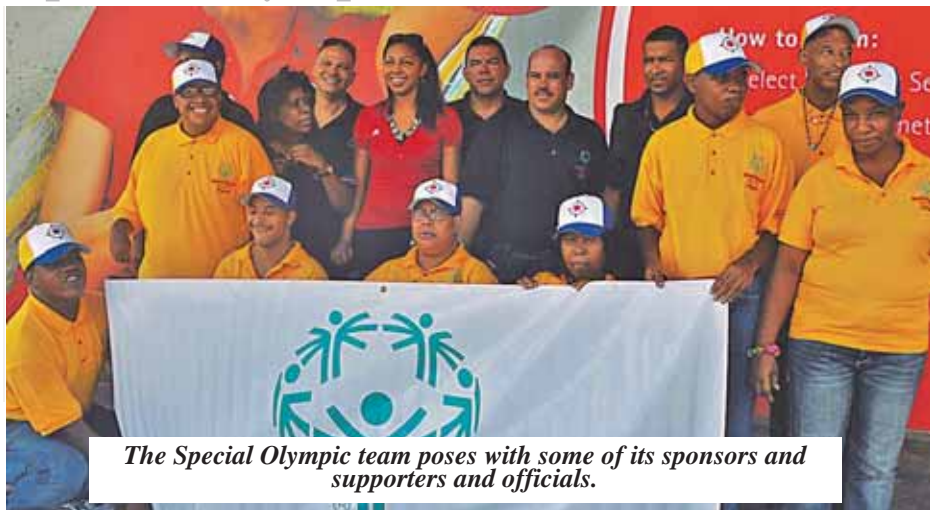
His passing was unexpected. Today, as I write this, we were to join him on a fishing trip aboard *Piscateur*.

Co de Koning was a connoisseur of fine art, fine homes (in Amsterdam, Bilthoven, Switzerland and Bonaire), fine alcoholic pleasures and beautiful women.

"Our family patriarch is gone. The party will continue somewhere," wrote his family in a Dutch newspaper obituary.

Laura and I will miss him and I am sure there are several Dutch CEOs who will miss him too. The odd mix of charm, humor and intelligence of this man has had a salutary effect on many people. ■ G.D.

Special Olympics Team Off To Greece



The Special Olympic team poses with some of its sponsors and supporters and officials.

Bonaire's Special Olympics team left the island this last Sunday (June 19) for Greece, but they almost didn't make it. Just the day before KLM decided to cancel Bonaire's flight to Holland. There was a big scramble as the team's organizers called everyone and anyone who could help get the eight athletes and the six coaches and support people on a flight from Curaçao. Luckily, they reached the "right people" and got the group of 14 on an Insel Air flight to Curaçao where the team could connect with the KLM going to Holland.

With a sigh of relief, that Sunday morning the team's supporters, families, sponsors and former Special Olympics athletes were all at Flamingo Airport, wishing the team bon voyage and good luck.

The athletes left, filled with trepidation, excitement and wonder at what was going to be new and different, wondering what the next two weeks had in store for them. Many have never been away from Bonaire before. The only world they really know is this island, their families and the people who care for them and their disabilities. It is a giant step and they have to rely on their coaches and delegates.

This is the fourth year that the Bonaire team has participated in the international Special Olympics. First was in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, in 1999, second

in Ireland in 2003 (the first time that Special Olympics was held outside the US), then China in 2007. The team also competes in regional games between the Olympic years. This year our team will be participating in Bolas, Bowling and Athletics.

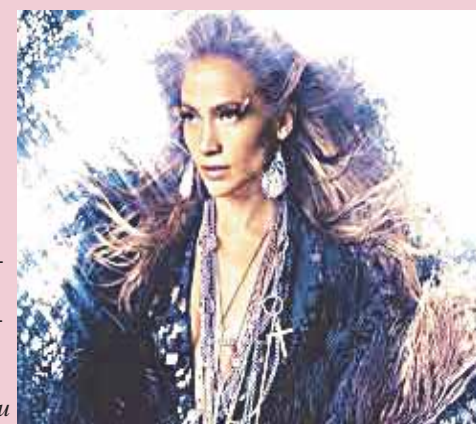
All the people involved in this effort are volunteers. The cost to prepare, outfit, house and transport the athletes and coaches is thousands of dollars, all provided by donations and fundraising events like the Walk-a-Thon. Bonaire team is supported 100% by donations and volunteers. Most of the other teams from round the world have the full financial support of their governments. Sadly, Bonaire's team does not. **Sponsors: MCB, Wega di Nomer, Digicel, Toshiba, Palm Trading (bags), Littman Jewelers (shirts), and Norca's Deli Cafe.**

Special Olympics Bonaire has been serving the community since 1990. Their mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with mental retardation. The training and competition provides them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families and other Special Olympics athletes as well as the community. ■ Laura DeSalvo

Latin Music Classics

Jennifer Lopez (also known by her nickname J.Lo) born in 1969 in The Bronx [New York] to Puerto Rican parents, is an American actress, singer, dancer and television personality.

Lopez came to prominence within the music industry following her debut studio album, "*On the 6*," in 1999, which spawned the number one hit single, "*If You Had My Love*." Her second studio album, "*J.Lo*," sold 8 million copies worldwide. In 2007, she released her first full Spanish-language album, "*Como Ama Una Mujer*." Her contributions to the music industry have garnered her numerous awards and the estimated sale of over 55 million records worldwide. In 2011 she returns to music with a brand new album, titled "*Love?*" Its single, "*On the Floor*," is currently impacting charts worldwide. Lending her musical knowledge to others, Lopez is currently a member of the judging panel of American reality television competition, "*American Idol*."



Last week's answer: "Jennifer Lopez" is the singer of "Let's Get Loud." Unfortunately there was no winner this week.

This week's question:

Who is the father of Enrique Iglesias?

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nal brands like: Nike, G-Star, Replay, Lacoste, Zuccherro, A Priori and Zulu. At the Friday crafts market Jody's Music is one of the stakeholders and always tries to bring in the best music for young and old at the right moment.

Al and Sue's Romance

The Lora breeding season is in full swing and the Echo team has so much news to share. Nests across the island have welcomed beautiful white Lora eggs and some of those eggs have already hatched. The wonder of romance and reproduction is the topic of today's tale, and so without further ado it is time to bring you Al and Sue's remarkable romance.

Everybody said Al and Sue were a lovely Lora couple. And they were. Al was attentive to Sue's needs and made her feel safe. She was shapely and didn't talk too much. Other Loras wanted what they had. Al and Sue were a little old fashioned in that they didn't value material wealth. They didn't want a flat screen TV or ridiculous SUV. They knew these things didn't bring happiness. They had each other and so they had everything, well, almost everything. Al and Sue longed to have a family.

Being Loras Al and Sue were vastly intelligent. They had studied some history and they knew that the early human colonisers of their island had chopped down virtually all the trees. The beautiful Lignum Vitae had been desired for its dense wood, and the silvery barked Satinwood provided good timber. These trees had also provided nest cavities for Lora families. Sadly there were now so few of these big old trees that only a handful of Lora pairs got to have families.

Al and Sue's growing urge to have a family had bothered them for a few years now. They stayed together because they knew in the long run it would pay off. They were, of course, familiar with the good work of Dr. Rowan Martin, which showed that more co-ordinated Lora pairs have greater reproductive success. Al and Sue also ticked each other's boxes and they just felt they should be together.

At first monogamy had felt restrictive but it was clear to them that it was the right thing. Al and Sue knew they were Amazons, not Eclectus parrots. Naturally, Dear Reader, you will be aware that when

sailors first arrived on Papua, New Guinea, they thought the bright red female eclectus and the deep green male eclectus were different species. More recently it has been found that female eclectus parrots will fight to the death to defend their nest site. This makes perfect sense when you realise that in the breeding season they may be attended to by up to nine male parrots. Male eclectus parrots equally have their fun and may visit five or more females.

Being a perfect male Amazon Lora Al knew his way around and didn't ever have to ask Sue to read a map. On the morning of their great surprise they were in a lush area of vegetation they knew well. This being the case, it was indeed a great surprise to find a perfect nest where previously, Al was quite certain, there had not been a nest or even a tree. He couldn't quite explain it because of course he didn't know Echo's conservationists had created this nest box for Loras such as himself and Sue. In that moment these details were, however, irrelevant. They had found a nest!

Spring was in the air and suddenly hormones were surging through Al's feathered body. After all those years of waiting he and Sue would finally get to have a family. Sue could hardly believe it. The timing was perfect. There had been so much rain that winter there was food everywhere and both she and Al were in perfect condition. After only a brief inspection of the nest Al and Sue looked at each other, they didn't have to say a thing. There was an intense and palpable tension. They had wanted this for so long. Finally they would get to start a family.

Dear Reader you would be forgiven for thinking this was going to be a tale of a long and creative courtship. However, the remarkable feature of Al and Sue's romance was in fact the brevity of their courtship and the rapidity with which they became more intimate. After but a moment of tail fanning and purring Al and Sue were at it. So happy were they to finally release the tension they had felt for



Al pining on his perch

so long, they threw caution to the wind. They made love in the nest box, on top of the nest box and even in the tree tops.

We shall save the wonderful outcome of Al and Sue's remarkable romance for a future edition of *The Bonaire Reporter*.

In the meantime you are invited to have a look at the latest news on Echo's facebook page www.facebook.com/echobonaire.org.

Story & photo by Sam Williams

Conservationist Sam Williams has been involved with Bonaire's Loras for over seven years. Find out



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The Sailors Who Never Left

Part 5—Best known as Bonaire's diving pioneer, Captain Don looks back on his other life as a sailor a half century ago.

"It was 14:30 hours on May 21st, 1962," recalls Don Stewart of his landfall on Bonaire. "I had 63 cents in my pocket."

As the story goes, it was the island's Lieutenant Governor, van Hesteren who met the vagabond sea captain soon after arrival and sternly told him, "Produce you stay; a bum and you're out." Fortunately for Don, he had six air tanks and a small compressor aboard his schooner. With that equipment and Stewart's moxie, the diving industry on Bonaire was born. The stories that followed are a mix of island lore and scuba history known by many. But fewer know about Captain Don's life at sea.

A couple of years before landing in Bonaire, Don found himself in Hollywood, California, restless and in his mid-30s. He had served as a medic in the Navy, ran a successful business called Stewart Screens, and had just spent a year traveling the length of the Mississippi River. Stewart then thought the time was ripe to break into the movie business and submitted a script to a studio boss. It was an adventure story that involved a large sailing ship. Ever the optimist, Don thought it best to buy a boat so that when the movie went into production, it would be used in the filming.

"I bought the boat to do a movie. I had never been on a sailboat in my life. I searched the entire west coast from Washington to Mexico. There were some beauties, but most were too expensive. I needed something big—70, 80, 100 feet long—for the film. Then one day in San Diego, in one of the back bays on a mud flat, I found a boat leaning over at low tide."

She was a two-masted, gaff-rigged, 70-foot-long, wooden, top-sail schooner built in 1912 called *Al Rene*. The mainsail alone carried a thousand square foot of canvas. Reportedly newspaper mogul, William Randolph Hearst, was a previous owner. "I bought her for \$7,000 from an old Norwegian. Handed him the cash in a paper bag." Stewart renamed the schooner, *Valerie Queen* after his Welsh girl friend, whom he married in 1955. "Me and another fella' with no sailing experience somehow got the boat back to LA. I remember looking down the deck from behind the wheel. It looked like the length of a football field!"

Don was in need of help. He offered a group of local Sea Scouts a chance to sail the *Valerie Queen* on weekends. In exchange, he would look over their shoulders, watching their every move. Sailing school had begun. Don also chartered *Valeria Queen* to a women's sailing team on vacation from Germany. "They sailed the boat. It



Patrick Holihan photo

Captain Don, then and now



Vintage photos from the captain Don collection

Captain Don in Bonaire-Sislin beached behind

was a wonderful experience. I was watching every detail—how they tied knots, everything. It was an educational trip for me."

It was about this time the studio boss delivered the bad news. The company was not interested in making a movie from Stewart's script, but the man offered some life-changing advice, "It's a good story. You should go live the script."

Stuck with a 70-foot schooner, Don began to contemplate his future. In the meantime, he began running dive charters to Catalina Island, 22 miles out in the Pacific Ocean from Los Angeles. "The Coast Guard was chasing my ass all the time. I had no license. I had no insurance. I had nothing but a big boat."

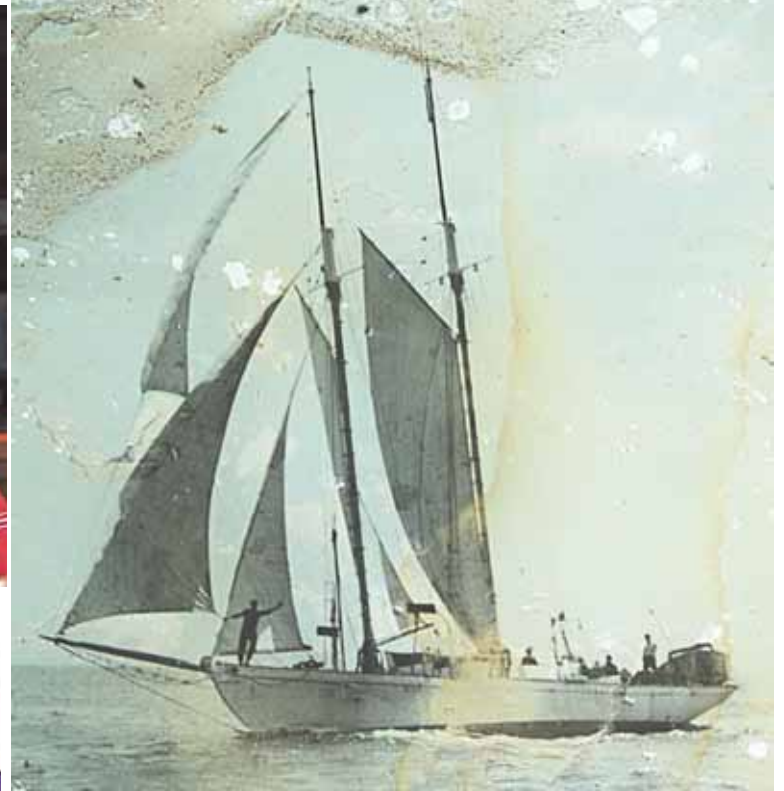
After a short time sailing San Francisco Bay, Stewart decided to point *Valerie Queen* south on Saint Patrick's Day, 1960 and begin his sailing adventure of a lifetime. It was time to 'live the script.' The voyage took him and his ever-changing crew along the coast of Mexico where Don had several dangerous encounters with Baja desperados. He eventually reached the Panama Canal and headed to the Caribbean with the vague goal of sailing to the Leeward island of Antigua. These were the days without GPS, cell phones or reliable satellite weather information, conveniences that most sailors today take for granted. Guts and good intuition served captains like Don well.

But trouble continued to shadow the schooner. At one point, Stewart

summarized his problems as: "Latins, redheads and a loose cannon hurricane named Anita in Jamaica." It was off the coast of Aruba where Don claims a deck hand threatened him with a knife. It was mutiny aboard the *Valerie Queen*. Don had chased the crazed man high in the mast, and with blade in hand, the deck hand threatened to slice the ship's hal-yards. "I had a rifle, but chose to shoot a flare gun at him instead. That might look more accidental if I did hit him." What Don failed to realize is that his barrage of flares got the immediate attention of the Aruban authorities ashore. "We got hauled into port in Aruba by the police. After a long discussion, I was told to leave the island. But I still have that flare gun," he says grinning.

Stewart and his Aruban first mate, Percy Sweetnam, pointed the schooner south to Colombia. While heading east along the coast of South America, the crew of two spotted a suspicious boat. Peering through binoculars, they could see the vessel was armed and, with a sudden puff of black smoke, the boat made an abrupt change in course in pursuit of the *Valerie Queen*. "We were sailing short canvas," recalls Don. "Schooners have a way of getting along with only a foresail. Our main was cut down to the third reef. I said, 'Percy, spread this boat.' *Valerie Queen* really loved the wind to her shoulder. By this time, I knew my ship well."

"Where are we going, Don?" inquired Percy. "We're going north. Those guys got machine



The Valerie Queen under sail in San Francisco Bay

guns on board."

"I already had two of my buddies killed by pirates. We were going to hit an island somewhere if we headed north. Through glasses the following day, I spotted Mt. Branderis and said, 'That looks like the place. It's land.' We cut across and finally came into port, spotted a Dutch flag and dropped anchor. A policeman came aboard and gave me a cold beer, a smile and a welcome. That had never happened before on the voyage. I looked over at Kralendijk. Clean! Clean! Organized! What a difference after the filthy 'Spanish' ports we had visited before. I turned to Percy and said, 'I like this place'."

Don and Percy were soon astonished by Bonaire's pristine underwater world, and slowly they began to bring dive tourism to the island. A year later, *Valerie Queen* met her fate while anchored offshore. Even today, Don Stewart pauses in silence when asked about the end of his beloved schooner. "It sank at six in the morning. The seacock (a shut-off valve located below the water line) was left open. Somebody must have opened it. I never found out who."

With no boat with which to depart, Don thoughts of eventually reaching Antigua vanished. But the sinking of the *Valerie Queen* did not stop him from sailing. A few years later he bought *Sislan*, a traditional Bonaire sailing boat. In a moment of bravado, Stewart challenged Hubert "Ibo" Domacassé to race his boat, *Vella* against him. The stakes? Twenty-seven cases of cold beer. Ibo ended up beating Don by three minutes in an exciting sailing duel. When asked why he sailed the race, Stewart answers bluntly, "Money. We had a weeklong party after the race and that was where I made the money. October was always a slow month so the income helped a lot."

That race spurred on an annual

competition that eventually became the Bonaire International Sailing Regatta, now in its 44th year. And *Sislan's* fate? One day Don ran the boat aground and ended up selling it to the local legendary sailor, Ismael Soliano. Ismael repaired the hull, renamed it *Etiene* after his youngest son, and won the regatta numerous times thereafter. *Etiene* is the last of its kind on the island and can still be seen on a mooring just offshore from Kaya Playa Lechi.

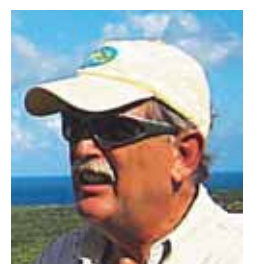
Stewart still had one more sailing chapter left. In 1971, the salty captain sailed a Sunfish (a basic, 14-foot sailing dingy) from Bonaire to Curaçao in record time, around six hours. That record stood for a dozen years until a Dutch sailor broke it in 1983.

These days, Don resides inland with his partner, Janet Thibault, out of sight of the sea. After selling his resort, Captain Don's Habitat, the couple began a plant and landscaping business to promote the use of native plants on the island. To this day, Stewart is unimpressed with his voyage on the schooner and claims that he's not a sailor. "That day I landed in Bonaire was the beginning of my life," states Don. "I'll never leave this island."

But if one considers the blue water adventures of the *Valerie Queen*, the exciting coastal races aboard *Sislan* and his record-breaking Sunfish journey to Curaçao, Captain Don is undeniably a sailor. He is, indeed, another sailor who never left. ■

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Bonaire-Sun Rise/Set, Moon Phase and Tides

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Day	High	Low	High	Low	High	Sunrise	Sunset
June							
Fri 24		03:42 0.15 ft	07:04 0.27 ft	13:44 -0.09 ft	20:34 0.80 ft	6:13	19:03
Sat 25		04:45 0.08 ft	07:55 0.18 ft	13:57 -0.06 ft	21:02 0.86 ft	6:13	19:03
Sun 26		05:45 0.01 ft	08:52 0.10 ft	14:07 -0.04 ft	21:33 0.91 ft	6:13	19:03
Mon 27		06:44 -0.05 ft	09:59 0.03 ft	14:12 -0.03 ft	22:06 0.95 ft	6:13	19:03
Tue 28		07:40 -0.11 ft	11:29 -0.02 ft	14:01 -0.03 ft	22:41 0.98 ft	6:13	19:03
Wed 29		08:32 -0.16 ft	23:20 1.00 ft			6:14	19:04
Thu 30		09:15 -0.20 ft				6:14	19:04
JULY							
Fri 01	00:01 1.00 ft	09:50 -0.22 ft			New Moon	6:14	19:04
Sat 02	00:44 0.97 ft	10:19 -0.24 ft				6:15	19:04
Sun 03	01:31 0.92 ft	10:43 -0.24 ft				6:15	19:04
Mon 04	02:21 0.83 ft	11:06 -0.24 ft	17:24 0.36 ft	21:34 0.28 ft		6:15	19:04
Tue 05	03:14 0.72 ft	11:30 -0.23 ft	17:45 0.51 ft	23:28 0.25 ft		6:15	19:04
Wed 06	04:11 0.60 ft	11:56 -0.23 ft	18:16 0.69 ft			6:16	19:04
Thu 07		01:00 0.17 ft	05:12 0.47 ft	12:24 -0.22 ft	18:53 0.85 ft	6:16	19:04
Fri 08	First Quarter	02:18 0.07 ft	06:14 0.34 ft	12:54 -0.21 ft	19:33 0.99 ft	6:16	19:04

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As a seller or buyer on Bonaire, you will find the process is very similar to the process where you live now. Similar means you need that piece of extra knowledge to make sure you know what is going on. Here are some tips to help you along to your success.

First of all, you should seek the assistance of the most professional real estate agent you can find. Interview at least three different agents and ask questions. Be sure you feel comfortable with the agent as a professional and as a person. The best indicator of the agent's success for you is his or her past success with others. Experience counts in real estate.

Another difference for some, Bonaire follows the Dutch system of legal, cultural, and practical relationships between client and agent. In this regard, there are very significant differences from North American practices.

Commissions are different. Compensation and cooperation with other agents is different. Legal duties to you, other agents, other parties are different. There is no multiple listing system. The listing agent only represents and has duties to the seller, never to the buyer.

As a seller after you select your agent the process you follow should be exactly the same as in your home country. Work closely with your agent to determine the current fair market value of your property.

Your agent should explain the pluses and minuses between your property and similar properties. Your agent should explain the value of those differences. Appraisal is not a science. It is a scientific process mixed with the art of reading the market and its directions.

Markets not only move up and down, markets have velocity. Market velocity is a key component in pricing to fair market value because it is the speed at which the market is moving up or down. Be sure you know what this is so you are able to price your home before the curve, not after.

Rapid upward velocity may encourage a seller to be too aggressive in pricing. Sharp negative velocity may cause a buyer to make too low an offer. Either way you are going to fail in your goal of selling or buying. I always give a "hearing" check to my prospective clients to make sure they are hearing exactly what the market is saying rather than what they "hope" the market is saying. Buyers and sellers who overreach on price never achieve their goal.

As a seller make sure your agent tells you what is hot and what is cold in the market and get a check list of what you can do in your home to make it hot, hot, hot.

Buyers, you also have a hot list. Cash is always king especially on Bonaire. Be sure you have all your cash either on hand or easily obtainable. If you are going to



Be sure you have all your cash on hand or easily accessible

need financing make sure the money is easily in hand. Sellers don't want to wait 60-90 days while your loan is being processed. If you plan to borrow on Bonaire you must get all your approvals in advance of house hunting.

If you plan to move to Bonaire be sure you begin processing your residency application before you buy a house. You do not want to make a significant investment and find there may be limitations on using it. The local bank-lending rate for residents is lower than for foreign nationals. So smart planning can save you thousands in interest over the years.

Sellers, make all your repairs before you officially put your home on the market. You must put your best foot forward if you want the highest price and a fast sale.

Buyers, you must work with your agent to know what you want to buy and where you want to buy. There is no time to research a neighborhood or talk to 10 condo owners when a great buy hits the market. If you realize it is a great buy so will others. While you are sleeping on the idea or researching for information someone else is making an offer.

For most residential contracts your agent will use a contract form already approved by the Notaris/Notary. You may use a lawyer of course but it is not mandatory. If you are buying commercial property we always insist you use a lawyer to prepare the agreements.

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AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE
 Have you noticed how medical science always presents things as fact, when in reality they are only expressing an opinion based on the information they have at the time.

Throughout history, medical "facts" have been proven not to be true, over and over again, yet the medical industry presents itself as the only source of truth when it comes to health, illness and disease! Words like credible scientific evidence, scientifically tested and scientifically proven are common buzzwords used by the medical industry. Medical doctors are still looked on as gods and what they say is taken as absolutely true! No one can say anything about health, illness or disease with the credibility of a medical doctor!

Anybody involved with any kind of "alternative" medicine is usually treated with skepticism at best. Natural remedies have been around for many centuries, and medicine men and women were held in high esteem. On the other hand, medical science has absolutely 100% failed in the curing and prevention of illness, sickness and disease. More people are suffering from ill health or disease than ever before, yet more people are on prescription drugs than ever before! Health care, defined as the treatment, prevention and diagnosis of disease, is the most profitable industry in the world! As long as people stay sick, billions and billions of dollars profit are made every year! As long as you are sick, you are potentially a good customer, and there is no financial incentive to prevent or cure disease.

Just think of the most profitable "diseases" of today – cancer, AIDS, heart disease and diabetes. Let us add a few more, high blood pressure, cholesterol and depression! Do you know of anyone that, having been on prescription drugs are now off them and completely disease free? Most people are put on medications and get

locked in. Some even question their doctor about them and are told in no uncertain terms that they will die if they stop their medications! These are the very drugs that have terrible side effects well known to the pharmaceutical industry.

The FDA has set as "law" that there is not, and never will be, a natural remedy that can cure, or prevent a disease. This unholy alliance between the FDA (who supposedly is there to protect the man in the street) and the pharmaceutical industry is killing innocent people. Because the FDA is partly funded by the pharmaceutical industry, over the last ten years the FDA has approved over nine specific drugs that have been proven to have deadly side effects! The Journal of the American Medical Association estimates that over 125,000 Americans die each year from the side effects of FDA-approved drugs. It is not difficult to see that it is all about the money and not about health.

I find it very difficult to understand, that with information on just about anything just a click away, intelligent, educated people just do not research their medications! They have put the responsibility of their illness or disease in the hands of their doctor! In the next issue I will cover the role of natural remedies and why every effort is made to deny their benefits.

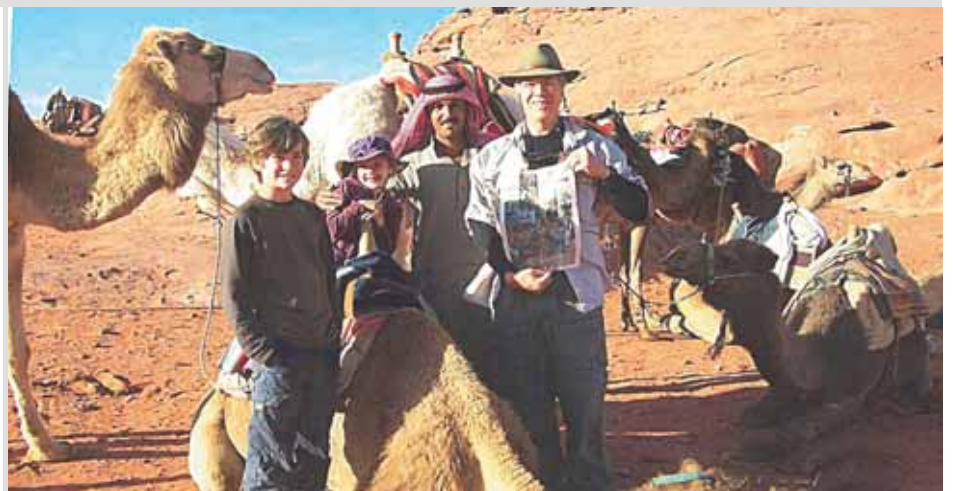
If you do want to research your medications, the following websites are possibly the best – www.drugs.com, Wikipedia, www.medicinenet.com. These are independent evaluators and have not been written by the drug company concerned. ■

Stephanie Bennett

Author Stephanie Bennett was born in Cape Town, South Africa, where she studied herbs, minerals and nutrition. Before moving to Bonaire she continued her studies in the UK and now researches Bonaire health



**Picture Yourself
 With The Reporter in...
 Wadi Rum, Jordan**



Here is a photo of Louis Petrich and his family with *The Bonaire Reporter* in Wadi Rum, Jordan, which is where Lawrence of Arabia used to ride on camels and hang-out with his Bedouin

army. Louis writes, "In the photo is Louie Petrich (12), Abigail Petrich (5), our Bedouin guide (Baraka), and me. We lived in Bonaire 2009-2010, and the children attended Aquamarine school." ■

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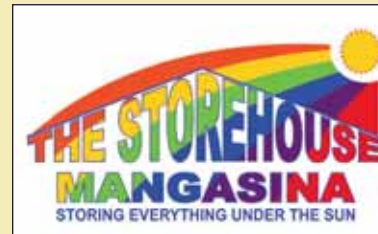
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The 89th of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire's interesting vehicles that are "on wheels." On course for 100+

Ilsa and her BMW R65 Gelände/Strasse

Playa Pariba/Bonaire –

One morning, a couple of weeks ago Corine and I were having a talk, sipping from our tea when a man stopped his truck in front of my house, jumped out and started jelling at the front gate. I was just involved in an interesting conversation and slightly irritated I asked Corine for permission to pay attention to the to me unknown person. "Are you J@n Brouwer?" he asked. And I confirmed his question. The man introduced himself as Richard, from Richard's Sea Coast Dining Restaurant and he just wanted to thank me for writing all those articles about the interesting vehicles Bonaire hides, keeps, restores and maintains. Very surprised I was when the gentleman handed me a beefy grey colored t-shirt with embroideries reading: "Classic Car Club, Island of Bonaire, and Dutch Caribbean". This was the last gesture I expected at that moment. I gratefully thanked Richard and waved with the t-shirt in my hand. Then he and his truck disappeared behind the horizon...

I went back into my house and I made my apologies for my preoccupation towards the until recently unknown gentleman. Those days I suffered from a severe depression and the negative effects of lovesickness which made me unable to concentrate on life and the writing of articles. I had to get mentally and physically healthy again and people told me to keep breathing which, at that time, was difficult enough for me. To Corine I explained that the gesture of the man presenting me the special t-shirt gave me the sursum corda, a new impulse of life and energy to start writing again...

A couple of days later I had to visit the pharmacy along the Kaya Korona. Several times I had seen a two wheeled Beemer, parked in front of the "botika", next to the main entrance. I walked in and asked the lady behind the counter whether she was the owner. And she was. And her name was Ilsa Wikkerink and I asked her for permission to write an article about her motorcycle and she reacted positively and she knew about the



Ilsa Wikkerink aboard her BMW

series of articles and she had read the story about the BMW R65T, owned by Aat Oudshoorn from Subí di Rincon and the BMW R90S, owned by Benito Aranguren from Sabadeco. So I handed out my business card and I asked her to make the first email contact. And so she did.

Last Wednesday I had my appointment. Kaya Finlandia, Playa Pariba. I had to make a quick stop at the Divi Hotel to borrow an island map because I could not find the right street with the right name that easy and I and my dog Sneetje had an appointment at nine in the morning. Then I saw the black, blue and white colored BMW, parked inside the gate of a house along the right Kaya. Ilsa Wikkerink invited me in and she immediately offered me a mug with hot black coffee. There was fresh water for the dog.

Although there is not a single consonant from the brand BMW to find in the name of Ilsa Wikkerink, she grew up, spent a huge part of her life and thinks and breathes BMW. Then she shows me her little photo album with a collection of pictures of all the boxer twins that played a role in her life. She experienced a BMW R50S, constructed in 1960. All black with two separate seats, there was an Ural Dnjepr 650 (a Russian copy of a pre-war BMW/jb), a BMW R75/5 (a 750 cc twin with a special Wema fairing), a BMW R80ST (which she owned for thirteen years) and another Ural Dnjepr, now combined with a side car. The combination had the looks of a twentieth century sputnik.

And a BMW R100RS (RS stands for "Renn Sport/jb).

Then, one day, a guy wanted to buy an all American V-twin at Orlando's motorcycle shop. He wanted to trade in his BMW. Those days Ilsa had a job at Orlando's so within less than no time Ilsa became the proud new owner of a BMW R65GS, produced in Germany in 1990. According to Ilsa from this particular type of GS some 1700 are produced. Most examples served in the Danish army. The quite rare R65GS model measures 650 cc, producing some 50 horse powers. Ilsa had the choice out of one so now she has a handy and quick 650 cc boxer twin model with push rods, two Bing constant vacuum carburetors, a twelve volts system, an electric start and a kick starter, a prop stand and a jiffy stand and a nice two into one original exhaust system. The twelve volts system powers the starter engine and the bright H4 halogen front beam. There are no electrical gadgets on this motorcycle. This bike is a work horse and a desert fighter. Used materials like iron and aluminum are superior of quality. The dual front fork is protected with gaiters and in the rear there is a mono lever with a single shock absorber. The 18" rear wheel is mounted with only three nuts and very easy to disconnect. Power from the engine finds its way by a dry clutch, a gearbox and a shaft to the rear wheel. So no messy chain.

Ilsa: "I am very happy with my BMW. Especially a GS is very functional on this island. Not a lot of chrome to find. The aluminum is of a very good quality. The bike is quite high and steps are foldable and small. This bike is relatively light for a six fifty. I mounted new road tires instead of the knobs. Most of the time the bike is used for on road trips. Most of the maintenance I do myself: changing the oil, mounting new

gaiters to protect the legs of the front fork, fiddling with the adjustment of the two carburetors. It takes some time but I will finally get there!"

Then she turns the key in the ignition position and she pushes the start button. The bike shakes and coughs. Then the engine starts running. "Patpatpatpat." Silence... She gives it another try and another try. It is just some fine adjustment that is needed and time and miles... Then: the typical and unique sound of a BMW boxer twin. Ilsa sits on the buddy seat of her bike and she smiles. She likes the sound and the smell of her bike. An honest bike, an honest lady. A good team. Zum Wohl!

■ Story & photo by J@n Brouwer



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CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Friday, June 24

—**Taste of Bonaire & Dia di San Juan fundraiser:** fabulous foods, drink, Wilhelmina Park, 7 pm—late. More on page 3

—**Second YOUNG TALENT exposition** at Kas di Arte. YOUNG TALENT is the annual exhibition of artworks made by senior SGB students. Festive opening Friday from 5 - 8 pm or weekend between 10 am and 5 pm.

Saturday, June 25—Farmers' Market at Kriabon (Amboina) Fruits, vegetables, plants, chickens and other animals—all grown on Bonaire. Come early as products go fast. 8 am -noon

Saturday, June 25-11 am to 1 pm Papiamentu wins the gold medal for language. Discussion by linguistics professor Nicholas Farclas, Ph.D. of the University of Puerto Rico. At Kas di Arte. Free

Sunday, June 26, from 4 pm-8 pm -Presentation on Heritage and Healing (*Herensia i Sanashon*) at Kas di Arte. \$10 fee. Info; Jackie Bernabela or Hubert Vis at SKAL -tel. 717-8868.

Monday June 27- at 7 pm "**Jellyfishes Are Everywhere!**" by Dr. Allen G. Collins, Zoologist, National Systematics Laboratory of NOAA Fisheries Service

Wednesday June 29- at 7 pm "**Beauty or Beast? Lionfish Invasion in Bonaire**" by Fadilah Ali, Master of Environmental Science, University of Southampton. **Both** above presentations at CIEE, Kaya Gob. N. Debrot 26, Call 717-4140 for info.

Saturday, July 2 :
—**Rincon Big Monthly Marché**—Local food, gifts, handcrafts, BBQ, lots of friendly people. 8 am– 4 pm, Rincon town center.

—**Semi Annual Big Bonaire Animal Shelter Flea Market and Book Fair.** 11 am to 5 pm, At the Shelter on the Lagoen Road. More page 18.

—**Monthly Flea Market**— Dare to Care playground, 2-6 pm.

REGULAR EVENTS

• **Rooi Lamoenchi Kunuku Park Tours** \$21 (includes tax). Discounts for residents and local people. Tel. 717-8489, 540-9800.

• **We Dare to Care Park children's playground** open every day in the cooler evening hours.

Saturdays

• **Rincon Marshé**—8am-2 pm. Enjoy a Bonairean breakfast while you shop, fresh fruits and vegetables, gifts, local sweets, snacks, arts, handicrafts, candles, incense, drinks, music. **Big Marché first Saturday of the month**—www.infobonaire.com/rincon.

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" every Saturday**, 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989

• **Monthly flea market at "We Dare To Care" Playground, 1st Saturday of the month**, 2– 6 pm. Rent a table for \$10. Information: Marissa Jansen (Tel: 701-1103) or Kim de Raadt (Tel: 787-1475)

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **second Saturday of the month**, 7-9 pm. Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person. Tel. 560-7539.

• **Soldachi Tours—See the real Bonaire and be transported back in time.** Learn about the history, culture and nature by Bonaireans from Rincon. Call Maria Koeke for more information—796-7870.

Mondays

• **Soldachi Tours of Rincon**, the heart of Bonaire, 9 am-noon. \$20-Call Maria, 717-6435-**best island tour value**

• **Meet the Captain Night at Captain Don's Habitat Bar**— Get up close and personal with Bonaire's dive pioneer. The Captain will autograph your copy of his newest book Reef Windows.

Tuesdays

• **SGB High School Chez Nous Restaurant**— 6 pm, multi course dinner, \$20. Reservations 700-4628.

Wednesdays

• **SGB High School Chez Nous Restaurant**— 12:30 multi course lunch, about \$12. Reservations 700-4628

Thursdays

• **SGB High School Chez Nous Restaurant**— 12:30pm - Multi course lunch, about \$12. Reservations 700-4628

• **Bonaire Chess & Draughts (checkers) players get together** on from 19.00 till 21.00 at the SGB-school: Kaya Frater Odulfinuz z/n.

Fridays

• **Jong Bonaire Chess & Draughts players** get together from 17.00 till 19.00 at the SGB-school. Kids can start at age six. Tourists are welcome. Contact Serapio Pop, at 701-9660

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

Sunday— Creature Feature— John and Suzie Wall of Buddy's Digital photo center present a multimedia slide presentation about Buddy's House Reef - pool bar Buddy Dive, 6:30-7 pm, 717-5080

Monday -- Touch the Sea -- Dee Scarr, honored as a member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame conducts Bonaire's

Touch the Sea programs of personalized dive guiding. She presents a unique perspective on critters and corals, plus an updated Bonaire lionfish report, every Monday she's on-island at 8:30 pm in the Aquarius Conference Center at Captain Don's Habitat, Call 717-8290.

Wednesday - Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) presents an informative slide show: *Sea Turtles of Bonaire*, at 8pm, **every 2nd and 4th Wednesday** in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat (717-8290)

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Bonaire Museum on Kaya J. v.d. Ree, behind the Catholic Church in town. Open weekdays from 8 am-noon, 1:30-5 pm. Tel. 717-8868

Washington-Slagbaai National Park, Museum and Visitors' Center. Open daily 8 am-5 pm. Closed on December 25th. and January 1st. **Call 788 - 9015 or 796 - 5681**

CLUBS and MEETINGS

AA meetings - every **Wednesday** at 7pm. Phone: 790-7001 and 796-4931

Al-Anon meetings - every **Monday** evening at 7 pm. Call 790-7272

Bridge Club - Wednesdays, 7:15 pm— All levels, NAF2,50, call Renata at 796-5591 to find out the evening's location.

Darts Club plays **every other Sunday** at City Café. Registration at 4, games at 5. Tel. 717-2950, 560-7539.

JCI - First Wednesday of the Month- Junior Chamber International Bonaire (JCI Bonaire, formerly known as Bonaire Jaycees) meets at the ABVO building, Kaminda Jato Baco 36 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact: Renata Domacassé 516-4252.

Kiwanis Club meets at APNA Plaza, Kaya International, **every other Tuesday**, 7 pm. Tel. 717-5595, Jeannette Rodriguez.

Lions Club meets every **2nd and 4th Thursday** of the month at 8 pm at Kaya Sabana #1. All Lions welcome. For more information call 510-0710.

Rotary lunch meetings Wednesdays, 12:15-2 pm - Divi Flamingo Beach Resort in Peter Hughes meeting room upstairs above the dive shop. All Rotarians welcome. Tel. 701-1100.

Toastmasters Club meets **every two weeks**. For more information call Cru-

sita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: Kralendijk, Wilhelminaplein. In Papiamentu, Dutch, English, Sundays, 10am. **Rincon**, Kaya C.D. Crestian, in Papiamentu, Sundays, 8:30 am.

Children's club, Saturdays, 5 pm, in Kralendijk
Sunday School, Sundays, 4 pm, in Rincon. Bible Study and Prayer meetings, Thursdays, at 8 pm, Kralendijk.

New Apostolic Church: Centro di Bario Nord Salina, Sundays, 10 am. Services in Dutch. 700-0379.

International Bible Church of Bonaire, at SGB High School auditorium (Kaya Frater Odulfinus, off Kaya Korona) Sunday services in English at 9 am; Sunday evening prayer meeting at Por's home, 7 pm. Fridays, 6 to 8 pm, Light & Life Club, children 5 to 12 yrs. Tel. 717-8332.

Catholic: San Bernardus in Kralendijk - Services, Sunday at 8 am and 7 pm in Papiamentu, 717-8304.

Our Lady of Coromoto in Antriol, Saturday at 6 pm in English. Mass in Papiamentu on Sunday at 9 am and 6 pm. 717-4211.

Assembly of God (Asemblea di Dios): Kaya Triton (Den Cheffi). In English, Dutch & Papiamentu on Sunday at 10 am. Wednesday Prayer Meeting at **7:30 pm.** 717-2194

Ministerio di Kristu Hesus Services Sunday mornings at 10 am at Jong Bonaire Youth Center in English, Dutch and Papiamentu. Preaching the full gospel. Contact: 786-2557.

Prayer and Intercession Church, in English. A full Gospel Church located temporarily at Kaya Alexandrit # 20, Santa Barbara, Republiek. Services are held on Sunday mornings from 10am until 11:30am. Bible studies in English are on Monday nights from 7 to 8 pm. Contact: 717-3322

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Kaya Sabana #26, Sundays: 9 am Sacrament Services (Translation to English and Papiamentu upon request) 10:20 Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome: Call 701-9522 for information.

Foundation Fountain of Living Waters, Centro Fuente, Service Sunday at Kaya Aruaco 4 at 6 p.m. Preaching in Papiamentu and Spanish. For Marriage Counseling, contact 717-2161

Who's Who on The Bonaire Reporter

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Especially Successful Cleanup Dive



On Saturday June 4th a clean up dive was organized by Dive Friends of Bonaire. Wind, weather and current conditions were perfect. Because of the Blue Water Project Week this extra happening was sponsored by the RBTT bank of Bonaire, by Dive Friends of Bonaire, by Nettech and by SELIBON. Free air tanks were supplied by Dive Friends. The Captains' meeting or briefing was held at the Dive Inn location of Dive Friends of Bonaire. The goal was to clean the underwater world around the South Pier. Over 70 volunteers collected more than 250 bottles. Apart from glass, metal and wood the divers found a Motorola walkie talkie, a machete, an empty safe box, a

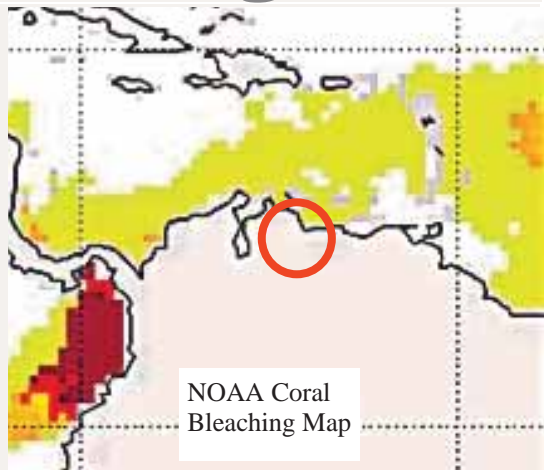
digital camera, reading glasses, a fishing net, lead, parts of an outboard engine, a grill, a jar filled with Belgium-made mayonnaise and two pairs of underwear. Around 5 in the afternoon all the volunteers got together at the Yellow Submarine location to enjoy a very complete barbecue meal. The party lasted until after eight. As a contribution to a cleaner Bonaire durable plates, knives and forks were used.

Next clean up dive will be organized on the second Sunday of July. Remember: "Without blue, there is no green!" ■
Story & photo by Jan Brouwer

Coral Bleaching Alert

As summer approaches, sea water temperatures are rising rapidly, so the possibilities of coral bleaching events like the one we suffered last year increases. Coral bleaching is the whitening of corals due to stress-induced expulsion or death of their symbiotic protozoa. The corals that form the structure of the reef ecosystem of tropical seas depend upon a symbiotic relationship with this unicellular organism, called *zooxanthellae*. *Zooxanthellae* give coral its coloration. Under stress, corals may expel their *zooxanthellae*, which leads to a lighter or completely white appearance, hence the term "bleached."

According to the NOAA Coral Reef Watch monitoring system, coral bleaching is likely in the Caribbean in 2011. With temperatures above average, NOAA's models show a strong potential for bleaching in the southern and southeastern Caribbean that could be as severe as in 2010. STINAPA just received from NOAA the first Coral Bleaching Alert for the 2011 season. Last year Bonaire had the highest bleaching alert level possible, 9.9. Definitions of Alert Levels: Our sea temperature is 28.5°C and the present temperature is 29°C since June 9, 2011



meaning Bleaching Watch. For more information about NOAA Coral Bleach Watch please log into <http://coralreefwatch.noaa.gov>. Be aware that coral reefs under these conditions are highly vulnerable to external factors and most care should be giving specially to oil, detergents and other chemical spills. Also, corals are more susceptible to illness by losing their protecting mucus by abrasion. Please practice and promote good buoyancy skills in order to diminish contact with coral heads. Report bleaching to: marinepark@stinapa.org. ■ STINAPA press release

BonQuiz #53 Answer



Fresh water dolphin (above)

Salt water "dolphin" (left)

Q) What is the name of this species of fish? →

A) Mahi mahi/dolphin fish (*Coryphaena Hippurus*) NOT porpoise as in 'Flipper' mind you!

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BONAIREAN VOICES

WHAT MORE DO WE NEED?

This is a time to harvest the good fruits from our nature and get all the benefits from it. There so many things nature can offer that are within our reach and sometimes we don't know how to use them. People's knowledge and experience are some of the many things we have at hand. Bonaire has some great personalities who can help this island to reach its promising status: to be self-sufficient. Mr. Delno L. A. Tromp PhD (44) helps us to understand that.

In an interview with him he helped me to understand the many things that we are about to achieve. Mr. Delno Tromp, Commissioner of social, economic and agricultural affairs, tells us about them. Delno likes to be involved in different charitable organizations. He doesn't think about himself; it is all about others. In the past he's helped the Maria Hoppner Home where there is care for needy children. He's been a big part of the Special Olympics organization, taking part in their affairs to aid them in participating in the Special Olympics games. He's organized Christmas dinner every year for senior citizens and after dinner everyone receives a gift. Delno has been a friend to every one who wants to be helped.

His involvement in politics as a public figure began as an advisor to Mr. Pancho Cicilia when Pancho was a commissioner. Delno realized that as a public figure he could fit in the position as a commissioner. He gained lots of experience during his years working at the TCB (Tourist Corporation Bonaire) and at the Kenyatta University in Africa. Now being back in Bonaire he's been given the time to help Bonaire grow.

"There are many plans for this island. We've lived by nature so we have to preserve our nature, like the STINAPA Plan to help Bonaire produce and conserve its own conch. Yes, if we say we live by nature that means we have to practice what we preach.

Development worldwide is happening on a greater scale. Economics enhancement is affecting every single soul on this planet. The economics crises have been the main cause of many countries having to make drastic decisions. Oil Prices caused by the different turmoil in the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) have been a point on the agenda for years and for those yet to come. Bonaire, having



Bonaire government photo

communication with the rest of the world, also feels the pressure. Our people are not happy with the living costs on Bonaire. Everything is expensive and with the introduction of the dollar you feel the weight in your pocket.

Our plan as the Bonairean government is to do a lot of research. At the end of these investigations we want to come to a very comfortable solution for our people. We've had different meetings where we pointed to these outcomes. It's necessary and very important to have definite decisions on the table now. My wish is for us to work together as one community, to work on our communications. Good communication is the source of success. Changes in the government and currency's worth bring a lot of confusion to the people. When we go back to our Bonairean hymn, we learn we are humble people. We can get through these changes and succeed. We have to see these changes as something positive, and it's always good for us to get involved in these changes. We can live by the chances that these changes give us in our lives. Don't throw the stone and hit your hand. Let's put the stones together and make a beautiful home, Bonaire."

Delno Tromp is a very dynamic, energetic, enjoyable Bonairean and human being. He has a lot of experiences to share and is capable to work for our lovely Bonaire. ■ Sio-mara Albertus

Send your comments to *The Bonaire Reporter*, P.O. Box 407, Bonaire, or email reporter@bonairenews.com.



DO YOU SUDOKU?

To solve the puzzle, enter the numbers 1 through 9 to the partially filled in puzzle without repeating a number in any row, column or 3 x 3 region.

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Sudoku Solution

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7	3	4	2	8	1	9	5	6
8	4	5	7	3	9	6	2	1
3	2	1	9	8	7	4	5	6
6	7	9	1	4	2	8	3	5

Animal Shelter News

The Semi-Annual Book and Flea Market will be on Saturday, July 2 from 11 am to 5 pm at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road. Incredible bargains in books, clothes, household items, crafts – hundreds of items – all priced to sell. Meet old friends and new ones, meet the pets and consider adopting one that day. Good local food and cold, cold drinks will be available too. All the proceeds go towards keeping the Shelter open for homeless dogs and cats. The Shelter Flea Market shop in town, normally open every Saturday, will be closed this day.

In collaboration with the Animal Welfare group the Shelter is conducting a “Wipe out Mange Campaign.” Mange is an insidious, very contagious disease that seems to reappear on the island every couple of years. If you think your animal has it, call the Shelter at 717-4989 and your animal will be treated free of charge. Treatment is a series of three shots, one per week. This is a lot easier than the dipping with Parmiter! Call for an appointment. Want to board your dog during the summer? Call now as the spots are fill-



Harbourtown Real Estate donated a year of puppy food to the puppy cage at the Shelter. What a generous gesture. You too can sponsor the food for a year or more for a cage at the Shelter. In return you'll have your name proudly displayed on that cage and know that you've done good!

ing up fast. Also, although you think it might be early, do make your reservations for Christmas boarding. We understand that the need for boarding kennels is so high that the Shelter could double, quadruple and more their existing kennels, but that takes money.....and they sure could use some.

There's a new Shelter video that you can find on the front page of the website (www.BonaireAnimalShelter.com), on the right side. It's an amazing compilation of "Fund Facts." And it is totally adorable with puppies, kittens doing all

Pet of the Week

“Braummetje” may have a Dutch name but he's truly an American bull dog. He's strong, he's smart, but he is an extremely mellow fellow. This handsome guy was seen wandering around Lagoen for about three weeks. It was a lucky day for him when a Good Samaritan found him and brought him into the Bonaire Animal Shelter where he was welcomed with love, a visit to the vet for a thorough exam, shots and good nutritious meals. And how he responded: When someone comes into his pen he is so happy and welcoming, and he just wiggles with delight.



Braummetje is a young dog, under a year old. He needs a good, educated-about-dogs, kind of owner. Or maybe a couple, but someone who can give him the time he needs to show his potential. Although he'd probably like to be an “only dog,” he can deal with one other.

At the moment the Shelter has a number of big dogs. Many of them have come from the street and as staff member Monique says, “These dogs need a job!” So it a nice opportunity for people who want a good guard dog.

You may meet Braummetje and the other dogs and cats that are up for adoption at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm, 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989. ■ Laura DeSalvo

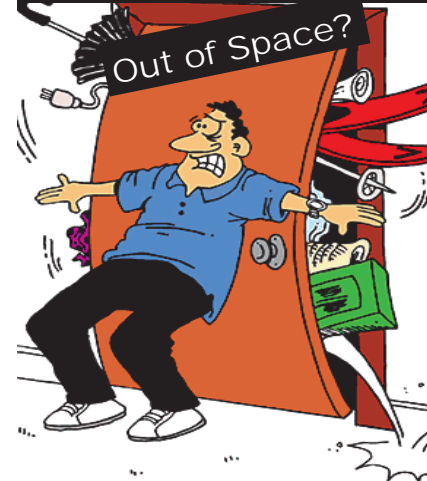
sorts of cute things. Don't miss it. Like did you know that the cat and dog residents of the Shelter give 25 kilos of poop a day!

The video is sponsored by Bonaire Keys Real Estate and was prepared by Claudia Critelli and Marco DiGianvito at a reduced price. ■ Laura DeSalvo

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A Bunch Of Celestial Triple Headers Next Week

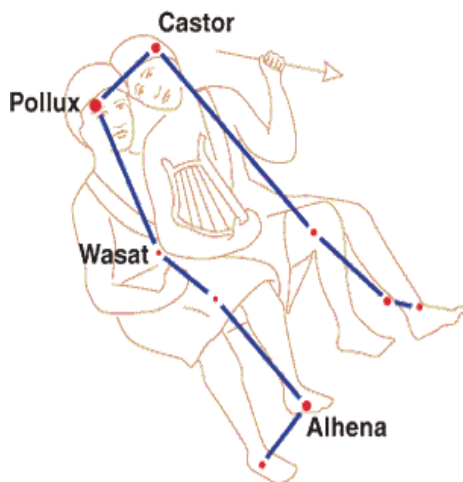
Next week you have multiple chances to see three celestial objects line up in a row. Let's start with the early morning trio first.

On Monday morning June 27th about 4:45 am look east and you'll spot a skinny, 26-day-old, **waning crescent Moon**. It's between one and two fists high. Down to its left is a little cluster of stars called **The Pleiades**. If you look carefully they might look like a **Little Dipper** but the Little Dipper it is not. If you wait too long the morning twilight will wipe them out so get out early.

Up to the right of the Moon you'll easily spot a bright white spot of light in your morning sky, the planet **Jupiter**. So that's triple header number one. The Pleiades, the 26-day-old Moon and the king of the planets, Jupiter. For the next triple you'll have to wait a little bit. As time goes by The Pleiades and everything else will rise higher. Look below The Pleiades for a reddish orange spot of light, our old friend planet **Mars**. Mars is not very bright right now because it's on the other side of the solar system and is more than twice as far away as the **Sun**. Below Mars look close to the horizon for **Aldebaran in Taurus** the bull. So The Pleiades plus Mars and Aldebaran make the second of our triple line-ups.

Then if you go out the next morning, Tuesday June 28th, same time, same direction and the Moon has gotten a day older and is now about three degrees below The Pleiades and almost in line with Mars and Aldebaran. It will be worth getting out of bed for, believe me. Let's take a look at that one more time, Monday June 27th, The Pleiades, the crescent Moon and the king of the planets, Jupiter. Then line up number two, The Pleiades, Mars and Aldebaran. Then Tuesday the 28th a really skinny, waning crescent Moon is worming its way into the other line-up of The Pleiades, Mars and Aldebaran.

Now I know some of you are reluctant to get up this early in the morning so just for you I have scheduled a couple of evening triple line-ups. Go out after sunset



June 28th and look northwest. And as it gets even darker you'll first see the closest planet to the **Sun, Mercury**. As it gets darker you'll be able to spot the twins of **Gemini, Pollux and Castor**. Mercury will be noticeably brighter than Pollux and Castor but you have already noticed that these three aren't quite in a straight line. Just be patient. The next night June 29th Mercury will have moved a bit closer to a straight line and the next night June 30th things will be even better.

This is a great opportunity to see the reason why planets are called planets, they move against the background of the sky while stars do not. The word planet comes from a Greek word that means wanderer. The Greeks noticed that five of the bright stars in their night sky moved and logically enough referred to them as the wandering stars, *asteres planetes*.

Well, Mercury will give you a good demonstration of this motion over the next few nights if you care to watch. June 28th Mercury will be here, June 29th, here, June 30th, here, July 1st, here, July 2nd, here, and then July 3rd look who joins the party. A three-day-old **waxing crescent Moon** is off to the left of Mercury and guess what? It's making up the next triple line-up for us with Mercury and Pollux.

So next week has an abundance of triple line-ups for us to enjoy; Castor forms one last triple with the Moon and Pollux on July 3rd. ■ James Albury



THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
End June, Start July 2011

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) A friendship might suffer if money becomes an issue. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Try not to hurt your partner's feelings. Travel for business purposes may bring the highest returns Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) Listen to a good friend who is truly looking out for your best interests. Exaggeration or deception coupled with overindulgence might be a problem. You will have the ability to capture the interest of others. Discord may arise with someone you're close to. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Your charm will attract someone special. Don't make accusations unless you are completely sure that you are correct. Don't overspend on luxury items. Family get-togethers will be interesting. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) You can make new friends and experience new things if you do a bit of traveling. You can offer your mate a commitment or promise that will help stabilize your personal life. Find out if they have other commitments. Your charm will attract members of the opposite sex. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Enjoy some socializing this month. Be on your best behavior. Stretch the truth, and you may get blamed for something you didn't do. If you haven't already, consider starting your own business. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Social evenings at your place will be highly successful. Implement your ideas into your projects at work. Don't get involved in idle chatter that will hurt your position. Don't press your luck with your loved ones. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Thursday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You can handle situations that require contact with institutions or large corporations. Too much talk might lead to hassles. Uncertainties are still prevailing. You could be misinterpreted if you're not careful. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Communication must be open, precise, and honest. Daydreaming will be your downfall. Your personal life will be disrupted if you have been too busy with business. You will easily blow situations out of proportion. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You may not be too pleased with the actions of those you live with. Tempers may flare if you haven't been completely honest about your intentions or your whereabouts. Set aside any decisions regarding your personal life this month. Go to the top if you're being harassed or held back. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Talk to your emotional partner about your intentions. You'll be surprised how much you can accomplish. You will benefit through hidden assets and property investments. Look into alternate means of supporting your financial burdens. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Your mate may not have been honest with you. You will meet some interesting people if you attend promotional functions. Don't believe everything you hear. Take a short business trip if possible. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Try to keep your opinions to yourself. Don't make large purchases unless you have discussed your choices with your mate. Your ability to see other people's points of view will allow you to come to reasonable agreements. You're not your usual self this month. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday. ■

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All prices are exclusive of 15% service charge and exclusive of US\$ 6.50 tourist tax per person per night.



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2011 Bonaire PWA World Cup

Kiri Thode and Sarah-Quita Offringa brilliantly finalized their five-day of sailing Lac Bay to claim their crowns asking and Queen of Lac bay and winners of the PWA (Professional Windsurfer Association) Freestyle world Championship

Under the influence of ideal strong winds up to 25 knots Bonaire erupted into a freestyle frenzy, as the sailors brought everything they had to the table in an attempt to progress through the double elimination.

Men's Final

During the eliminations local hot shot Youp Schmit (JP / NeilPryde / Dakine) ploughed through Julien Mas (Hot Sails / Patrik) and Amado Vrieswijk (Starboard / Hot Sails) performing enormous culos and shaka flakas in front of the judges' tower to secure his place in 11th at this event. Schmit was finally stopped in his tracks in heat 45 against Tonky Frans (Tabou / Gaastra). Tonky took the day by storm and blew the judges away with his diverse array of tricks and his Caribbean smooth style. But his brother, Taty Frans (Starboard / MauiSails / Mystic), put a stop to his advance by sailing the perfect heat.

It took an amazing routine from Kiri Thode (Starboard / Gaastra) to put an abrupt end to Taty's hopes, blowing him out the water with his trade mark air bob's and the largest kono of the competition.

The men's final boiled down to mind blowing heats between Bonaire's Thode and Belgian contender Steven Van Broeckhoven (F2 / Gaastra). Having won the single elimination Van Broeckhoven held the advantage over Thode and had to be beaten twice to lose the second double. Motivated by his home-town fans and with event title already secured, Thode went on to earn his crown as King of the Lac Bay pulling a gravity defying Kabi-kutchi and an unbelievable Grubby Ponch.

Women's Final

Bonaire witnessed one of the finest PWA women's finals of all time. Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic) and Laure Treboux took to the water. With just one opportunity remaining to break Offringa's stronghold on the top spot, Treboux pulled out all the stops. But Offringa decided it was time to reveal her big moves. The end result was a spectacular show and a final to remember as both women pulled out all the stops for the cheering crowds. Despite Treboux's fighting every inch of the way, Offringa squeezed past Treboux with her incredible moves and took her fourth final win at this event and the title of event winner. ■ PWA press release/ G.D.

Results

Men's Fleet

- 1st Kiri Thode (Starboard / Gaastra)
- 2nd Steven Van Broeckhoven (F2 / Gaastra)
- 3rd Taty Frans (Starboard / MauiSails / Mystic)
- 4th Jose 'Gollito' Estredo (Fanatic / North)
- 5th Davy Scheffers (Tabou / Gaastra)
- 6th Dieter Van Der Eyken (Starboard / Severne)
- 7th Tonky Frans (Tabou / Gaastra)
- 8th Choco Frans (F2)

- 8th Bjorn Saragoza (Starboard / Hot Sails)
- 8th Philip Soltysiak (Starboard / Dakine)

Women's Fleet

- 1st Sarah-Quita Offringa (Starboard / Gaastra / Mystic)
- 2nd Laure Treboux (Fanatic / North)
- 3rd Yolanda Freitas De Brendt (Fanatic / North)
- 4th Arrienne Aukes (RRD / Simmer / Dakine)
- 5th Xenia Kessler (JP / MauiSails)
- 6th Mio Anayama (NeilPryde)
- 7th Daniela Simal
- 8th Maxime Van Gent



Event organizer photos

Top Winners- Men's fleet



Top Winners- Women's fleet