



Local cultural dancers Monique and Marcelino Donny Winklaar entertain at Nos Zjilea
Photos: Julie Morgan

Nos Zjilea cultural event returns

Nos Zjilea Festival returned to Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei July 25 after almost a five month hiatus due to the COVID 19's mandatory closing in March. An unexpected crowd of 350 did not practice social distancing but everyone that entered the park was tested with a temperature gun for safety.

Izain Mercera, Nos Zjilea coordinator and park operational manager said, "To tell the truth we were prepared, but not for a lot of people, we thought maybe a 100 at the most... and it was double, almost triple counting the volunteers, so almost 400."

According to Izain, Nos Zjilea translates to "in your element and enjoy" and that seemed to be the overall atmosphere of the day.

Everyone was happy to be there to commune with old friends and enjoy the music, dancing, crafts and amazing food and drinks.

Things kicked off according to schedule with opening songs by local favorite Nico Melaan followed by Izain welcoming the crowd to the first Nos Zjilea since February.

Next up was Olvin Bart performing romantic songs from the 1980's.

But then, a major rain storm made an unplanned guest appearance washing out a portion of the schedule but



A soaking wet Izain Mercera, laughs in the rain during a very successful Nos Zjilea festival

not the spirit of the crowd. Once the weather cleared, the music resumed with the school orchestra from elementary school Kolegio San Luis Betran and the youngsters from "Talento Kultural" accompanied by "Tutti Frutti".

Long time local dancing partners, in cultural costumes, Monique Winklaar and husband Marcelino Donny Winklaar took the floor along with their students. Following their performance, the crowd was invited to join them on the floor to dance to the music.

Sherman Winklaar, acclaimed chef with the Bonaire Cultural team exhibited cooking with fresh local veg-

etables. And everyone got to sample the results: fresh rainbow runner, polenta, potatoes with local spinach and a sauce of tomatoes and peppers.

Unfortunately because of the rain, the educational portions of the day were cancelled with the exception of Sherman. Bano Pourier was scheduled to demonstrate how to make your own planting soil. And Maurice Adriaans, head of LVV (Dept. of Agriculture Livestock and Fishery) planned to share tips about crop protection and producing food on Bonaire.

Amid all the entertainment, there were items for sale including food, drinks, sunhats, jewelry, plants, and sweets good enough to eat. Miss Lety of My Tea was selling her all natural remedies and specialty drinks. Mrs. Coffie sold her unique, handmade jewelry of recycled paper and Micelle Lichtenberg was selling her beautiful, one of a kind dolls. There were even some baby chicks. And Julianka Clarenda, Echo director, manned a booth with information about the Lora.

Nos Zjilea is scheduled for the last Saturday of every month.

For more information about Nos Zjilea and Mangazina di Rei visit www.facebook.com/mangazinadirei/
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More photos of Nos Zjilea on our Facebook page...

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Bonaire closes the Sint Maarten "bubble"

Sint Maarten is now considered a high-risk country because the number of COVID-19 infections has been growing. Therefore Bonaire has closed the airspace bubble with Sint Maarten until September 1. The list of safe countries are: Aruba, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Switzerland. *DMR*

Third Peruvian family member tests positive

The two returning Peruvians who tested positive for COVID-19 Sunday, July 12 when they arrived on Bonaire have now been joined in quarantine by a third returning family member who has tested positive. A Public Health Service team has completed its source and contact research and is satisfied the infection is limited to this family. *DMR*

Seven passengers got bad boarding passes

Talk about bad luck. On July 23 seven people who flew on TUI from Schiphol had to be quarantined on Bonaire because the passenger in a seat adjacent to theirs tested positive for COVID. The infected person, reportedly a Curaçao resident, was tested before departure from the Netherlands, but the results did not arrive until the flight was airborne. The infected passenger, symptom free, disembarked in Curaçao and the plane was thoroughly disinfected before continuing to Bonaire. Upon arrival here the seven unfortunate passengers were sent to central quarantine.

After 72 hours, the Curaçao passenger was showing no symptoms, nor were the seven passengers who continued to Bonaire. According to the RIVM guideline, there was little chance they had been contaminated. Therefore they were released from quarantine, subject to the general measures that apply to everyone on Bonaire, such as keeping a distance of 1.5 meters and the hygiene rules. The Public Health department calls them daily to monitor their health. *DMR*

Travelers must send health certificates ahead

Every person coming to Bonaire must now complete a health certificate and submit it digitally ahead of time. The Public Health department wants to know in advance who intends to come to Bonaire and whether they are a possible health risk. The department can also make sure that travelers are informed about Bonaire's entry requirements. Passengers must be able to show the health certificate in person upon arrival, either in printed or digital form.

The form can be found at <https://bonairepublichealth.org/en/form>. For more information about Bonaire's in-travel policy, visit the Facebook page of the Public Entity Bonaire. *DMR*

Travelers are being responsible about testing

According to the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB), approximately 90% of travelers arriving on Bonaire from the Netherlands have had themselves tested for COVID-19. They are taking responsibility not only for their own health, but also for public health on Bonaire. Bonaire encourages travelers to be tested within 72 hours before departure. However, the island cannot require people to present test results because of Bonaire's strict privacy laws.

Bonaire has announced a new requirement for travelers. Previously they had to present a completed health certificate upon arrival. Now they must also submit a digital copy of their certificate to the Public Health department in advance. *DMR*

The Hague promises Curaçao, Aruba and Sint Maarten tough love

State secretary Raymond Knops (Kingdom Relations) has affirmed that "The entirety of Parliament is convinced that this is the moment in time for the islands to institute major reforms" in their styles of governance. Curaçao, Aruba, and Sint Maarten must set the sincere goal of collecting more money than they spend. If they agree, Knops promised, they can expect generous assistance from the Netherlands, both in aiding their reform efforts and in supporting their people's needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There are major differences in income and not enough tax is paid," said Knops. "The highest salaries have to go down, the tax office has to be reformed, the economy has to be more 'diverse' than tourism or oil. These are all things that should've happened already."

Parliament was shocked to learn that -- even as workers protested and rioted on Curaçao because the salaries of garbage men were going to be reduced -- top civil servants who earn hundreds of thousands of guilders would not experience cuts. The Hague also rejected the dissent letter in which 25 prominent individuals accused the Netherlands making excessively stringent demands. "It is the representative of all those companies that profit from not paying taxes and abandoned the people there," says SP-MP Ronald van Raak. He also had harsh words for the bankers and tax specialists who signed the letter: "they've all become extremely wealthy on Curaçao but didn't do anything in return."

Knops promised that millions of euros will be heading to the islands during the next few years. However, the Netherlands has to guarantee Dutch tax payers that their money is helping the islands achieve a great future. In the meantime, the government ensures that all forms of emergency aid will continue to be provided.

The parties in Parliament, CDA, VVD, and SP are 'proud and happy' with the manner in which aid from the Netherlands has been provided to the islands. This emergency aid includes the thousands of food packages (16,6 million euros), the deployment of military personnel to ensure law and order, and the medical aid provided to help fight the corona virus.

Prime Minister Mark Rutte's party, the People's Party for Freedom and Democracy (VVD) wants to use the Fiscal Information and Investigation Service (Fiod) to recover the "tens, hundreds of millions" in government funds that disappeared while Gerrit Schotte was prime minister of Curaçao. *DMR*

Government of Curaçao loses its majority

In the midst of the corona pandemic, the coalition in power on Curaçao has lost its governing majority. Because of one change in party affiliation and some resignations, the opposition and the coalition are now tied in members, 10 -10. *DMR*

Two die when Navy helicopter crashes near Aruba

A Defense NH90 helicopter crashed near Aruba last week, killing the pilot, 34-year-old pilot Christine Martens, and 33-year-old tactical coordinator Erwin Warnies. Two others aboard survived with no serious injuries. The two lieutenants who died were honored at a military ceremony when their remains were delivered to their families at Eindhoven Airport on Saturday, July 25.

Another helicopter and team of divers will attempt to recover the aircraft and its black box. For now, the cause of the accident is not known. *Source, nltimes.nl. DMR*

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Adding color to Bonaire

Sabadeco Road is looking a lot more colorful thanks to the generosity of Ariane Buining and local artist Sloveig "Sue" van Wijngaarden. Ariane has supplied her 73 meter wall as the canvas for a colorful mural of Bonaire's iconic symbols of nature.

"I'm sharing my wall because I would like to see something nice to be proud of for the next 10 years," said Ariane, "I want to bring some color back to Bonaire."

She's not only supplying the wall but also the paint and is hoping more local artists like Sue will lend their imagination and artistry.

Sue, is not a trained artist but studied musical theater with a hobby of painting. Since moving to Bonaire in December she has switched to painting full time and is available for art projects like this one. Contact Sue at info@sue-artstudio.com or Facebook [sueartstudioNL](https://www.facebook.com/sueartstudioNL).

Ariane moved to Bonaire a year ago and owns a company that sells industrial robots. She says there are no boundaries with this project. The work can be abstract or realistic but colorful!

If you would like to help make Bonaire more colorful contact Ariane at ALB@codiam.nl #wallofartbonaire

Photo & story by Julie Morgan



"A Diver's Life" announces Serafini video



Release of a new "A Diver's Life" video by Bonaire resident Rich Schwerdtfeger focuses on the life of underwater artist Dominique Serafini in The Aquanaut Artist. The 30 minute YouTube video highlights Serafini's early connection to the ocean to working as an underwater cartoonist/artist for Jacques Cousteau through present day. The story is told with old and new photos and video footage, with narration by Rich.

Serafini has produced numerous educational and environmental comic books

for children about the undersea world. He creates his illustrations and paintings from drawings made on a waterproof sketch pad and once on land translates the drawings to other media. In December 2019, Dominique's work was featured in a salon exhibit at the Louvre in Paris, France. Serafini and partner Catherine Salisbury, an underwater photographer and artist in her own right, live part time on Bonaire. To see the video, visit, <https://youtu.be/ZY8yg8jO768>

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Letters & Opinions

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Dear Editor

It is my understanding that Bonaire's privacy laws do not allow the government to require people to have Covid-19 test before landing on the island. That supposedly is left up to the individual. Some reports say that to date 90% of KLM passengers have complied voluntarily. How about the other 10%?

I recommend that the island council

acts immediately to change the privacy laws during this worldwide pandemic. This temporary measure should lawfully require passengers from planes or boats to prove that they are virus-free before entering. This act would help keep Bonaire Covid-free and benefit island residents as well as visitors.

Saludos, *Patrick Holian*

Electric vehicles on Bonaire

First: I am convinced that electric driving on Bonaire is the future. The size of the island, the sun offering an endless source of green energy: it all adds up to the fact that electric transportation is the future. But that is not going to happen by just putting a load of electric cars on Bonaire's silken roads.

What you need, in order to go green, is sustainable power, which is very scarce on Bonaire. This scarcity is caused and maintained mainly by WEB, by its daunting regulations concerning solar power, and the problems the company has meeting demand in the first place. During the years before Corona, WEB has stated on several occasions that it would not be able to guarantee a steady supply, especially because of growing demand caused by tourism. The power plant north of Karpata, which was meant to be used as a back up, now has to run continuously, using the not very clean or energy efficient fuel oil. Renewable sources account for only 30-40% of WEB's output.

So: considering WEB's ways of producing power, there is no such thing as a zero-emission vehicle on Bonaire. Electric cars on Bonaire probably run dirtier than recent gasoline propelled cars. Besides, when every car on the island will be replaced by a Fiat 500e, running a mild 8000 kilometers (5000 miles) on average per year, they will consume about 11,100 Mwh per year, 10% of the total yield in power. WEB, therefore, not only has the challenge to meet the demand of the generic growth of power consumption, but also the 10% growth because of the demand of future electric transportation.

There is, I think, another reason why electric vehicles have a long way to go on Bonaire: the total absence of high speed charging facilities, charging the 500e 24 Kwh battery in slightly over half an hour. Instead, we're convicted to use the 1,7 Kwh 127V wall outlet, the charging phase taking at least 12 hours. A 250V outlet charges the battery in slightly over 6 hours, which totals the charging costs for a full battery at about \$5,50, bridging 84 miles max. If you plan to use your own solar power to charge your car it's free, of course, but your car has to remain connected to your PV system during the day, when you're supposed to be at work.

All in all, to have the electric car gain momentum on Bonaire, I think there's a long way to go. A baby car seating two at a rate of 6,5 ct per mile, after an investment of 30,000 dollars just for the sake of a green conscience, is a choice that not many people will or can make, especially if you can get a almost brand new Toyota Vitz for eight hundred bucks, including a boombox and the steering wheel on the wrong side of the car. Deciding not to go electric leaves you enough money for almost 150 years of road taxes, more than 28,000 liters of gasoline, or money for every possible repair you can think of.

If we want to make Bonaire greener carwise, what we need in the first place is cheap power, a WEB that doesn't sabotage people's ambitions to start generating their own solar power, high speed charging stations, and either decent, or cheap electric cars. And we have to get rid of the dozens of decades-old, black powder spewing dump trucks that reduce the roads to rubble.

Gijs Borsten

Pier restoration continues

Recently the rebuilt Chachacha Pier (Waf di Chachacha) was baptized with champagne and its reopening celebrated with a public breakfast. Many who attended were elderly people who for years have gone for a daily swim at the pier. The Fisherman's Pier (Waf di Piskadó)

in Playa Pabou and the pier near Sorobon will be restored as well. The Bonaire island government has also made funds available for the restoration of the fishing hut in Playa Frans and the associated slipway. *DMR*



Ask Kate Bonaire real estate advice

Dear Friends,

We hope you all stay healthy during this crisis, and we look forward to seeing you again on Bonaire. Please send your real estate questions to Kate and Jean at kate@bonaire-homes.com

The benefits to prohibiting development at Plantation Bolivia

There are myriad reasons why preserving the natural state of historic Plantation Bolivia should be a top priority for both the Bonairian and Dutch governments.

- Controls over future development (e.g. permits, zoning changes, etc.) rely too heavily on political vagaries. As evidenced in the island's past, even if a current government denies requests, all it takes is the election of a new government (with politicians favorable - for varying reasons - to the developer) to ensure that previously rejected proposals receive a green light. When land is preserved and development banned (e.g. Klein Bonaire and Washington-Slagbaai), these unique natural resources are protected from ad hoc rule changes.

- The commencement of heavy construction, such as that which is proposed by the new owner of Plantation Bolivia, inherently generates excessive dust and debris, all of which will follow normal wind patterns and be deposited on the pristine coral reefs along the island's east coast. This poses unimaginable threat to the aquatic environment, including the collapse of the fragile coral system.

- As there is no existing sewage system on the east side of Bonaire, the sewage generated from a heavily populated area - such as is proposed in the developer's plans - will seep into the nearby aquifer and eventually end up in the Caribbean Sea.

- Historically, Bonaire's attempts at "eco lodge" projects have failed, leaving behind a trail of trash and debris. One example is the eco lodge project adjacent to Washington Slagbaai park.

- In a similar vein, the OLB has historically permitted ad hoc changes to the definition of "eco lodges" to include all manner of development that is not aligned with the common concept of anything remotely environmentally friendly. This includes, additional units, use of concrete, buildings taller than 5 meters, and no requisite deposit for clean-up of the project once it exceeds its expected lifetime. One example is the permit for Lagun.

- Toezicht en Handhaving has a proven track record as being an inefficient and ineffective agency in dealing with the complaints it receives. This is evidenced by the report, Handhaving Natuur- en Milieuwetgeving, Caribisch Nederland, Oktober 2019.

Even one of these reasons is enough to deny the development of Plantation Bolivia. Combined, they show a clear pattern of disregard for the environmental future of Bonaire.

The only way to ensure that the island remains a viable environmental resource for future generations is to prohibit development and allow the area to evolve into a true eco-tourism destination with hiking and biking trails, rest areas, restored Plantation Houses that reflect the island's history and teach future Bonaireans and visitors about the island's past.

We urge you to take immediate action before it is too late.

Foundation Save Plantation Bolivia

Childcare licensing now required

Effective July 15th childcare organizations are required to apply for an operating license with the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB). The new ordinance stipulates the licensing criteria organizations must meet, including the maximum number of children allowed per group, the pedagogic quality, the training level of professionals, and the safety of their premises.

Childcare organizations that have already been caring for children before the ordinance came into force, are granted a reasonable period of time to comply with the quality requirements. The BES(t) 4 kids program will assist them.

Government subsidies are temporarily

available to child care organizations: USD 200 per child per month for day care and USD 150 per child per month for out-of-school care. Organizations receiving these subsidies must reduce their charge to parents to no more than USD 200 per month for day care and USD 100 per month for out-of-school care. Parents who cannot afford the minimum parental contribution can apply for a supplementary childcare place subsidy with the OLB. Subsidies from August 1st 2020 can be applied for by July 31. *DMR*

POLICE REPORT



Flooded roads and properties were the norm all over Bonaire after heavy rains fell on July 25 from tropical storm Gonzalo. Bonaireans are reminded once again the need for a new road infrastructure.

Bonairean football federation celebrates 60 years



When opening the tournament celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Bonaire Football Federation, chairman Ludwig Balentin said the board of the Bonaire Football Federation is very proud to be part of 60 years of football. The board exists to serve the game of football, so that young and old can enjoy this sport.

In May 1960 Bonaire founded its own football federation. The first president of the federation was the late Hose. In 2014, under the chairmanship of Ludwig Balentin, the current president, Bonaire became a member of the Concacaf. In 2018, Balentin sat at the table with FIFA President Gianni Infantino to begin Bonaire's application for membership in FIFA.

On behalf of the Bonairean island administration, the sports deputy Pablo James Kroon congratulated the board of the Bonairean Football Federation.



Sherman Winklaar exhibited cooking with local vegetables at Nos Zjilea.

More photos of Nos Zjilea on our Facebook page...

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Property crime

On Friday July 17, 2020, a burglary was reported from an empty house on the Kaminda Lagun. Thieves broke a wooden screen and entered the house. Among other things, a refrigerator, washing machine, pan set, hammock and microwave were removed.

On Saturday, July 18, a house on Kaya Libertador Simon Bolivar was burgled between 3 - 8 am when the owner was sleeping. The burglar (s) have taken away one wallet with cash and cards, a mobile phone, two watches and a bowl of cash.

Dive site

In the afternoon on Tuesday, July 14, theft was reported from a car parked at the dive site Karpata. Thieves destroyed the window on the driver's side with a stone between 12:55 am and 1:40 pm and took away a backpack with contents. The bag included a white iPhone 10, a black iPhone 11, cash, various bank cards and clothing.

Arrests

In the late afternoon hours on Monday, July 13, a man, 28, was detained because of threats.

In the morning hours of Tuesday, July 14, two men, 38 and 27, were arrested for theft. They were caught red-handed stealing goats.

In the morning hours of Friday, July 17, the Criminal Investigation Department of the KPCN arrested a man, 34, for burglary in a house in Playa Pabou, which took place on July 2, 2020.

Traffic accidents & violations

In the night of July 17 to 18, a passenger car hit the fence of a house at around 4 am when the driver overtook a car and lost control of the vehicle. The driver did not possess a valid driving license.

Drugs intercepted at Bonaire airport

A 27 year old man arriving from Curaçao was arrested on July 17, 2020 at Bonaire International Airport. At the entry check, Customs CN found over 200 grams of marijuana. The investigation will be continued by KMar (Royal Netherlands Marechaussee)

"Illegal aliens" are free to go home

Some visitors to the island inadvertently became "illegal aliens" during the months following the COVID-19 closure of the Caribbean Netherlands. That is, their visitor visas or temporary residence permits expired. Usually people in these predicaments are fined at the airport when they leave the island, the amount of the fine determined by how long they overstayed their legal permission.

However, now that those visitors are able to leave the islands, the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMar), the IND, and the Public Prosecutor's Office (OM) have jointly decided to apply a leniency regulation and will not fine people who leave. Those whose

Juvenile criminal law is now in force

To educate the public in the juvenile criminal law newly in force in the Caribbean Netherlands, RCN has released a motion graphic in Dutch, Papiamentu and English.

You will find the English version at: How does Juvenile Criminal Law work? Youtube:

<https://youtu.be/P5WQTyG-uG>

Two multi-taskforce Investigations

Human trafficking

In the morning hours of Wednesday, July 15, three searches were conducted in the neighborhoods of Hato and Antritol, under the direction of the public prosecutor of the Public Prosecutor's Office.

The PBL (Problem Focused Investigation) department of the KPCN, the RST and the KMar forces* collaborated in the investigation of human trafficking and labor exploitation in a bar / restaurant. Several articles were seized during the searches. Investigation in this matter is ongoing

*KPCN (Caribbean Netherlands Police Force, Bonaire); the RST (Special Police Task Force) and the KMar (Royal Military and Border Police)

Labor exploitation

In the evening of Sunday, July 19, 2020, the Labor Inspectorate, together with the KPCN, the Directorate of Supervision and Enforcement of the Public Body Bonaire* and the KMar held a multidisciplinary control at a snack located on Kaya Balau. During the action, checks were carried out on the Obligation to Identify Act, the Labor Act, the Aliens Act, and the presence of a beverage and catering permit.

Various violations were identified during the audit, including undocumented residents, unsanitary situations, room rental and signs of exploitation.

The various services will carry out further research in their respective fields and will take measures where necessary.

Tackling labor exploitation is a high priority for the government parties of the Caribbean Netherlands.

*Afdeling Toezicht & Handhaving (T&H)

visitor visas have expired must depart as soon as possible but will face no penalty. Those whose residence permit expired during the travel restrictions will be deemed to begin a visitor visa (the duration determined by their nationality) and can extend their legal stay for the length of that visitor permit. If the visitor's permit also expires during the closure, they will receive the same leniency as other visitors.

If a person's passport expires during a time when they could not leave the island, they are allowed to depart as long as their country of residence will allow them entry. DMR

Soechit opens new gym



The Body Fit Bonaire staff provides personalized fitness in an air conditioned studio, L-R Rianne van Rijswijk, coach and physical therapist; Kiara Valentijn, front desk; Arno Paiman, front desk and coach; Christel Engels, manager of operations and Ron Soechit, owner.

Ronnie Soechit cut the ribbon to open the doors to his new fitness gym called 'Body Fit Bonaire' on July 18. The gym is described as a "boutique fitness studio" and features all new equipment that was designed to Soechit's specifications. This is Soechit's third gym on Bonaire and it is

a bit different than his other two. He opened his first gym, Fitness Center Bonaire, immediately after moving to the island 2011 from the Netherlands. And his second gym, Flamingo Crossfit he acquired in March this year. Soechit says, each gym is specialized, offering something different for

everyone interested in fitness.

Body Fit offers a specialized workouts, personal training and physical therapy in an air conditioned studio.

Fitness enthusiasts will find state of the art exercise machines, treadmills, ellipticals, stair climbers, rowers and of course, free weights.

In addition, Soechit has brought in a machine that does a comprehensive scan of an individual's physical health. This allows personal trainers to create an exercise plan based exactly on a person's specific needs. The machine gives a body composition analysis, posture assessment, body shape and functional assessment.

Two trainers / physical therapists, a front desk person and a full time manager Christel Engels, provide assistance.

The studio features personal training plans for single sessions, weekly or monthly; exclusive fitness by contract by the day or week. Sports and relaxation massages are also available.

Soechit said, "Bonaire is growing and Bonairean people need to have the opportunity for a personal workout in a new, quiet environment."

The studio is currently open Monday – Saturday but in August it will be open everyday. For more information visit Body Fit Bonaire on Facebook or call 717-0717/795-4016. Body Fit Bonaire is located at Kaya Carlos A Nicolaas 3. *Story & photo Julie Morgan*

Prices decrease in Q2 2020

Consumer prices Caribbean Netherlands are down in Q2 2020

Statistics Netherlands (CBS) reports that in the second quarter of 2020, consumer goods and services on Bonaire were 1.4 percent cheaper than one year previously. Prices also decreased on St Eustatius and Saba, by 1.3 percent and 1.1 percent year-on-year respectively.

The price decreases are mainly attributable to the allowances for electricity, drinking water and internet provided by the government as of May 1, 2020. The fixed usage tariffs for electricity and drinking water amount to 0 US dollars and fixed internet subscribers receive a monthly discount of 25 US dollars. Although figures over Q2 also include the old, pre-allowance tariffs from April, the effect of the allowances is clearly reflected in the figures.

Due to the government measures, prices on Bonaire for telecommunications dropped by 19.4 percent on average relative to Q1 2020. In Q2 2020, electricity was 11.7 percent cheaper and water 11.2 percent cheaper than in the previous quarter.

Picture Yourself Matlacha, Florida, USA



Robin Lemke reads *The Reporter* in front of her 15 year-old Osprey nest in Florida.

Robin writes: I have always had an osprey family, although this year one chick fell out and another fledged but hurt his wing.

I miss Bonaire! I am a new diver and I love all sports and love the nice clear blue water. I live on the water here in Florida, but it is dark due to mangrove organic matter - plus it is shallow. Not good for snorkeling.

I have worked as a nurse anesthetist for 32 years. Now I am 63 and am glad I am not working anymore. I want to enjoy my life and Bonaire gave me that inner happiness. I have been to Bonaire four times. My friend bought a condo and I decided I would too. Now my condo at Elegancia sits empty !! But we must be vigilant and keep everyone healthy. So I will be happy to wait until safe to travel!!

WIN A PRIZE! Are you elsewhere? We'd love to see you in *The Reporter*. Hold up the printed cover, or go digital and pose with *The Reporter* on your tablet, computer, or phone. Please identify everybody in your photo, and tell us about yourselves. All the 2019 submissions that we were unable to run will be published in 2020. All photos run in 2020 photos are eligible for the annual prize.



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Wanika awards prizes



First place winner Mickee du Mee and her family at Wanika Games prize event. All the sisters won Wanika puzzles: Lola, first place winner Mickee, Avi, Christel (the mother) and Juno.

Wanika Games awarded 12 prizes for their coloring page contest on July 18 at Van den Tweel supermarket.

First place winner Micky du Mee received a copy of the game 'Rincon ta On' and played the game with her family and several people at Van den Tweel.

Other winners in the coloring contest won Wanika Games puzzles and they opened them and played immediately.

Wanika Games developers Fernando Nava and Vanessa Peralta said the experience was great! We got to see the families together playing and having fun together! Thanks to all the participants for all their beautiful drawings.

Visit Wanika Games Facebook page and website for more contests and events in the future. www.wanikagames.com *Story and photos, Julie Morgan.*



Wanika puzzle winners L-R: Yoewmi, Duja, Anaira, Skie and Hazel



Bookcase project extended

The bookcase project 'Fundashon Lesa ta Dushi' will continue with financial support from Wings of Support (KLM).

'Fundashon Lesa ta Dushi' has received € 5000. This year and next the foundation will donate 12 bookcases filled with new (bilingual) books to various nurseries and childcare facilities on Bonaire. Just like last year, the cabinets will be made by the MBO students of the classes SMG2.1, SMG2.2 and AVOK3.1 who practice carpentry, painting and woodworking skills as they construct the cases. Some of the financial support will be used to donate

new books to the locations that received bookcases last year.

Wings of Support is an independent, private initiative of KLM employees. They help children in the destinations KLM flies to by facilitating education, care and medical assistance.

'Fundashon Lesa ta Dushi' is very grateful for the financial support of 'Wings of Support' and the cooperation with the students of the SGB. The foundation remains committed to promoting reading among the youth on Bonaire.

Source: Bonaire.nu

PARROTS and PEOPLE celebrates 10 years with a Roost Count



As Echo is celebrating 10 years of conservation work to safeguard Yellow-shouldered Amazon parrots on Bonaire, we showcased our strategy in the first ever Summer Roost Count on July 25.

Normally, Bonaire has one big parrot roost count event every January. This is the time that parrots gather in big groups to roost due to the abundance that our dry-forest carry during and after the rainy season.

Our summer roost count is exactly six months after the 2020 annual roost count on January 25. It was organized to celebrate the growing population of Lora's on Bonaire. Most importantly, the roost count this time of year will support Echo's conservation efforts. In monitoring parrot roost in dry and breeding season we can compare it to previous Roost Counts of rainy and non-breeding season. This is how we can learn about the breeding population and routine during dry season.

Thirty-nine volunteers covered 24 roost with a total of 684 parrots. We covered 22 of these sites in the beginning of the year and surprisingly some of the smallest roost in residence then, are now the biggest ones during this dry season when the Lora's habitat is so degraded. This summer roost count did not include all the roost areas counted during the annual roost count -- specifically the northern part of the island: Washington Slagbaai National Park, Ramsar area around Playa Frans, Brasil, Wekua and Wasao. We counted 10

roosts in these areas with 330 parrots in January 2020. Still the general difference in the parrot population during this count is only 16% lower in the dry season. The rough numbers still need to be analyzed to provide more information about the relation with the dry season and breeding population.

In addition to the roost count, we have been busy with 178 children age 4-14 in a hands on educational summer program. The kids learned about the Bonaire dry-forest and how to identify, water and plant over 30 different native species of trees. And it's not just for kids, parents can join in too.

On July 18 we released seven Yellow-shouldered Amazons in the wild. Six of the parrots were hatched at the Dos Pos conservation center as part of our captive breeding program. Although shy at first, these young birds soon plucked up the courage and flew free.

Thanks to a generous offer from long-term Echo friends, Mel and Harris, you can now double your gift giving impact. For every one dollar you donate they will match with a dollar of their own. This means that we receive Two Dollars for each dollar you donate.

Please help us plant, protect and grow a future for Parrots & People on Bonaire through our ongoing reforestation, community and parrot conservation programs.

For more information visit www.EchoBonaire.org

Julianka Clarendra

Germans try to reboot cruise industry

Muri Assunção, New York Daily News, July 25, 2020

A German vessel operated by travel giant TUI Cruises, is testing the cruise industry waters as it became the first large cruise ship to resume operations, following months of shutdowns amid the coronavirus pandemic.

According to German public broadcaster DW, the Mein Schiff 2 (My Ship 2), set sail late Friday night from the northern city of Hamburg.

"Today it finally starts again," the company wrote in an Instagram post ahead of the departure. "Mein Schiff 2 is ready and so are we."

The ship sailed toward Norway for a

three-night scenic cruise in the North Sea. Without stopping at any other ports, it's scheduled to return to Germany on Monday morning.

The German news agency DPA reported that the massive ship, which usually has a capacity of 2,900 travelers, is carrying 1,200 guests.

The company said that 1,740 people (or 60% of capacity) would be allowed to travel, but the quota wasn't met.

It was not reported the number of crew on board.

A series of modifications were implemented as safety precautions against the spread of the new coronavirus, such as

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Bonaire celebrates Women's Dive Day



Dive Friends hosts a free intro scuba dive for women

PADI Women's Dive Day took place July 18. The day that has become a tradition began in 2015, and is now in its sixth year. It was launched to bring together divers of all genders (not only women!), all ages and all levels of dive experience to create a global community. Over six years, it has turned into the largest single day of diving on the planet! The various organized events have evolved in support of conservation causes. All divers have an opportunity to be involved and to help give something back to the ocean.

This year Dive Friends Bonaire chose to offer something to the community of Bonaire. Island women who had never dived were given the opportunity to experience diving in the swimming pool at the beautiful Resort Bonaire.

Due to Covid-19 social restrictions, the event was organized in a way that made sure all staff and participants were appropriately distanced and following health guidelines.

After the women signed-in, the equipment was set up at poolside. A brief

introduction on the physics of diving was given by the instructors, and then it was time to get in the pool! Several of the women were Bonairean or had lived on Bonaire for a long time. They said they had always been afraid to try diving, so this was a momentous occasion for them. The instructors started by getting the ladies to stand in the shallow end, put their regulators in their mouths, their faces in the water and just breathe. Once they were comfortable with standing and breathing through the regulators, they breathed through the regulators either floating or swimming on the surface. Everyone was very excited to go underwater and dive, so they did not waste any time getting down there! Everyone was thrilled and most of them are now planning to do their Open Water Courses and become real divers.

The seventh edition of Women's Dive Day will take place on July 17 in 2021. Add that to your calendar and join us at Dive Friends Bonaire in the celebration next year. *Janneke, Dive Friends*

Women's Dive Day was celebrated at Bruce Bowker's Carib Inn on July 18, by 17 women who love the ocean and diving on Bonaire. They joined countless women divers worldwide in celebration of the oceans. The divers enjoyed a morning of diving on two separate boats to Monk's Haven and Country Garden captained by Linda Baker and Kristi Malsam.

Pictured are the divers and how long they have lived on Bonaire and where they originated: Cassandra Neal, 14 yrs, NY, USA; Sally Simons, 13 yrs, ME, USA; Sharon Morris, 18 yrs, NM, USA; Sue O'Brien, 17 yrs, OH, USA; Diana Gevers, 40yrs, Bonaire; Libbi Burks, 3 yrs, GA, USA; Doreen Schwerdtfeger, 3 yrs, TX, USA; Kayla Cooney Polstra, 25 yrs, CO, USA; Becky Pruitt, 21 yrs, USA; Leanne Pinkerton, 10 yrs, Canada; Linda Baker, 30 yrs, Canada; Barbara Gionte, 4 yrs, Switzerland; Lucia Podipny, 3+ years, NY, USA; Kristi Malsam, 4 yrs, NY, USA; Beverly Fletcher, 18 yrs, NC, USA and Julie Morgan 9/1.5 yrs, FL, USA. Boat assistance and photo compliments of Ed Diehl and Chris Dyer.

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Sunscreen damages coral reefs



Sunscreen increases the damaging effects of climate change on coral reefs

In recent years, there has been an increase in the detection of UV filters from sunscreens in coastal waters. A new study by Wageningen University and Research found that these UV filters seem to weaken corals, allowing warmed seawater as a result of global warming to

further damage the reefs.

Scientists from Wageningen University & Research conducted an experiment where water temperature was raised from 26 to 33 degrees Celsius in tanks contain-

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Outdoor Bonaire explores the wilds



Hans lays out the plan for the climb and rappelling

Bonaire couldn't ask for a better advocate for the nature of the island than Hans Voerman. He is the owner of Outdoor Bonaire and loves educating and showing others the wilds of Bonaire.

"I love all the jobs," said Hans.

The jobs are hiking, caving, bird watching, kayaking, climbing, rappelling and running his eco-lodge.

In 1990, Hans, a former Merchant Marine and Army serviceman in Holland, came to Bonaire to dive. He planned to stay for a week that turned into a month. Three months later he returned to live and work as a dive instructor. In a few years, Hans headed back to Holland to work for the Maritime Survival Center as an instructor where he dealt with people's

fears.

He learned caving in Belgium, took a climbing course in Austria and traveled the Pacific, New Zealand and Australia honing his newly learned skills.

Hans landed back on Bonaire in 2002 and began doing Windjammer tours and kayaking the mangroves for Yellow Submarine working out of Caribbean Club. And little by little Outdoor Bonaire was born.

"I put out flyers and talked to people and the business evolved. I loved working for myself; I love the freedom," said Hans.

The Eco-lodge was born when Pascal de Meyer told Hans he could stay for free at a ramshackle house with no power out

in Bari ali Carta in east Bonaire. After a few years he bought the 1.3 acre place, fenced it to keep out the goats, installed electricity, then some solar panels and did a lot of major renovations and construction. That was 10 years ago, and now the area is thick with native vegetation. Both the house and lodge have an amazing birds-eye view of the Bonaire countryside. Visit EcolodgeBonaire.com for more information and photos.

Outdoor Bonaire was one of the first adventure businesses on Bonaire and the only one that offers climbing and rappelling. Hans even owns the entry point for one of the climbs.

"I don't use any foreign materials when climbing/rappelling. No hooks or anything that would be left permanently; no chemical anchors and no chalk [for your



A first time climber tests the lines on her way down assisted by Hans

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Hans illuminates the stalactites and stalagmites in one of the Karst caves



A Garden? Just Do It!

Rain showers inspire clean-ups.

With all the rain showers, it's time for big gardening.



Because of the rain the heliconias have an awesome flower

certain jungle plants like heliconia which do best when growing under these shady trees. Also, certain orchids and ferns in hanging pots and baskets will grow very well in these trees. But, seeds of this tree are spread easily by the wind and birds

and will grow everywhere all over your yard. So keep an eye on the young plants and pull them out where you don't want them.

It's necessary to make a plan of how you want your yard. Some want big natural garden rocks or a yard with a pool and trees around. Choose small trees because big trees like the July tree (the huge Flamboyant tree with in full reddish flowers) has big roots that can damage construction. Roots can grow deep and even when you chop down the tree its roots can keep on growing under the foundation of your house or pool.

What surprised me are my papaya trees. I grew five trees in different parts of the yard. Three of them grew in full sun and their leaves turned yellow fast. The other two trees I planted near other trees, so they get shade from those trees. It was funny to see how they twisted their stems in many directions to get sunlight. They had more leaves and were a nice green. The ones in full sun had less leaves and turned yellow faster. So I wondered, how much sunlight does the papaya tree really need to grow in a perfect way? Anyway,

that's how I learn from nature; by looking for the best balance for the plants.

With this blessed rain, I make cuttings, sow seeds, put new plants in my garden and keep an eye on the intensive care part of the green house. Some plants are really difficult and need a lot of attention to keep them alive. But, its often worth it because of their special fruit, beautiful flowers or uniqueness. During the rains, you can try all garden challenges, because it's the best chance to get what you want. Besides the trees, flowers and vegetables, keep herbs in mind. During a drought, herbs have less chance to grow because of the white fly, or piespies, and other stuff like fungus and bugs that are looking for food and attack the young herbs. But, with the rain somehow there are less of them, so for now, you have the chance to enjoy your garden herbs. Local herbs like Mexican mint, Aliba Alba, lemon grass, local basil called here Yerbi hole, the real Italian basil, peppers and mint will do very well now. So go ahead, you now have the opportunity to just do it .

Angliet, Nature lover

Want to drive a forklift? Training for logistics employees

The Labor unit of the Society & Care department, in collaboration with Plenchi di Trabou, is offering practical logistics training. The course starts in August for 10 people. It is still possible to register.

In this practical course, participants learn how to operate a forklift, how to handle warehouse stock, and the processes of 'order picking' and transport. The trainers are the Education Institute Caribbean Netherlands (OICN) and Bonaire Sweeping & Recycling B.V. (BS&R).

The logistics market on Bonaire is growing, and has shortage of logistics personnel. This course is aimed at individuals who:

- may have been working in logistics for some time, but are not yet certified.
- want to work in logistics, but do not yet have experience or knowledge.

The course is open to those registered with Job Unit as a jobseeker. Call or app to +599 777 2246 for a place. If you, as an employer, are interested in one of the trained candidates, you can also contact the Labor unit via +599 777 2246.



L-R: Junny Vos: Education Institute Caribisch Nederland
Mia Tweed: Coordinator labor market projects
Rafmildo Damascus: Bonaire Sweeping & Recycling B.V.

widely seen as a success in the fight against COVID-19, with just over 206,000 cases and 9,201 fatalities, about one-fifth of the death toll in the U.K.



The Mein Schiff 5, pictured here, is a sister ship to the Mein Schiff 2 which has docked in Bonaire.

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hands]," said Hans.

After seeing the cave diving photos by John Burge displayed in the old Rendezvous Restaurant, Hans began looking for caves. He was surprised there were so many and has explored them for almost 20 years. He is certified to lead tours with CARIBSS (Caribbean Speleological Society) whose goal is to protect and conserve the caves that are home to five species of bat. There are five certified guides who regularly lead tours of the caves. Hans says they take it seriously and notify each other of their tours. This reduces the number of people and impact on the caves and their inhabitants.

Hans added, "We know other people [not guides] are going in there because of the amount of litter and garbage they leave that we pick up."

He is very conscientious about the environment and what is happening on Bonaire and is not a big fan of cruise ships or mass tourism, here or anywhere else.

He even posts this on his website: *Please note we do not do tours with cruise ships due to their negative environmental impact on Bonaire.

"We need the nature conscious people – divers, windsurfers and stay over guests. People that love the environment," said Hans, "No country is made for mass tourism and cruise ships are mass tourism."

He says that Bonaire can be an amazing green destination if we keep it more green in building and encourage more sports like hiking, biking, freediving, etc., but only in small groups.

"We need to be more sustainable here... we need to plant trees, local trees. We still have a long way to go," said Hans.

Contact Hans for a great adventure in kayaking, caving, birdwatching, climbing, rappelling and more at hansoutdoor@hotmail.com or www.outdoorbonaire.com; 599+785-6272. *Story & photo Julie Morgan*



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face masks requirement and proper social distancing.

Passengers and crew members are required to stay at least five feet apart from one another. Guests were also asked to fill a health questionnaire before boarding the ship.

Additionally, the ship changed how passengers eat their meals: guests will be served at the buffet table, instead of helping themselves.

According to Cruise Industry News magazine, TUI Cruises has plans to resume operations on another ship, the Mein Schiff 1, next month.

After months of shutdowns, the German cruise ship industry is betting on shorter trips to help reignite the business, which was badly affected by the ongoing coronavirus crisis.

The Western European nation of 83 million has been



Reef Glimpses

Turtle Triangle

In 1993 we travelled to Sipadan Island, well-known for the many green turtles who gather there for mating and nesting. Our guide reminded us not to touch the turtles, even the ones who were resting, unmoving, on ledges in the reef. He'd casually mentioned during our orientation that when diving first started there (a year or so before), divers would grab onto the backs of the resting turtles, who'd then start swimming and take them "for a ride". But then, he continued, the turtles began swimming away before we could get near enough to grab them, so we changed the rule to no touching them at all.

After the rule changed turtles ignored divers. On this day we were four divers at the edge of a sand patch watching a resting turtle being cleaned, when my buddy urgently pointed behind us. The object of his warning was a clump of turtles zooming along in our direction. Like a circus act, we dived in unison for the sand bottom; the clump rocketed past us, and we exchanged "what the heck was that?" looks. While we were wondering, the turtles circled back. Three of us repeated the circus act but Mark, who hadn't seen the turtles boogying our way, was the victim of a hit-and-run: the clump crashed into him, recovered immediately, and sped away, forever this

time. Mark was bruised but otherwise uninjured.

What the heck was that?

The focus of the clump was a female turtle who was rowing along while being mated by a slightly smaller male turtle. The male, on her back, grasped her carapace with his foreflippers and with his tail as he mated with her.

Just behind them was a third turtle.

It's no secret that three is an infamous number for romance. In this case, the second guy -- we'll call him SuperTurtle -- was trying to get the girl (Lois Lane Turtle) by biting the tail of Clark Kent Turtle (not to be confused with Kemp's Ridley Turtle) and physically dragging Clark away from Lois. Any pain to Clark that happened to be created by SuperTurtle gnawing on his tail was likely to help SuperTurtle achieve his goal. Super T's size, bigger than either Lois or Clark, would also help him win the girl.

Lois, like all female green turtles, can store sperm for months, fertilizing several clutches of eggs from storage. Questions still unanswered (possibly still unasked) are whether female turtles can store sperm from more than one male or whether the females can choose which



male's sperm actually fertilizes their eggs, or, more basically, how often female turtles are mated by more than one male.

Consequently, if the love triangle ended up with SuperT stealing Lois away from Clark, which one of them would father her babies – or would it be both??

And a final unanswered question: what are the Sipadan rules for when the turtles touch you?

Dee Scarr

Dee has been guiding divers on Bonaire since 1982. She's written about her undersea experiences in her books, Touch the Sea, The Gentle Sea, and Coral's Reef (for children), in Dive Training Magazine from 1990 to 2000, with "Coral Glimpses" in the Bonaire Reporter. Dee's books are available for purchase at Bonaire's Carib Inn or through touchthesea.com.

TIPS TO BEAT THE Summertime Heat



Photo model: WOODY! Available for adoption! He is a four-month old puppy who loves to stay cool. Come visit Woody or any of our other amazing adoptable cats or dogs.

Summer has arrived in the southern Caribbean! Bonaire, along with the entire world, feels a bit different this year with the COVID pandemic, but the changing of the seasons always remains. With all that is going on around us we must not forget to take care of our beloved pets during the hottest time of the year. Below are a few key tips to keep in mind to ensure the health and safety of your furry family member:

Limit activity to early morning or evening

If you go for a walk or play with your dog, make sure to do it in the coolest parts of the day such as early morning or evening. Even during these times, make sure you take frequent breaks and carry/offer fresh, cool water for your dog to drink. Be careful with animals on hot pavement or sand, as this can burn their paw pads. A general rule of thumb is that if it is too hot for your bare feet, it is too

hot for them.

Many of our dogs want to play and interact with us anytime we are willing, which is why it is our responsibility not to overstimulate them during the hottest parts of the day. Cats and dogs nap to conserve energy during these hot parts of the day, so we should heed the old advice and "let sleeping dogs lie".

Provide plenty of shade and cool areas for your pet to rest

Dogs and cats do not have the same cooling system that we humans do. Instead of sweating, dogs pant to release heat, and cats lick themselves (and even pant when very hot). Because of this, fans that we use for cooling will not be very effective for dogs and cats. Be sure and provide a shady, cool area for your pet to rest. Doghouses may seem like they offer shade, but the fact is that they can actually be too hot and pose a danger to your pet. Trees and sunshades are best since they still allow airflow. Try adding a damp towel to a shady spot for something cool for your pet to lie on, or a frozen water bottle wrapped in a towel.

WATER, WATER, WATER!

It is critical that you provide fresh, cool drinking water for your pet throughout the day. Larger and deeper bowls keep the water cooler for longer, and adding a few ice cubes can also help. Do not put water bowls in direct sunlight as this can obviously heat the water and encourages yucky algae growth. Even outdoor cats need plenty of access to clean, cool drinking water.

Providing a splash tub for your dog to lay and play in can also be a good idea (as perfectly modeled by Woody, one of our adoptable puppies)! Dogs and cats partially regulate their temperature through their feet, so wetting their feet, legs, and even face can help cool them off. Do not spray water on a dog's back if you suspect he is overheating, as this can lead to his body going into shock. If you have a pool, be sure not to leave your dog/cat unsupervised near the pool since they can easily fall/jump in and drown if they do not understand how to get out.

Grooming in hot weather

You may trim the longer hair on your dog (or cat), but you should never shave the hair any shorter than two cm. The layers of your animal's coat actually protect him from overheating and sunburn. Shaving your long-haired pet might even remove the undercoat, stimulating new growth and making the heat problem worse for them.

Brushing dogs and cats might help them shed the hair they normally lose during this time of the year, thus helping them stay cool naturally. Cats also use their own saliva to groom and keep themselves cool, so make sure your cat drinks lots of water.

NEVER leave your animal in the CAR when it's HOT!

Even when parked in the shade with windows open, temperatures in cars rise extremely quickly (within five minutes or less) which can cause your pet to dehydrate and develop heat stroke which can be fatal. If your pet must travel in the car, stop for frequent water breaks to keep it hydrated.

Watch out for dangerous heat stroke in dogs and cats

Some dogs and cats are more prone to overheating such as those who are older, overweight, and those with short snouts (bulldogs, pugs, "smoosh-faced" dogs or cats), and those with preexisting health problems. Pets like these should be more closely monitored during hot weather.

Here are some important signs and symptoms of heat stroke in your pet:

In dogs: Heavy panting; excessive drooling; excess saliva; bright red, gray, purple or bluish gums; muscle tremors; trouble standing or walking; dizziness; vomiting; diarrhea or rapid pulse.

In cats: Rapid breathing; rapid pulse; redness of tongue and mouth; "sweaty" feet; stumbling or staggering; panting; drooling; vomiting; excessive grooming or lethargy.

If your pet shows these signs, CONTACT THE VETERINARIAN IMMEDIATELY and begin providing FIRST AID to your pet. You can cool your pet on the way with air conditioning in the car and/or lightly cool them with water from a spray bottle (NOT ice water). Get them drinking water on the way if they are able to drink. Heat stroke is a serious condition that requires immediate attention and intensive care is generally required to save your pet's life. First aid is helpful for the recovery of your pet, but professional care is REQUIRED in this situation.

Summertime is a time to relax, enjoy time off from work or school, and take advantage of the warm weather. Be sure to keep your pet safe during these months so that the season remains enjoyable and carefree!

Story and photo by Amy Weir

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Top L-R: Sanne Attevelt & Amy Weir
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Pet of the Week: Drake

Hello animal lovers of Bonaire!

This is Drake. He is a sterilized male cat that is a little over one year old.

Drake was brought to the shelter when he was about five months old after being hit by a car. Luckily, one of our staff members found Drake and rushed him to the Shelter where he received immediate treatment for his injuries. Drake has made a full and remarkable recovery with no permanent injuries.

We've seen Drake make such an improvement over the past eight months and he has become one of the favorites, and he knows this. Drake is a very handsome boy with a gorgeous silver undercoat that shows through under his beautiful shiny black fur. He loves to greet you at the door and will rub against your leg until you give him all the love he needs. Drake loves to have the top of his head rubbed and will drool in approval. He is a very lazy, lovable kitty that needs humans who can give him tons of attention and treats.

If you would like to visit Drake or any of the other cats and dogs at the shelter,



stop by during normal hours and we can show you around. Animal Shelter Bonaire is open Mon-Fri 9-12 and 3-5 and on Sat from 9-3 all day. You can also call us at 701-4989. We know once you meet Drake, you will too fall in love like we all have. *Story Travis Sullins; Photo Amy Weir*



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What's Happening



Saturday August 1	Dive Friends Quarterly Clean-up dive. Reserve your spot. See this page. Taste of Bonaire, Talent Edition, 6pm-10pm, Wilhelmina Park. Sample local and international food from fine restaurants, meet Bonaire's artisans, buy local souvenirs, enjoy live music and dancing.
Sunday August 9	Clean Coast Bonaire Clean-up Survey. Piedra Pretu 4pm Clean Coast Bonaire recruits volunteers and trains local residents and visiting eco-tourists to complete monthly surveys of marine litter.
Saturday August 29	Nos Zjilea Cultural Event from 8am till 2pm at Mangazina di Rei located at the east-entrance of Rincon. Enjoy delicious food, live music, local arts & crafts, plants & vegetables, educational presentations and an exhibition about Rincon. Fun, relaxed and entertaining for kids and adults alike. Donations are welcome. SEE, FEEL AND TASTE THE CULTURE OF BONAIRE. For a complete schedule of events check Mangazina di Rei Cultural Park on Facebook. Last Saturday of every month.
Sunday August 30	Sunrise Hike of Brandaris, Washington-Slagbaai Park 5-8am \$10, STINAPA (+599) 717 8444

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Every Weekday

Washington Slagbaai Park will be open Monday to Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Clubs & meetings

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12 Step Meeting Wednesdays at Bonaire Basics, Kaya Korona 47. Meeting starts at 7:15pm. Info: 12stepsbonaire@gmail.com

Dive Friends quarterly cleanup is August 1

Let's team up to clean up! Reserve your start time and help keep Bonaire beautiful!

Due to the current situation, joining the clean-up dive will go a little differently than normal. Dive Friends can only accept a maximum number of divers to guarantee everyone's safety, and just like the April cleanup, it can only be done when you reserve a spot. You will go out with a maximum of three divers per team. The individual dives will be spread

out over the morning and Dive Friends will collect the trash after each dive. Dive Friends staff will count it all and will publish the results on social media.

Cleaning up will be done at Bachelor's Beach. Teams will start at Resort Bonaire between 9am and 12noon (reservations only).

Cost: \$5 per tank (or bring your own). Details will be published on social media and our website closer to the date.

Dive Friends

Upcoming Events

August 1st
August 7th
October 17th
November 20th

Quarterly Clean Up Dive
Instructor Development Course
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Coral Spawning Predictions for the Southern Caribbean

August Corals			CALENDAR DATE													
Latin name	Common Name	Spawning Window	3-Aug	4-Aug	5-Aug	6-Aug	7-Aug	8-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug	11-Aug	12-Aug	13-Aug	14-Aug	15-Aug	16-Aug
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<i>Diploria labyrinthiformis</i> *	Grooved Brain Coral	70 min BS-10 min AS														17:45-19:05
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Sunscreen damages reefs, from page 8

ing two types of stony corals to mimic the effects of climate change. In addition, the artificial UV filter oxybenzone from sunscreen was added to the water to recreate conditions based on levels reported from coastal waters around Bonaire.

Prolonged Stress

Corals were examined for more than six weeks. "That is really unique," says Diana Slijkerman of Wageningen Marine Research. "These stress experiments are usually short-term, but this chronic exposure to a low concentration of a harmful substance has allowed us to simulate the field situation as closely as possible."

It turns out that temperature elevation can greatly affect the health of corals. In addition, these results suggest that sunscreen intensifies this damage. Slijker-

man stated "The warm seawater is the largest threat, but it seems that oxybenzone adds insult to injury by weakening corals in the face of global warming".

Coral Reefs Under Pressure

Corals reefs are under pressure worldwide due to an increase in seawater temperatures, deterioration of water quality, increased diseases and acidification. Recently scientists have discovered a new pressure, the high amounts of artificial UV filters present in coastal waters due to the use of sunscreens by people.

This study emphasizes the importance of implementing local measures. "The biggest problem is climate change and you have little influence on that locally," explains Slijkerman. "But you do have local control over water quality." You can choose "reef friendly" sunscreen without oxybenzone, apply 30 minutes before entering the water or to wear protective

clothing. Besides, water quality not only concerns pollution from sunscreens, but also, for example, discharge of waste water and erosion.

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Making Bonaire “Accessible” MiVaBo and handicapped parking.

How can it be that people are blind sided when it comes to parking? I mean parking on a spot where it is specifically indicated that the parking space is for the handicapped.

These parking spots are always closest to the entrance of a building. They are marked in blue and mostly sport a sign that says: “Handicapped parking”.

Of course I know that not every handicapped is visible, but still....

You have absolutely no idea how annoying it is when you get to the store and these parking spots are taken. You are in pain, in a cast, in a wheelchair and walking and carrying is hard and, there you are: the spot is taken. And it’s usually by somebody who argues afterwards about their behavior: “I only needed a few items and did not take so long”!

It also seems that only the supermarkets have these parking spots.

So MiVaBo (association for the handicapped) decided to do something about this situation, in cooperation with OLB (Public Entity Bonaire).

They set out to sign agreements of first intentions with various companies and businesses. They have started this project by taking stock at twenty organizations and we hope all twenty will agree and sign on.

BonDiGro and Bon Bida Cure are the first to sign the agreements. Van den Tweel joined a bit later.

According to Dutch law, one has the right to park at specific places when owning/displaying a special parking sticker. It is the intention that OLB together with

the MiVaBo experts and the police force, develop a management plan on special parking where the police are involved.

You will only be allowed to park in these spots when you own and can show this special sticker. There are two different stickers: one for the car and one for the person with the handicap. Maybe one can get a temporary sticker? When you break your leg or suffer from an ailment that heals in a certain amount of time.

It seems that stickers are available at some stores that sell office furniture. And one botika also provides them, so, go get yours now. Of course, you will have to prove that you need that sticker rightfully.

When you park without the sticker, you will get fined!

Now let us hope that on Bonaire the su-

permarkets, shops, offices, etc. will cooperate and sign the agreement.

It is a known fact that on Curaçao, at some supermarkets, your car will be removed by a towing service, when parking in these spots. To get your car back, you have to pay a huge fine. That should teach people a lesson or two.

All doctor’s offices should have ample special parking space and so should the hospital. TELBO and WEB could be a role model.

And after parking is fixed, we should have ample accessibility to park as close by as possible to the entry of the business. Then the other parking problems should get a lot of attention.

Pabien MiVaBo with this first big step. Keep up your good work. Ria Evers-Dokter.

Ask a Geek By Brian Niessen



Why doesn’t my thingamijig work with my whatchamacallit?

Q: I bought a Smart TV, Smart Soundbar, Smart Speakers - and I can’t make heads nor tails of it.... What do I do?

Remember when it was as easy as this - Get up out of chair, turn dial to see, if you were lucky, 3 or 4 fuzzy channels out of 12.

With the advent of all this new and cool technology, watching TV isn’t as easy as just pushing the ON button and changing channels anymore. Now you need to have a university degree in higher technology to even turn on the TV. Not only are the remote controls confusing, the amount of ways to connect things is infinite. You have WiFi, Bluetooth, HDMI, Optical, and more as you can see in this image..

In addition to connecting everything

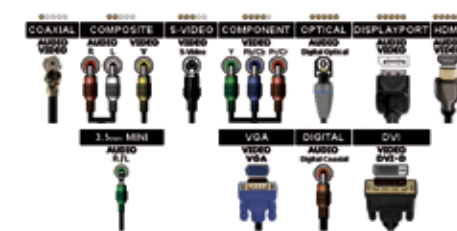
up, you now have choices of SmartTV, Internet TV, Netflix, Hulu, Roku, Firestick, Apple TV, MBox, Amazon Prime, and a myriad of other options. Oh, and you need to have fast internet to make it all work, and a VPN to make it believe you are in the USA/Canada/UK to receive your favorite TV shows.

One thing to remember, is that your TV (or fridge, toaster, car, phone, air-conditioner, etc) is not just a dumb appliance anymore. Each has an underlying computer that provides the service you expect, but for some reason with ten times the complexity than is necessary.

The other pet peeve is that the device you just purchased no longer comes with a nice printed manual. You need to go to the product’s website, download a PDF, and then try to read it on your tablet/phone while you are connecting every-

thing and learning how to use the remote control.

So, to answer the question “How do I connect my X to my Y?” the best answer is “Google It” and if not, then you can go to a site like <https://www.diyaudioandvideo.com/> for wiring diagrams.



**Need help?
See the Geek’s
Business ad on page 14**

Bonaire’s sky park July’s five planets August’s full moon

It’s a planet party!

Hey planetoids, Trace here for Star Gazers and wow, there are so many planets up in the sky this July.

Pop outside around midnight with a chair, and maybe a nice beverage and look south. You should immediately notice Jupiter and Saturn -- which are both at or close to opposition. Opposition is astronomy-speak for the earth passing directly between an outer planet and the sun -- put another way, if you draw a line from Jupiter to the sun, we fall right in-between. Planets in opposition are at their closest to us and their brightest.

But if you turn east or left, and follow the ecliptic, around one am you’ll see the ruddy glow of Mars. Amazing right!?! Now is the time to borrow a telescope because wow, you can spot Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn.

If you wait until around four am you’ll see Venus rising over the horizon, and if you’re really ambitious you can stick around till Mercury rises just before the sun at its western-most point in the sky, it’s western elongation.

With so much to see, wow. How can you not keep lookin’ up?

Source: <https://www.stargazersonline.org>. Hosts: Trace Dominguez & Ata Sarajedini.

August’s full moon

On August 2 and 3, 2020, everyone around the world (except far-northern

Arctic latitudes) will see a full-looking moon lighting up the nighttime from dusk until dawn. Watch the moon follow the planets Jupiter and Saturn westward across the sky throughout the night.

It’s very hard to tell when a moon is precisely full just by looking at it. This month’s moon turns precisely full on August 3 at 15:59 UTC or 11:59 AST. But this time indicates only the crest of the moon’s full phase. It indicates when the moon is most opposite the sun for this month (180 degrees from the sun in ecliptic longitude). To the eye, on the other hand, the moon appears over 99 percent illuminated for about a day before and after full moon. People around the world will regard the moon as full on both August 2 and August 3.

This August 2020 full moon does not pass through the antisolar point – the

point that’s exactly opposite the sun – or else this full moon would undergo a total lunar eclipse. The last time the full moon passed through the antisolar point and through the center of the Earth’s dark umbral shadow was over two years ago, when it staged the longest total lunar eclipse of the 21st century (2001 to 2100) on July 27, 2018.

Last month, in July 2020, the full moon missed the antisolar point and swung south of Earth’s dark umbral shadow. Yet the moon did clip the southern portion of the Earth’s faint penumbral shadow to present a partial penumbral eclipse on July 5, 2020.

For the Northern Hemisphere, this August full moon ushers in the second of three full moons of the summer season.

Source: Bruce McClure, <https://earthsky.org/tonight/sturgeon-moon-beams-from-dusk-till-dawn>

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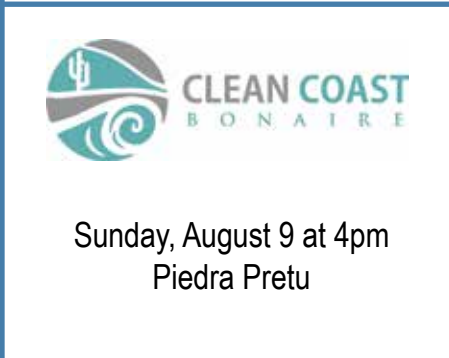
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Bonaire commemorates the abolition of Slavery for the first time



ates, history experts and laymen, opinions were exchanged in a respectful way between young and old. Mrs. Nina den Heyer opened the evening by indicating that we were all born free. However she asked the people present if we are all free in our minds. She asked if we are still enslaved by hatred or fear. Mrs. den Heyer then went on to indicate that we need to address this difficult part of our history in order to move on and live truly free.

After the opening remarks from the commissioner of Culture, the BYOF team showed the short film that was made.

To explain the video the team used a questionnaire by Kahoot! to let the participants reflect on the meaning behind of the film.

After the questionnaire, the team explained the meaning of each scene to the audience.

Following the explanation, the public was given the opportunity to share their opinion on the statement:

“The slavery past gives Bonaire less of a possibility to develop as an island”.

One man said, “The history has been hidden from us. We were not raised with this part of our history. Because of the fact that this part of history was hidden from us, we have become limited in our understanding that we are not less, but equal to other nationalities/races.”

Still another person in the audience made the remark that we should leave our past behind and start working on the future of Bonaire together.

Yet another person present responded to



this by asking, “If you don’t know your past, how can you make a better future?”.

A lady made the following observation, “Bonaire has always looked to the outside world to figure out how it should develop itself, but I say that Bonaire has a firm basis to develop itself. We don’t have to look any further than to look at our firm base that we already have. We have to believe in our strong basis.”

When an adult made the remark that schools need to give more history lessons, a young person stood up and said that they are being taught this slave history now in schools.

Many other of the participants shared their thoughts on our slave history.

The loudest cheers broke out through the tantalizing poetry about love for

Papiamentu as a native language from a young voice. It reaffirmed the close connection between mother tongue and cultural identity alongside remnants of colonial pains.

There was also a panel that shared their view on how they envision the new Bonaire. One young person said that he envisions Bonaire as a place where people follow their dreams. He would like to help showcase the Bonairean talents to the whole world.

The native music sounds and traditional dancers also made a positive contribution to the atmosphere on this unique evening.

The event was streamed online on the Facebook pages of BYOF Media and also Live 99.9FM. *Story Dennis Matinus. Photos by Roelton Thode*

Nina den Heyer addresses the crowd

On Wednesday July 1st 2020 Bonaire Youth Outreach Foundation (BYOF) and Mangazina di Rei Cultural Park organized a special event where the whole community could reflect on the abolishment of slavery. This event showed creativity and courage. The debate evening on July 1 commemorating what happened before, in and after 1863 ended as a colorful celebration of freedom, equality and a modern approach to the theme. The composition of the audience was very diverse with a high turnout. In a special mix of activists, people involved in the annual Sinterklaas manifestation, VWO gradu-

Buki di Pret keeps the kids busy during summer vacation

Buki di Pret was distributed to 2,250 children at all primary schools in Bonaire in June. With that activity booklet in hand, children can often receive a discount if the activity comes with a price. The activities range from movies, ice cream and pizza to tours, athletics, snorkeling and jigsaws.

“We have noticed that the activities are even more popular than in previous years,” says Ezra Buys, co-initiator of Buki di pret. “We think that because of the travel restrictions with Corona, many families decided to stay on Bonaire. This is of course positive for all entrepreneurs and organizations that participate in Buki di fun.”

“On the other hand, the planned activities fill up faster and that is of course a pity for children who have not yet booked,” adds co-initiator Marga Buys. “The booklet was already printed in February, when we would only offer one surprise activity, as a nice extra. We now have a whole list of extra activities, which we always publish online.” The fifth surprise activity has recently been published on the Facebook page of Buki di pret. Think of waves, face painting, monkey cages and swimming at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort.

Participating organizations were also

asked to increase their number of places or to offer their activity more often. For example, the Fire Brigade now offers additional tours of the barracks. Also, not all reservations go through our website. Often there are still enough places available at individual companies. With the following companies, reservations do not go through our website, but through these companies themselves: Breeze ‘and Bites, Something Sweet, BonSea, Botanical Garden, BonBons Bonaire, Dance & More, Land-sailing, Top1Toys, Epic Tours, Stoked, RealDutchBakery, Luciano’s, Athletics, BonChess, Echo, Elegance Spa, Rumba, sidewalk crayons, SubWay and Bouncerland

“We regularly get the comment that there is actually an accent on the e in ‘fun’ in Papiamentu”, says Ezra, “which è normally hears indeed, but the title ‘Buki di pret’ is a combination of two languages, just if the booklet itself is entirely bilingual. “Buki di” is Papiamentu and “fun” is Dutch, so no accent anyway. Funny, right?”

Keep an eye on the site www.bukidipret.com and Facebook page to stay informed of news and any additional Corona measures.



Every Wednesday during the summer holidays, all children from group 1 to 8, have the opportunity to take a look at the airport through Buki di Pret. The Royal Netherlands Marechaussee (KMar) tells about travel, passports and passport control. The children receive their own “child passport”, in which they receive a stamp at the start and at the end of the tour.

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April, May, & June Corals

Latin name	Common Name	Spawning Window	DAYS AFM				DAYS AFM				DAYS AFM			
			CALENDAR DATE				CALENDAR DATE				CALENDAR DATE			
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			18:48	18:48	18:48	18:48	18:53	18:53	18:53	18:54	19:01	19:01	19:01	19:02

*Monthly "DLAB" spawning has been observed from April to October in Curaçao, Bonaire, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico. We don't yet know if this occurs across the entire region. New observations are highly encouraged!

July Corals

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<i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Late group)	Symmetrical Brain Coral	220-270 min AS									22:40-23:30					

September Corals

Latin name	Common name	Spawning Window	DAYS AFM													
			CALENDAR DATE													
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Diploria labyrinthiformis</i> *	Grooved Brain Coral	70 min BS-10 min AS	1-Sep	2-Sep	3-Sep	4-Sep	5-Sep	6-Sep	7-Sep	8-Sep	9-Sep	10-Sep	11-Sep	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep
			18:45	18:44	18:44	18:43	18:43	18:42	18:41	18:40	18:40	18:39	18:38	18:38	18:37	18:36
<i>Meandrina meandrites</i>	Maze Coral	10-70 min AS								18:50-19:55	(Spawns many different nights in this range, expected through Sept 20 or later)					
<i>Montastraea cavernosa</i>	Great Star Coral	15-165 min AS								18:55-21:25						
<i>Colpophyllia natans</i>	Boulder Brain Coral	35-110 min AS								18:55-20:30						
<i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Early group)	Symmetrical Brain Coral	30-70 min AS								19:10-19:50						
<i>Eusmilia fastigiata</i>	Smooth Flower Coral	75-270 min AS								19:55-23:15						
<i>Montastraea/Orbicella franksi</i>	Boulder Star Coral	90-150 min AS								20:10-21:10						
<i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>	Pillar Coral	90-155 min AS				20:15-21:30										
<i>Dichocoenia stokesii</i>	Pineapple Coral	100-160 min AS						20:20-21:20	(Spawns more than 20 nights in a row, expected through Sept 25 or later)							
<i>Acropora palmata</i>	Elkhorn Coral	140-190 min AS				21:05-22:15	(Spawning could occur any of these days: This species is not highly predictable in the Southern Caribbean)									
<i>Acropora cervicornis</i>	Staghorn Coral	150-190 min AS				21:30-22:10										
<i>Stephanocoenia intersepta</i>	Blushing Star Coral	160-210 min AS								21:15-22:05						
<i>Montastraea/Orbicella annularis</i>	Lobed/Boulder Star Coral	185-250 min AS								21:20-22:10						
<i>Montastraea/Orbicella faveolata</i>	Mountainous Star Coral	185-250 min AS								21:45-22:50						
<i>Siderastrea siderea</i>	Massive Starlet Coral	210-280 min AS								22:10-23:20						
<i>Pseudodiploria clavosa</i>	Knobby Brain Coral	210-255 min AS								22:10-23:10						
<i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Late group)	Symmetrical Brain Coral	220-270 min AS								22:20-23:10						
<i>Madracis senaria</i>	Ten-Ray Star Coral	all night								all night						
<i>Agaricia humilis/Agaricia agaricites</i>	Lettuce Coral	all night								all night						

October Corals

Latin name	Common Name	Spawning Window	DAYS AFM													
			CALENDAR DATE													
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Diploria labyrinthiformis</i> *	Grooved Brain Coral	70 min BS-10 min AS	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct	5-Oct	6-Oct	7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct	12-Oct	13-Oct	14-Oct
			18:25	18:24	18:24	18:23	18:22	18:22	18:21	18:20	18:20	18:19	18:19	18:18	18:18	18:17
<i>Meandrina meandrites</i>	Maze Coral	10-70 min AS								18:30-19:35	(Spawns many different nights in this range, expected till Oct 21 or later)					
<i>Montastraea cavernosa</i>	Great Star Coral	15-165 min AS								18:35-21:05						
<i>Colpophyllia natans</i>	Boulder Brain Coral	35-110 min AS								18:45-20:10						
<i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Early group)	Symmetrical Brain Coral	30-70 min AS								18:50-19:30						
<i>Eusmilia fastigiata</i>	Smooth Flower Coral	75-270 min AS								19:35-23:00						
<i>Montastraea/Orbicella franksi</i>	Boulder Star Coral	90-150 min AS								19:50-20:50						
<i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i>	Pillar Coral	90-155 min AS				19:50-21:10										
<i>Dichocoenia stokesii</i>	Pineapple Coral	100-160 min AS						20:00-21:00	(Spawns more than 20 nights in a row, expected through Oct 25 or later)							
<i>Stephanocoenia intersepta</i>	Blushing Star Coral	160-210 min AS								21:00-21:50						
<i>Montastraea/Orbicella annularis</i>	Lobed/Boulder Star Coral	185-250 min AS								21:25-22:30						
<i>Montastraea/Orbicella faveolata</i>	Mountainous Star Coral	185-250 min AS								21:25-22:30						
<i>Siderastrea siderea</i>	Massive Starlet Coral	210-280 min AS								21:50-23:00						
<i>Pseudodiploria clavosa</i>	Knobby Brain Coral	210-255 min AS								21:50-23:00						
<i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Late group)	Symmetrical Brain Coral	220-270 min AS								22:00-22:50						
<i>Madracis senaria</i>	Ten-Ray Star Coral	all night								all night						
<i>Agaricia humilis/Agaricia agaricites</i>	Lettuce Coral	all night								all night						

November Corals

Latin name	Common name	Spawning Window	DAYS AFM													
			CALENDAR DATE													
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Diploria labyrinthiformis</i> *	Grooved Brain Coral	70 min BS-10 min AS	31-Oct	1-Nov	2-Nov	3-Nov	4-Nov	5-Nov	6-Nov	7-Nov	8-Nov	9-Nov	10-Nov	11-Nov	12-Nov	13-Nov
			18:10	18:09	18:09	18:09	18:09	18:08	18:08	18:08	18:08	18:07	18:07	18:07	18:07	18:07
<i>Meandrina meandrites</i>	Maze Coral	10-70 min AS								18:15-19:30	(Spawns many different nights in this range, expected through Nov 21 or later)					
<i>Eusmilia fastigiata</i>	Smooth Flower Coral	75-270 min AS								19:20-22:30						
<i>Dichocoenia stokesii</i>	Pineapple Coral	100-160 min AS								19:50-20:50	(Spawns more than 20 nights in a row, expected through Nov 24 or later)					

August/September/October Sponges, Gorgonians, & Others

Latin name	Common Name	DAYS AFM														
		CALENDAR DATE														
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
<i>Holothuria mexicana</i>	Donkeydung Sea Cucumber															12:00-18:00
<i>Hermodice carunculata</i>	Fire Worm															12:00-19:00
<i>Diadema antillarum</i>	Long-Spined Sea Urchin															12:00-21:00
<i>Neofibularia nolitanae</i>	Touch-Me-Not Sponge															14:00-17:00
<i>Plexaura, Pseudoplexaura, Eunicia</i>	Sea Rods															starting at 19:00
<i>Plexaura homomalla</i>	Black Sea Rod															19:00-23:00
<i>Ophiuroidea</i>	Brittle Sea Star/Serpent Star															19:30-23:00
<i>Pseudopterogorgia</i> spp.	Sea Plume															20:00-23:00
<i>Spirobranchus aianteus</i>	Christmas Tree Worm															21:00-22:30

Legend

Days AFM: Days After the Full Moon
min BS = Minutes Before Sunset
min AS = Minutes After Sunset

Pale Blue: Spawning may be possible but more data are needed! This species is understudied on these dates and times. Please help us make new discoveries by diving these windows!

Pale Yellow: Spawning is possible - has been observed on these dates

Bright Orange: Spawning is likely - often observed on these dates

Red: Spawning is very likely - reliably observed on these dates

To Observe Spawning

- Make multiple dives on multiple nights
- Dive in a place with high coral cover
- Enter the water before predicted times
- Dive shallower than 50 feet to maximize bottom time
- Use a moderately bright dive light
- Scan the water column for clouds of spawn

Notes

- Predictions are based on observations from previous years but this does not guarantee spawning will occur. When in doubt, go for a dive!
- Spawning times vary based on local sunset times. To look up your local sunset times, visit www.sunandmoon.com.
- Your discoveries help coral research. Please report your spawning observations (species, date, time, location, and pictures if possible) to carmabilog@gmail.com. To contribute to the CRC spawning database, contact v.chamberland@secore.org
- Special thanks to everyone who contributed their spawning observations over the past 25+ years! We wish you a safe and productive spawning season!
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