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**Elsmarie Beukenboom  
at Klein Bonaire**

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# Flotsam and Jetsam

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Everything is ready for the 47<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bonaire Regatta, the longest-running sailing competition in the Caribbean. It will begin on October 5 and run through October 11. Sailing begins on Monday, October 6 starting along the Kralendijk waterfront. Regatta Festival events will begin on Wednesday, October 8 and continue to Friday night, October 11 at Wilhelmina Park.

►WILLEMSTAD--Insel Air has been facing a number of delays, but the Curaçao based carrier says it is making every effort to minimize the problem. The company recently issued a press release stating that the issues are a result of major repairs to part of its aged fleet taking more time than expected.

The release announced that three planes can now be used again and that this will be immediately noticeable, especially for passengers on routes between the islands.

In addition, the airline is planning direct flights between Aruba and Bonaire, the dates of which will soon be made known. Insel Air will also add an MD-80 to the fleet in October.

►The Boeing 787 Dreamliner, belonging to Dutch airline Arkefly, was involved in an accident on the platform with a high-loader vehicle of Curaçao's airport last Wednesday. The plane was damaged and its 300 passengers were therefore delayed for almost a day while an inspection was conducted. This is the same plane that serves Bonaire and was the subject of a story in a past edition of *The Reporter*.

►After more than two years of construction the Dutch Caribbean Police Force (KPCN) began to move into its renovated main police station on Kaya Libertador Simon Bolivar 4.

All the personnel from the five different temporary accommodations, where the KPCN has worked the past years, will relocate this coming week in different stages.

As of Sunday September 28, from 8am the main police station will be open 24 hours per day.

The phone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same. - Emergency number 911 - General Police numbers Bonaire 717-8000/715-8000 - Tipline 717-7251; Website [www.politiecn.com](http://www.politiecn.com) - General email address [politie@politiecn](mailto:politie@politiecn).



►On Saturday, September 20, Bonaire police arrested three men suspected of accosting a plainclothes policeman who reported drivers "fevering" (smoking their car's squealing tires) on Kaya Grandi. On Friday night the plainclothesman called for assistance because he was alarmed by the on-looking crowd who started behaving aggressively towards him.

The backup patrol that showed up had to use pepper-spray and a warning shot to protect their colleague and restore order. It is rare that the firing of a warning shot is reported to the press.

More arrests may be coming. On the same Saturday night police conducted a preventive control in the center of Kralendijk, and confiscated a knife, two pairs of scissors and marijuana cigarettes and a foreigner lacking proper residence papers was arrested.

►In August Caribbean Netherlands Customs intercepted 1,665 grams of cocaine and a spear gun. The cocaine has an estimated street value of \$108, 225. The spear gun was discovered during a routine check on imported packages at the post office, confiscated and turned over to the police for further investigation.

The cocaine was found in a suitcase of a 21-year-old female passenger who was planning to leave on a scheduled flight bound for the Netherlands.

►Director of the Caribbean Netherlands Penitentiary Institution (JICN) Patricia Hassell, Ans Buijs (board member of the Food Bank) and Nolly Oleana, (Chairman of the Food Bank) have recently collected pallets to remodel into 20 crates. The crates were intended for the Food Bank on Bonaire to transport food packages. The task was carried out by JICN detainees together with addictions care center Krusada. JICN happily assisted with this

action and in doing so to do something for the island. The Food Bank is still looking for pallets so that more crates can be made.



►The recent export restrictions imposed by the Venezuelan Government showed how vulnerable Bonaire is, having to import 99% of its vegetables, fruit and animal feed. The water produced by the new sewage system and purification plant offers a chance to grow more food locally and two agricultural programs were kicked off on Monday. Machines to assist farmers with working the land have been purchased and the government recently installed a holding tank, pump-house and irrigation network on the LVV-property.

►AMSTERDAM--The Netherlands is the fourth richest country in the world, according to the latest edition of the Global Wealth Report published Tuesday by German insurer Allianz. The Dutch were worth an average 71,430 euros each in 2013, which is 3.8% more than in 2012. The assets are calculated by adding together personal savings, investment and property and subtracting debts, such as mortgages. This statistic appears to make the poverty in Bonaire even more embarrassing.

Only Switzerland, the US and Belgium have more wealthy citizens than the Netherlands,

►Union Patriotiko Boneriano (UPB) is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October. The current political leader, James Kroon says the stability of the party that uses the color green is clear from the fact that there have only been three leaders so far, with founder Rudy "Ruman" Ellis from 1969 to 1997, followed by Ramonsito "Monchi" Booi until 2013, and since then, Kroon himself.

►The BES Court in First Instance gave Dutch Minister of Health, Welfare and Sports Edith Schippers eight weeks to take a new decision on a case in which the Medical Insurance Office in Bonaire refused a client medical transport

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**Flotsam and Jetsam** (Continued from page 2) to the her home country. The insured, assisted by lawyer Ernst Wesselius, lodged an appeal against this decision.

At the end of February, the patient visited the local cardiologist because of heart complaints. The specialist referred her on February 27 to the intervention cardiologist in Amsterdam for heart catheterization.

The patient stated that the treatment in Colombia offered to her by the Medical Insurance Office was unsuitable because she experienced 22 (very) bad medical experiences in the past year and-a-half, with medical transports from Bonaire to Colombia, where patients must undergo treatment even if they cannot communicate with the doctors due to the language barrier.

► **The Executive Council of Bonaire (OLB) now sees no reason to change or call off the donkey control project.** In early April, by its own motion, it ordered a temporary suspension of the control project and began an impartial review. This followed a complaint filed by "The Citizens for a Better, Safer and Animal Friendly Bonaire."

The OLB subsequently had contact with a number of experts to discuss the objections. They said this includes the American specialist who did research into the genetics of the Bonaire donkey. These experts indicated that most of the donkey groups worldwide are descendants of the Nubian breed. Probably all donkeys in the region possess the same DNA material as the donkeys on Bonaire, which means the Bonaire Donkey is not unique. Furthermore, they considered that donkeys indeed harm the Bonaire environment which is desert-like in contrast to the Costa Rican example that says donkeys help the environment. **More on page 8.**

► **For the first time, nine patients underwent open heart surgery in Aruba's Horacio Oduber Hospital,** in a joint initiative with national health insurer AZV and local cardiologists. Surgeons were flown in from the Netherlands to do the operations, for which people on the island are normally sent to Colombia. **Some are wondering if this will be an alternative for Bonaire patients as well.**

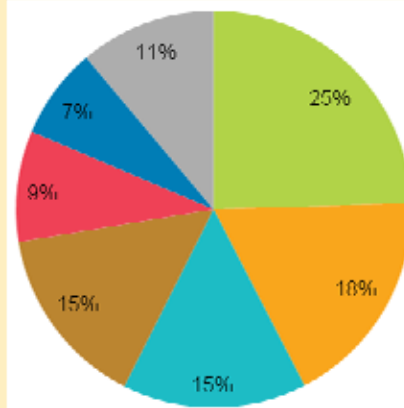
► **Bonaire donkeys are getting attention in the Netherlands.** Dutch MP, **Marianne Thieme** of the Party for Animals, is keeping pressure on the Dutch government to assume its responsibility for the **well being of the wild donkeys in Bonaire.** Thieme posed written questions on the subject of the Bonaire donkey last week about what she termed as "the social unrest" that has evolved because of the apprehension of these animals that are living in the wild. See more about this issue on page 8 as well.

► **The Divi Flamingo Beach Resort and Casino announced the retirement of its Human Resources Manager, Marelva Soliano,** after 39 years at the resort.

Marelva began working for the Divi hotel in July 1975 at the front desk and began in her current position as Human Resources Manager in 1990. "We at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort and Casino are proud to have had the years of service from Marelva. She has made a difference in so many lives at Divi Flamingo and on the island of Bonaire, and we will truly miss her



► **In 2013 the value of imported goods into Bonaire was \$165 million (€120 million), its exports were \$14 million.** Nearly a quarter of the imports are machinery and transport equipment. This share of imports is comparable to that of the European part of the Netherlands. On Bonaire the import value of food, live animals, beverages and tobacco together comprises a quarter of the total import value. For the European Netherlands this share of import is 10%. The European part of the Netherlands is far less dependent on this because it also produces foodstuffs and beverages itself. **In 2013 the total import value of Bonaire was 2% lower than in 2012.** The import of manufactured goods in particular decreased.



Source: CBS

when she retires. We choose to celebrate her years of service and kindness and hope to continue all her positive contributions to the Human Resources of Divi Flamingo. We thank Marelva for her hard work and efforts and wish her well on this next chapter," said Divi's Administrative Assistant **Melissa Hilgers.**

► **For the 14th time, Youth Center Jong Bonaire is organizing its annual fundraising event, "Swim to Klein Bonaire,"** on Sunday, October 5, at the beginning of the Bonaire International Sailing Regatta. **The participating fee is \$15, for adults and \$10, for children. You will get a free meal, a drink, fruit and a T-shirt.** Register on Saturday October 4, from 4-7pm at Jong Bonaire. Last year, almost 400 people swam to Klein Bonaire and most of them

swam back as well. For those who do not wish to swim back, there are many boats available to pick up people and return them to Eden Beach Resort. Participants can use fins, masks or even flotation devices.

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# On The Island Since... 1994 and October 6th, 2005 - Marga Domingo van Lieshout



Marga at her office and Marga,

“I was born on Curacao, May 16th, 1980. My mom, Carlene Peterson, is from Curacao and my father, Martin van Lieshout, was Dutch; he was a contractor and my mom is a lawyer.

My childhood was happy and I spent most of it playing outdoors. When I was five my parents got divorced and my mom, my brother and I moved to St. Martin. Then my parents made up again and all of us went to Holland. Eventually that didn't last and then my mom, my brother and I moved to Bonaire where my mother opened her own law practice.

I was 13 and loved it here! I went to SGB and everybody was just nice and it was funny because at first sight the children saw me as a Makamba and then I would speak Papiamentu! But I made friends easily and school was fun! I did Mavo and then Havo and in 1998 I went to Utrecht, Holland, where I started a higher professional education in social-legal services. In 1999 I passed my preliminary exams, then I switched and went to the University of Utrecht where I began to study Dutch Law. I liked Holland but I did miss Bonaire terribly.

In 2000 I fell in love with someone who lived here: Olivier Domingo. He was born in Dax, France, and his father was from Madrid, but his parents lived for a long time in Venezuela. When he was 10 Olivier together with his brother went to boarding school in Lausanne, Switzerland.

When Olivier's mom became very sick and it was clear that she had not long to live, he asked me to marry him. It was 2002. I told my dad and he answered 'Well, if you're so mature, then you better take care of everything yourself.' I said goodbye to my rental apartment and moved in with my aunt, also in Utrecht.

In 2003 Olivier and I got married; he's the love of my life. I stayed in Holland and he stayed on Bonaire. Next to my studies I started working in hospitality in Holland Casinos. It wasn't what I'd expected.

They made ridiculous demands like one day they insisted on my wearing high heels when I had to move boxes! And so that did it for me and I told my aunt 'Now I'm going to graduate!' September 2005 I graduated and October 6<sup>th</sup> I arrived on Bonaire. I'd told them they could FedEx my diploma.

It was surreal to be back. I was extremely happy! However, I had to get used to living with Olivier as we'd never done that before. Hahaha! He was so sloppy!

Olivier was running Eden Beach resort with his father and brother José, and I started working with my mom and we did so till 2009. Then she retired. Shortly after my mother left, I quit too. I wasn't doing so great. I had had five miscarriages.

In 2010 I began to work here, at Sulvaran & Peterson Law Offices. Chester Peterson is my mother's brother. I do mostly pro bono cases: criminal cases, along with attorneys Wesselius and Van Toll. For civil cases I do divorces and labor cases and recently I'm also taking cases related to residency permits. I think that's what makes it so special to work here; it's very



Nadine and Olivier with Marga at Eden Beach

ship to each other. Many times you know each other directly or through other people. I've been called to account once or twice that I was too close with my clients. But it's just who I am. I don't mean anything by it.

I feel it's very unfortunate that people who have been in jail and who would like to change their lives don't have a chance to get a job. That's the disadvantage on a small island and so people end up in a vicious cycle.

Another aspect is that you come from a certain neighborhood and you have these friends and the island is too small to get away from that scene. It's difficult. At Forma, people have the opportunity to follow an education and prove to themselves that they are worth way more than society has told them so far. FORMA also works with internships and it happens often that when people prove to be good, they end up getting a job at the same company, regardless of their criminal record.

And at SGB, at MBO, it's Efran Candelaria who helps boys and girls find an internship, although it does depend on the offense they have committed. When there are problems with drugs, alcohol and aggression, Forma teams up with the new addiction clinic/psychiatric ward. In this respect I am under the impression that things are improving and that better support is provided.

What I find a pity is that when you are a free legal aid lawyer, sometimes clients think you're not doing your best because you don't get paid by them. To me it doesn't matter who is paying me – now it's the government – but it doesn't make a difference to me and I would like people to know that.

The longer I am working it has become less and less important to me what people have done. Anyhow, I find that everybody, no matter what they did, has a right to legal assistance. And then it's about: 'Can it be proved?' 'How are they treated?' 'What alternatives are possible considering the punishment?' And last but not least, 'What has happened to you that it has come to this?' Sometimes you

get an answer, and sometimes you don't. And if someone doesn't want to be helped then it stops. And... sometimes you cannot defend someone – for whatever reason – and then you ask a colleague to take over. Apparently everyone has boundaries one cannot cross. In spite of that it does happen that afterwards a case has a much bigger impact on you than you realized when you were busy with it.

Well, to go back to my personal life, the best thing that happened to me was the birth of our daughter Nadine, named after Olivier's mother, on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. I'd thought it would never happen and I was trying to come to peace with it and then... I became a mother and... I think that that was what I'd always wanted to be and Nadine made it come true. So, now we are the three of us, almost four, because in December Nadine will get a sister.

I've always been someone who wanted to plan everything very precisely and then life told me 'That's not the way it works...' and it became one big chaos. Now everything falls into place as if it had to be like this; that's how it feels.

I wouldn't want to be in any other place than Bonaire. Bonaire has always been a new beginning and I've lived through all my ups and downs here. There is not one place in the world – and the world has beautiful places – that gives me the feeling that Bonaire evokes in me. I am excited to raise our daughter here. I am grateful for all the support I have here and I will never forget how happy people were for me when they heard I was expecting – it was beautiful and touching.

I have faith in the future. If only people could break the old pattern and try to cooperate – no matter where you come from, no matter who you are – because the future is something you hold in your own hand, but you make it all together." ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra



**“I feel it's very unfortunate that people who have been in jail and who would like to change their lives don't have a chance to get a job. That's the disadvantage on a small island and so people end up in a vicious cycle.”**

When he was 20 he moved to Miami. In 1996 Olivier came to Bonaire.

Falling in love was not very beneficial for my studies! Hahaha! I'd been very serious about it at first but then I was just focused on how to get cheap tickets to go to Bonaire! In Utrecht my dad helped me out in every possible way: the rent, a car, money – but when I fell in love he wasn't so thrilled. He himself was 10 years older than my mom but he was totally shocked when he heard that Olivier was 11 years older than me! Hahaha!

Well, whenever I had the chance I flew to Bonaire and yes, it was way too often.

varied.

What attracted me to do this job originates from my childhood. When we lived on St. Martin, my mother couldn't always find a babysitter so I would spend many hours underneath her desk with my Barbies. I was five years old and what I remember is that people were intensely grateful with the work my mother did for them. And so, that's how it all began; I love to help people.

I only have work experience on Bonaire and when I look at other countries, I feel things here are more humane – in what you mean to people and in your relation-

# Seven Tons Of Litter Collected In One Morning!

'BONAIRE'S PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY'



**MCB Young Professionals at Salinja di Mentor**  
Slogan: *Tene Boneiru Limpi - Keep Bonaire clean!*



*The environmental team of BOPEC and the manager of the fire fighters at Jato Bako. Slogan 'Nos ke un Boneiru limpi' - We want a clean Bonaire!*

On Saturday September 20th Selibon N.V. organized an event which made it possible for the Bonairean community to participate in World Clean-Up Day. Selibon's mission was to increase awareness amongst the people of Bonaire about the amount of litter and rubbish which is washed ashore and also dumped all over the island on a daily basis. With this event Selibon also wanted to make a point that keeping the island clean is not only their responsibility; it is everybody's business as we are all living in this place and all of us have a responsibility towards the island and our environment.

At 8am 28 groups of volunteers arrived at Selibon's Environmental Place on Kaya Industria where they were handed out water and pan dushi (sweet bread) as well as garbage bags and gloves. Also Selibon provided personnel, pick-up trucks and dumpsters to collect the rubble and garbage from the 28 different locations.

Participating groups were: Shearwater Divers, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, Hubentut pa Kristu, Caribbean Accounting and Tax Cons., RBC Volunteers, Ennia Green Dream Team, UPB, Rocargo, Obersi Group of Companies, Veronica's Domino Team, #digiceCleanTeam, Jong Bonaire, ICEE The Cleaner Gobies, Nos Ku Nos, MCB Young Professionals, Jackass Group, RKS Tim Ofisina Prinsipal TOP, FESBO, FCB Kids United, Playa Grandi Beach, Curoil Team, Stinapa, Mariadal, Limpiesa di Bario, Flamingo TV, Great Adventures Bonaire/Harbour Village Resort, TBL and Bopec.

The different locations were: Washikemba Beach, the coast between light house Willemstoren and the first bridge, Kaminda Lac, around More for Less/Reina Beatrix/Kaya Carmen, Kaya Maximiliana Rosario, Rincon, Kaya Industria/Kaya Gob. N.D. Debrot, Seru Langu, Kaminda Washington, Aruaco, Little League/Kaya Calixta, Rocky Beach/Baby Beach south of Sorobon, Josie Boekhouth veld, Salinja di Mentor, Rond Boneiru kuetayer, Te Amo Beach/Donkey Beach, Jato Bako, FCB terrain, Boka Playa Grandi, Kaya Gob. N.D. Debrot/Sabadeco, Boka Washikemba, North of the Hospital/around the morgue/ the soccer field of Club Vitesse, an illegal dumpsite behind KFC, Klein Bonaire, around Harbour Village and last but not least Jato Bako/Kaminda Matrimonio. Wow!

The atmosphere that characterized the event was one of great enthusiasm and a tremendous commitment of all participants.

All volunteers expressed their love for the island and the importance of a clean environment as they worked very hard in the burning sun, digging through the dirt and crawling through the thorny bushes from 8am until noon. Some brought their own music and many brought their children and most importantly, everyone brought his or her outstanding mood and motivation!

The results were that seven tons of rubbish was collected: 33% glass (mostly beer bottles), 7% aluminum, 31% plastic and 29% residual waste. Well done Bonaire! ■

Story & photos by Greta Kooistra with special thanks to Christen Cranston, PR-employee of Selibon.



*Ennia Green Dream Team at Kaya Maximiliana Rosario (the road from the airport to Tera Kora) Comment of the ladies: "We were eager to participate because it's not normal that people throw their trash out of the car just like that! ... We're dreaming of the day that everyone will take their responsibility and keep Bonaire clean!"*



*Nos ku Nos Softball team cleaning up around Josie Boekhouth Ball Park (La Sonrisa) Comment: "We were approached by one of our members, Selibon's Randy Leonora, and we immediately agreed! Also, because we're playing here on a regular basis and we know that foam containers and especially beer bottles are being thrown from cars into the bushes in great amounts."*

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## Sudoku Solution

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

# A Garden? Just Do It!

In my last article (*Reporter*, Aug. 8, 2014) I talked about how to start gardening. So I guess some people are busy already. Have you thought about herbs and spices? Some of you like it hot. So pepper is a must in your food. Pepper trees are small and easy to grow. Just throw the seeds in some dirt and soon you'll have a bunch of plants. Let some grow bigger and plant them in mixed dirt in the yard or in big cans. *Pies-pies* (white fly) like these plants too, so keep your Neem tea ready (pour boiling water over Neem leaves, let stand 1/2 day, spray over affected plants).

You know what is nice? Cut big plastic bottles (like Coca-Cola bottles) in two. Put a bunch of dry leaves in the part with the big opening so the dirt can't wash out, otherwise it's a perfect way to drain too much water. Make holes in the bottom of the other part of the bottle. Put wire through them so you can hang them. Both parts. Fill them with dirt and plant the young pepper trees in them. Its fun to pick fresh peppers from hanging pots on your porch. The same is possible with other small herbs like cilantro, basil, mint, oregano, rosemary, parsley, ginger, garlic and so on. (The iguanas will not bother them there.) Call it your hanging garden (of Babylon. Oh, no, of Bonaire).

In a small space close to your porch you can grow lemongrass, paprika, tomatoes, yerba hole and look, there is everything for your delicious fish soup with sweet potatoes (of course also from your yard). There's no need for salt or Maggi blocks as these herbs are enough to make tasty food.

Want some veggies in the soup? Put soy beans on wet cotton on a plate for a week. Keep it wet. After a few days they start popping up and soon you can add these very healthy nice sprouts to your soup or mix them with salads or in cooked vegetables. How easy can it be? And how healthy this is.

But now you have a lot of small plants and more than you need of all kind of seeds. What to do with so much?

This is the idea. **Exchange plants with family, friends and neighbors. Call it a Plant Bonanza.**

How to do this?

Organize a Saturday morning from 9 to 12 or Sunday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock and ask everyone you know to bring plants which they want to exchange. Have some delicious homemade juice ready from lemon, tamarind or coco milk—which are also ideas of what to do with fruit. I guarantee success. People will like this idea and



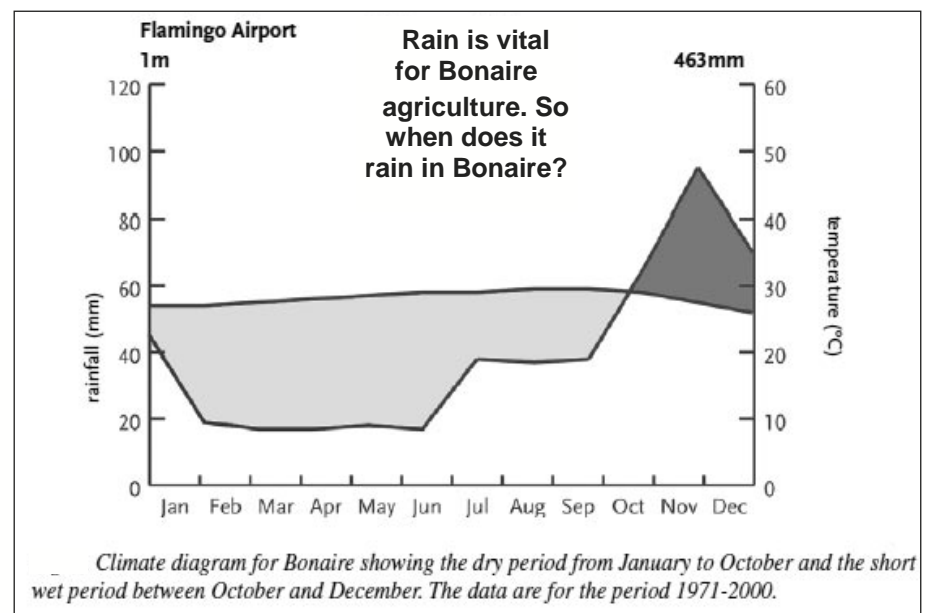
A Garden Corner

ask when the next Bonanza will be. They can't wait and even ask for it the next month.

You know what's great about this?

Fifteen points which are worth mentioning:

- It doesn't cost money.
- You can get rid of too much of the same plant or seeds.
- You feel good giving your plants to others who like them too.
- It's a meeting point to exchange ideas about plants and other stuff.
- You start knowing more about plants, a nice relaxing way of learning.
- It brings people together and lets them become friends.
- It makes children aware of gardening. (They are very welcome too).
- It brings awareness of veggies and fruit which is a must for our health.
- It stimulates others to become green lovers too.
- Gardening relaxes the mind, great therapy for a busy mental life.
- Plants, flowers, herbs which you got at such a Bonanza party can be used as a gift for a birthday, to a sick one, to a dear friend, name it.
- Other things related to plants can pop up like how to make a bouquet, how to use spice in food, how to prepare veggies to freeze and so on.
- Knowledge about plants for healthcare like the many good things of aloe, the very healthy oil of coconut, the tamarind with very high vitamin C which is good for constipation, lemongrass tea so good against



fever and colds, the kalbas syrup for bronchitis, tea of soursop leaves good for sleeplessness, guaba leaves against diarrhea, also very young green plantain stops diarrhea, young green papaya against worms in children and much more to cure little things, just around us on Bonaire.

- You learn to use your yard in a more economical way, filled with plants.

- A Bonanza Party is an example for others and good to do in all barrios.

OK, I think with all these ideas and information one can do a lot. But don't hurry to do all at once. Make gardening something to enjoy.

Remember: not much is good, but good is much. ■

Story & photos by Angliet Baidjoe, A nature lover.



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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter in Eldik, The Netherlands



Ap van Eldik, the genial owner of the Green Label Garden center, recently returned from Holland to say goodbye to Ruben, his and his wife Agnes' oldest son, who is going to live and study there. They took some nice pictures in Eldik, a small village close to Ap's hometown, where Ruben is going to live with Ap's brother. Ap writes, "All the people in the pictures are "van Eldik," which in Dutch means "from Eldik." Holding *The Bonaire Reporter* are my sons, Nils and Ruben. Thank you for putting it in your great magazine." ■

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## Picture Yourself With The Reporter On Top of Mt. Whitney



Robert and Ann Shrake write, "Greetings from two Ambassadors! My son, Robert, and I hiked Mt. Whitney on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014 and brought along the *Bonaire Reporter* for reading at the summit -- 14,508' (4422 meters). Mt. Whitney is located in California and is the highest peak in the lower 48 states. This was an elevation gain of 6,000' (1829 meters) and a distance of 22 miles (35.4 kilometers). The view from the top was unparalleled, but we couldn't quite see to Bonaire!" ■

*We are "doubling-up" on Picture Yourself to cut the backlog of submissions.*

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#### FOOD BANK IDEAS

BANKO DI KUMINDA



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Dear Editor - and Voedselbank.

In your last issue (18) I read about the commendable efforts of the Food Bank (*Banko di Kuminda – Voedselbank*). It is very sad that more and more people really need its support.

In a sense these (food) donations are a bit ambiguous. It is understandable that food is collected at van den Tweel as the shoppers there are probably the more affluent ones. But at discount supermarkets (Like Top and Bondigro) the monetary equivalent of these donations in kind can buy more food.

In the meantime, the sales of van den Tweel are boosted.....

Sabine Engel

*Editor's note:* Have you canned, dry or long-life foods that you will perhaps never use in your pantry or closet? If they are still good (many foods are fine well past their "sell-by" date) bring them to the Food Bank on the last Saturday of the month. You can also support the Food Bank with money donations, Giro bank Bonaire: 21101128 Attn: St. Food Bank Bonaire

#### INSEL AIR ANTICS

Dear Editor,  
Last week we flew Insel Air again... and amazingly none of our flights



were cancelled and all operated close to schedule. We'd like to fly Insel more often but are bothered by several things. For example: the outhouse odor when entering the MD airplane. Are they using urine-scented disinfectant? During flight is the plane kept deliberately very cool to prevent the spread of bacteria? So cold that the flight attendants have to wipe the cabin walls down with paper towels to prevent the passengers from becoming drenched by condensation. And oh, yes, the colored tape supporting the ceiling panels is still holding pretty well, but nevertheless is a bit unnerving.

Still we got a nice snack, the flight attendants were charming, the pilots competent and the Antillean ambiance is restful. Now if they would only resume the non-stop flights to the US from Bonaire we could avoid the annoying "transit" experience in Curacao.

-Grumpy Frequent Flyer

#### RETRACTION REQUEST

Dear Editors of the *Reporter*,

I would like you to insert the following text in *The Reporter* as a letter to the editor from a reader.

Lately I often read pieces in *The Reporter* about the "donkey-issue."

Everyone on the island has an opinion about it and that should also be so.

There is a battle going on between the plan of the Donkey Sanctuary and the government on the one hand and the positions of Citizens for Better Safer Animal Friendly Bonaire and its "followers" on the other side.

What highly irritates me is the following:

The Citizens for Better Safer Animal Friendly Bonaire have a Facebook page: "Bonaire Wild Donkey".

On Facebook they write about the plan of the government and DSB, making regular comparisons with the Second World War, Hitler, concentration camps, etc ...

There they name and blacken the names of particular individuals.

This has disturbed me greatly.

Especially the comparisons with WW-II, which I find outrageous.

Good people are being seriously hurt.

I would like to know if the people of Bonaire are aware of this and what they think about it.

In my opinion this Facebook page should be deleted, and rewritten in a normal manner and the parties involved write about their opposition more politely.

Jeroen Meuleman

#### IN FAVOR OF FREE ROAMING DONKEYS

Open letter to the Government and the public of Bonaire:

We the "Citizens for Better Safer Animal Friendly Bonaire" (CFABSABF) have made many requests to Bonaire's current administration to stop the catching killing imprisoning all females donkeys, with no results.

When we realized their plan is to eliminate our special donkeys and a part of our culture and heritage could not be stopped by communicating and presenting an alternate viable solution. (Emails, letters delivered to the governor and Executive Council, personal conversations, meetings, since Nov 2013). Hard to believe after over 100 killed, 250 females imprisoned and over 100 males castrated this administration will not cancel the horrible contract and put in place the humane and viable program from CFABSABF that has been explained to them many times.

In the last meeting with Frank van Slobbe from DR&O he told us he would not support free roaming donkeys on Bonaire. At the meeting of July 15, we had a wild life ecologist explain they are not hurting but helping the ecosystem and they are putting Donkeys back in the parks in Costa Rica to regenerate the land. We explained we would relocate the donkeys from the roads to the *mondi*. I personally asked him to work with us and his answer was: No, the contract will continue.

The press release from the Executive Council giving their reasons to continue this horrible contract, as we say, "is full of holes" No one contacted the person that did the DNA testing that shows we have a special generic donkey, It says they did, the Donkey Sanctuary U.K. are not impartial, We have written statements that prove this. The vet from Curacao and Donkey Sanctuary Bonaire (DSB) are benefiting financially, so their statements can not be counted. We were to meet with the DSB, to find a better solution, We made many requests, the DSB and its misinformed supporters refuse to meet with us.

## Kriabon Farmers' Market Saturday, October 4



At a recent Kriabon Market: Bea Boekhoudt was selling plants. Bea also creates balloon fantasies.

As people are beginning to discover the monthly Kriabon Farmers Market is the place to be every first Saturday of the month from 8 am to 1 pm. **The next one is this Saturday, October 4.** More and more stand holders are signing up to sell their locally grown produce, plants, trees, herbs and spices, local drinks (tamarind, coconut for example), jams, jellies, chutneys, sweet pastries and cookies, local food. Sometimes there are even chickens—both common and unusual—and other birds. There might be rabbits. Sometimes there is entertainment—a horse show, singing groups, a fund raising car wash. You never know. At the same time the Kriabon store is also open selling food and supplies for farm and domestic animals. This is definitely a fun place to be.

Kriabon is on Kaminda Yatu Baku #55, next to the Aquamarin School. From town take the road going east next to Caribbean Fasteners. ■ *Story & photos by Laura DeSalvo*

This lack of concern for our tourism, worldwide animal friendly image, our culture/ heritage, our offer that would not cost Bonaire's taxpayers any money has made us and many others reach out to the Animal Party (in the Netherlands) and other groups around the world. This movement is gaining momentum daily and will not stop until our special donkeys are left in the wild.

A plea to this administration. We will present a proper plan, ( it has been made by multiple groups), that you asked for at the commission meeting of 16 Sept. We have hope that you the Executive Council will stop the current contract before our special generic donkeys are taken passed the point of no return.

The question the people of Bonaire are asking is Why? Who is really behind this donkey and cultural genocide

CFABSABF

#### DONKEY SADNESS

Dear Editor:

During the years I have lived on Bonaire there have been droughts, not unlike the one we are experiencing now. When walking through the *mondi* I sometimes saw the remains of donkeys that, I figured, starved to death. It was heartbreaking.



But for the past 10-15 years I have not run across any more donkey corpses. Probably it's because the Donkey Sanctuary became home to many of those *mondi* donkeys. These days some people are saying the Sanctuary's goal is to exterminate donkeys. Nonsense. A visit to the Sanctuary will confirm the animals are well fed and indeed loved. Their surroundings may be barren compared to the wild, but they are not suffering, and most importantly, not dying.

It's hard to endorse the policy of euthanizing sick or marginal donkeys, who would most likely slowly starve to death in the wild. But euthanasia must be permitted in some cases because there are insufficient funds for proper veterinary care.

There is another animal shelter on the island. It's primarily for dogs and cats and praised for its showplace operation. A difficult, but necessary, part of operating an animal shelter is the requirement to euthanize animals that are seriously sick, cannot be cared for or are unadoptable. Can you imagine what life for people would be like if the dog population was not controlled? Or the scarcity of birds if cats were allowed to breed unchecked?

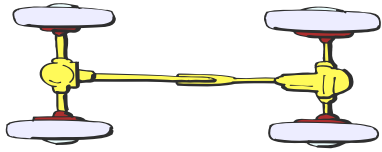
Support the Donkey Sanctuary for what it is. Stop the vicious rhetoric. There can be several alternatives to donkey management. Shut up and take action to save donkeys.

Animal Realist



## BONAIRE ON WHEELS

This is the 135<sup>th</sup> of a series of Bonaire Reporter articles by J@n –wear a helmet- Brouwer, featuring some of Bonaire’s interesting vehicles and persons that are “on wheels.”  
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### CHEVROLET CORVAIR



Bonaire/the South –

So on that Saturday, September 6th, Dia di Boneiru, I noticed a flat yellow convertible floating over the potholes in the roads of Bonaire. I had never seen this vehicle before so I had to follow it. As the Land Rover and I got closer, we found out this was a Chevrolet Corvair. A very special Chevrolet Corvair as it appeared to be a Monza convertible. I really liked the shape, the design and the color. Then, after following the car for some miles I decided to pass it. I tried, as friendly as possible, by moving my arm up and down from the open window, to get the attention of the female driver and to try to stop the vehicle. And luckily I was successful. I introduced myself and informed the owners of the car about my articles in a local newspaper. And yes, they knew about it and yes, it was *oll korrekt* to arrange a meeting for an interview. So I handed out my business card and asked them to mail me. A couple of days later we sat together on the covered porch, somewhere in the outback of the southern part of our beloved island.

Marja and Peter are married, retired, healthy and happy. They are the proud owners of a fully and lovely restored yellow Monza since March 2008. The car is a Californian import and the former owner brought it to Curacao in 1987. He had it resprayed, green, and he drove the car for a couple of years. When Marja and Peter bought it in 2008 the Corvair had been parked for a period of eight years. And then the complete restoration began. They found out that the original color was yellow. The car was still in more or less running condition but the engine ran hot after a few miles. Then they found out that rats had created their shelter in the forced air cooling system of the car. After dismantling some exterior parts of the engine and a severe cleaning job the cooling problem was solved forever.

This Chevrolet Corvair Monza convertible left the factory in 1964. The car

has a rear mounted forced cooled light alloy boxer six-cylinder engine of 2687 cc/164 cubic inches and the nutrition is supplied by two carburetors. A huge fan supplies fresh air for the cooling and the fan belt makes a really weird 90 degree angle to supply the power from the crankshaft to the horizontal mounted ventilator, located on top of the flat six. As far as I know this concept is unique. Of course the Corvair engine is inspired by the Volkswagen Beetle engine, but that is just a 1200 cc four cylinder and the Americans wanted something bigger.

This beautifully restored Monza is equipped with four drum brakes, no power steering, white wall tires, black interior, original radio, a distinguished amount of chrome and aluminum. The rear hood/bonnet has air scoops and air vents to supply sufficient air for the cooling. Four red round lenses in the rear, four lamps in the front. The car is sleek and friendly. A special combination.

Marja and Peter love their B-9758 registered yellow convertible. They paid a lot of attention to the car and she looks like new. Some parts are not available anymore, like the aluminum grill in the back, so they restored the original parts as well as they could. The Corvair is not a racing machine. She is a cruiser. The independent suspension of the four wheels makes her hover over the tarmac. This couple and this car are a very nice contribution to the Bonairean society. Drive safe, enjoy life! Happy persons on a happy island! ■

Story & photo by Jan Brouwer



Have you something interesting that is “On Wheels?”

If you would like others to know about it, contact *The Reporter*.

## Calling Art Lovers

**New Creative Idea for Bonaire**  
GoGreen at Bonaire Basics on Kaya Korona, is opening its doors to art on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10 pm. It will offer a first opportunity for residents and visitors to the island who are interested in art and creativity to get together.

This “Green Salon” get-together will be held each month and its agenda will vary and depend upon the input of artists and other people with creative minds. There is enough room and space to exhibit art, to give inspirational lectures, to discuss, to brainstorm, to cooperate, to support each other, to give and to get inspiration, to start new projects etc. Just providing input to these meetings is a creative process as well.

At the first meeting in October two artists living in Bonaire will offer an exhibition of their paintings. They are inspired by the island: Fred van den Broek ([www.art-diverse.com](http://www.art-diverse.com)) and Alejandra Riquelme ([www.riquelme.nl](http://www.riquelme.nl) [www.facebook.com/riquelmearts](http://www.facebook.com/riquelmearts)).

Love and emotion for Bonaire are visible in their paintings and this is also the theme for this first meeting. If you too feel the love for Bonaire and you want to inspire yourself by



Alejandra Riquelme at work

painters who show this in their works of art, come to Bonaire Basics/GoGreen at the Kaya Korona on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The entrance is free of charge and everybody is welcome.

During this evening ideas about the content of coming meetings of the Green Salon will be discussed. ■ *Justine Verschuur*

## 2015 Jong Bonaire Calendar Available Soon

Orders are being taken now for the 2015 Jong Bonaire fundraising calendar, which will be available on the island in October. The 2015 calendar features the athletes of Jong Bonaire photographed in some of the island’s most beautiful locations.

This will be the seventh year for the Jong Bonaire calendar, which has proven to be popular with tourists as well as an ideal holiday gift for residents and companies on the island.

“The annual calendar is an important fundraising project for Jong Bonaire,” said Rene Hakkenberg, president of the Jong Bonaire board. “We create the calendar in an effort to offer something of value in exchange for donations, instead of just asking for money. We appreciate everyone’s contribution each year and hope they will again support the Jong Bonaire youth development programs with sizable orders.”

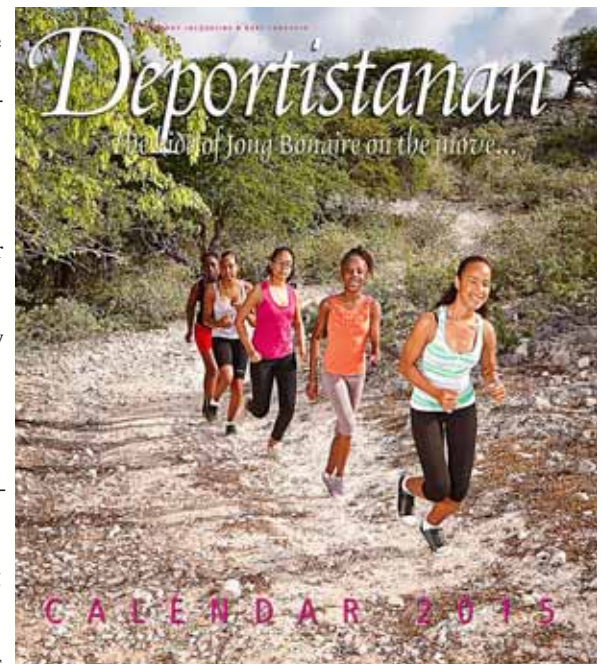
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In the new calendar the teens of Jong Bonaire show the joy and fun of sports activities along with their skills. Sport activities at the Jong Bonaire youth development programs include various water sports, ball games, biking, and traditional Bonaire sports like bolas and dominoes.

Through their sports activities the young people of Bonaire learn good sportsmanship, team work, goal-setting, and the joy of bringing home the medals from inter-island competitions. They also learn that learning how to be a good loser is just as important as winning.

In 2015 the Jong Bonaire Youth Development Program will celebrate 15 years of providing activities and guidance for the island’s teenagers. Programs strive to teach self-confidence, self-esteem and self-discipline in an environment where they can discover their interests and themselves and become productive citizens of the future. Over the years more than 2500 young people have participated in the programs which help develop the young people for the future.

Featured on the 2015 calendar are Jong Bonaire members: Jurdinna Felix, Rayelina Saraus, Aymea Ayubi, Shurdaska Nicolaas, Ana Joly, Sachary Janga, Michel Winklaar, Brayam Libier, Jacqueline de Palm, Vially Cornelia, Janise Felida, Shaquil Boezem, Michelamo de Palm, Rachel Felix, Shardine Coffie, Danique Trenidad, Jholainy Tavarez, Marjolaine Morillo, Henerbico Winklaar, Eliomar Frans, Raymon Albertus, Tyrell Figaroa, Thisainy Semeleer, Sharlonson Molina, Jacqferlee de Palm, Ayrton Cicilia, Raigil Molina, Jaden Rier, Valdemar Janga, Elyesnel Giron, Eslienne Coffy, Enzeltienne Coffy, Tyrsa Veld, Tiffany Felida, Amanda Richardson, Sue-geany Silberie, Narjena Giterson, Gillianne Anthony, Everon Vrutaal, Jamira Coffie, Alexander Cicilia, Javier Clarendo, Shaydriyon Cicilia, Erickson Koeks, Guaniomar Felida and Lars Damhof. ■ *Press release*



# The Greening of an Island

Cover Story

It is early Friday as I board a small boat to Klein Bonaire. At the helm is STINAPA's Elsmarie Beukenboom and 22 passengers. They have names like Divi Divi and Watakeli. Actually, all have one of those two names, for the passengers aboard are baby trees. Beukenboom is spearheading an attempt to reforest Klein Bonaire with these small seedlings.

In the past 150 years the island has been denuded of most of its vegetation. Trees, often a foot thick in diameter, were systematically cut down. Some were used to produce fine, durable furniture. Brazilwood was taken for its red dye found in its roots, which was used on Dutch sails as a deterrent to mold thus preserving the canvas. Lignum Vitae, locally called *Palu Santu*, was used for boat rudders due its strength or for pulley blocks that held ropes to hoist sails. This oily wood was ideal because of its self-lubricating properties. Other trees were cut down to produce charcoal. Once goats were introduced, what was left of the old forest had no chance of rejuvenation. Klein Bonaire became a scrub island and much of its fertile soil eroded into the sea.

We reach No Name Beach before 8:30am and the popular tourist destination is deserted. Beukenboom moors the boat so that the stern is but a few feet from the shore. Then we unload the 22 potted seedlings on the beach. That takes the two of us about 10 minutes. I soon find out that this act of moving things from A to B will be the theme of the day.

We hike to the interior of the island and



Some of the seedlings brought ashore

reach the base camp nicknamed Ecolodge. It is a makeshift setup of camouflage screen, two plastic cisterns and a workbench with various hand tools. Surprisingly, the camp is just three meters away from a natural fresh water well, a rare find on this arid island. "I was out here one day and saw a feral cat rise up out of the ground," say Beukenboom. "After walking over I discovered this well. Before that, we were bringing water by 55-gallon drums from Bonaire by boat. That was a tremendous amount of extra work."

Beukenboom knew from scanning old maps of Klein Bonaire that three natural

wells existed back in the day. Rediscovering this one was a stroke of good luck. Soon the base camp was established, complete with a solar panel and a pump. Well water is now pumped from that system to two elevated plastic cisterns. Recycled two-liter soda bottles are filled one at a time by gravity feed. These are then loaded in a wheelbarrow and delivered to the newly planted seedlings. Once they are established (about six months), the tiny trees must adapt to the harsh, arid climate relying only on rainfall.

I spend much of my day dealing with the plastic bottles. The trees are planted along



A seedling inside its "crab shield"



The Waterboxx, a clever plastic device that collects condensed water to irrigate the plants

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**Klein Bonaire base camp**



**Planting a seedling by hand**

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cleared pathways. Each tree seedling already had a water bottle placed next to it from the day before. I walk along the path, open a bottle and let it drain on a tree. I repeat this for perhaps a hundred trees along the path. Time is of the essence. My job is to complete this by 10:30 before the sun makes the bottled water too warm for the plants.

After watering, I return with a mesh bag and pick up the empties and their caps. Back at base camp, I refill the bottles one at a time, cap them, load them into a wheelbarrow, and then redistribute them next to the seedlings for the next day's watering.

The project is also using the Waterboxx, a clever plastic device that collects nighttime condensation and slowly feeds it to the tiny trees. The box also protects the seedlings from sun and pests. This system allows Beu-

kenboom and her volunteer team to focus on other reforestation work for the plants protected by the Waterboxx are self-sufficient. Currently, there are only 10 Waterboxxes on Klein, but the Prins Bernhard Fonds Caribisch Nederland has just contributed 100 units for the project. Each box costs about \$55 and can be reused up to five times once a tree is established. If you would like to buy one or just make a donation to the project, contact Beukenboom at: <https://www.facebook.com/ebeukenboom>

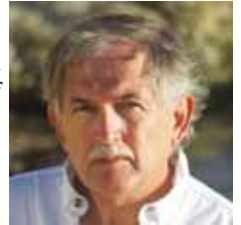
With lunch complete, the two of us walk to an inhospitable section of Klein appropriately called "The Rough Side." The terrain here is mostly jagged, coral rock. Last year the Dutch army jack hammered nearly 100 holes in the hard coral as a community service, preparing future sites for new seedlings. We plant five divi divi trees in these rock holes, adding soil and water. A cutoff

plastic bottle is placed over each seedling deep into the soil for protection against hungry crabs. The crustaceans have a passion for the trees' tender leaves. Some simply chomp the plant in half and drag it away. Since all goats were removed from Klein Bonaire over 40 years ago, it appears that crabs are the main pests these days.

Later, we plant the 16 watakeli seedlings in the sandy part of the island. Watakeli is also known as strongbark in other parts of the Caribbean. By 3:30 pm, our work is done. We pack up our gear and head back to the boat. Over 1,000 native trees have been planted to date. Two thousand more will follow in the next two years. In addition to divi divi and watakeli, there are sabal palms, a rare plant called *Myrcia curassavica*, black poisonwood, the evergreen *Jacquinia*, and boxwood. All these plants play a significant ecological role as a fruit or flower source for

birds or other fauna. About 30% of the seedlings do not survive the transplant. That is far better than the 70% mortality rates at other reforestation sites with similar conditions.

As our boat speeds back to Bonaire, I look back at Klein one last time. In 10 years, many of these baby trees will be over 10 feet tall, creating a lush habitat for parrots, parakeets and other birds. And in due time, parts of Klein Bonaire will serve as a shady green respite where locals and tourists can enjoy the islet beyond No Name Beach. Soon enough this place will resemble the island of the past. ■ *Story & photos by Patrick Holian*





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# MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS OF THE PAST



The band Orkidia di Flor playing some of the traditional instruments at Maskarada

When we hear a typical song written by a local person or group on the radio, it's very hard to keep still. The urge to tap your foot or move your hips is a natural response. Bonaireans are born with a great sense of music and rhythm. They love to sing in public, and local business employees oblige them by organizing popular singing competitions. During the Christmas season groups will perform in front of a shop or business, and they attract a crowd.

Bonairean music has been, and still is, influenced by many outside sources: the Tambú and Tumba from Africa; the Mazurka, Waltz, Polka and Ribbon dance from European classical music; and the Rumba, Salsa and Merengue from the Caribbean and Latin America.

Specific music is played at different events of the year, such as the Saint's days, Simadan, Christmas and the New Year's Maskarada. Bonaire even has a steel band belting out music from Trinidad and Tobago. CDs are constantly being made to record the local music for future generations. Check with local hotel and restaurant

schedules to find out where and when local folklore music will be going on.

The Indians and early Bonaire residents created music and rhythm with whatever they could find. Some of the early instruments are:

The **symphonia**, an accordion-like instrument, but smaller than a standard accordion, that plays the actual melody.

The **kuarta**, a small guitar with four strings, still widely used in South America.

The **flute**, called a **beku**, is made from a branch of maize (corn) with **kalbas** (calabash, a type of gourd)

The **cow horn (káchu)** sounds like a trumpet.

The rhythm section was composed of:

**Bamboo sticks** that the sea brought to the island, similar to the rain sticks made today.

The **drum**, made from sheep bladder, the bigger the drum, the deeper the sound.

The **tambú**, a small bongo drum made from aged **kadushi** (candlestick cactus) has a high sound.

The **wiri**, a rough tubular piece of metal rhythmically scraped with a nail or sharp instrument.

The **raspa**, a long **kalbas** (calabash), played like the wiri, producing yet a different sound.

The **triangle** of bent steel which does not completely close.

The **jaw of a donkey** which was struck with a piece of wood.

**Maracas** are made from the **kalbas** (gourds of the calabash tree), seeds dried and returned to the gourd.

The **chapi**, the metal part of the hoe, is rhythmically struck these days with a screw driver.

The **conch shell**, in the hands of the Indians, is our very first musical instrument producing the sound of a horn. On the plantations it was blown at night to signal a birth or a death. ■

Christie Dovale

## Traditional instruments



symphonia



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Mon 29		00:38	05:58	10:17	16:49		
		-0.03 ft	0.34 ft	0.25 ft	0.94 ft	6:24	18:27
		01:14	06:29	11:09	17:33		
Tue 30		-0.06 ft	0.35 ft	0.22 ft	0.98 ft	6:24	18:26
Oct.	First	01:50	07:01	12:04	18:19		
Wed 01	Quarter	-0.09 ft	0.38 ft	0.19 ft	1.00 ft	6:24	18:25
		02:25	07:38	13:02	19:06		
Thu 02		-0.10 ft	0.43 ft	0.16 ft	0.99 ft	6:24	18:25
		03:02	08:19	14:04	19:55		
Fri 03		-0.09 ft	0.50 ft	0.15 ft	0.93 ft	6:24	18:24
		03:39	09:04	15:11	20:48		
Sat 04		-0.07 ft	0.58 ft	0.15 ft	0.85 ft	6:24	18:23
		04:18	09:53	16:25	21:46		
Sun 05		-0.04 ft	0.67 ft	0.14 ft	0.74 ft	6:24	18:23
		04:59	10:46	17:46	22:52		
Mon 06		-0.00 ft	0.75 ft	0.12 ft	0.62 ft	6:24	18:22
		05:42	11:42	19:11			
Tue 07		0.05 ft	0.84 ft	0.08 ft		6:24	18:21
		00:09	06:28	12:38	20:34	Full Moon	
Wed 08		0.51 ft	0.10 ft	0.91 ft	0.02 ft	6:25	18:21
		01:35	07:18	13:36	21:48		
Thu 09		0.44 ft	0.16 ft	0.97 ft	-0.05 ft	6:25	18:20
		03:02	08:13	14:32	22:51		
Fri 10		0.41 ft	0.21 ft	1.00 ft	-0.11 ft	6:25	18:20
		04:19	09:12	15:26	23:46		
Sat 11		0.41 ft	0.24 ft	1.02 ft	-0.15 ft	6:25	18:19
		05:23	10:12	16:17			
Sun 12		0.44 ft	0.27 ft	1.01 ft		6:25	18:18
		00:34	06:15	11:09	17:05		
Mon 13		-0.17 ft	0.46 ft	0.28 ft	0.99 ft	6:25	18:18

**Sunfish Sailors On The Way**



Just recently the six sailing representatives of Bonaire and their companion, Cyril Thode, went to the Insel Air office at the Flamingo Airport to receive seven tickets to North Carolina, US. The brave sailors will represent Bonaire and fight for the Bonairean flag during the Sunfish World Championships, to be held from October 11-18 on a five-mile stretch of open water on the Neuse River, Arapahoe, North Carolina.

The sailors have been training a lot and they are totally prepared. Just recently they rounded the south of the island of Bonaire, passing the King William Lighthouse, heading for Sorobon Beach.

Before the sportsmen fly to North-Carolina all sailors will join the 47<sup>th</sup> Bonaire International Sailing Festival 2014, from Sunday October 5 until Saturday October 11.

The photograph was shot in front of the Insel Air office at Flamingo Airport. From the left: Kabes, Yellowman, Cyril Thode (father of Brayan), "Opa" ("Grandfather"/jb), Sipke Stapert, Brayan Thode, DJ Racabur. The Bonairean sailors are completely ready for it. They want to thank all sponsors: Insel Air, Fundashon Wega di Number Boneiru, TCB (Tourism Cooperation Bonaire), Akkermans Auto Supplies, Gio's Gelateria & Cafeteria, Krioyo Paint, Cadushy Distillery, Paradise Rentals, Fingos, Budget Marine and Buena Vista Optics. North-Carolina, here we come. Let there be a strong wind! ■ *Story & photo by Jan Brouwer*

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# Word on the Street

Offers unconfirmable items that are being discussed "on the street"

- **The Segway has arrived on Bonaire.** Witnesses have seen the Fun & Roll Segway Tours at various locations on the island, particularly at the south end. So in addition to potholes, donkeys, goats, and bicyclists....now you must also watch out for the Segways.
- Bula and friends will be missing "Cactus Blue" Hagen's delicious burgers and lion fish sandwiches served seaside from his food truck. **Hagen has returned to Guernsey** and the food truck is for sale (possibly already sold). Best of luck in your new job, Hagen, we'll miss you.
- Speaking of seaside.....rumor has it that the large, recently renovated home, first property south of Donkey Beach, is soon to open as a **bed and breakfast.**
- On September 17, the KLM flight from **Bonaire to Amsterdam made an emergency landing in Ireland.** Trouble with one engine forced the precautionary landing which was made



safely with no injuries. Passengers were transferred to another plane and sent on to Amsterdam.

Don't let the names of some island restaurants fool you. You can't get a T-bone steak or see Li'l Joe at **Bonanza Restaurant**, dine on French cuisine at **Bon Appetite**, get an Italian pasta dish at the **Venice Restaurant**. Check their menus and find out for yourself what they do serve besides really cold beer.

- Rumors are circulating that **Zhng Kong Supermarket in Hato is expanding...again!** Numbers being tossed around include an expansion to 2400 square meters (just under 26,000 square feet!). Shoppers have noticed an ever-expanding selection of a large variety of American products including frozen products from Tyson Chicken, Stouffer's, Bertolli, etc. Perhaps the current grocery monopoly is getting a run for its money?
- On Bonaire all restaurants with table service must offer rest room for their clients. **So where do the people who eat at the mobile restaurants with tables at Te Amo Beach go?** Has anyone tested the sea water at the popular spot? ■ *Bula Bonchi*



# DID YOU KNOW?



**T**hat cuttlefish have episodic-like memory? The memory of past occurrences is what allows us, as humans, to remember previous information. Recent studies have shown that cuttlefish have this same ability! Within the past decade researchers have been focused on determining whether or not animals have the ability to recollect the what, where, and when in regards to past events; however, these studies were only conclusive with birds and mammals.

When tested, cuttlefish proved that they can remember what they ate, where they ate it, and how long ago. This trait is attributed to their ability to hunt and to replenish food supplies.

Cuttlefish rest in safe areas for up to 95% of their time, which requires them to adventure out during short periods. This episodic-like memory allows them to fully use their time spent foraging. Next time you see a cuttlefish out on an adventure just think – it might remember encountering you! ■ *Sarah Fleming*

*Sarah Fleming is a Biology and Environmental Studies major from Denison University in Ohio. She studied on Bonaire for the spring semester at the CIEE Research Station.*



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### Saturdays

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

• **Monthly Cultural Market at Mangazina di Rei—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 9:30am-2pm in front of Van den Tweel Supermarket

• **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

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### 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. (on vacation now)

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### Wednesdays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am**. See Monday for more information (on vacation now)

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

info@bonaireyoga.coim

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

• **Echo Parrot (Lora) Foundation** tours of their Dos Pos Conservation Centre. The tour gives an insight into Echo's work and best of all it is led by local guides who are eager to share their knowledge of Bonaire and are donation based. Meet at the Dos Pos windmill before 430 pm and bring good shoes as it's "off road." Alternatively you can book a private tour through Flow Bonaire info@flowbonaire.com Phone: +599 788 4636.

### Fridays

• **Bonaire Goat Cheese Farm Tour—9am**. See Monday for more information (on vacation now)

### Saturdays

Every **last Saturday of the month**, from 9 am to 2 pm, volunteers from the **Food Bank** collect donations of food at the doors of the Van Den Tweel Supermarket.

## 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

**Mangasina di Rei, Rincon**. Enjoy the view from "The King's Storehouse." Learn about Bonaire's culture. Visit homes from the 17th century. Daily. Call 717-4060/ 790-2018

**Chichi i Tan Museum**. Step into the past—a typical old Bonairean home, furnishings and garden. **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays**. 10am-3pm. **1st Sunday of month**, live performances of local musicians, arts & crafts. Free but donations appreciated. **Kaya Melon #4, behind Rose Inn in Rincon. 786-6420/78-7842**

**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. 717-4200or788-2819 or peejeese@gmail.com

**Lions Club** meets every **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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 Cruscita de Palm at 786-3827 or Lucia Martinez 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

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## CLOSE-IN EVENTS

**Saturday, October 4– Kriabon Farmers' Market** –more page 8



**Sunday, October 5—Jong Bonaire's Annual Swim to Klein Bonaire Event**. More on page 3.  
**5-11 -47<sup>th</sup> Annual Bonaire Regatta**. More on page 2.

**Friday, October 10- Artists Meeting at GoGreen at Bonaire Basics** on Kaya Korona, from 7 – 10 pm. More on page 9.

**Friday, October 10- Wahoo tournament**. See details in the Budget Marine Advertisement on page 3



**Friday, October 17—Classical Music Board Bonaire concert-** piano, violin, clarinet– Coromoto Church. Poster on page 18

**Saturday, October 18- Dive Friends Bonaire's Underwater Cleanup**



**Sunday, October 19—Duo Xtreme Mountain Bike Race—** Frank at DeFreewieler 717-8545





# THE STARS HAVE IT

By Astrologer Michael Thiessen  
October 2014

**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) Don't get intimately involved with a coworker. You can make excellent purchases this month. Involvement in financial schemes will be followed by losses. Your sensitivity toward those you love will capture their hearts. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) You should spend your time trying to get things completed at work. You can accomplish a great deal. Think before you act. The advice you get this month may be based on false information. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) Entertainment should include sports events or physical activities. Advancement can be yours if you are assertive in your approach. Pursue outdoor activities or any physical exertion. This will not be the time to give too much to your children. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) Social events will be favorable. You will enjoy travel and getting together with peers. This is a good time to check out your investments. You should look into making some physical changes, such as new hair color or toning up your body. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) Do not over expand if you have your own business. Sit tight. Difficulties with children will surface if you try to break a promise you made. You need to look into new philosophies. Don't overdo it. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Tuesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) If you work in conjunction with someone else you may find they're trying to steal your thunder. Look to a close friend for advice. Your lack of interest in your partner is a problem. Problems with your mate will develop if you don't let them have their way. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Sunday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. Take care of chores that have been hanging over your head. You will have to help family members sort out unfortunate difficulties. Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Do not let others exhaust you financially. Socialize with friends, but don't overspend on lavish entertainment. Secret activity is evident. Your charm and generosity will bring new friends and romantic opportunities. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Monday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) It might be best to keep your ideas to yourself this month. Focus your efforts on details, and keep to yourself in order to finish your work. You can win if you're open and up front with your boss. Cultural activities open your eyes to new ways of doing things. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) You may find that lectures or travel will be highly successful. Hassles with in-laws could put a damper on your day. Education may be the answer. You should catch up on correspondence. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Try to compromise rather than having an all out battle. Difficulties at an emotional level may be likely. Don't hesitate to sign up for creative courses or physical fitness programs. The experience will be good. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Friday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Older family members may try to put unreasonable demands on you. Avoid any erratic behavior or it could cause isolation at home. Not everything you hear will be legitimate. Do a little extra work at home. Your luckiest events this month will occur on a Wednesday. ■



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### THE WINGED HORSE AND THE CHAINED PRINCESS.

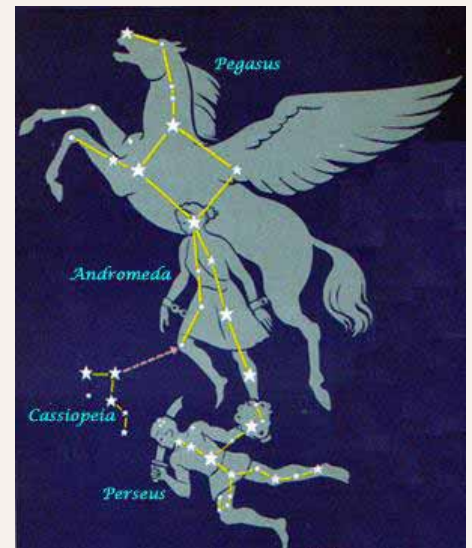
When you look to the east on October evenings in the Sky Park it's difficult to miss **The Great Square**. This large **asterism (unofficial star pattern)** is the body of **Pegasus, the Winged Horse**. At the date and time of our Sky Map, The Great Square stands on one corner, looking more like a huge diamond in the sky. Pegasus is mostly upside down in this view, but you should be able to follow the graceful curve of his neck, ending with the **star Enid**, which means "nose" in Arabic.

The Great Square stands out in part because the area inside the square is nearly empty of stars. It's a big black box bounded by four bright stars at the corners. The four bright stars at the corners of the square have Arabic names corresponding to various parts of the horse's anatomy as noted on the map. From the star **Scheat (Arabic for "upper arm")** the two front legs of Pegasus extend up and to the right.

Off the nose of Pegasus is the small constellation **Equuleus, the Foal or Colt**. Whereas Pegasus actually resembles the outline of a horse—or, at least the front two-thirds of one—poor little Equuleus looks nothing like a horse of any kind. Nevertheless, both Pegasus and Equuleus are ancient constellations, recognized as horses since at least the 2nd century.

To the left of Pegasus lies an entire royal family consisting of **Cepheus, the King of Ethiopia; Cassiopeia, his Queen; and their daughter Andromeda, the Chained Princess**. In Greek mythology Andromeda was to be sacrificed by being chained to a seaside rock to prevent the wrath of the gods from destroying Ethiopia. In the nick of time **Perseus, the Hero**, appeared and freed the Princess Andromeda, saving her from **Cetus, the Sea Monster**. Perseus and Andromeda were soon wed and went on to found their own dynasty. It's a wonderful story.

This whole tale plays out in the September-October sky. Perseus is off to the left,



racing to the rescue of Andromeda. Queen Cassiopeia appears as a big "W" shape to the upper left of Andromeda, with her husband King Cepheus above. Parts of the monster Cetus are just visible along the horizon. In between Andromeda and Cetus, and swimming in the celestial ocean are **Pisces, the Fishes** with its distinctive Circlet asterism.

And now for something completely different -- a challenge for star gazers with exceptionally dark skies. If you can find the **star Mirach**, which represents Andromeda's girdle, look upward for two fainter stars, then for what appears to be a small, hazy cloud. Can you see it?

That little cloud is the **Great Spiral Galaxy**, the nearest large galaxy to our own **Milky Way**. The Great Spiral Galaxy is comprised of an estimated one TRILLION stars, but it is so far away that the combined light of all those stars look to us as a little hazy patch of sky. If you manage to glimpse the Great Spiral Galaxy in Andromeda, you will have seen the farthest object that most people will ever see with their unaided eyes. This neighboring galaxy is a whopping 2.5 million light years away. In miles, that's 14,700,000,000,000,000 (14.7 quintillion) miles—a long way to a "nearby" galaxy. ■ *Dean Regas & James Albury*



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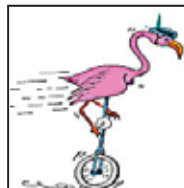
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# Pet of the Week Shelter News

## SWEET SARA

It's hard to resist those huge round green eyes on sweet Sara! Sara was still a kitten herself, barely seven months old, when she arrived at the Shelter with her two babies, Sophia and Sally. As is often the case with kittens, Sophia and Sally were adopted quickly and are both in loving, forever homes. Once her "motherly" duties were finished, Sara quickly reverted to the fun-loving kitten she never really had the chance to be.

She is also one of the first to stand up for the dangling cat toy or take possession of the "jingle" ball. When toys are not readily at hand, she entertains herself delightedly with her own tail! However, playing is not her only favorite activity. Sara loves to be a "cuddle" cat. She looks at you with those incredible big round eyes and asks for permission to sit in your lap, or lay across your shoulders. Head bumps and cat kisses are also not the only things in her cuddle session repertoire. While getting some "lap time" she is also likely to add some "kneading".

Kneading is a common behavior in cats, in which they push in and out with front paws, alternating between left and right. According to livescience.com: "It's unclear why cats knead, but a number of hypotheses exist. The most oft-repeated explanation states that kneading is a leftover behavior from kitten-hood. During nursing, a kitten will knead the area around its mother's teat to promote the flow of milk. In adulthood, a cat supposedly will knead when it's feeling happy or content because it associates the motion with the comforts of nursing and its

mother. Adding further weight to the explanation: Some cats even suckle on the surface they're kneading.

Another hypothesis proposes that kneading harks back to a time before domestication, when wild cats supposedly patted down foliage to make a soft surface for sleeping or giving birth. The behavior may now be an instinctual part of settling down. On the other hand, kneading may just be another way for cats to scent and claim an area — cats have scent glands in the pads of their paws."

Sara is about nine months old and will stay a very small "kittenish" cat. She is healthy, sterilized, vaccinated, very affectionate and very much "kneading" a forever home. You can visit Sara and all her Shelter companions Monday through Saturday, 8am to 1pm and 3 to 5pm at Kaminda Lagun 26. ■ Jane Madden-Disko



"Sara"

## FLAKU'S STORY



Flaku and Shelter staff member Regina

This dog was brought to the Shelter three weeks ago. She was severely emaciated and infested with fleas. Because she was so skinny she looked like a little pup. But she was almost an adult dog.

The person who brought her to the Shelter told us that the owner did not want her anymore, because she was stealing food all the time and eating things from the street that she was not supposed to eat, which is obvious when you are almost starving to death.

The Shelter decided to keep her and we put together a feeding plan. You have to be very, very careful with how you re-feed these dogs. They can actually get complications from feeding too quickly now because the body can't handle too much food at once. As you can see in the photo she is doing

very well. She still needs to gain weight and her muscles need to get stronger.

We called her Flaku which means 'skinny' in Papiamentu and we hope we can change her name in some weeks to Gordu, which means Fat'.

Flaku can be adopted within a few weeks.

## IN DESPERATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS

We rely on volunteers to make the Animal Shelter work. Our Shelter relies on the efforts of dedicated volunteers to provide the necessary care to the cats and dogs in our facility while they await adoption.

We appreciate anyone that can help in any way they can. We are currently in desperate need of volunteers to fill our animal care shifts on Saturday morning.

If you would like to volunteer, please let us know (717-4989 or [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com)).

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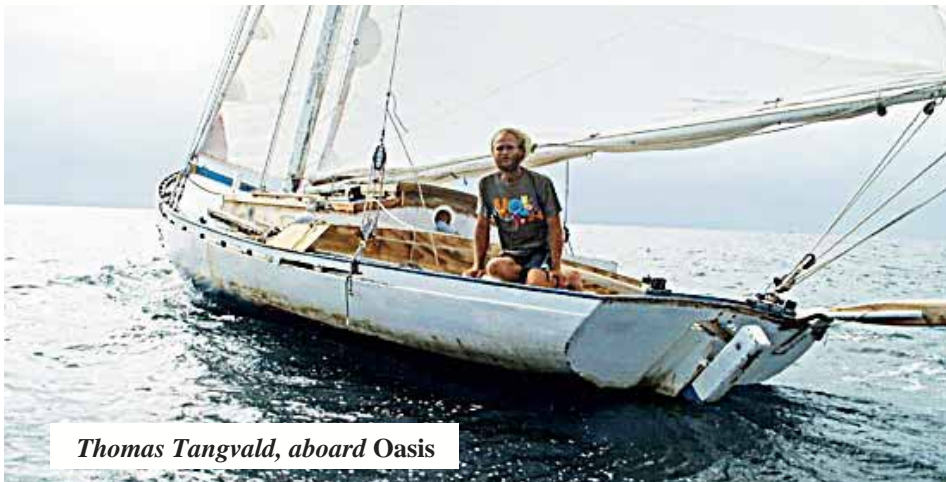
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# Thomas Tangvald Lost At Sea



Thomas Tangvald, aboard Oasis

Thomas Tangvald, son of the famous traditional-boat cruiser Peter Tangvald, who lost his dad and half-sister Carmen on the east side of Bonaire when he was just 15, was declared lost at sea early this year. Hopes that he had survived somewhere have dissipated with the passage of time. In 1991 many people on Bonaire helped Thomas recover from the tragedy.

His step-grandfather, Jacques Mertens said, "Normally I would consider him lost, but Thomas is a very special person, I still have some hope that Thomas is on anchor somewhere drinking cocktails and will reappear to surprise everybody."

He had been sailing from French Guyana to Brazil aboard the small Puerto Rican built traditional fishing sloop *Oasis*,



Peter Tangvald with Thomas and his mother Lydia aboard L'Artemis.

that he had refit and reconfigured for ocean sailing. He had set out in late January sailing singlehanded from French Guyana to Brazil. He had been working in Cayenne, French Guyana, designing fishing boats for a local company there. Thomas was a highly intelligent and very independent young man. Truly one of a kind, as many on Bonaire know from the time when they sheltered him here after the shipwreck.

Peter Tangvald sailed his 50-foot sailboat *L'Artemis de Pytheas*, up on Bonaire's wild side reef, at night, in 1991 while towing his son Thomas in his own 30-foot sailboat and wrecked. Thomas survived the night by clinging to a surfboard but his father and half-sister were drowned. You can read more about this shipwreck in the next edition of *The Reporter*.

Thomas' life did not lack tragedy. He eye witnessed, at age of three, his French mother, Lydia, being gunned down by pirates in the Sulu Sea. At age eight his Chinese stepmother, Ann (mother of Carmen), got clubbed overboard by an errant boom during a transatlantic passage from the Canary Islands to Grenada.

(You can read all about this in Peter Tangvald's autobiography, *At Any Cost: Love, Life & Death At Sea*).



Thomas ultimately settled down and started a small farm on Vieques, which he ran with his wife, Christina, and their young son, Gaston.

Tangvald the Elder started cruising full-time in 1957 after emigrating from Norway to the US. He knocked around for a while in two antique wooden boats (this included one complete circumnavigation, documented in his first book, *Sea Gypsy*), then he designed and built from scratch a traditional 50-foot wood boat of his own, *L'Artemis de Pytheas*, in French Guiana during the early 1970s. In this boat he wandered the world for nearly 20 years with three different wives (there were also three earlier ones) until he finally ended up on the reef in Bonaire. ■

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### New maritime regulations for the Caribbean Netherlands

As of July 1st, 2014 the Regulation Safety Seagoing Vessels (Regeling Veiligheid Zeeschepen (RVZ)) has been amended. The requirements for the commercially used vessels registered in the Caribbean Netherlands, have been modernized and adapted to the international developments in the Caribbean Trading Area (CTA).

The RVZ only contains the requirements regarding the safety of ships, such as the construction (seaworthiness) and equipment. Requirements for crew certification are expected in the next phase.

For amendments and explanation, please see the Government Gazette: Staatscourant nr. 16426 van 17 juni 2014.

The full text of the Regulation Safety Seagoing Vessels including these amendments can be found on the website <http://wetten.overheid.nl>. Or follow this link.

**Caribbean Codes**  
With this amendment two international Caribbean Codes came into force:

- the SCV-Code (Code of Safety for Small Caribbean Vessels) for passenger- and cargo ships with a length between 5 and 24 meters.
- the CCSS-Code (Code of Safety for Caribbean Cargo Ships) for cargo ships longer than 24 meters but smaller than 500 GT.

Ships should now be provided with a certificate that belongs to these Codes and that is issued by IUT/Scheepvaart (Human Environment and Transport Inspectorate / Shipping). This rule came into effect as of July 1st this year. For ships that were previously certified under the old regulations, those certificates remain valid until the expiration date.

To ensure that regulations are kept as similar as possible within the Kingdom; Curaçao, Aruba and St. Maarten are also working on the adoption of these Codes into their regulations. That is expected to be completed by January 1st, 2015.

**Annex 6**  
These Codes are considered too strict for ships that remain close to the shore and return to the port of departure. These vessels are allowed to comply with less stringent rules as laid down in Annex 6 of the RVZ.

The ships receive, if they comply, a National Safety Certificate. The sailing area for which this applies is defined per island in the RVZ and extends several miles from the coast.

For compliance with the Annex 6 requirements a transition period is in effect till January 1st, 2016. The certification in accordance with Annex 6 will be done in the future by the harbor masters of the three islands.

The consultation between IUT/Scheepvaart and the Island Governments regarding this issue has recently been started and has to be finished before January 2016.

**Renewed SCV-code**  
The 2010 SCV-code that came into effect with this amendment, was recently renewed under the auspices of the IMO.  
In the Netherlands the renewed SCV Code will enter into force in the fall of 2014, the exact date is still to be determined.

The 2014 SCV Code itself contains extensive transitional measures. The renewed 2014 SCV-Code and the RVZ can be requested at The Netherlands Shipping Inspectorate - Caribbean Region ([nsicn@rijksdienstcn.com](mailto:nsicn@rijksdienstcn.com))

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