



Elisabeth Vos instructs the kids
Photo: Julie Morgan

Tennis is back on Bonaire

Calling all kids and their parents! Want to have fun while getting physically fit? Want to learn a sport you can play all your life that requires only tennis shoes and a simple racket? Want to gain eye-hand coordination and start thinking strategically? Or would you just like to smash a ball with that racket and see how far it flies? Or learn to make an overhead serve at 120 mph like Djokovic and win a grand slam, millions of dollars, get your name engraved on a big trophy and your face on cereal boxes?

But first things first, lessons, practice and tournaments. It's all happening on Bonaire courtesy of funding from Indebon of Openbaar Lichaam-Indebon (OLB) and a dedicated group of tennis players. According to Paul Ruijs, head man of this effort, six months ago these adults restarted the Tennis Association of Bonaire "to make tennis number '1' on the island again." The group plans tournaments, clinics, interisland and international competition for kids and adults. They are especially excited about sharing this great sport with the next generation of Bonaire tennis players.

No expensive country club membership required; these lessons are free. Every Saturday morning from 9-10:30 a.m. through the end of November, children ages 6-12 who show up at the courts beside Eddy's Restaurant will be able to enjoy professionally taught tennis lessons. They learn racket control by first bouncing tennis balls on the ground, then they hit the balls up in the air, up and down and finally they return the ball over the net to the instructors and volunteers assisting. Sometimes they just wack it into the fence for fun. They hit hard and they hit soft but they learn to hit to keep it away from their opponent. You can't play tennis with a cellphone in your hand so all players are off their

screens and onto the courts. Tennis is a fun way to gain coordination, great exercise, learn to be a partner and how to win and lose.

All this preparation will result in a kids' tournament to be held on November 18 at Eddy's courts. Then we can see who will be the next Serena Williams or Rafa Nadal.



Tamsen Lau and Olaf Schellekens taking tennis seriously.

The younger kids are being coached by Elisabeth Vos, a certified level 2 International Tennis Federation (ITF) instructor, Rudy Domacasse, a long time Bonaire coach (who holds a world record for holding more tennis balls in one hand than anyone) and volunteers Aldrich Isenia, Wanda Bommer, Rafael Romero and Robert Martis who was joined by daughter Kirsten Martis.

Older kids (12 and up) are also learning tennis for free on the downtown courts (behind MCB). The older kids are coached by experienced tennis coach Robbie Domacasse. They practice at 1 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. Even on these super hot Bonaire days while playing in the midday heat, the kids don't stop. They can't get enough tennis according to Paul. I've seen some of these young people play and they are super talented at tennis and a lot of fun to watch.

But wait, there's more! An after school tennis program in each Bonaire neighborhood is planned so kids can play tennis within walking distance of their home. Volunteers are needed for this after school part of the program. A special ITF tennis coach trainer is coming to Bonaire in October to turn volunteers into qualified tennis coaches. After the training, the coaches will meet with players one hour a week after school.

Now kids can have fun with tennis after school right in their own backyard; no courts, no problem. Courts will be "constructed" where there is enough cement to set up a portable tennis net. The coach will work with them on basic skills and play. It's a great opportunity for kids to get outside and active after school (with their

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Islands won't have to wait for important legislation

The new coalition government will not officially take office until the new year. But in the meantime legislation that is important to the islands can be enacted. That includes a social minimum for the Caribbean Netherlands, the refinancing of the Covid loans to Curaçao, Aruba and Sint Maarten, and an emergency loan to cover the Ennia debacle. At a short meeting of the House of Representatives Committee for Kingdom Relations, VVD, D66, CDA, PvdA, GroenLinks and Party for the Animals gathered and voted unanimously to designate all pending Kingdom Relations issues as "non-controversial." Therefore parliament can act on them without waiting for the new government to be sworn in. The right-wing parties cannot interfere.

Renewal of the Covid loans to the CAS islands will likely be debated, nevertheless. The refinancing of the loans will not be challenged. But various parliamentary groups are likely to ask whether additional financial reforms should be required.

DMR (Kingdom Relations File)

Edsel Winklaar interim director of Space & Development

Edsel Winklaar is serving as interim director of space and development (R&O) while the public body of Bonaire (OLB) searches for a permanent director. R&O is involved in, among other things, dividing land, issuing and checking building permits and road construction. The director also advises the Executive Council on development matters.

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Selibon getting an early start to counter heat

Selibon N.V. has begun collecting trash at 4:30 a.m. so their workers can avoid the afternoon heat. They will return to normal when (and if) the temperatures do.

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JetAir Caribbean to fly Curaçao - Bonaire during Regatta

JetAir Caribbean will be offering several flights between Curaçao and Bonaire during regatta, which is scheduled for October 6 -14 this year. Round trip tickets will cost about \$40 more than Divi Divi and EZ Air charge.

DMR (BESreporter).

Safety to be enforced at new drag strip

The new drag strip at Onima is now open to drivers and the public every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday from 4 - 7 p.m. Indebon will enforce strict safety rules, including required helmets. All drivers will have to make sure their cars in good running order as well.

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Another round of covid shots coming in November

A new vaccine that gives better protection against the new variants of the coronavirus is coming in early November. The shot is recommended for people over 60 and people over 18 and up to 60 years of age who must get the flu shot every year. The new vaccine is also intended for pregnant women, healthcare workers, and people with underlying conditions such as high blood pressure, diabetes, lung - kidney problems. Healthy people who are in frequent contact with vulnerable persons should be inoculated too. The vaccine does not prevent against the infection so much as lessen the likelihood of contracting a serious case that requires hospitalization. Serious covid infections are still a major threat to life.

Healthcare workers will be vaccinated from October 30 to November 3. The general public can get vaccinated from November 6, 2023 to December 1. Injections will be available in community centers in Antriol, Nort'i Saliña, Rincon and Tera Kora.

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Deputies Hennyson Thielman and James Kroon with Dr. Giovanni Frans at the site of the new pharmacy being constructed at Mentor. The new ultra-modern pharmacy will replace the former Botika Korona and will serve Antriol, Nort di Saliña, and Rincon.

DMR Photo OLB



Government buildings getting new roofs

The leaking roof at the Jorge Nicolaas sports complex on Kaya Amsterdam was repaired. Other renovations are being carried out as well, including the installation of energy-efficient LED lamps that comply with international rules for lighting at sports competitions. The work should be finished in about a week. The roof at the joint office of BHM, BOG and TCB on Kaya Grandi is also being renovated. Both projects are being carried out under the direction of Bonaire Government Buildings (BOG).

DMR Photo OLB

Wind, Water and Waves on Bonaire



Photo Julie Morgan

A six-year labor of love, Wind Water and Waves on Bonaire is a new book by Saskia Vermeer that evolved from her love of Bonaire and the sea. The book is co-authored by photographer Casper Duoma who provided the imagery. It is sure to speak to anyone who loves Bonaire and spark interest in visitors.

Saskia said, "The book is directly for the islanders and indirectly for the tourists. In every chapter there is something about the youth of Bonaire, the water, nature, environmental awareness and conservation."

In the foreword a quote by the co-authors reads, "This is for the future of our island, for the future of our Ocean and

the future of our Children."

The idea for the book began with Saskia's love for the island, windsurfing and sailing. She just loves being on the water.

Saskia said, "It's the 'sea' side of Bonaire that makes it special to me. You become so aware of the nature. After Covid, it was quiet and peaceful, and I got the push I needed to finish the book. Seeing the development and change I realized we should take care and love the island. Appreciate what we have here."

With her concept for the book project in mind, Saskia knew she needed fund-

ing. She created paintings of Bonaire and set out to pitch her ideas about the project to Brandweer (fire department), Chamber of Commerce, SVB (social insurance) and Rocargo. They all loved the book project and purchased the paintings which provided the first seed money for Wind, Water and Waves on Bonaire.

She received support, input and factual information from STINAPA for the text. They committed to a pre-order of 200+ copies to give to the youth of Bonaire.

Former STINAPA director Jan van der Ploeg said, "There should be more books like this because people need to know about the island."

The book truly illustrates how unique Bonaire is. If you find yourself wonder-

ing what makes Bonaire so special, a quick look through the pages will present the answer. The book is divided into four beautifully illustrated chapters; Windsurfing, Kiteboarding, Sailing and Diving. Each chapter opens with one of Saskia's paintings followed by colorful photographs that bring the book to life and make it a joy to read. Casper Duoma's powerful images are in the majority with other photographs by Flavio Maestroni and Kiyohisa Kuma. The images tell the story backed up with text descriptions and information about the true nature of the island. Each chapter is filled

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Photo Casper Duoma

FOR SALE! Kaya Pos di Watapana 3 Spacious Family Home



- Location: Belnem
- Lot size: 945 m2 / 10,171 sq. ft. owned land
- House + Apartment, 3 bed / 3 bath / loft



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Letters & Opinions

The opinions, beliefs and viewpoints expressed by the various authors and forum participants do not necessarily reflect the opinions, beliefs and viewpoints of The Bonaire Reporter.

Politics and politicians

I read in today's Bonaire.nu the article, "Business Deal Places Politician Clark Abraham in a Negative Light". It explained why politicians take side jobs to supplement their income. I think this information is helpful. I read the previous articles published by Daisy Coffie and the MPB representative. I am in favor of clear transparency from our politicians, but I wonder if some of the explanation regarding the politicians couldn't have been more delicately stated.

Politicians are human and have their flaws and getting along together amongst the PUB, M21, MPB and any other parties seems to be a wishful illusion. Not all who run during the election are good choices. I wonder if the politicians know who they represent. Bonaire is not the island of yore. I read there are 15 or 19 nationalities living on Bonaire in addition to the island born Bonairean. Are the politicians vying to represent one group or all who choose to live here. We foreign born are attempting to assimilate into the Bonaire lifestyle and its politics,

but on occasion find it difficult to do so.

Could there be a government column in the local news outlets having all the representatives of the political spectrum give updates of achievements, proposed new legislation, reasons why change needs to take place in the first place and proposed completion dates. I like that the publications are re-printing articles from other sources that we may not have ability to read their articles.

In the Government column, give the politicians an opportunity to have constituents answer survey questions. They can be multiple choice or limit the wording in the answer. The politicians may learn more about the mass population's likes and dislikes. Not everyone wants to or can appear in person at town hall meetings. Publish the question and the representative answers in the next government column published. Keep the constituents informed how, what, why, when and where about things that affect their everyday lives.

Masha Danki, Earline Wasser

FLOTSAM and JETSAM continued

Social spending trying to catch up with inflation

One in three residents of the Caribbean Netherlands lives in poverty. The government wants to cut child poverty in half by 2025. According to State Secretary Van Huffelen, the "central government, employers, public entities, and residents desperately need each other to create an equal level of services and reduce the cost of living" in the islands. But inflation keeps moving the goal posts.

The Hague announced it is reserving €30 million next year to improve purchasing power and to combat poverty in the Caribbean Netherlands. That amount will be structurally increased to €32 million annually in 2025.

Many increases in social spending will take effect immediately, as of October 1. On Bonaire the child benefit will go up by \$90 per child per month. The social relief allowance for single persons who live independently will increase by 32%, increasing recipient's income by \$63 dollars every two weeks. The AWW level for widows from 58 years will increase by \$111. Benefits on Saba and St. Eustatius will be calculated differently than on Bonaire, but they will increase too.

On Bonaire the energy allowance of \$1,300 per year will continue, as will the subsidy of the fixed cost of electricity and the fixed rate of drinking water. The connection fee for internet will be reduced further. More money will go to improve public transport and to lower transport costs.

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into effect on January 1, 2024. Environmental inspectors of the Netherlands Environmental Services and the Directorate of Supervision and Enforcement (Toezicht en Handhaving) are presently carrying out an investigation of the measures and environmental provisions that companies have already taken to comply with the planned regulations.

The inspectors will be looking at for example:

- neat and tidy business operations (good housekeeping)
- a septic tank for waste water if there is no sewerage connection
- a drip tray to collect harmful liquids
- having a grease separator in kitchens to protect the sewerage and waste water treatment against grease deposits.

The inspections will be completed in about eight weeks. .

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US Consular officer coming to Bonaire

The Consular Officer of the United States Consulate General Curaçao will be in Bonaire for American Citizen Services Friday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Location: Trans World Radio Station, 64 Kaya Gob. N. Debrot.

Services are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, email ACSCuracao@state.gov.

Available Services: • U.S. passport applications • Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA) applications • Notarizing documents

Fees: Minor passport (under 16 yrs) \$135; Ages 16, 17 and 18 \$165; First time Adult passport \$165; Adult passport renewal \$130; Report of birth abroad \$100; Notary services \$50; Each additional notary signature \$50

Delivery of U.S. Passports and CRBAs: Applicants must arrange delivery of U.S. passports and CRBAs by submitting a pre-paid airway bill for DHL courier service (only) at the time of their appointment.

Visa-Related Services: The Consular Officer will be providing ACS Services only and cannot discuss visas, accept visa applications, or offer visa advice. To learn more about non-immigrant visa applications at the U.S. Consulate General in Curaçao, visit

<https://cw.usconsulate.gov/visas/>

Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



Hi Bob -

I am thinking about selling my Bonaire condo, do you think I should leave it empty and "stage" it, or should I rent it and make some income while its for sale, even if it doesn't look as nice? Can buyers look past an un-staged home or a messy tenant? Nancy

Hi Nancy,

I'm a big fan of staging properties to show them at their best, since we're selling a lifestyle in addition to a property. As an experienced home stager, I offer free professional home staging to all Sellers who list their homes with me. My recommendation is that if you do not have anyone renting the apartment currently, leave it empty and staged. Units without renters are always clean and ready to show. Rented units can take days to schedule a showing with the tenant or property manager, and the condition of a rented property can vary greatly, depending on the tenant.

I understand the dilemma of wanting the home to sell as soon as possible at the best price, versus the risk of losing rental income if the home is on the market for a long time. One way to decide whether to rent while showing is the likely selling price of the home, which can help determine how long the property will be on the market. Homes priced below \$350,000 tend to sell more quickly since there are more people looking in this price range. If you have a property priced at a half million dollars or more that may take longer to sell, you might choose to rent it, with the understanding that tenants permit showings and keep the property clean.

Whether you rent it or not, it is important to have it cleaned and staged for the initial listing photographs and the RE/MAX Virtual tour that buyers can view online. Prospective buyers can then see the property looking its best, even if there are renters at the time of the showing.

Thank you for asking,

Bob Bartikoski, Re/Max Bonaire Broker/Owner

If you are looking to buy or sell a home on Bonaire, or if you have a real estate question for Bob, email him at info@bonairehomes.com. Bonaire: +599-717-7362. Toll free from US: 1-866-611-7362

Road work continues

According to Deputy Hennyson Thielman, responsible for the R&O directorate, the OLB's goal is that "almost all roads in the neighborhoods of Bonaire will be in good condition within five years." Progress toward that objective is continuing steadily.

Currently new paving and sidewalks are being installed at Kaya Luna, Kaya Solo, Kaya Strea, Kaya Venus, Kaya Saturnus (Belnem) and the area around Parke Plasa Chiku Goeloe (Antriol). Molded concrete edges with clinker streets and sidewalks have been completed at Kaya Strea and Kaya Solo. Kaya Luna and Kaya Venus are next on the drawing board. The renovation of the streets generally, plus the new clinker paving, are making Bonaire a much better place to live and visit.

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Parke Plasa Chiku Goeloe upgraded

Work has begun on improving the infrastructure, greenery, and drainage around the busy Parke Plasa Chiku Goeloe in Antriol. The parking spaces and the area around the park will be paved and a raised sidewalk will be constructed. LED street lighting with buried cables will be installed.

The park is used for various activities for young and old. Every year the Day of Antriol is celebrated there. Karate lessons are given weekly, outdoor fitness equipment is available for everyone, and a room is available for formal and festive gatherings.

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Environmental compliance inspected

New regulations intended to reduce or eliminate the risk of environmental pollution are expected to come

POLICE REPORT

Property Crime

Sept. 20. During the night, unknown persons detached the front bumper of a police car and took it with them.

Sept. 19. Around 6 p.m., a man wearing a helmet and walking next to a scooter was spotted by a patrol on Kaya Gobernador N. Debrot. The moment he saw the police, he started acting suspiciously. Upon further investigation, police concluded that the scooter was probably stolen. The scooter was seized. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 15 – 20. Four unlocked cars were broken into and valuables were taken.

Sept. 9. Items were stolen from a tourist accommodation on Kaya Yuma including: a black backpack, an Acer Aspire laptop with charger, Apple earpods and cash. The house was locked but the kitchen window was open.

Sept. 4. A Russian flag was stolen from a lamppost at Kaya Internashonal.

Arrests

Sept. 21. A joint check was carried out on a boat by the Royal Netherlands Police, Customs, the Dutch Caribbean Police Force and the Coast Guard. During the inspection, a number of weapons were found and also exotic birds in cages. These were confiscated. A little later, a man, 47, was arrested for violation of the BES Firearms Act. As a result, a search was carried out in a house in the Kibrahacha district. Investigation into the case is ongoing.

Sept. 18. A man, 58, was arrested at Kaya Kachu for fencing stolen goods.

Sept. 16. Two men aged 61 and 54 were arrested for assault after a fight at a catering establishment on Kaya Nikiboko Noord. A plain clothes police officer present tried to keep the situation under control until the patrol arrived.

Sept. 15. A man, 21, was arrested for assault with a weapon after two fights at a catering establishment on Kaya Grandi. In the first fight an injured man was probably assaulted with a bottle. A little later the suspect from the first fight started fighting with another man. The officers used their pepper spray to stop the brawl.

Sept. 10. During the night two men aged 25 and 34 were arrested at an entertainment venue on Hanchi Amboina for assault.

In the early morning hours, a man, 20, was arrested for threats and insults. During a police mediation, the suspect was insulting to the police and threatened them with death.

Sept. 9. Around 2:45 a.m., a young man, 16, was arrested for violating the BES Compulsory Identification Act. After he was spotted by a patrol walking on Kaya Nikiboko South wearing all black and a hoodie, he started running. He stopped to throw away a black balaclava. When he could not show proof of identity, he was searched for his identity card. A kitchen lighter was found.

Sept. 7. Around 3 p.m. a man, 29, was arrested for threatening two people with death and destroying a car. A house in Antriol was searched. No weapon was found, but cash, a number of bags containing suspected narcotics, a telephone and a car were seized. The suspect resisted violently during the arrest.

Driving under the influence

Sept. 16. During the night a driver driving on Kaya Hermandad hit the left exterior mirror of a police car with his left exterior mirror and continued driving. When he was stopped and approached to say hello, the police observed that the man was slurring his speech, his breath smelled of alcohol, his eyes were bloodshot and he was unsteady on his feet. After testing, the man, 24, was arrested for driving under the influence.

Sept. 9. Around 3:45 a.m. a man, 35, was involved in a single-vehicle collision on Kaya Internashonal when his car ended up in the bushes. Because the driver was unsteady on his feet and had slurred speech, a breath test was administered and as a result he was arrested.

Sept. 7. During the night hours a woman, 29, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. She hit two parked cars on Kaya J.N.E Craane. When the patrol arrived, she could be seen to have bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. As a result of a breath test she was arrested and her driver's license was confiscated. She was also fined because she couldn't show any valid insurance.

Sept. 6. Around 1 a.m. a man, 48, was arrested after a breath test for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was spotted by a patrol snaking on the Kaya Neerlandia. His scooter was confiscated and his driver's license revoked.

Traffic

Sept. 17. Two scooters were taken into custody after street racing. One driver didn't have proper identification and the other didn't have a license plate.

Sept. 16. A driver involved in a two-car collision on the Kaya Oro was fined for driving without insurance. A second driver involved in a two-car collision on Kaya Korona was fined for driving without insurance and without a valid driver's license.

Sept. 15. A truck transporting diesel oil overturned near Karpata. The road was closed to traffic by the police and several services were called to the scene to control the situation. The driver was taken to hospital by ambulance for a medical check-up.

Sept. 14. Around 10 p.m. a car and a bicycle collided on Kaya Korona. The bicycle had no lights. The driver tried to brake but still hit the cyclist. The cyclist was treated on the spot by ambulance personnel.

Sept. 14. Around 12 noon on Kaya Nikiboko South a car crashed into the wall of a house. The driver stated that she was having problems with the car's clutch. She was injured as a result and was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Sept. 13. There was a two-car collision on the Kaya Grandi and another two-car collision on Kaya Gobernador N.

Sept. 11. Around 4:30 p.m. a pile-up between three vehicles took place on the Kaya Korona. The passenger in one of the cars was slightly injured and was treated on site by ambulance personnel.

Sept. 8. In the afternoon a pick-up and a car collided on Kaya Gramel. Neither driver had been drinking and their documents were in order. The road was briefly closed so that CRS could carry out their work quietly.

Sept. 7. When the patrol arrived on Kaya Nikita they found an abandoned car in the middle of the road. After some investigation, it turned out that the vehicle had crashed into a concrete wall. The impact prevented the car from moving any further. After this, the driver left the car behind. The car was towed away.

Sept. 5. At around 9 p.m. a scooter and a car collided on Bulevar EEG. The car entered the road just as a scooter arrived, resulting in the scooter hitting the car. The driver of the scooter was taken by ambulance to hospital. The driver of the car could not show a valid driver's license and was issued a report.

Sept. 5. In the morning hours of Monday, September 4, on Bulevar EEG a scooter collided with the back of a car. The driver of the scooter was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment.

Sept. 4. Around 6 p.m. a collision between a scooter and a goat took place on Kaya Flor De Cuba. This caused the driver to be injured. He was taken to hospital by ambulance for medical treatment. The goat that had no ear tag died.

Sept. 4. Around 11:50 a.m. a jeep and a car collided at Kaya International. The driver of the car was taken to hospital by ambulance.

Tickets for traffic violations

This month fines have been issued for traffic violations when vehicles were stopped and checked at various places. The morning of September 16 a planned traffic control was held on Kaya Papa Cornes

Drivers were fined for driving without: a license plate (2), a driver's license (7), insurance (8), a helmet (3), a seat belt (4). Tickets were also issued for: driving with a

false license plate (1), using a telephone behind the wheel (1), for a defective direction indicator (1) and headlight (2), for driving through a closed street (1) and parking incorrectly (1).

The amount of a fine for the above violations varies between \$30 and \$225.

Fire

Sept. 19. Around 9:30 p.m. smoke was reported coming from a building on Kaya Nikita. The fire brigade extinguished the fire. No one was injured. The electric company arrived to turn off the power. The fire brigade found that the fire was caused by a short circuit. The damage to the building was limited. The road was briefly closed by the police so that the services could carry out their work.

Sept. 14. Around 2:30 p.m. a car was reported on fire under a canopy in the yard of the house on Kaya Lelie. When the patrol arrived the residents had already extinguished the fire, but there was still a lot of smoke. The fire brigade arrived on site to complete the work and ensure everything was under control. There were no injuries. The vehicle and part of the roof under which the car was located were damaged by the fire. The fire brigade and the KPCN Forensic Investigation Service found that the fire was caused by equipment with batteries left in the car and then probably overheated.

Sept. 14 & 11. Around 12:30 a.m. a car was reported on fire at a house on Kaya Hulanda, the same address where two cars were on fire the night of Monday, September 11. The fire brigade arrived on the scene and extinguished the fire. No one was injured. The police have seized several items for the investigation which is ongoing.

Have you seen or heard anything that could help the investigation? You can report this via 715 8000 or anonymously via the anonymous tip line, 9310.

The Dutch Caribbean Police Force and the Dutch Caribbean Fire Brigade call on vehicle owners to take preventive measures in this heat. Do not leave explosive objects in the car, such as lighters, soft drink cans, equipment with batteries, barrels of fuel or flammable substances. Additionally, leave your car windows open just a crack in case of gas escape. Park your car in the shade as much as possible or cover your windshield with sunshades if possible.

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screens off). Nets and equipment will be supplied. What a fun way to enrich the lives of our neighbors. Please volunteer if you can.

Fifteen years ago Bonaire had an active tennis community. There was a lot of casual tennis being played and several tournaments were held on courts that have since been closed (Harbor Village, Plaza Resort-courts swapped for solar panel installment). Nonetheless play has continued where possible: at Eddy's, rent a court for \$10 for an hour and free open play on Saturday mornings at the Sabadeco courts. Eventually the new sports center on Bonaire will include tennis courts. It is to be built in phases and the first construction project of the new center will be beach tennis and bocce.

For now the high level of enthusiasm for tennis is regaining a hold on our island and it's fun and exciting to see these athletes sharing it with the children of Bonaire.

If you have unused tennis equipment, donations are gladly accepted.

To learn more or to donate or volunteer, please email info@bonairetennisassociation.com

Ginny Knight / Photos Julie Morgan

Reef Glimpses

by Dee Scarr

Dive History Quiz

1. The Scubapro Decompression Meter was based on:
 - a. Nitrogen absorption by a ceramic gizmo
 - b. Nitrogen absorption by a pumice gizmo
 - c. Calculations based on U.S. Navy dive tables
 - d. Three different tissue absorption times
2. The first dive computer
 - a. Weighed more than a pound
 - b. Had a battery life of 48 hours
 - c. Had a graph showing the absorption of several nitrogen-loading tissues
 - d. All of the above
 - e. None of the above
3. To divers, a “beavertail” was:
 - a. The tail of a beaver
 - b. The tail of an indigo parrotfish
 - c. The crotch strap of a wetsuit jacket
 - d. All
 - e. None
4. A bourdon tube/capillary depth gauge
 - a. Is consistently the most accurate depth gauge
 - b. Is based directly on Boyle’s Law.
 - c. Needs to be kept away from magnets
 - d. Is not affected by interior bubbles
5. Rate the following from earliest to most recent:



Dee working as a dive guide in San Salvador in 1979 wearing dive gear of the time: horse collar bc and wetsuit with beaver tail

- a. Pressure gauge in console
 - b. “j” tank valve
 - c. SeaVue gauge
6. Which of the following are, or were, all undersea symposia (with film shows, presentations, booths, etc.)?
 - a. Forty Fathoms Down of San Diego, New Jersey Clamdiggers, Scuba Expo
 - b. Dive Into Adventure, Maine Tide-poolers, New Mexico Undersea Journeys
 - c. Beneath the Sea, Boston Sea Rovers, Our World Underwater
 - d. Bayside Bubblers, SeaSpace, Weightless Wanderers
 7. BCD’s evolved from devices that inflated
 - a. Orally
 - b. With CO2 cartridges
 - c. From specialized refillable small air tanks
 - d. All
 - e. None
 8. Mouthpieces are available that can
 - a. Inflate or deflate to fit your bite perfectly
 - b. Be shaped by your dentist
 - c. Straighten your teeth (slowly, depending on how much you dive)
 - d. All
 - e. None

9. Yikes! It’s getting harder to breathe. You’d activate your
 - a. “a” valve
 - b. “j” valve
 - c. “k” valve
 - d. “x” valve
10. The aluminum 72 cubic foot tank isn’t used anymore because
 - a. it was uncomfortably tall, except for really tall divers
 - b. it was so shiny it attracted barracudas
 - c. it was uncomfortably negatively buoyant
 - d. it was uncomfortably positively buoyant
11. “Scuba sausages,” or SMBs, were used in the late 1970’s for
 - a. snacks between dives
 - b. dive boats to display to indicate “diver down”
 - c. evidence in divorce cases
 - d. all
 - e. none



Answers on page 10
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*; and now with “*Reef Glimpses*.” We are delighted to bring “*Reef Glimpses*” to you free of charge through touchthesea.com.

Stokvis Krokot

by Chef Corjan Hoogerheide, Lekker Thuis



5/8 c sweet potato • 5/8 c potato • 5.28 oz cooked stockfish finely chopped (salted fish/kippered herring/dried and salted cod) • 1 egg • 2 garlic cloves, minced • 1/2 onion, chopped • 1/2 red pepper, finely chopped • 3 1/4 T fresh ginger, grated • sprigs of fresh coriander, finely chopped • 2 sprigs of fresh parsley, finely chopped • Pepper and Bonaire sea salt

Soak the stockfish according to the instructions on the packaging or otherwise for at least 12 hours in cold water that has been changed 3 times.

Cook the soaked stockfish until done, just below boiling point, drain and dry well

Cook the garlic, onion and red pepper in a saucepan.

Cook the potato until done, and keep it as dry as possible

Mash the potato and mix it with the stockfish and the onion mixture

Stir in the egg and other flavourings.

Make balls of it with two spoons or an ice scoop and fry them at 180 degrees until they are light brown.

Eat them pure or with a delicious mustard sauce



Each month Chef Corjan Hoogerheide of Lekker Thuis will be sharing the recipe for one of his personal dishes created from Bonaire’s fresh ingredients.

Tourism Summit ahead



Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB) packed Tourism Month, otherwise known as September, with numerous activities that will culminate with the celebration of World Tourism Day and a tourism summit September 27 – 28.

The idea is to raise awareness to the significance of tourism on Bonaire with a theme of “Preserving Our Hidden Gem.” The two-day session will focus on the island’s future, branding initiatives, air service developments, marketing updates,

public relations, latest developments in tourism and trends.

The summit is held in partnership with TCB, Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire (OLB), Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association, (BONHATA), Campbell-Hill Aviation Group, Dunn & Co, Diamond Public Relations and the harbour office. Day two is focused on input and ideas from tourism stakeholders directly involved with Bonaire tourism.

Photo/story Julie Morgan

Make Bonaire Accessible

by Ria Evers-Dokter

And the heat goes on

What a hot month August turned out to be. I know everyone was hoping that September would be kind, but Mother Nature decided that we would be able to endure some more hot days.

Hot weather can be very dangerous, especially for the elderly, small children and those with disabilities as they tend to dry out very easily. So, please, make sure that cool water is always available and that everybody drinks enough.

At Dia di Bonaire the elderly from Hofi Kultural had the honor of playing and singing our national hymn and they made us all very proud. They arrived at the location all dressed in white and ready. Of course, there was a large group of elderly “supporters” seated under the second big tent in the shade. A catering service provided cool drinks for all who were thirsty. We did not dare to drink too much, because we were not sure whether the restrooms and port-a-potties were close enough.

There were only a few people with walkers and only one elderly in a wheelchair. That made me kind of sad as after all, their peers were the stars of the show.

The program was nice, the decorations chic and you could see that a lot of planning had taken place. It would have been very thoughtful to have invited even more elderly.

And the public all over Wilhelminaplein acted like they always do; having no clue how to act when there are persons with disabilities present, especially with walkers and wheelchairs. So I figure there still is a lot

to be learned to make people more aware. Public awareness is so very important.

It would have been very nice to take a dip in our new floating swimming pool to cool off and enjoy the refreshing seawater. But with a walker or a wheelchair it looked very hard to get in.

Maybe that could be a great challenge for Indebon. Make that area wheelchair friendly and organize weekly special activities for the elderly and those with disabilities. Indebon could employ one or two persons who are really specialized in sports and activities for the elderly and those with disabilities. It's time to make everyone aware that elderly and persons with disabilities are NOT BIG TODDLERS. It would mean so much and make such a big difference.

September is here and cruise boats will visit Bonaire again. Thousands of people will come and enjoy Bonaire. Among them there will be persons with disabilities, and we will have to make them feel as welcome as everyone else. This means we must be very aware of hazardous situations and safe and accessible sidewalks. Let all the tourists come and enjoy our isla chikitu, our precious nature, our clean blue sea and warm temperatures. And of course, make sure that there are always friendly and easygoing Bonaireans available that love to be helpful to our tourists. A wonderful island for all.



Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she also used to work as a director at FKPD and started Special Olympics Bonaire. She took care of her husband (R.I.P) for many years and feels that accessibility is the most important issue on our island.

Trial program for coaching for the deaf to begin

The Society and Care directorate will start a trial this month for coaching deaf adults. The course will also serve those who have a mild intellectual disability that makes it difficult for them to communicate, find a place to live, and hold a job. The Akse Foundation, which provides care for the elderly, is a co-sponsor. The participants will receive guidance and attention that helps them learn to cope better in society.

During coaching, participants will be assessed to assure each is offered tailor-made help. The coaches will be specially trained by a local agency, LOF BV. A sign language interpreter will be available for the deaf participants.

The current trial has about 40 participants, some of whom have already participated in a previous course at the Forma Foundation. The trial is expected to end in December. The management will use the trial to determine what the participants need in the areas of training, work and health. Then management, together with other organizations, can develop plans and write proposals for training future groups.

Persons over 18 who are deaf or have a mild intellectual disability can be registered now to receive coaching in the future. Send an application to LOF BV on number 777 6979. Or visit the Society and Care department, Kaya Neerlandia 40, during office hours.

DMR

A Garden? Just Do It!

by Angliet, Nature Lover

The drought

People ask me how come my garden is still green despite the drought. I find that funny because I see my garden as empty and poor.

It used to be way more green. Now there are empty spaces in between where the hot sun comes down without mercy. My yard feels too hot, dry and unpleasant and I can hardly do anything from 7:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

It takes so much energy to move around out there so in the early morning or evening every four days I water the plants. But my yard still looks green compared to other yards which also is the case in the good times.

I wonder if we are in the most extreme drought of the year. This time of year I would normally start with sowing so I have young plants ready for the rainy season. But it makes no sense to grow anything if this weather will continue the rest of the year. Experts say it is because of El Nino and no plant will survive.

At the end of the year we will get a lot of rain but there won't be enough time to sow and harvest. I don't know what to do,

Even though we face serious gardening problems there are still some cool things to mention. Such as just two weeks ago my cherry tree was full of delicious, deep red, big cherries.

The funny thing is I was total surprised. I noticed the cherry tree looked like a Christmas tree with red decorations. And the birds didn't notice. I picked all the cherries the same day and made a cherry compote. Yummy.

I wondered about the cherry miracle and then I suddenly remembered that in late August there was a good rain shower and the cherry tree bloomed again.

Another fruit these days is bacoba. Everywhere there are bunches of bacoba almost ready for consuming. And Druyf Surinam also known as Jamu has begun to ripen, the young coco is full and there is still tamarind on the



LVV plants- top L Dagoebiad; Top R- Chinese cabbage; Bottom L- Tajerblad; Bottom R.- peanut plants.

trees. Last week I made many bottles of tamarind juice that is really very good to cool the body in this heat. It is high in vitamin C which we need to get through a Covid attack.

In September, Open Day was held at LVV. I was impressed by their vegetables growing there. They were so nice and alive, looking strong and healthy like there is no drought. The main leafy vegetables were tajerblad, Chinese cabbage and Dagoebiad. There were peanut plants, cilantro, different basil, string beans and more.

There were cool presentations to watch, such as how to catch an iguana and prepare a delicious soup from it. One of the gardeners gave me a sightseeing tour where only hot peppers were growing. I wanted to see that be-

cause in this weather no hot pepper plant survives in my garden. Amazingly there were so many plants full of nice red peppers. Unbelievable how they get these results in

the hot sun under these weather circumstances. This deserves some applause.

Talking about gardens, have you noticed a million of all kinds of lizards around? Especially the ones locals call blou- blou. It seems every day there are more in my yard. There are also lots of rats and it's dangerous to have them in your garden. They can easily find their way to your roof and make nests. Prevent these animals from getting into your garden.

I also find feathers and dead birds at my place but I don't see cats around so I wonder what's going on. There are also way more frogs in my garden than I have ever noticed. They like to stay in between the bacoba and plantain plants as they are well protected there against the drought. Be careful because they can hide in containers with some water. Just today one jumped on my head when I wanted to empty the bucket. That frog gave me almost a heart attack It felt like it was coated in glue. It was awful having such a thing in my hair.

The animals are coming closer because there is less food in the mondi and no water. I have lots of Loras and Prikichis in my trees and families of donkeys are in town so keep your gate locked. And don't forget to put your Selibon container outside to get emptied, so that means 4:30 a.m. Just do it.



Angliet grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, where she trained as a teacher, then in Alternative Healing. She has traveled the world - north to Russia and Alaska, south to Tierra del Fuego and Africa and all points in between. Returning to the Caribbean with her young family, she taught in St Eustatius and Bonaire. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.

STCB

Running into the past

Six weeks per year STCB conducts capture-mark-recapture research. Most of this research is done in Lac Bay. Lac is an important foraging area for green turtles because of the high availability of seagrass in the area.

Sea turtles reach sexual maturity based on their size. This means that they need to reach a certain size before they are strong enough to survive the migration for the nesting season. It can take 15 to 40 years for a sea turtle to reach sexual maturity. The availability and quality of food plays an important role in this process. This is the reason that there are so many sea turtles in Lac Bay and also the reason why we conduct capture-mark-recapture research in this bay.

During these surveys, 10 volunteers will join STCB on their boat to help in the water with this research. The excitement will start on board. Where will we go this time and how many turtles will we be able to mark today? Lac Bay is divided in high density areas where there is a high number of turtles swimming around and low-density areas, where the number of turtles is lower. Once we arrive at our location, the 200-meter net will be deployed by STCB staff. Every 20 meters one of our volunteers will jump in and start to swim along the net. The visibility in Lac can be poor making it harder to see the net and making our volunteers even more alert. Every time the net moves, volunteers will dive down to see if there is a new turtle in the net. It can be hard work to get the turtle to the surface but it is important this



happens fast so the turtle will be able to breathe. Once the turtle has reached the surface, we will detangle them and get them onto the boat. After one hour, the net will be pulled back in and the measuring can start.

About 20% of the turtles we capture in Lac are recaptures. These are turtles that we have captured in the past and that have already received a tag number. These

can be turtles we captured and tagged recently, but they can also be from several years ago. One by one we will start the measurements for each turtle, the most exciting moment of the day. When we find that the turtle is a new turtle, we start measuring their carapace, their weight, take DNA, give them a metal or internal tag and look for any abnormalities like extra scutes, missing flippers or extra lines on their head or carapace. After all measurements are done and the data is safe, we release the turtles back into the bay.

However, when we find that a turtle has been captured in the past, we will look up the initial data to add to the data of that day. Based on the tag number from the turtle, we can find them in our database. This year we have had some exciting recaptures with two from 2016! We could see in our database that one of these was captured on September 15, 2016 (while the other was captured on September 16, 2016). At that time, its carapace was 59.2 cm long and the turtle weighed 29 kg. When we captured him or her this year, we could see that its carapace had grown by 12.4 cm and that he or she had gained 22.5 kg.

All of this data can be used for interesting analysis like the growth rate, population sizes and health status. One of the things we have found from this research is that the sea turtles in Lac Bay have a growth rate that is almost twice as fast as sea turtles that forage on the west coast of Bonaire.

Would you like to find out more about the research that we do? Visit our website: www.bonaireturtles.org, or email us with any questions at cepa@bonaireturtles.org. *STCB Communications*



Five artists, one from each of the islands of Bonaire, Curaçao, Aruba, Sint Maarten and Barbados designed a mural in Kooyman's "Colors of the Caribbean" campaign/competition. The emphasis was on art, culture and unique experiences. Kooyman supplied materials and paint required for each mural. Marea Arts of Bonaire created 'Desayuno ku un Trupial' (Breakfast with a Trupial) at Nature Cooking School Bonaire. Marea's theme was healthier eating by planting, harvesting, cooking and eating food from the Bonairean soil. Prizes will be awarded by Kooyman. For more information visit www.kooymanbv.com or their Facebook/Instagram page.



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Creating optimal health

by Irene da Cunda Costa

The sun salutation, a complete mini practice



Its origins are unclear, and there is even some debate about whether it was with the introduction of more physical practices that the original purpose of yoga as a path of spiritual exploration and growth began to blur. The truth is that nowadays the sun salutation is included with some variations in almost all yoga practices.

It consists of a series of movements or asanas, which are practiced in sequence, coordinated with breathing. Opening and closing movements alternate. In the opening or expansion movements inhalation takes place. The folding or closing movements is the moment to exhale. On YouTube there are many different versions of the sun salutation.

From a strictly physical point of view, this series works on arms, legs and abdominal strength, and stretches the abdominal muscles, dorsal muscles, and the muscles in the back of the legs. Coordinating breathing with movements enhances concentration and focus.

In Sivananda's version of the sun salutation, the same leg is brought back and forth in each round. In Satyananda's version, first the right leg is brought back and to stand up the left leg comes forward; the opposite is done in the following round. In Ashtanga, both legs are brought together to the back and to the front, either with a jump or step by step.

Whichever variation one practices or whether one wishes to combine the dif-

ferent versions in sequence, the truth is that regular and frequent practice of sun salutation helps keep the body in shape.

In Satyananda's version, one goes from the initial praying position to a general stretch of the body, bringing the arms upward with a slight retroflexion of the spine creating a nice stretch to the fascia of almost the entire body. Then one bends forward and down, bringing the hands to the feet, stretching the dorsal muscles. Then when one looks ahead, places both hands on the floor and takes one leg back (usually starting with the right one) the quadriceps receive a powerful stretch. As this is similar to a lunge, one also works on leg strength. Then there is a downward facing dog, stretching the entire back of the body, from back to legs. Next comes the plank, training core strength, arms, and shoulders. The body comes lower, working on the control and strength of arms and abdominals. Another upward facing dog. Then the left leg is brought forward performing a lunge. The right foot is brought to the front and a forward bend is performed again coming up to the vertical position. The entire body is stretched again as in the beginning to end in the starting position. That is one round, the next round the left leg goes first to the back.

During the series, mindfulness is very important. Each movement, especially those that involve retroflexion of the spine, should be performed very carefully. And remember that when stretching quadriceps these lunges involve the hips and the knees which are vulnerable points. It is also important that a short warm up is included before starting and to make the first couple of rounds really slow and careful.

The demands of the present often do not leave us time to perform a complete yoga practice or we must choose between practices that emphasize the mental or the physical. Performed correctly, the sun salutation combines benefits in both dimensions, strengthening the body and training awareness and concentration.



Irene is passionate about health, neurosciences and personal growth. Originally from Uruguay, she is an Integrative Psychotherapist (PNIE), Life Coach (ICF), Master in Nutrition(IUSC) and Yoga Instructor.

My Favorite Story About Bruce Bowker

One morning, back when Bruce was running his single boat himself, they were off to the dive site Margate. On the way, however, out in the blue water, they came upon a gray flamingo; the gray ones are young and although they can fly, they cannot take off from deep water. Without help, the young flamingo was doomed.

Bruce radioed the Carib Inn, and they passed the story to Marlis, Bonaire's "Bird Lady" at the time. They planned that Bruce would scoop up the bird and then carry it in the boat to town, where Marlis would meet them and take the bird to nurture it until it was ready to be released. The divers were eager to help – except for two.

One man quietly told Bruce that his wife was afraid of birds. Bruce told him they'd be careful to keep the bird and the woman well separated. No, the man replied, my wife is more than just afraid, she has a serious bird phobia. If that bird comes onto this boat, she'll jump right off!

This situation would be a problem for a lot of people, but not for Bruce.

They dropped off the couple at Pink Beach,

went back out to pick up the bird,

delivered the bird to Marlis,

went back to Pink Beach to pick up the divers, and, only a couple of hours late, headed off to dive Margate.



Bruce Bowker and friend

If flamingoes had a Hall of Fame, Bruce would definitely be in it.

Note: I think this happened before any of the dive instructors now at the Carib Inn had come to Bonaire. However, Richie and Eduardo have been there for years and they might remember.

2nd note: Imagine the statistical likelihood of this happening! What percentage of people have such strong bird phobias, what percentage of them are divers, and what percentage of divers were the 10 or so on the boat that day. Yikes!

Dee Scarr, Photo Carib Inn

Dive History Quiz Answers *continued from page 6*

1. **A.** nitrogen absorption by a ceramic gizmo that was supposed to absorb nitrogen like human tissue. But which tissue?

2. **D.** all of the above. Carrying the Edge allowed you to take a pound off your weight belt, but the battery changing in the middle of a trip - sometimes required more than once - was pretty stressful. The nitrogen-absorption graph was great, though.

3. **C.** It went from the back of the wet-suit jacket over the diver's crotch and fastened at the bottom of each side of the zipper, in the front.

4. **B.** This gauge is literally a tube that's blocked off on one end, in a calibrated base. As the diver descends, the air in the tube is compressed, and the calibrations show the depth. It worked perfectly -- until it acquired an internal bubble or a grain of sand -- but was tough to read at deeper depths.

5. First came the "J" valve, that made it tough to breathe at about 300 psi; pull the "J" valve and the difficulty disappeared – temporarily. The SeaVue gauge attached to the tank with a high-pressure

hose but faced away from the hose. Pressure gauges in consoles read parallel to the hose.

6. **C.** in New York/Jersey, Boston, Chicago.

7. **D.**

8. **E.** Would an inflatable mouthpiece affect your buoyancy, and shrink at depth? I like the idea of "C", though.

9. **B.** your "J" valve. You know that just from the answer to #5.

10. **D.** It was surprisingly light, but that advantage on land turned into a serious disadvantage underwater.

11. **E.** none of those possibilities. They're called Surface Marker Buoys now, and are inflatable tubes that, when filled with air, stick up at the surface so the divers' location can be seen by pickup or other boats, etc.

If you answered all 11 correctly, how old are you, anyway? Congratulations!

If you didn't answer any correctly, or you only knew a few answers, your life will probably not be affected – but look at what you learned! *Dee Scarr*

Wind, Water and Waves, *continued from page 3*

with information about water sports, environment, fishing, wildlife and the many preservation efforts at work on the island to maintain and sustain the sea and nature of Bonaire. And every chapter has something about the island's youth involvement in nature, whether it is in sports or environmental activities.

An avid windsurfer, Saskia said, "Our youth can challenge themselves and build self confidence with sports. They can go on and do other things that involve them in the nature of the island."

Saskia Vermeer grew up in the Netherlands. Starting at age 26, she began sailing with her then husband and eventually

landed in St. Maarten. During hurricane season they explored the Caribbean and discovered Bonaire and moved to the island in 2008. Saskia has two adult children involved in water sports on Bonaire.

While in St. Maarten, Saskia's authored her first book in 2007, *Sailing and Cooking Throughout the Caribbean*, a selection of quick and easy recipes with local ingredients.

Wind Water and Waves on Bonaire will be available for sale in October. To date 17 local partners will have the book for sale. Book signings are scheduled at Bruna, Divi Flamingo and Kanti Awa during Regatta. For more information, visit <https://madebysas.com> or contact saskia.m.vermeer@gmail.com

Julie Morgan

Parrots and People

Piratical Parrots

by “Mel” McCombie

In 1883, parrots acquired a new identity, pirate spirit animal, thanks to Robert Louis Stevenson’s book “Treasure Island.” Stevenson described Long John Silver’s parrot, Captain Flint (named for a pirate), as old and experienced in piracy; “that parrot is maybe two hundred years old,” and her presence foretold good luck. Why, she often said “pieces of eight” because she had seen so many! When the book was made into movies, it cemented our stereotypical image of a pirate with a chattering parrot on his shoulder. But was this really the case?

Parrots were prized in 17th and 18th century western culture as high-status pets—bling with feathers. Artists eager to please elite clients included parrots as attributes of wealth in paintings (more on this in a future column). Traders in coveted goods such as spices and gems necessarily frequented sites rich with parrots—the Caribbean, Indonesia, India, south Asia—as well as Africa, most notoriously for the trade in enslaved humans. Trade ships loaded with expensive goods were thus targets of pirates. And parrots were both on board targeted ships, and available to pirates on land. For the socially ambitious pirate, a pet parrot would have signified his high status.

Animals on board ships included livestock for food, but also pets. Cats were valued as rat hunters. We never read about dogs on board 18th century ships—they



Long John Silver by N.C. Wyeth

eat a lot and make a mess—but parrots are nearly ideal shipboard pets. They eat relatively little compared to a mammal, and the foods most parrots favor (grains, seeds, nuts, fruits) would be easily stored. And as a pet raised to be a human companion, a parrot is intelligent, with strong social instincts, beautiful, and vocal. Not to mention, a parrot’s two-way feet and power of flight are adapted perfectly to climbing the rigging of a ship.

In Daniel Defoe’s 1724 “General History of the Pyrates,” he never described pirates owning parrots, though noted the abundance of parrots in South American ports of call. But buccaneer William Dampier, known as the “pirate scientist,” circumnavigated the world, and wrote extensively about nature. Referring to a 1676 raid on Alvarado, Mexico, he described the beauty of the parrots there as “the largest and fairest I ever saw in the West Indies.” He admired their cleverness, noting that “they would prate very prettily, and there was scarce a man but what sent aboard one or two of them.” Before his death in 1715, Dampier had not only catalogued birds, beasts, and sea creatures, but his writings were the first in English to use words like “avocado,” “barbecue,” and “chopsticks.” The Oxford English Dictionary cites his writings over eighty times!

So the trope of pirates with parrots has some basis in history, but the power of the trope is thanks to Stevenson’s fiction and Hollywood. It is certainly possible that our Loras were among the parrots prized by Europeans and perhaps there once was an 18th century Lora perched on a pirate’s shoulder. Today, thankfully, the Lora on Bonaire is protected from the kind of trade that necessarily leads to many parrot deaths. The real pirates today are those who poach parrot nests. To them I say, walk the plank!



Remember, that to err is human; to aargh is pirate.

Mel McCombie is a retired professor, and conservation activist, and has lived part-time in Bonaire for 30 years.

Dive Flamingo’s Divi Dive said thank you and best wishes to much respected dive instructor and friend to the ocean Alvin Clemencia.

Friends and coworkers and former coworkers gathered on the Flamingo sun-deck to wish Alvin a happy retirement. He worked in the dive industry for 46 years as a dive instructor and guide always with a smile on his face.

Alvin cared about the ocean and influenced divers to respect Bonaire’s reefs and marine life. He worked in Aruba for 8 years, Dive Bonaire 2 years, Curaçao 6 years, Sand Dollar Dive & Photo 9 years and again at Divi Dive Bonaire.

Former colleagues from Sand Dollar Dive & Photo also attended. Alvin is the one in the middle with the orange shirt. Congratulations and enjoy your retirement.

L-R rear: Luty De Palm, Malin Kaiser, Denise Glazer, Luis Arboleda, Danny Ras, Mike Jackson, Ruud Jansen, Gert Joosten, Tarick Mercera, Rick Aguilar. Center: Crystal, Erica Soliana, and Orlando Thomas. Front kneeling down: Marco Caldato, Alvin Clemencia and Etienne Soliano. Julie Morgan



Wishing Alvin Clemencia a happy retirement

Julie Morgan Photo



September 28
Bubbles from diving meet the bubbles of champagne

As part of Bonaire Wine Week September 28 – October 1, Dive Friends Bonaire at Dive Inn is offering double the bubbles with Bubbles & Bubbles, a wine tasting event where the bubbles of diving meet the bubbles of champagne.

Dive Friends in house dive instructor and sommelier Zac is host at the September 28 event. Guests can taste three different sparkling wines or champagnes accompanied by tasty bites.

The event begins at 2:45 p.m. followed by a group dive and presentation at 4:30 p.m. The tasting gets underway at 5:15 p.m. with sparkling wines, champagnes and snacks from the sponsors of Bonaire Wine Week, Wine Factory, Artisan Bakery Bonaire and Caribbeataly.

Tickets are \$34 to taste three sparkling wines and \$54 for three champagnes. Sign up is at Yellow Submarine – cash only.



Spotlight on
LOCAL ARTISTS

Janice Huckaby
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“Playa Dancers”
11” x 14” oil on canvas

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Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza. Weekly schedule can be found at: <https://www.bonaireartsandcraftscruisemarket.com/market-schedule> or <https://www.facebook.com/BonaireArtsandCraftsCruiseMarket/>

Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei in Rincon: Tues.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sat. 8-noon

Library: Mon. 12-5; Tues. to Thurs. 8-5; Fri. 8-4:30; Sat. 8-12. Kaya Gramel 715 5344. Anyone can become a member. Free for residents between 0 and 18 years. Adults \$6 a year. Members can borrow ebooks online. www.onlinebibliotheek.nl

Marshe di Playa Local market Sat. 9-1. Kaya Industria, by Warehouse Supermarket.

Pakus di Pruga (Animal Shelter flea market.): Pakus is closed until we find a new location. We can no longer accept donations because all our containers are full including at the Shelter

Terramar Museum Mon-Fri 9-2. Kaya J.N.E. Isla Riba 3. Admission \$10. Residents \$5. Tours \$20. Children under 12 free. +599 701 4700 <https://www.facebook.com/terramarmuseumbonaire/>

STINAPA headquarters: Mon-Fri 8-4. +599 717 8444. After hours: +599 777 8444.

Washington Slagbaai Park: Closed on Mondays Apr. 3 - Nov. 27. Otherwise open daily. 8-5 (entry up to 1 p.m.) \$40 (Free with proof of Nature tag)

Open now July 2023 - July 2024	Terramar Slavery Exhibition: WE ARE Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
September 23 - 30	Dive Into Bonaire Week. PADI Club & TCB. Guided dives with local experts, night dives, post-dive festivities and presentations. To learn more visit padi.com/padiclubbonaire
September 27 - 28	Tourism Summit.
Thursday, September 28	Bubbles & Bubbles. Group dive followed by wine tasting. Offered by Dive Friends Bonaire at Dive Inn. See page 15.
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1	Bonaire Wine Week. Participating restaurants will offer special 4-course and 8-course menus paired with a selection of wines for \$100. Daily wine tastings are available for \$15. Tickets can be purchased online and at partner locations, including Grand Windsock Bonaire, Chogogo Dive & Beach Resort, Delfins Beach Resort Bonaire, Rum Runners, The Wine Factory Bonaire, and Bottles Bonaire. Please visit www.bonairewineweek.com .
Sept. 21 - Oct. 5	Bonaire Culinaire. Fall edition. Use this 15-day event to discover the wide variety of restaurants Bonaire has to offer. Bonaire's culinary hotspots have created a 3-course menu for only \$39.50 per person. https://bonaire-culinaire.com
Saturday, September 30	Nos Zjilea Cultural Event 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the music, dancing, crafts, amazing food and drink. Taste of Bonaire 2023 (Tourism Edition) Starts at 6 p.m. @ Wilhelmina Park. Food, culture, local handicrafts. Signature dishes of well-known restaurants offered at special prices.
Sunday, October 1	Bloozz Funrace. Washikembra. 8 a.m. See page 13.
October 6 - 14	Regatta Week. (56th edition). The sailing events take place from October 6 to October 14, 2023, followed by the Festival from October 11 to October 14, 2023. In addition to the sea sailing race, this year's Regatta will also include softball, a Motorcycle Tour, a Bowling Tournament, and a volleyball competition. https://www.facebook.com/bonairegatta54/
Saturday, October 7	Lionfish hunt. Let's take out the invasive lionfish on Bonaire. Join Private Divers for the lionfish hunt with FREE air. For more information or to sign up +599-786-6763.
Sunday, October 8	Swim to Klein Bonaire. Meet at Eden Beach • Swim competition (AFB): 7 – 7:20 (start 7:30 a.m.) • Swim to Klein Bonaire: 7 – 8:30 a.m. (start 9 a.m.) <i>Kids: \$ 10 (under 12 years) Adults: \$20. Register at Jong Bonaire Oct. 6: 6 – 8 p.m. and Oct. 7: 3 – 7 p.m.</i>

You can help keep Bonaire clean

Saturdays	One Hour Clean up Power. Weekly coastal clean up every Saturday, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Location given on FB page: https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanUpPower/
Until September 30	Free access to Selibon landfill. Barrio clean ups. Selibon is cleaning up the neighborhoods, removing branches and bushes; collecting waste along the roads and placing large waste containers for residents to deposit their trash. See Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063693935009
Sunday, Oct. 8	Clean Coast Bonaire. 4-6 p.m. Boka Onima. Donate your time. Work as a citizen scientist to collect marine litter & data. https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire

Events, Meetings, Sports

12 steps meeting: Wednesdays at Kaya Den Haag 30 in Hato. Meeting starts at 7:15 p.m till 8:30 p.m. Info: 12stepsbonaire@gmail.com

Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Every Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m. International Bible Church Kaya Papago 104 in Hato (Behind Bon Bida Spa and Gym and Bon Bida apartments). All welcome, regardless of primary addiction or no addiction at all.

Art Gallery Sobremesa Bonaire reopened its doors on September 1 after a brief summer break. Opening hours are Tue-Fri 2 - 5 p.m. and Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Abraham Boulevard 10.

Beach Tennis Bonaire Kaminda Djabou (behind Budget Marine). Open daily until 10 p.m. People can play for free or register for training and tournaments for a fee.

Bridgeclub Bonaire organizes a bridge evening Wednesdays 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. All playing levels are welcome. Info: 795-0128 (only whatsapp text messages), bridgeclubbonaire@gmail.com. <https://www.facebook.com/bridgeclubbonaire>

Cyclovía Kids Street Park Wilhelminaplein 4 - 7 p.m. Free monthly event. Children of all ages can bike, scooter, skate or skateboard. Expect a bouncy castle, music and a hot dog cart. First Sunday of the month: Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5

Racing / Fevering. The Onima fever platform is available every Tues. Thurs. Sat. and Sun. 4 - 7 p.m.

Noodling in the sea. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 9-10 a. m. across from Parke Tului on the waterfront. See Facebook [Bonaire Free Noodlers](https://www.facebook.com/BonaireFreeNoodlers)

Pickleball. Wednesdays & Fridays 6 – 8 p.m. at Jong Bonaire. Come join the fun. A sport for all ages.

Free Tennis Lessons for kids age 6 - 12. Every Saturday. Courts at Eddy's. Email info@bonairetennisassociation.com. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Bonairetennis/> Paul Ruijs +599 782 4569.



Echo Conservation Tours - Weekdays at 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. To reserve email at info@echobonaire.org



Manta Monday / Tuesday - Nicole Pelletier of the Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation Presentations. Mon. Sept. 25 - 4:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Buddy Dive Resort; Tues. Sept. 26 - 7:30 p.m. Toucan Diving; Mon. Oct. 2 Beyond the Corals; Mon. Oct. 9 - 7:30 p.m. Toucan Diving . Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation Program facebook .Email: Caribbean.Islands@mantatrust.org



Reef Renewal Bonaire. Sundays 5:30 p.m. Blennies Restaurant – Buddy Dive Resort. Free. Open to everyone. Want to learn about coral reef restoration on Bonaire? Come listen to a staff member, instructor, or volunteer give an informative presentation about Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire and the importance of restoring and protecting Bonaire's coral reefs! Questions? email: info@reefrenewalbonaire.org



Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB). Free public presentations at Yellow Submarine, every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, at 8 p.m. See facebook.

Are You Interested in Bonaire's Geology?

Everyone who loves Bonaire has questions about the island's geology...How was the island formed and when? What is the actual composition of the island's topographical structures? Is Bonaire a volcanic island?

All your questions will be answered in a three-part fun class on the geology of Bonaire by André Nahr. The class will be held on Tuesday 17, Thursday 19 and Saturday 21 October 2023 at Fundation Mariadal, Kaya L.D.Gerharts #17, across Hotel Central on the road to the big church in town.

Session one and two are scheduled from 7-9 p.m. and session three brings everything together in a fun field trip on Saturday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The field trip will include visits to several interesting spots on the island to learn and see first hand examples of Bonaire's geology. Comfortable shoes are suggested, but there is no heavy hiking. The class is taught in English.

Cost is \$120.00 p.p. payable in cash at the first session.

Sign up at geology.andrenahr@gmail.com

Hope to see you soon!!

Tentative cruise ship schedule				
DATE:	CRUISE SHIP	TIME	PIER	CAPACITY
Wed. October 18	CARNIVAL HORIZON	0700-1500	South	4683
Thurs. October 19	CELEBRITY EQUINOX	0800-1700	South	2852
	CELEBRITY SUMMIT	0800-1800	North	2450
Sun. October 22	NORWEGIAN JOY	1300-2000	South	3804
Thurs. October 26	ROTTERDAM	0700-2000	South	2668
Sun. October 29	WORLD VOYAGER	0830-2100	North	172
Tues. October 31	WORLD VOYAGER	0830-2200	North	172

Nos Zjilea: Wonders of the Full Moon

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Cultural Event NOS Zjilea
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Theme of the Month: "Wonders of the Full Moon"

Music by Local bands "Kultorando & Ritmiko Timon"

Saturday, September 30th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
at our cultural park on the east side road of the valley of Rincon

Logos: Cultural Park, Bonaire, Coral Casino Bonaire, IT Connection

The full moon has inspired countless myths, rituals, and superstitions. From beliefs about its influence on human health to practices for harnessing its mystical energy in farming, fishing and the building of houses, the full moon evokes wonder and intrigue.

This Saturday, September 30, Mangazina di Rei will present another edition of the cultural event "Nos Zjilea" with the theme: "Wonders of the Full Moon".

In this edition, members of the SKAL group who are involved in the activity called "Full Moon" will share their experiences. Malva Winklaar will tell about the influence the full moon can have on our lives and what role the Bristol's almanac plays in this.

Many of the full moon traditions are linked to both the sea and land. Boy Martinez, a man who grew up in the countryside and is also considered an experienced fisherman, will share how his father taught him to take the full moon into account when cutting down (wooden) posts for a fence or for a clay house. And he will explain what influence the moon has in fishing.

Also on the program.

Time after time Bonaire ranks among the best in beauty pageants abroad. Sienna Finies and Myangelica Gustowski of Miss Teen Bonaire will share their tips for a successful preparation.

Care and Youth Caribbean Netherlands (ZJCN) is actively looking for people with big hearts to support children with practical, logistical, temporary and long-term care needs. ZJCN will provide valuable information for people who wish to become a stepparent.

Everyone can enjoy the cultural market with its local fresh products, natural juices, herbal teas, delicacies and art with live music from local groups "kulutrando" and "Ritmiko Timon." The kitchen opens at 10 a.m. with a wide variety of soups, various local Creole dishes and delicious grill.

This amazing Bonaire cultural event is from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The kitchen opens at 10 a.m. Admission is free and that includes a visit to the museum. It doesn't get more local than this.

For more information, please visit Mangazina di Rei's Facebook fan page, www.facebook.com/mangazinadirei.

Izain Mercera

The 56th Regatta, October 6- 14, 2023

Bonaire will celebrate the 56th edition of Regatta October 6 – 14. Registration and the opening ceremony is Friday, October 6 with the entertainment festival beginning on October 8 -14. Sorobon events will be October 7-8 and yacht registration is Oct 10 at Kas di Regatta. A lay over day and BBQ is set at El Mundo for participants, volunteers and special guests on October 1. Kralendijk Bay will be the site of competition for micro boats, yachts, wingfoil, windsurf and foil October 12-14. The public can

join the participants in a happy hour at Kas di Regatta on October 13 from 2-6 p.m.

Local sailors can expect competition from neighboring islands including six yachts from Curaçao, optimists and Sunfish from Curaçao and microboats from Aruba.

For more information see the schedule below and follow *The Reporter* for the entertainment schedule and other Regatta news.

Funrace, October 1

Blooz Funrace is slated for Sunday, October 1 starting at 8 a.m. in the back country of Washikemba. Cyclists can challenge themselves in either the Fun or Elite category. Water and sports drinks are provided with the \$10 registration. Helmets are required. For more information visit de Freewieler or the Bonaire Xtreme MTB Facebook page. *The Bonaire Reporter* Facebook will feature the map of the route.

BONAIRE REGATTA 2023 PROGRAM

DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
FRIDAY OCT 6	17:00 - 20:00	REGISTRATION ALL CATEGORIES EXCL. YACHTS	
FRIDAY OCT 6	19:00 - 20:00	OPENING CEREMONY SKAL	
SUNDAY OCT 8	09:00 - 18:00	WINDSURFING, WINGFOIL & SAILING RACES	SOROBON BEACH
WEDNESDAY OCT 11	19:00 - 21:00	BBQ NIGHT WITH PARTICIPANTS & VOLUNTEERS REGISTRATION YACHTS	EL MUNDO RESTAURANT
THURSDAY OCT 12	09:00 - 18:00	SAILING & MICROBOATS	KAS DI REGATTA
FRIDAY OCT 13	09:00 - 18:00	SAILING & MICROBOATS	KAS DI REGATTA
FRIDAY OCT 13		HAPPY HOUR	KAS DI REGATTA
SATURDAY OCT 7	09:00 - 18:00	CAPTAINS BRIEFING RACING WINDSURFING WINGFOIL SAILING COMPETITION	SOROBON BEACH
OCTOBER 11-14	09:00 - 18:00	CAPTAINS BRIEFING RACING SAILING COMPETITION	KAS DI REGATTA
SATURDAY OCT 14	09:00 - 17:00	SAILING & MICROBOAT AWARD CEREMONY	KAS DI REGATTA

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Blooz Funrace
zondag 1 oktober 2023

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Meer informatie bij de Freewieler en op Facebook Bonaire Xtreme MTB

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Pets of the Week

Here is little Milena, a female cat of about 3 1/2 months old.

Milena was found in someone's garden and the dogs that lived there caught her. Milena was lucky that the owner of the dogs saw this happen and brought the little kitten to the shelter. Milena was in shock, went to a foster to recover and returned to the shelter. She is used to people but is still a little bit shy. But once she is in your arms she just melts!

Milena has been at the Shelter for eight weeks is ready to begin her new life in a loving home.

She has had all her vaccinations, tested for FIV/L but needs to be sterilized when she is about 6 months old. This is free of cost to the lucky new owner. The shelter pays for the sterilization.

Milena still has a little wound because of the dog bite but we think this will soon be gone.

Please come and visit little Milena and if you decide to give her a place in your heart and your home, we will chip her so the next day she will be ready for you.

Monique Degenaar

Dear all, I would like to introduce you to sweet Vanilla.

This pretty girl has been at the shelter for over 2.5 years. She came in when she only was a few weeks old.

Vanilla does know the world outside the shelter, but it can frighten her. She loves to go for a nice walk, roam at the beach or just lay in the yard, but her safe place is the shelter. As much as we love her and like taking care of her we really wish Vanilla to have her own happy home where she will feel safe and loved.

Vanilla will need time to get to know you and get comfortable around you, but when she does, she will be an amazing companion. She'll be at her best living with a secure male dog or as an only dog.

Vanilla is good with kids who already have experience with dogs because sudden moves can scare her and she will crawl back into her shell.

Are you that special person up for the challenge to comfort this sweet girl and guide her into the big world? If so, we are very happy to meet you and introduce you to our Vanilla.

Sanne Attevelt



Milena



Vanilla

To make an appointment, you can also call 701-4989 or 717-4989, via whatsapp, facebook messenger, or email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Animal Shelter Bonaire Needs Board Members

Animal Shelter Bonaire continues to grow and better serve the unwanted and abandoned cats and dogs of Bonaire. As we grow, we also need to expand our board of directors to handle current and upcoming business, planning and projects. Board membership is a volunteer position and skills/talents of all kinds are needed: accounting, public relations, event planning, fundraising, website and social media skills, construction, property management, proposal writing, etc. just to name a few. The board meets on a monthly basis and the individual members conduct their tasks on their own time as needed. If you are interested in joining our team, please email us at

shelterbonaireboard@gmail.com

to arrange an interview.



Pakus di Pruga (The Animal Shelter's Flea Market) is now closed until we find a new location. Unfortunately we can no longer accept donations because all our containers are full - including those at the Shelter.

OLB eases restrictions of imports from Venezuela

The Executive Council has clarified the restrictions for the import of goods from Venezuela.

According to the press release, a number of exceptions remain applicable to prevent public health and natural risks. Live animals, meat, edible offal, milk, eggs and other animal products are still not allowed to be imported. Fish, crustaceans (such as lobster, karko, koncha, kiwa), molluscs (such as cuttlefish) and other invertebrates can be imported only by a company based in Bonaire that has a boat registered on Bonaire and the correct permits. Fresh lobster may not be brought to Bonaire under any circumstances between May 1 and October 31, the mating season.

Living plants and flowers are not allowed. Dried herbs, vegetable oils and sugar can still be imported, but an import ban still applies to flour, seeds, plants for use in companies and medicines, hay, straw and vegetable goods. However, processed and packaged banana leaves



for ayacas are welcome.

Animal products, such as wool and unprocessed hides, are not permitted, nor are single-use plastic, gold, copper, nickel and some plants and animals protected by CITES. Weapons, ammunition, medicines, narcotics, and fuel for import or

sale are also not permitted.

If food or edibles are imported, they must meet safety requirements. Other products must be new and unused and ownership must be proven when importing vehicles and registered goods, such as boats.

DMR



External stakeholders gathered for the Spatial Planning and Development Directorate's third session on sustainable mobility and accessibility on August 31.

They shared ideas for a structurally organized public transport system for Bonaire, together with improved provisions for cycling and walking.

The Reporter's columnist, Ria Evers-Dokter, who writes on accessibility issues participated in the session.

Safeguarding the Genetic Diversity of Bonaire's Coral Reefs



RRFB and Secore staff fertilize coral gametes from different colonies in RRFB's makeshift wetlab. Credit: Reef Patrol

Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire (RRFB) is focused on boosting the genetic diversity of coral populations affected by Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD), a serious and enduring threat to Bonaire's reefs. As part of their adjusted restoration strategy, RRFB assists the sexual reproduction of corals that are vulnerable to the disease via larval propagation.

Boulder brain coral (*Colpophyllia natans*) is just one of the 12 species RRFB targets for coral restoration. Last week, the team collected reproductive gam-

etes (sperm and eggs) from a variety of spawning *C. natans* colonies, including some that were actively infected by SCTLD.

RRFB facilitated the fertilization of gametes from healthy and diseased colonies, creating entirely unique coral strains via genetic recombination. Using selective breeding as a tool to enhance genetic diversity, RRFB sires corals that are potentially stronger and better able to cope with SCTLD, warming waters, and other threats to the reef.

The larval propagation program is ex-

ecuted in close collaboration with Secore International, a worldwide organization dedicated to researching sexual reproduction in corals. Last week, seven members of the Secore team joined RRFB in Bonaire for boulder brain coral and staghorn coral (*Acropora cervicornis*) spawning season.

After a week of night dives and gamete collection at several locations, both teams were able to produce over 700,000 coral larvae, each with its own, genetically distinct makeup. The larvae will spend a few days swimming inside underwater enclosures and, once they've settled, will either be outplanted back to the reef or brought to RRFB's gene bank. By stocking diverse samples of coral, RRFB ensures that resilient genotypes can be pre-

served, identified, and propagated.

September's spawning milestones demonstrate the importance of sharing knowledge and integrating resources when approaching coral restoration and conservation in the Caribbean. At a time when corals are facing disease, rapidly warming waters, and other climate-induced threats, the collective efforts of both organizations are crucial to ensuring the long-term resilience of Bonaire's reef ecosystem.

To learn how to get involved or lend support, please visit <http://www.reefrenewalbonaire.org> or email info@reefrenewalbonaire.org.

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