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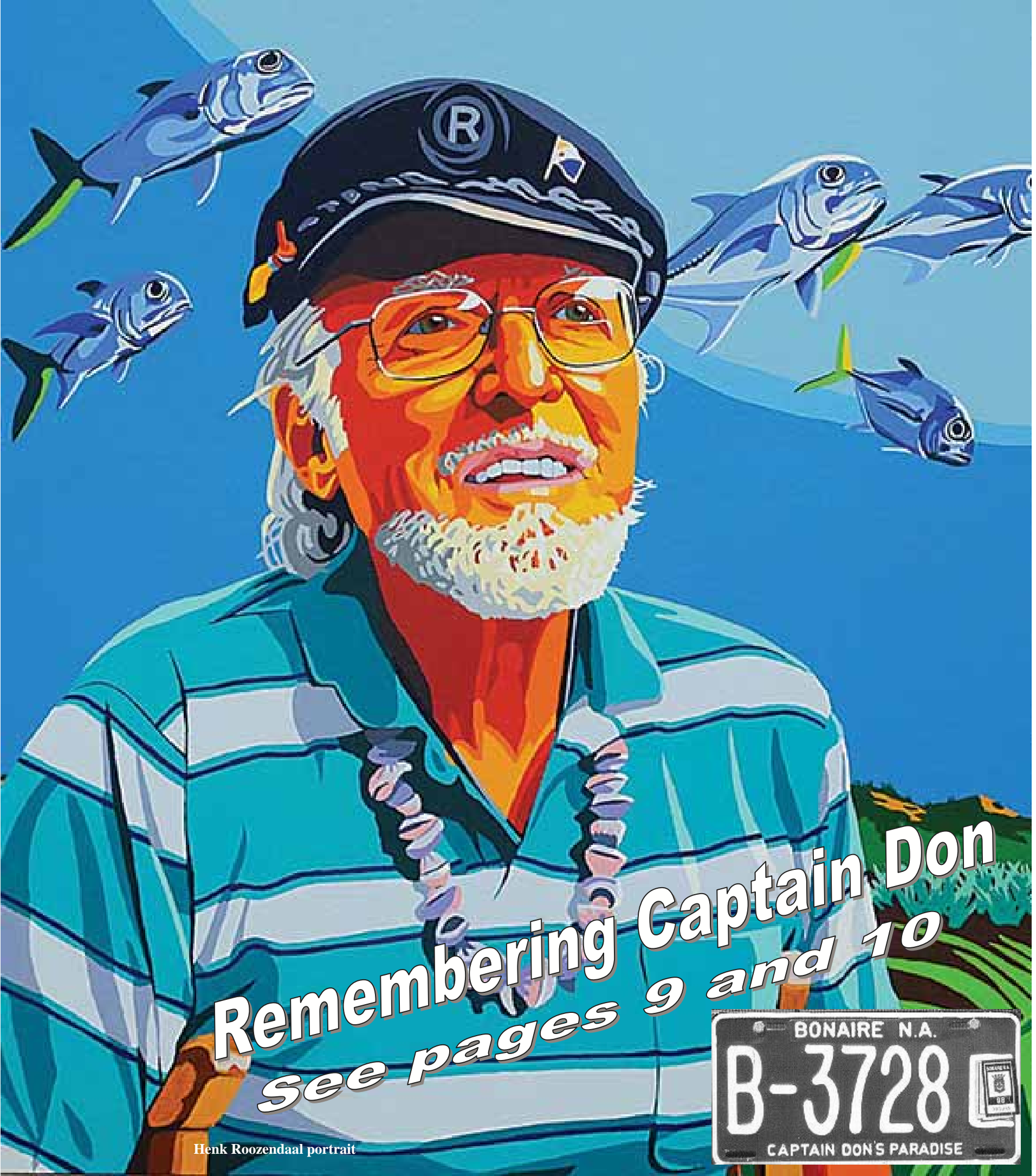
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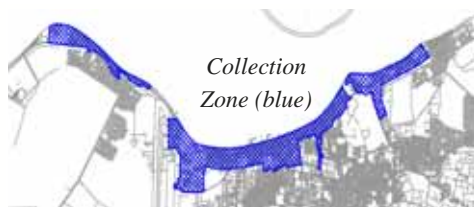


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The Bonaire Culinary team is calling all lionfish hunters. The Team will be competing for culinary honors of the Caribbean at the Taste of the Caribbean* event at the Hyatt Regency in Miami at the end of this month.

Team manager Floris van Loo of Rum Runners Restaurant says: "In the competition, Team Bonaire needs to showcase our local culinary identity with an international flair. The chefs and bartender will be competing in 13 different competitions in three days. It would be extremely funny if Team Bonaire can show our stuff in Miami, where the whole lionfish nightmare started. But to do this we need lionfish. After being cleaned, vacuumed and flash frozen we can take it to Miami and prepare a fantastic ceviche to knock the socks off the judges! According to the rules of the event, we need enough lionfish to prepare the dish to serve 400 people. We really hopes that Bonaire's lionfish hunters can help the Bonaire Team win a gold medal.

Please hunt and bring all your lionfish to Rum Runners Restaurant at Habitat daily between noon and 11 pm. For more information call: +599 7861508."

*At Taste of the Caribbean 2014 (June 28 - July 2) over 10 teams from the Caribbean compete in a hot food/culinary team competition, bartender competition and pastry competition. Each participating team represents a Caribbean island which has held individual competitions to select their national team. Each team is composed of two senior chefs, one junior chef, one bartender, a pastry chef and a manager.

A large part of Kralendijk, from the coastal strip to several hundred meters inland was connected to a vacuum sewerage system at the end of last month. It's a milestone because previously the waste water from all houses and businesses flowed into septic tanks, cesspits and eventually through the soil into the sea.

The sewage system (*kloaka*) project required an investment of tens of millions of euros paid from EU development funds. It

is the most expensive system, per capita, in the world. According to project leader Franklin Blom, it cost at least €35 million. The rationale behind the system was to protect Bonaire's fringing coral reef from nutrients that are contained in wastewater. The nutrients promote algae growth that smothers the coral. The usual rationale for a sanitary sewage system is for public health.

The long awaited project opening was delayed by about 18 months. Currently, about 900 homes and hotels are hooked up to the treatment plant inland near LVV. The trenching work was extensive and more buildings still have to be connected to the system in the first phase of the project.

The new waste water purification plant is now in use on a permanent basis after a trial run. The installation of the sewerage lines was complicated in some places due to the "clip limestone" and hard soil. Rerouting the lines from septic tanks under or near the buildings was often complex. In a departure from usual practice homeowners and businesses did not have to pay for the hookup to the main sewer line. (See "Word On The Street," page 7, for a recent financial development.)

According to Mr. Blom it is a historic development because the sewage treatment plant contributes directly to the economy of the island. "We make a living out of dive tourism (that features Bonaire's reef system). For Bonaire it's important to conserve the underwater park as much as possible."

The Bonaire Island Government is posting information about dengue and chikungunya. Dengue and chikungunya are mosquito-borne diseases. Providing information to the public about protective measures against vector-borne diseases is important because these are communicable diseases that cannot be vaccinated against. Most vector diseases are transmitted from human to human by the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*. The dengue mosquito can be recognized by its black body and legs with white stripes. When these mosquitoes bite a person infected with the dengue virus they become the carrier of the virus. When someone becomes infected with either disease they get symptoms such as sudden rapidly

rising fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, muscle and joint pain, abdominal pain, red rash, nausea and vomiting.

So far in Bonaire to date no cases of chikungunya have been reported. Both dengue and chikungunya can be avoided if everyone is alert to eliminate standing water. For questions or more information about vector-borne diseases, contact the Public Health Division of Bonaire, 717-8839 or 717-3737.

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The Miss Bonaire Foundation has announced that registration is open for applicants for Miss Bonaire 2014. Applicants must be between 17 and 24 years old. Sign up by June 30 with Karman Frans or Julina Felida, 782-7216 and by email: missbonaire@gmail.com. More information is on Facebook: www.facebook.com/Missbonaire.

The 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Season began Sunday, June 1, with a warning that there is no way of knowing what the true impact of the season will be. Dennis Feltgen of the National Hurricane Center in Miami said notwithstanding predictions of a "slow" season, "It takes only one storm hitting your area for it to make it a bad year, regardless of the number of storms that are forecast in the seasonal outlook." Bonaire almost never experiences the full force of a hurricane, but the effects of passing storms can cause huge waves and calms. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has forecast eight to 13 named storms and three to six hurricanes. **The hurricane season continues through to November 30.**

Beginning soon ESPN Radio will launch in Bonaire. It could not be a better time for this new radio station since the World Cup is beginning. ESPN Bonaire will be at 107.5 FM.

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► **Charles Vos has been named the new general manager of Divi Flamingo Beach Resort & Casino in Bonaire.**

An accomplished hotelier in The Netherlands, where he worked for 20 years, he relocated to Bonaire three years ago. He comes to Divi Resorts from The Sand Dollar Condominium Resort in Bonaire, where he was manager.

Vos is also vice president of the Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association (BONHATA) and a board member of STINAPA, the NGO that manages Bonaire National Marine Park and Washington Slagbaai National Park.



► **THE HAGUE—In 2013 Dutch ministries for the Caribbean spent €27.4 million on the islands,** in the form of extraordinary remittances (“*bijzondere uitkeringen*”), an increase compared to the €187.5 million that was spent in 2012. Wow!

► **THE HAGUE--The number of employees of the National Government Service for Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba (Rijksdienst Caribisch Nederland-RCN) has gradually grown from 488 in 2010 to 665 in 2013.** This was stated in the 2013 Annual Report of Business Operations of the Dutch Government that the Minister of Housing and the Government Sector Stef

Blok sent to the Second Chamber.

Since the start of the RCN in 2010 when Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba became public entities of the Netherlands, the size of the personnel steadily grew from 488 in 2010 to 584 in 2011 and 633 in 2012. In 2013, the number stood at 665.

The figure includes the Caribbean Netherlands Police Force, which was in dire need of strengthening as it was understaffed at the time of the Netherlands Antilles, as well as other services and departments on the islands.

► **More than 200 people have shown interest in becoming police officers in the Dutch Caribbean,** a press release stated. In recent weeks the Dutch Caribbean Police Force (KPCN) held a recruitment campaign for aspiring police officers.

The Force was looking for candidates for the two-year police officer training which starts in October. The theme is: “Do you have the guts? We have the job!”

► **According to a preliminary estimate by the Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Bonaire was US \$364.2 million in 2012. As the island counted 16,975 residents that year, the GDP per capita was equivalent to \$21,000 (\$23,000 adjusted).**

The GDP per capita of Bonaire is slightly lower than that of Curaçao, St. Maarten and Aruba. On these islands the GDP per capita is respectively \$28,000, \$33,000, and \$36,000.



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► **Tourism is the mainstay of Bonaire's economy.**

The latest statistics for the Caribbean Netherlands are two years old (2012), but offer a view into Bonaire's situation. These are preliminary figures. The figures are compared with the figures of previous years published by the islands' tourist offices.



In 2012, 112,000 tourists came by plane to the Caribbean Netherlands: 40% from The Netherlands and 20% from the US. Of these tourists 82,000 flew to Bonaire, 19,000 to St. Eustatius and 11,000 to Saba.

► **In 2012, 82,000 tourists came to Bonaire by plane, a significant increase from the 70,000 arriving in 2010.**

Most tourists who flew to Bonaire in 2012 came from The Netherlands (39%) and the US (24%). Dutch tourists also include those coming from St. Eustatius and Saba. Tourists from Curaçao (14%) and Aruba (3%) are listed separately. The distribution is mainly similar to that from 2009 and 2010, but the percentage American tourists is slightly lower than the percentage the TCB published in 2009 and BONHATA published in 2011. Most flights came from or went to Curaçao, Aruba, Amsterdam, Atlanta and Houston. In 2012 Bonaire had no direct flights to and from St. Eustatius and Saba.

The tourists who flew to Bonaire in 2012 stayed on the island for an average of seven nights. One in 10 were day-trippers (no overnight stays) and more than half of the tourists stayed for one to seven nights on Bonaire. Only 7% stayed 14 nights.

In 2013 Bonaire had almost 340 tourist accommodations of which 40% were villas, 32% apartments, 14% hotels and resorts and 14% holiday homes. The total capacity was around 5,500 beds. Most beds were offered in the hotels and resorts (48%), followed by villas with 24%. Apartments offered 19% of the beds, and holiday homes 10%.

Bonaire has a natural roadstead and two large piers. In 2012 Bonaire had no regular ferry. In 2012, around 880 recreational craft moored in Bonaire. These stayed for an average of 13.4 days and had an average of 3.1 passengers on board. Most boats came from or went to Curaçao. There were around 100 cruise ships, with an average of 1,550 passengers on board. Most cruise ships arrived from Aruba for a last stop. The potential supply of day trippers by ship exceeded that of the number of tourists flying to Bonaire. It is not clear how many tourists from the cruise ships actually got off board in 2012. (Source RCN).

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On The Island Since... 1984 - Adolfo 'Popo' and Ingrid Morales

"I was born on Curacao on June 16th, 1952. Both my parents came from Venezuela. My mother came to Curacao with her mother when she was just a little girl. She was from Puerto Cumarebo, a fishermen's village founded in the 1600s as a population of black people who had escaped from Curacao. My father was born on a kunuku in the out-back, in Paraguaná, a peninsula only 27 kilometers south of Aruba where nature is just like on Bonaire, dry with a lot of cacti. From the time I was 12 until 17 I lived there in the bush. There was nothing; it was a place where money was useless. We waited for the rain to plant and we would live off kabritu, cow, rabbit and chickens. Once a month my uncle and other people from the village would go by bus - a very old bus - on a seven-hour drive to the 'nearest' town to buy rice and other groceries we needed. Except for those five years I grew up on Curacao. My father was working for Shell since he was 18.

When I was young I worked for a subcontractor, I worked at Shell, at the Curacao Drydock Company and at Super Ice

I started working in maintenance at Habitat with Captain Don, and Ingrid got a job at the Botica in Playa. We had four more children: Adolfo, Ramonia, Rafino and Jacqueline. After work and during the weekends we were busy at the kunuku till late in the evening. We had all kinds of trees - big fruit trees - and at a certain time I only worked at home on the kunuku.

Around 1995 we opened 'Hoffi Ambiente' to the public: a small restaurant where people could come and eat on request. It was a lovely little place under the shade of the trees, very rustic, with a cool breeze. We would make hotchpotches and stews with fish or beef or pork with kale, bok choy and chard. Ingrid was the chef and our daughters, Arelis, Charlotte and Ramonia, served at the tables. The people would have a great time. It was a very homey ambiance and the food was so good. I would also the guests around the kunuku and talk to them about agriculture and the way we grew our food.

Hopefully this year we will open the farm to the public again for people to see how easy it is to plant and grow your own food. But also to give advice and to show

"Bonaire has become terribly expensive and it won't get any better, so start taking things into your own hands and feed your family from what you can grow."

cream, a juice factory. I think I was about 20 when I met Ingrid Saragoza who was two years younger. Her mother was from Curacao and her father from Bonaire. We moved in together and started making children! Ha! Three of our children were born on Curacao: Arelis, Briziño and Charlotte. Ingrid was working at Jose Fireman, a clothing store in Punda.

When we didn't have a job we would pick the pods of the tamarind tree and make 'li' of it - a kind of ice cream. I love the tamarind tree a lot, because all my life, when I didn't have a job, I would pick the pods - which were for free - and I could live off it. Now we have about 40 tamarind trees on the premises and they are sweet as candy, but my goal is to have 100. The problem in the Antilles is that they don't use their own tamarind. They import the extract from abroad and make juice of it. That's how a factory like Lovers makes their products. However, local people do use their own fruit, but that's on a much smaller scale.

I was 30 and Ingrid 28 when we moved to Bonaire with our three children. I was working for Shell at the time and noticed that things really weren't going well, so we went to visit Ingrid's grandma at her kunuku in the area of Mexico on Bonaire. Then her grandmother - who knew how much I'd done with our tiny little garden on Curacao - suggested that we come and live at her kunuku to plant. We were eager to come. We liked it a lot because it was wonderfully quiet, an empty place - no electricity and an old house without water. But, there was a water mill and a well. So we put it all back to work again and that's why we're still here - because we're exceptionally lucky as we have three wells.

people everything we're doing here.

In 1998 we moved to Holland with the whole family. We went to live in Dordrecht, a city in the western Netherlands, with the purpose of getting funding for our farming project on Bonaire. I was already 50 years old, but I took courses in agriculture in Rotterdam and worked as a trainee in glass (green) houses in an area called 'het Westland' in a town named Pijnakker. However, we didn't succeed in getting subsidy for our project so in 2003 we came back to Bonaire with our son Rafino and daughter Jacqueline. The other children stayed in Holland.

Everything on the premises had died. It was as if a bomb had exploded. There was nothing left alive. Ingrid began to cry and I told her, 'Ingrid! Don't cry! Get to work!' And I immediately started cleaning up the misery. We've had an extremely rough time: all those dead trees, those grapes, those coconut trees, the mangos - it was a cemetery. First thing we did was to repair the windmill and the well and Rafino helped me cultivate the land. We plowed, we sowed and again we planted lamoenchi, coco and tamarind trees."

"From the moment we came back," Ingrid says, "up until a month ago I worked at Warehouse and for the last few weeks I work for Bondigro. All my life I've worked at the kunuku, and I've had a job as well, and of course there was the household and seven children to raise. Comes a time," she smiles, "you get tired! But I can never sit still, not even when I'm at home. However, there is a difference in working for yourself or for a boss. Well, we've started anew from scratch and worked very hard and little by little things began to brighten up and our chil-



Popo and Ingrid Morales



Popo and Ingrid Morales and three of their children: Adolfo, Jacqueline and Rafino and two of their grandchildren: Tisienne and Etienne (from their daughter Charlotte).



Popo and Ingrid's kunuku in the early years

dren came back and now they're all adults. Arelis, the eldest, is 40. Jacqueline, the youngest, is 23 and we have nine grandchildren. Only Briziño is still in Holland. He's married with three children. But all the others are on Bonaire. They all have a job, but after work they come here to help us in the greenhouse, with the cows, the chickens and the goats, with the big plants and the coconut, the tamarind and lime, the orange and mandarin trees and they help to clean the terrain as well. They are very much aware of the situation

on Bonaire and as everything is expensive they are eager to grow their own food and meat and fish - we also have tilapia - but also to sell it to the public eventually. I applied for a permit to sell our products everywhere on Bonaire and once that's settled I can start selling fresh vegetables on a daily basis."

"The plan is," Popo says, "for the whole family to become self-supporting in meat and chicken and eggs and ducks and

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VOTING FOR THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

On Thursday, May 22, the election of the members of the European Parliament took place. On Bonaire, 11,229 residents had the right to vote and to put their voting-paper in the ballot box. In the end of the day about 1,350 votes (12%) were counted.

By 3 o'clock in the afternoon only 52 votes had been cast at polling station number three in the Sentro di Bario (Community Centre/jb) on the main street of Rincon. The voting list showed 19 different parties. A small group of Rinconeros was sitting in front of the polling station to inform and convince the potential voters. Party number 17 was: "Ik kies voor eerlijk.eu" (I vote for honesty). Number seven on that list was Peter van de Mosselaar. Party number 16 was: "Jezus leeft" (Jesus is alive). Party number 18 was "Partij voor de dieren" (Animal Party). A lot of parties on the list were completely unknown to the citizens of Bonaire. There was a lack of knowledge about the ideas of the politicians on the list. Still Europe and the European



Parliament can be very important for the BES islands as there is a lot of money in all kinds of European funds and foundations to help the local economies, progress in education and the development of small industries.

Some Bonaireans were surprised by party number 18— "Animal party." They preferred to vote for people. "Jesus is alive" appeared to be a favorite party. At the end of the elections, after all the legal votes were counted, Peter van de Mosselaar's party number 17, "I vote for honesty," was the unofficial winner. Peter van de Mosselaar lives on Bonaire. ■ Story & photo by J@n Brouwer

(Continued from page 4) fish and fruits and vegetables. We are combining agriculture with nature, because we also leave the original trees on the land as they offer shade and good soil. In the greenhouse we're planting all kinds of green leafy vegetables and cucumber, celery, parsley, tomatoes and strawberries and I'm experimenting with rice from Santo Domingo and Surinam. The good thing is that all the children have begun to realize how important it is to be self-sufficient.

We have three hectares of land, two water mills and three wells; we couldn't do it without the wells. But... everyone who has a little piece of land around his house can have a tiny greenhouse, because really, you only need like 50 pots. Don't water with the hose or a drip, but use the watering can, a small one of four liters, otherwise it gets too heavy. By watering the plants this way you can control the amount of water you are using and in the end you know exactly how much you are spending on your fresh



Proof that you can grow rice on Bonaire

veggies and herbs.

Look, Bonaire has become terribly expensive and it won't get any better, so start taking things into your own hands and feed your family from what you can grow. I am happy to pass my ideas on to everyone who wants to hear and especially to my children, because if Morales dies, his children will go on. This is their inheritance – they can grow their own food on Bonaire." ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



Useful Gadgets

This is a column about useful gadgets for sale on Bonaire. This is the eighth article in a row of 100.

ULTIMATE SURVIVAL TECHNOLOGIES PRESENTS SMART P!CO LANTERN

Bonaire/Playa – Just recently I visited Budget Marine, located at Kaya Carlos A. Nicolaas, next to NAPA and close to Bobbejan's. I was in the need of a couple of meters of high quality line for my sailing boat as I ran into another useful and ingenious gadget: the P!CO lantern, made by Ultimate Survival Technologies. This cute little lantern features a three-mode electronic switch: high, low, and s.o.s. flashing (... --- ...). The device is relatively small, measuring 13 X 7 centimeters. Run time of the four Duracell AA Power Plus batteries is up to 91 hours. That's almost four days. The lantern has a small and safe built-in recessed hook at the base for hanging overnight as an area



light. Little energy is consumed by the one-watt Nichia white led, producing up to 123 lumens. The lantern is water and shock resistant, made from shock absorbing material and fitted with sophisticated O-rings. The P!CO lantern is priced at \$39.60 and available at Budget Marine. ■ J@n Brouwer

Bonaire Treasure Challenge Winners



On Friday, May 30, at Eddy's Bar on Kaya Gobernador Nicolaas Debrot, the winners of the Diving for Bonaire Treasure Challenge were announced. Divers had to find five out of 10 dive cache containers hidden underwater at different dive sites to drop one of their five uniquely numbered tags.

The presentation and announcements were by Edsel Pieternella from Tourism Corporation Bonaire and Tom Ingram, executive director of the California based DEMA (Diving Equipment and Marketing Association). They were assisted by a whole bunch of attractive American div-

ing angels.

Lisa Newlands won the grand prize: two round-trip airline tickets from within the continental US to Bonaire and a seven-night stay at Captain Don's Habitat. Second prize went to Ryan Atkinson: a five-night stay at Carib Inn. Third prize winner was Roger Veteto: a three-night stay at Hotel Roomer.

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Duradero Market



Christen Cranston, PR of SELIBON, features recycling



Alfredo Koolman (right), WEB director, with the winner of the Water & Energy savings package

Biba Konsiente or Living Consciously was the theme of Boneiru Duradero's (Sustainable Bonaire) fourth and last Sustainable Market. The market was held at the Avanti square

in Antriol, "Plaza Chiku Goeloe."

As always Kriabon's market vendors formed a vital part of the event, with plants, art, homemade products and delicious freshly made food. Plus there were also a lot of workshops where both children and adults could learn about sustainable topics.

- The promo-team from WEB led by Jimmy May and Pamela Paz provided a mini course on saving water and energy.
- Christen Cranston from SELIBON developed a special game for kids, to educate them on waste separation.



Onnie Emerenciana with a basket of his produce. Onnie's kunuku is a prolific producer.



Sam Williams of the Echo Foundation sold local trees and plants important to parrots. He was assisted by a two volunteers, one in a Lora costume.

- Roald Boom provided knowledge on a planting system called hydroponics. This simple system allows greens like lettuce and bok choy to grow fast, having them ready for the dinner table within 6 weeks.

- Rocky Emers and Onnie Emerenciana taught kids of all ages how to plant. All participants received a little plant and some seeds to start their own "food garden" at home.

Boneiru Duradero gave out a reusable shopping bag to all visitors handing in used batteries. And there were wonderful sustainable prizes to be won in the raffle, like a mini greenhouse for the kids and an energy and water saving package for the adults.

In the future Boneiru Duradero will combine the Farmers and Cultural Markets on Bonaire with special activities on sustainability. Visit the Boneiru Duradero Facebook page to stay informed. ■ *Story by Sharon Bol*

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People are complaining about the invasive advertising by Digicel which sends customers unsolicited text messages containing advertising to their phones. This practice is illegal in many countries.

- Another telephone company complaint: **You are not allowed to keep your phone number when you change phone companies, another practice not permitted in other countries.**

- According to the Papiamentu language newspaper *Extra*, apparently **Bonaire International Airport (BIA), the government contracted company that runs Flamingo Airport, has decided to raise the "airport tax."** It will soon cost travelers **\$15 instead of \$10 to travel between the islands, and international visitors will pay 50% more than they have been paying.** It is also expected that the airport concessionaires (restaurants, shops, car rental agencies) will be charged a higher rent.

- According to another report in *Extra* the European Union (EU) is putting pressure on the Bonaire government to **implement a surcharge to island residents to help pay for the recently activated kloaka (sewer) system.** They have given a deadline of December 2014, otherwise the EU will stop all funding of other projects that are in the preparation stages on the island. The Bonaire government thinks Holland should pay for it, Holland thinks otherwise. A major item of contention is whether all residents will pay or only those connected. See page 2 for more sewer info



Vacuum Sewer Lines

- **The Famoso Supermarket** next to Warehouse has opened. Still lots of empty shelves to be filled but some promising extras besides the usual Chinese supermarket fare: Cannon sheets, towels, makeup, utensils etc.

- **Last week Curoil published an ad with their new gas cylinder delivery schedule.** If you have gas cylinders from Curoil, here is the distribution schedule: Mondays: Tera Kora, Belnem, Playa Pariba, Punt Vierkant. Tuesdays: Nikiboko, Amboina, Kaya Hulanda, Rincon. Wednesdays: Republiek, Nord di Salina, Nawati, Tras di Montana. Thursdays: Antriol. Fridays: Sabadeco, Hato, Playa Pabou. Curoil asks all clients to please leave their yard gates unlocked and tie up any dogs on the delivery days. Supposedly Curoil has increased the Bonaire allocation by 200 gas cylinders to alleviate the never-ending cooking gas shortage. ■

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Jazz Festival 2014 Preview



Jose Alberto

Super Act Added!

This year the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary with an exciting festival on August 1-3. The Bonaire Jazz Foundation is doing its utmost to make it the best yet. It already has signed up international stars like **Oleta Adams, Frank Reyes, Matt Bianco and The Original Wailers.** It will close with a super act on Sunday, August 3rd, with **Sergio George's All Star Band, Charlie Zaa, Leslie Grace and Jose "El Canario."**

The Colombian singer, **Charlie Zaa**, played in the great salsa orchestra, Grupo Niche, and Guayacán and then concentrated mainly on boleros. The 19-year-old talented American singer, **Leslie Grace**, scored two years ago a number one hit with the bilingual bachata, **Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?** and recently got back into the top 10 with its

successor **Be My Baby**.

Jose "El Canario" Alberto was a sensation at the Curacao North Sea Jazz and brings decades of salsa at the highest level to the stage.

Ticket sales for the Bonaire Heineken Jazz Festival will start in mid-June. Prices range from \$50 (Friday) to \$75 (Saturday and Sunday). A \$150 ticket will provide admittance to all performances, a savings of \$50. ■ *Press release*

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45th Anniversary Washington-Slagbaai National Park



Artist Jayla especially loved the Painting on driftwood.

On Sunday, June 1st, Washington-Slagbaai National Park (WSNP) celebrated its 45th anniversary with a toast and official opening of several new routes and activities in the park.

George Thode (Chief Ranger WSNP) also known as "Kultura," was the master of ceremonies and also one of the speakers during the official ceremony that began at 11am.

Kultura explained, "STINAPA has worked very hard and did some beautiful and important work in recent years, but STINAPA cannot do this alone. STINAPA needs help from everyone in our community to help protect our beautiful nature. Without nature there is no life."

Mrs. Jeannette Nolen, Vice President of STINAPA, also addressed the guests: "The management of our parks and nature is our primary task, but the education of our youth on nature issues is just as important."

Mrs. Nolen reflected on the passing last week of Capt. Don Stewart. Capt. Don was one of the driving forces in the creation of the Bonaire Marine Park nearly 35 years ago. A minute of silence was held to commemorate Capt. Don.

Commissioner James Kroon also addressed the invitees. He said, "STINAPA and the government do not always see eye to eye, but the government is always ready to help STINAPA when necessary."

At the end of the ceremony Mrs. Nolen



Families and friends enjoyed the ambiance under the trees.



Technobar catering staff with mentor Antoinetta Binelli (third from left)



The new Kids' Trail is now open with a fun obstacle course

invited everyone to the official opening of the newly constructed Kids' Trail.

The day started with a mountain bike race, an early morning stroll along a new route, 'Mondi Suit,' and hiking the Brandaris. STINAPA also provided transport to Slagbaai for those who did not have transportation. Many took advantage of this opportunity. There were people who visited the Park and Slagbaai for the very first time and they were very impressed with the beauty of the nature in the Park.

The kids' corner was busy all day with kids getting their faces painted, playing games and painting on driftwood. Besides the children, many adults took a moment of rest in the kids corner and were painting enthusiastically together with the children.

The open day was well attended. A total of 1,014 visitors were registered, of which 387 in 133 cars drove into the park and 627 people stayed at the entrance. ■

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Meet Some Bonaire Ambassadors



At the end of last month the TCB honored a couple with Gold Ambassador medals who had been visiting Bonaire regularly. Siegfried and Elisabeth Münch of Germany received Silver Ambassador medals (already awarded for 15 years of visits) and this year got their gold. And they plan to be back in October!

Mrs. Helen Thode (at left in the photo) speaking on behalf of the TCB, said, "It is an honor to see you again after just a year and hope again you have a great vacation on our sweet island. We thank you for all you do on our island and hope you continue to promote Bonaire among your circle of friends." ■ TCB Release & photo



Between the 10th and 13th last March the TCB honored seven people with Ambassador medals.

Kathy Liberman, Diane Hopkins, Esther Bushman and Carl received Bronze Ambassador medals for 10 years of consecutive visits. Lee and Lil Liberman, Anita Silver and Anka Scheute were awarded Gold Ambassador medals for 20 and 25 years respectively of visiting Bonaire.

In the name of the TCB Mrs. Helen Thode personally thanked the new ambassadors and said she hoped they would continue to promote Bonaire in their home towns.

In the photo above Helen Thode poses with Lee and Lil Liberman, Anita Silver and Kathy Liberman ■ TCB Release & photo

Picture Yourself In Secaucus, New Jersey, USA

Rosemary Kurtti, a Bonaire visitor since 1982, brought her *Bonaire Reporter* to the Captain Don's Habitat booth at the Beneath The Sea Show, March 26 in Secaucus, New Jersey. ■

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That manta rays can dive as deep as 432 m? Manta rays primarily inhabit the upper 10 meters of the water column during the day, where they likely eat emergent reef plankton. Then, at night, the mantas often venture deep to eat upwellings of zooplankton. Manta rays are highly enigmatic and before this recent study little was known about their depth range. These findings make manta rays an important connection between the upper layer of the ocean (technically known as the epipelagic zone and ranging from the surface to 200 m deep) and the deeper areas of the ocean (the mesopelagic zone, between 200m and 1000 m). This new information on vertical movements can help us to further understand the ecology of mantas and to therefore help conserve the species. ■



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Manta ray



Brooke Davis is a sophomore studying ecology at Colorado College, USA. She is studying on Bonaire for the spring 2014 semester at the CIEE Research Station.



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Captain Don Remembered

Captain Don Stewart - Donal Adams Stewart- who was born on June 25 in 1925- died on Wednesday, May 28, after a valiant struggle with serious health issues.

Throughout these times his devoted soul mate Janet has been with him. Together they had helped keep Bonaire green with lovingly cultured plants from their 'Island Grower' nursery. Recently they were able to recognize the anniversary of Don's arrival on Bonaire on May 21 in 1962 with a wreath at the site where his sailboat *Valerie Queen* sank soon after his arrival, essentially marooning him in Bonaire.

A legend in his own time, Don was the founder of Captain Don's Habitat, the Council of Underwater Resort Operators

(CURO) and the Accolade Foundation which recognizes environmental work the world over. He was a pioneer in both the dive industry and in the field of marine conservation. Amongst his numerous awards and honors - including Knighthood from the Queen of Holland - was his first In-



Dee Scarr was one of the first to be honored by an Accolade



Don is inducted into The Order of Oranje by then Island Governor Domacasse.



Don with Habitat's Albert Romijn (RIP)



Habitat's Jack Chalk (RIP) and Janet burying Don's amputated foot After that Don could say, "I already have one foot in the grave."



Although in dire straits, on oxygen and in pain, a few days before his passing the Captain insisted he be released from the hospital long enough to cast a wreath commemorating the 52nd anniversary of his arrival on Bonaire.

international award as the Boston Sea Rovers "Diver of the Year" followed soon after by many others including the "Legend of the Sea" award. It is his image you see prominently in downtown Kralendijk and a display in his honor at Flamingo Airport.

Beyond diving, plant growing and environmentalism, Don was a sailor, writer and story teller par excellence; from his famous -some would say infamous - black and white slide shows to his several books, he relished the attention they brought.

Long before the term "Eco-tourism" was conjured up, Don was a practitioner, leader and pioneer of what would become the genre. His part in keeping Bonaire at the forefront of environmental advocacy and activism led to the saying that "**Bonaire is to reef conservation as Greenwich is to time.**" He helped Bonaire develop the art, the craft and the science of water saving drip irrigation while creating a wind power and recycled battery "off the grid" kunuku that was and is a pioneering example of sustainable living before the term was created!

From green fingernails to green flags, he admonished us all that "We are Pioneers of



Is George Buckley (right) making sure what Don says is 85% true?

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Sorry Don, We Failed!

Just a week before Don died Mary (wife) and I visited Don and Janni, and his last words to me were what's in the pic: "Enjoy Our Reef Fishes, Let's Not Eat Them!" Maybe a nice tribute to Don would be to stop eating reef fish.



Dominique Serafini, Captain Don and Brad Smart

During our visit Don was a bit grumpy and weak but Mary said, "You're a handsome man," and Don replied, "Do you have eye problems? Good 'ol Don! The only serious moment is when I said I was no longer funding our campaign to save the reef fish. I was the sponsor, Don the image, and Dominique Serafini our artist. There was some encouraging interest for a couple of years — we delivered tee shirts to dive shops and restaurants, Jong Bonaire got the kids involved, Stinapa was interested, and a dozen restaurant owners pledged to not serve reef fish. But I told Don that almost all the major restaurants now serve reef fish; barracuda is served everywhere and octopus ("Yes! They are right off of our reef!") is even on the menu at several. Don said he was not surprised and despite being a bit weak, his memory was perfect when he said, "Let's enjoy our reef fishes, let's not eat them." ■ Story & photo by Brad & Mary Smart

Captain Don (Continued from page 10) sage and his work to protect the BLUE world.

The loss of Habitat's Albert Romijn and Jack Chalk hit Don hard. The young are not supposed to go before you. The Maduro Company has been a major supporter of Habitat and Don and deeply misses him. He will be missed by his family, **Valerie, Kevin and Gwen**, and by LEGIONS of divers, environmentalists, fans, friends and colleagues and a lifetime of devoted staff at Captain Don's Habitat but most of all by his lady **Jani**.

Don was always ready to assist with any program that benefited Bonaire, the oceans or students. He helped to make land available for Bonaire's first aquaculture facility and he welcomed marine researchers, environmentalists, writers and film makers to Habitat. Besides supporting my coral reef and land snail studies in the 1970s he encouraged me to do slide shows for Habitat guests. WOW - lecturing outside, under the stars next to the turquoise blue sea! What a gig!

For decades Don welcomed and encouraged dozens of my eager young students and divers from the Watertown High School Biology club and still more from my Harvard University Sustainability and Environmental Management programs. He saw them all as the future in the efforts to save planet earth.

Burial was Friday, May 30, in his "pyramid" in the Kralendijk Protestant



Captain Don and his secret love, the figurehead gouden-verader

cemetery. A memorial service is being planned for late June.

The Accolade Foundation is raising funds for a scholarship in Captain Don's Honor. In the US, donations can be sent to the Accolade Foundation c/o Marine Ecology Project, PO Box 189, South Orleans, Mass. 02662 On Bonaire donations can be made to the Accolade Foundation through "Island Grower." ■ *Dr. George Buckley, President Accolade Foundation*

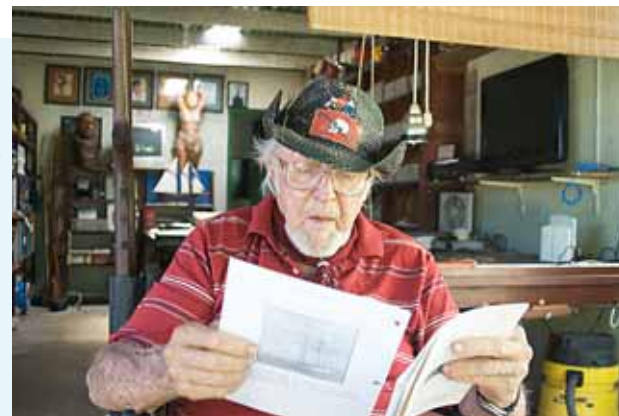
The Island Grower

Although it was the last business Capt. Don had on the island, his landscape business called The Island Grower, it really describes what Don meant to Bonaire for over 50 years. He WAS The Island Grower. He, more than anyone else, created and grew Bonaire into the top scuba diving destination it is today, at the same time creating preservation methods that are now practiced around the world.

Starting in 1962 when he tied up his sailing vessel and came ashore with the island's first six dive tanks, Capt. Don devoted most of his life to growing Bonaire and Bonaire's tourism business. But he did it with a green thumb. He was determined to do it sustainably. He had a vision of protecting the reefs and the waters of Bonaire so that they would support the community for many generations to come.

It was Capt. Don who led the effort to end spear fishing, anchoring on the reefs and removal of coral. He convinced divers not to wear gloves. He was a leader and a visionary, eventually founding Capt. Don's Habitat, "home of diving freedom." He knew that it was possible to enjoy the reef while also protecting it.

We don't have many tall trees on Bonaire, but Capt. Don was certainly one of them. Let's hope that his pioneering efforts to save and protect the precious Bonaire environment are understood and honored for another 50 years. ■ "Chain Saw" Jane



At home at his Plantation Guatemala kunuku



Janet, Ramon and Captain Don, The Island Grower, at his farm on Friday, March 20, 2009.

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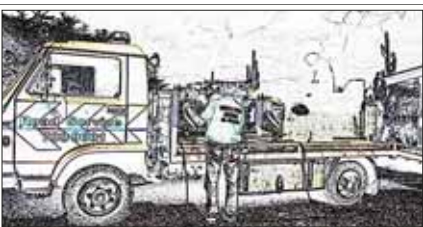
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| Sat 21 | | 03:38 0.02 ft | 07:46 0.35 ft | 14:22 -0.21 ft | 20:56 0.96 ft | 6:12 | 19:02 |
| Sun 22 | | 04:51 -0.04 ft | 08:52 0.23 ft | 14:54 -0.14 ft | 21:39 1.01 ft | 6:12 | 19:02 |
| Mon 23 | | 06:01 -0.10 ft | 10:04 0.14 ft | 15:23 -0.07 ft | 22:23 1.02 ft | 6:12 | 19:03 |

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RESTAURANTS

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Get to Klein Bonaire by Ferry. Ride the *Kantika di Amor*. Hotel or downtown pickup The only water taxi to Klein Bonaire with an easy on/off built-in ramp at Bonaire Nautico (It Rains Fishes Restaurant)

Barracudas Sprint Championships



The Participants

On Saturday June 7th the Aquatics Club Barracudas held their second sprint championships for this year here on Bonaire. The races are always open to all to participate, but this time we had only club members participating. Nearly 30 swimmers showed their talent in the various age groups and strokes. Divided into age groups 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14 and masters there were plenty of prizes to hand out in the end! The event took place in front of the newly inaugurated Parke Rekreashon Arthur "Tului" Domacassé. Lanes were set in the sea for the 25m sprints in Back stroke, Butterfly, Breast stroke and Free-style. The relay was great fun with one person from each age group on each team, tagging the next to continue the relay.

The Bonaire Barracudas look forward to inviting new members to train and next time you see an event, stop by, it is open to all ages and all swimmers! The club now teaches beginning lessons in swimming and

the professional team of coaches, including champion swimmers, a physiotherapist and a dietitian train not only in the sea, but conduct dry land strength training. Swim training is Monday through Thursday from 4:30-6 with dry land training at the Bon Bida Spa and gym on Fridays. Kids 8 and under and beginning members meet Monday and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30. Water Polo trains on Wednesdays with competitions on Saturdays. If you can only come once or twice a week that is also OK. We are looking for swimmers of all ages and levels so come join us.

With the new found momentum, the club is growing quickly and is participating in more and more competitions abroad. If you are interested in joining or sponsoring our club please contact us at barracudasbonaire@gmail.com. You can also find some pictures at on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BonaireBarracudas?ref=ts>. ■ Pam Werdath & Saskia Goutziers

Championship Results

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| 8 years and younger 25m backstroke | 3) Aljantha Emerenciana |
| 1) Basi Spruit | |
| 2) Noah Siao | |
| 3) Amber van Groenestijn | |
| 9-10 years 25m backstroke | 1) Nicolai Pedersen |
| 1) Marcel Spruit | 2) Ruby van den Berghe |
| 2) Chenise Bergman-Oosterlee | 3) Thaline Dabboussi |
| 3) Pien Goutziers | |
| 11-12 years 25m backstroke | 1) Brandon Begina |
| 1) Thaline Dabboussi | 2) Chaz Sweers |
| 2) Ruby van den Berghe | 3) Justin Pherai |
| 3) Melissa Bonn | |
| 13-14 years 25m backstroke | 25 years and older (masters) 25m breaststroke |
| 1) Brandon Begina | 1) Nathalie Petersen |
| 2) Chaz Sweers | 2) Floortje Vervenne-Van Asperen |
| 3) Justin Pherai | 3) Charles Baltayan |
| 25 years and older (masters) 25m backstroke | 8 years and younger 25m freestyle |
| 1) Nathalie Petersen | 1) Cai Crielaard |
| 2) Floortje Vervenne-Van Asperen | 2) Basi Spruit |
| 3) Charles Baltayan | 3) Noah Siao |
| 8 years and younger 25m butterfly | 9-10 years 25m freestyle |
| 1) Amber van Groenestijn | 1) Marcel Spruit |
| 2) Basi Spruit | 2) Chenise Bergman-Oosterlee |
| 3) Noah Siao | 3) Pien Goutziers |
| 9-10 years 25m butterfly | 11-12 years 25m freestyle |
| 1) Aljantha Emerenciana | 1) Nicolai Pedersen |
| 2) Marcel Spruit | 2) Ruby van den Berghe |
| 3) Chenise Bergman-Oosterlee | 3) Thaline Dabboussi |
| 11-12 years 25m butterfly | 13-14 years 25m freestyle |
| 1) Nicolai Pedersen | 1) Brandon Begina |
| 2) Ruby van den Berghe | 2) Chaz Sweers |
| 3) Thaline Dabboussi | 3) Jovan van Burik |
| 13-14 years 25m butterfly | 25 years and older (masters) 25m freestyle |
| 1) Chaz Sweers | 1) Nathalie Petersen |
| 2) Jovan van Burik | 2) Floortje Vervenne-Van Asperen |
| 3) Justin Pherai | 3) Charles Baltayan |
| 25 years and older (masters) 25m butterfly | Mix 100m freestyle relay |
| 1) Nathalie Petersen | Lane 3: Nathalie Petersen, Pien Goutziers, Justin Pherai, Ruby van den Berghe, Cai Crielaard |
| 2) Floortje Vervenne-Van Asperen | |
| 3) Charles Baltayan | "Encouragement prizes" to: |
| 8 years and younger 25m breaststroke | Iris van Groenestijn |
| 1) Basi Spruit | Angie Dabboussi |
| 2) Noah Siao | Rowan Beenackers |
| 3) Cai Crielaard | |
| 9-10 years 25m breaststroke | |
| 1) Marcel Spruit | |
| 2) Chenise Bergman-Oosterlee | |

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CLOSE-IN EVENTS

Friday, June 20- "Back to Basics" Yoga Clinic. "Classical Sun Salutations." Teachers Mabel Nava & Desiree Seaver's aim is to break down a few specific asanas to give you a deeper understanding of alignment, balance and breath for your unique body. With this new understanding of body, mind, and breath connection we hope you will be encouraged to develop your own self-practice. Yoga Bonaire at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona #47. 7-9pm, \$20, limited number. Sign up: info@bonaireyoga.com

June 20-24 – PWA World Tour Freestyle Windsurfing Event, Lac Bay

June 25-29 - ProKids Windsurfing Bonaire Event. Lac Bay. Face Book: Prokids Windsurfing Bonaire

Tuesday, June 24 – St. John's Day Traditionally this marks the start of the summer rains

Friday, June 27 – Taste of Bonaire. Sample cuisine from Bonaire's restaurants, music, drinks, more. Wilhelmina Park

Saturday, June 28 – Mangazina di Rei Cultural Market. See the real Bonaire: music, crafts, local produce, creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road at the eastern entrance to Rincon.

Sunday, June 29 – St. Peter's and St. Paul's Day

Sunday, June 29 —Dia di Arte : BONAIRE'S ART DAY stays at Wilhelmina Park.

Saturday, July 5 - Kriabon Farmers' Market. Local produce, ornamental plants, crafts, farm animals, local food, 8 am to 1 pm. Kaminda Yatu Bako #55 (Nikiboko North), next to Aquamarin School. From Playa it's the road next to Caribbean Fasteners, heading towards More For Less Supermarket.

Saturday, July 12 – Dive Friends Underwater Cleanup

August 1-3- 10th Bonaire Jazz Festival

REGULAR EVENTS

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

Parke di Libertat -Park-playground and canteen (formerly Dare to Care Park) Behind the hospital. Open Monday-Saturday 8am-7pm. Free entrance.

Saturdays

• **Marshe di Kunukeru (Farmers' Market) 1st Saturday of the month,** at Kriabon, Kaminda Jatu Baco #55, next to Aquamarin School, 8am to 1pm.

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—every last Saturday of the month,** 8am-2pm. See the real Bonaire: traditional music, crafts, local produce, creole kitchen, educational presentations. Mangazina di Rei is on the Rincon Road, at the eastern entrance to Rincon

• **Last Saturday of the month –** donate foods and household items to Food Bank (*Stichting voedselbank Bonaire*) from 10 am-4 pm, in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

• **Parke di Libertat Bazaar.** Flea market tables to rent \$5. Used items for sale, 9am-2pm.

• **Bonaire Animal Shelter's "Garage Sale" Pakus di Pruga—every Saturday,** 8am-5pm. At Kaminda Liberador Simon Bolivar, across from Brandaris Café. Tel. 717-4989. Drop off cast offs on Saturdays or at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road weekdays. 717-4989

• **Wine Tasting at Antillean Wine Company's warehouse** on Kaya Industria, **Second Saturday of the month,** 7-9 pm. (*Always call to make sure it's on: Tel. +5999-560-7539.*) Snacks and tasting of six wines for \$10 per person.

• **Petanque- Jeu de Boules,** 2:30pm, Tera Cora Ranch. Info: 786-0150

Sundays

• **Landhuis DeTuin- Real Jamaican BBQ on the terrace** of the land house in the quiet countryside. Jerk Chicken, BBQ Chicken, Seafood Curry, Veggie Dish, Child's plate, Bread Pudding. On the road to Lac Bai – Kaminda Lac #101. Follow the signs, 12 noon to 6 pm. Tel. +599-786-6816, +599-701-1982. A Forsa training school.

• **Kunuku Arawak -** Music, drinks, local food, dancing, 10 am—6 pm. Live music starts at 4 pm. Tel.786-7210

Mondays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9 am.** Meet the goats, see milking, cheese making and more. **\$10 includes cheese tasting and tea, Kids \$5.** 786-6950- Also on Wednesdays & Fridays

• **Happy Hour at Captain Don's Habitat Bar.** The books of Bonaire's dive pioneer, Captain Don, will be available: Island Adrift, Shangri-la, Sea

Trauma and his newest book Reef Windows. 5:30-7pm. Tel. 717-8290

Wednesdays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am.** See Monday for more information

• **30-minute Meditation at Yoga Bonaire,** 12 noon, Bonaire Basics. Donation. Call 786-6416, email: info@bonaireyoga.com

• **Divemaster's Night at Bistro de Paris Restaurant at Harbour Village Marina.** Free house rum when you buy a coke.

Fridays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am.** See Monday for more information

• **Happy Hour party at Bistro De Paris.** Ricky Thomas performs Reggae, Soul, Latin and more 6- 9pm.

FREE SLIDE/VIDEO SHOWS

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 when 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)

BONAIRE'S TRADITIONS

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Museo Sentro Chichi'Tan, historical home, behind Rose Inn, Rincon, open 10am-4pm daily. Tel. 786-6420

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

Bridge Club - Every Wednesday, Bridge Club on Bonaire. 19:15, contact Jeroen Seegers for information tel. 717-4200 or 788-2819 or jeroen@telbonet.an

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. Call Gregory Obersi 785-9446.

Toastmasters Club meets every **two weeks.** For more information call Crusita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Mar-

tinez Beck, at 786-2953.

CHURCH SERVICES

Protestant Congregation of Bonaire: (VPGB), Kralendijk, Plaza Wilhelmina; Sunday service-10 am in Dutch. Rincon, Kaya C.D. Crestian; Sunday service-8:30 am in Papiamentu/ Dutch.

Children's club-every Saturday from 4:30-6 pm in Kralendijk, (annex of the church.) Contact; Marytjin@gmail.com or Daisycoffie@hotmail.com

International Bible Church, Kaya Papago 104, Hato, behind Bon Fysio/ Bon Bida Spa & Gym on Kaya Gob. N. Debrot. Sunday 9am-Worship service in English; 10:45am-Sunday school for all ages. Tuesday 7:30 pm-Adult Bible study class. 717-8377 for more info or ride bonaireibc@yahoo.com

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. Wed. 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 Sunday mornings 10am-11:30am. Bible studies in English on Monday nights from 7-8 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) 10:20am- Sunday School, 11:15 RS/YM/YW/PH Primary held from 10:20-12 noon Visitors welcome: Information: Call 701-9522 .

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

Iglesia di Cristo (Church of Christ) Sunday: 10:30am & 7pm; Wednesday: 7pm. Services in Papiamentu (English also if needed) Address: Kaya Msgr. ndt 25 (same street as Dr. Dorvil) Cell: 796-0721. email: iglesiadicristobonaire@gmail.com

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THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen
June 2014

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) Don't trust others with private information that could be used against you. It's time to reevaluate your own motives and make changes to yourself first. Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Your luckiest events occur on a Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You may want to put your creative thinking cap on. Don't exaggerate. Use some diplomacy to get your point across delicately. Some relatives will be extremely perplexing. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Loss or theft may occur if you are careless with your belongings. Opportunities to get together with people in powerful positions could help you get ahead. You may find out that someone is trying to undermine you. Be cautious while traveling; minor accidents are evident. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Try to control your irritability if you're experiencing emotional problems with your partner. You can make reasonable bids on real estate or large items for your home. Your suggestions for fund raising events will be well received. Try not to lend or borrow money this month. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Drastic changes regarding your personal attitude are evident. Use your obvious talent to work with detail and you can come up with something great. Things may not be as they sound. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You need to do your own thing and work on making yourself the best you can be. Try to channel your energy into professional endeavors. Opportunities for travel must be carefully considered. Minor health problems could result through exhaustion. Your luckiest events will occur on a Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Don't be too pushy or demanding, or you may find yourself all alone. You will be quite excitable this month. Money problems will be difficult to deal with if you have a partner. Be sure to question any detail that you feel could leave you in a precarious position at a later date. Your luckiest events will occur on a Wednesday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Question your mate if you must. Don't let your mate stop you from attending an event that could be most important. Too much work and no play will not only result in fatigue and frustration but also loneliness, too. Concentrate on work and on making money. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) Your high energy will enable you to take the role of leader in group functions. Travel is evident, but be cautious while in transit. You'll be angry if those you live with aren't pulling their weight. You can stabilize your financial situation if you make property investments. Your luckiest events will occur on a Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Your creative input will be appreciated by your boss. You will reap the benefits if you put money into upgrading your residence. Try not to upset others with your plans. You should visit a friend or relative who hasn't been feeling up to par. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't expect romantic encounters to be lasting. Plan a nice evening for two. Try to avoid being extravagant this month. Turn things around, make sure that they do their share. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't spend too much on products that promise amazing cosmetic results. Be cautious and use your head wisely in situations that deal with the use of machinery or vehicles. You need to do something energetic and different. Your accomplishments could exceed your expectations if you mix a little business with pleasure. Your luckiest events will occur on a Thursday. ■



BONAIRE SKY PARK* *to find it... just look up

SUMMER SKIES IN THE PARK

Summer officially begins for the northern hemisphere on Tuesday June 21st at 1:16 pm Bonaire Time. But the Sky Park is already loaded with wonderful summer constellations and planets.

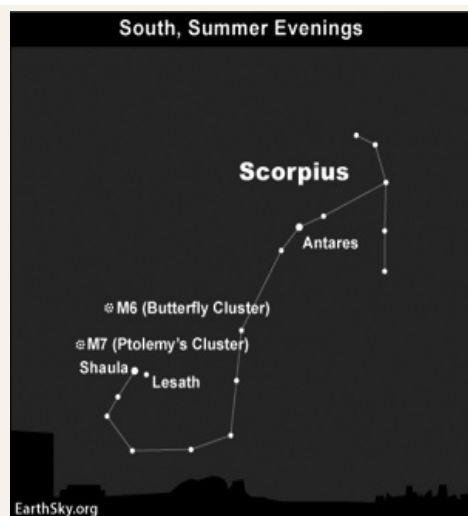
During this week and next, around 10 pm face north where you'll see the **Little Dipper** at its very highest above the **North Star**. In fact the North Star is the star in the end of the handle of the Little Dipper. Now the Little Dipper is not nearly as large or bright as the **Big Dipper** but if you have dark skies you can see it. The handle is drawn from the North Star through two very dim stars, which then connects to two more dim stars to draw part of the bowl and then another dim star and finally a bit brighter star **Kochab** finishes off the bowl of the Little Dipper. Now the Big Dipper is a much brighter and larger star pattern and is directly to the Little Dipper's left in the northwest. Four stars mark its cup and three stars mark its handle.

And once you've found the Big Dipper you can shoot an arrow through its handle across the sky almost overhead and down into the western sky to find one of the 'final four' brightest stars in the sky, **Arcturus**. It is the brightest star of **Bootes the herdsman**, which looks something like a kite. Then if you extend that arrow from Arcturus it might land on **Spica** the brightest star of **Virgo**.

Now I say might, because this year there are two lights that will make good targets for your arrow. The light to the left is the star **Spica** in the zodiacal constellation **Virgo the virgin**. 14 degrees to Spica's right is the ringed **planet Saturn**. Now Saturn is just a bit brighter than Spica to your eye and if you look carefully is slightly more yellow in appearance. Take a look and see for yourself.

Next, look just above the western horizon and you'll see spring's most famous **constellation Leo the lion**. A sickle shaped pattern or backwards question mark of stars marks the front part of Leo and a triangle of stars marks his rear. And in a couple of weeks he'll dive below the horizon as summer's stars replace him.

Next if you turn 180 degrees around and face east you'll see the three incredibly bright stars which mark the points of the



giant Summer Triangle. The brightest is **Vega in Lyra the harp**, the second brightest, **Altair, in Aquila the eagle** and the third brightest, **Deneb, in Cygnus the swan**. And every year as summer begins we always see these three celestial dazzlers rising over the eastern horizon announcing that summer is here.

Look south and you'll see my favorite stars of summer, the giant fish hook shaped pattern of stars **Scorpius the scorpion**, which is always trailed by the teapot shaped pattern of stars, which is part of **Sagittarius the centaur**. So there you have it every direction you look you'll see wonderful stars as we await the beginning of summer, 2011.

In the south Scorpius and Sagittarius; in the east the three brilliant stars of the Summer Triangle; in the north, both the Little and Big Dippers, then following the handle of the Big Dipper into the west Arcturus and Spica and Saturn. And finally, hugging the western horizon, Leo the lion bidding us farewell.

The **Moon** performs several beautiful close conjunctions this month. On the 10th, the Moon passes closely to the left of Saturn, whose magnitude of 0.2 is just half the brightness of **Mars**. The Moon is at its fullest on June 13. The Moon stands very close to invisible **Pluto** in Sagittarius on the 13th and, on the 14th, to the right of fading **Venus**, low in dawn's brightening twilight. ■ *Bob Berman*

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Pet of the Week

PET OF THE WEEK – “SMILEY”

“Smiley,” shown here doing his thing with Bonaire Animal Shelter Manager, Marlies, is a true wonder dog who came very close to a long, lingering death. He was living a horrible life, with no food or water, wandering like a lost soul around the pig farm out at Washikemba. A good Samaritan from Animal Welfare found him and brought him into the Shelter. Although a big dog he weighed only about 17 kg. (a little over 37 lbs.). He looked like a skeleton covered with mangy looking fur and a sad face.

But today because of all the love and care he got at the Shelter he’s a different dog. He’s playful and active and he even smiles! And he now weighs 28 kg. (over 61 lbs.).

Many people have noticed that dogs that have been saved from the jaws of death develop an attitude of appreciation and they just can’t thank you enough. Smiley is one of those. And because of that he will make an excellent student when he is given his doggy training lessons. Smiley is ready to go, in perfect good health having been checked out by the vet, wormed and



given his shots and sterilization. You may see Smiley and the other pets up for adoption at the Shelter on the Lagoen Road, open Monday through Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm and 3 to 5 pm. Tel. 717-4989.

WWW.BonaireAnimalShelter.com. They’re on Facebook and Twitter too. ■ *Laura DeSalvo*

Shelter News

Ayo Hanny

Staff member Hanny will be leaving the island in a few weeks for Panama. So she has to quit her job at the Shelter. Hanny did wonderful work. During the three years she worked at the Shelter, she helped to find new homes for about 700 dogs and cats and fostered about 35 kittens. In Panama she wants to start an animal rescue group. Hanny thanks for all you did. We will miss you! ■ *Story & photo by Marlies Tiepel*



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In neighboring South American countries the incomes are much lower than in Bonaire. In Venezuela for example, the GDP per capita is \$17,000 and in Suriname \$14,000.

In comparison, the values for the Netherlands and the US are \$43,000 and \$49,000 respectively.

►On Friday, May 23, the renovated **Kolegio San Bernardo** was handed over to the **School Board**. The school is completely renewed into a beautiful, safe and functional environment for the students and faculty. The renovation was carried out as planned and to the complete satisfaction of the clients, the Ministry of Education, Culture & Science (OCW) and the Public Entity of Bonaire. The school is also very pleased with the result and will celebrate this with a grand opening at the beginning of the new school year.



One Week



It is fast and needs far less "native Bonaire" materials like sand and stone to build.

►As a show of appreciation for over 25 years of support by guests and islanders, Jibe City together with the Hang Out Bar and South Caribbean Sailing will donate a new floating dock for all to enjoy in Lac Bay.



TENDERING NEW CONSTRUCTION

►Tenders for the construction of a new elementary school to replace the **Papa Cornes School** were issued. Completion is several years away.

►Last month **Water and Energy Bonaire (WEB)** dropped the tariff for electricity by approximately 5% or two US dollar cents as of May 2014. The rate reduction will save an average household (calculated without air conditioning) some \$100 per year, says the government-owned company.

►In the last edition we showed some innovative building going on at **The Courtyard project on Kaya Djabou**. The Veerhuis system uses EPS (a plastic foam board) and steel as building materials and can replace the present use of bricks, stones, cement, steel, concrete and wood. We've been following construction and the progress shown is above.



►Here is a view of the new **KLM Sky Lounge for Business Class** and up passengers at **Flamingo Airport** run by **Moreno Binelli**. It opened last month and may be the smallest and plushiest sky lounge in the world.

►Don't forget **Fathers Day** on Sunday, June 15. That includes your grandfather, papa, daddy, opa, welo, abuelo too. ■ G./L.D.

New Instructor Training Center



Dive boat at Great Adventures dive shop dock

chala, Divemaster / Dive shop manager. Collectively they have over 80 years of teaching experience to impart to their candidates making for well-rounded course opportunities.

Harbour Village will welcome local divers of Bonaire, as well as those from abroad, to participate in professional level courses with the dive center. The dive shop is conveniently located along the resort's white sand beach, which is a perfect location to learn how to teach new divers. Also available are two air-conditioned classrooms and a beach gazebo which all offer a peaceful place

to learn and study. Great Adventures Bonaire at Harbour Village Beach Club has expanded their dive services to include instruction of professional level certifications, expanded their range of diving education and achieved PADI 5 Star Instructor Development Resort rating. They have engaged the services of Gary Mawston, a Platinum Course Director from the UK, who has many successful years of experience working with instructor candidates in the Caribbean and Europe. In 2008 Gary was ranked in the top five Course Directors worldwide in professional certifications in excess of 10,000 and is one of only 65 Platinum Course Directors worldwide. Gary has held this highly praised Platinum distinction since its inception. He is a great addition to the team at Great Adventures and complements the current teaching staff of Christine Ball, PADI Master Instructor; Mark Spychala, Master Scuba Diver Trainer; Jan Van Den Ouden, Master Scuba Diver Trainer; Alfonso Rodriguez, Open Water Scuba Instructor; and Muriel Anderson Spy-

chala, Divemaster / Dive shop manager. Collectively they have over 80 years of teaching experience to impart to their candidates making for well-rounded course opportunities. Great Adventures Bonaire at Harbour Village Beach Club will be running their Instructor Development Course from the 26th of November at the resort with the Instructor Exams following on the 6th and 7th of December. Student accommodation can also be provided upon request. Contact the dive shop at gab@harbourvillage.com for more information. ■

Story by Christine Ball



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