



18th century warehouse studied by Island Lives team
Photo Julie Morgan

Island Lives studies forgotten lives of Caribbean people

A team of six archaeologists and support techs are currently sifting through the sands on Klein Bonaire to dig deeper into the lives of everyday people from the 18th century in a project called Island Lives.

Venezuelan born archaeologist Konrad Antczak said in a presentation at Bonaire's Public Library on June 23, "We study the forgotten lives of Caribbean people outside the plantation narrative."

In this first presentation of the three-week project, the Island Lives team will attempt to uncover a cross section of everyday life in the pre-emancipation days from 1634-1863.

Konrad's studies in his home country were focused on the Venezuelan Caribbean which encompasses the second longest coastline in the Caribbean and some 90 islands. These islands are a chain that include the Leeward Antilles and end with the Dutch ABC islands of Aruba, Curaçao, Bonaire and Klein Bonaire. In 2019, Konrad began his first cross border archaeological study between the ABC islands and Venezuela with an excavation of a transshipment (smugglers) warehouse and campsite at Pos Kangreu on Klein Bonaire.

In his research paper "Salt and Contraband, Historical Archaeology of Foreign Seafarers in the Venezuelan Caribbean, 1638-1800," Konrad sites a famous sea captain of the time, Vincent Antonio de Icuza, as saying, "The island of Bonaire serves the smugglers as a place to deposit their merchandise along with the products that they extract from Tierra Firme."

Bonaire was a stopover for cargo storage including tobacco, hides, cacao, alcohol and textiles. It was an import waystation for ships usually manned by enslaved mariners. The uninhabited and undeveloped Klein Bonaire proved to be the ideal storage spot.

As in 2020, the ruins of a probable warehouse made of coral

limestone and the surrounding areas are being studied by the Island Lives team. The dilapidated building to date is about 2 m in height and 1m thick. On the west and north sides there are small

openings which could be for ventilation of stored goods. The team is using photogrammetry to recreate what it possibly looked like during the day.



Archaeologist Konrad Antczak (R) reveals unusual red earth
Photo Julie Morgan

On the team's first trip in 2020 various artifacts of everyday life were found including earthenware, Delftware, a griddle, musket shot fragments, lead weights, ceramics and an indigenous style pottery probably made of Bonaire clay. They found coins from 1700-1750 which was a major time for contraband and Spanish Botijas, onion bottles, pewter spoons, copper-alloy ramrod pipes from a musket and pistol shot.

Konrad concluded in his first research, that the people were living on the island permanently while the warehouse was in use. Although Bonaire is only a short 30 minutes by canoe they could have worked in shifts. The warehouse was probably constructed by slave labor.

The people themselves are thought to be a mix of Bonairean krio, mixed European, indigenous Bonairean, enslaved Africans or maybe even a Dutch soldier. Their jobs would have been to load and unload the goods to and from the warehouse. Supplies for the inhabitants were probably brought from the Venezuelan mainland along with the Cacao. With the find of the lead weights, the people were most likely fishing the waters of Klein Bonaire.

The team, originating from different areas of the Caribbean are based in Spain with the exception of Konrad's brother Oliver who is located in England.

Each member of the team was selected for their special knowledge and expertise. Cutting edge technology is being used when needed. Archaeometry is being used to date ceramics and other

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Landfill agreement confirmed; but 2028 deadline looms large

Too bad the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) and the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) cannot recover the years lost to the former Executive Council's squabbling over the Lagun Landfill debacle. OLB and BZK have now updated the administrative agreement. The Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (IenW) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN) have signed on. All parties are cooperating. Goodwill and generosity prevail. But plans, timelines, technical decisions, permits, environmental impact assessments, site decisions, procurement processes and contracts are lacking.

According to a comprehensive report from KPMG, the projected cost of fulfilling the administrative agreement will be approximately \$40.1 million. But every new planning initiative opens a Pandora's box of unexpected financial requirements.

Current tax revenues for waste management, about \$2.4 million per year, come nowhere near covering Selibon's operating costs. Selibon spends \$4.9 million on processing household and industrial waste alone, according to KPMG estimates.

By law, the old landfill must be closed by December 31, 2028. But Selibon says the Landfill cannot be closed by then. The only certainty now seems that the gate to the Landfill will be locked when the sun comes up the morning of the January 1, 2029 date, whether Selibon is ready and whether the island has another alternative up and running by then.

Several scenarios are on the table for replacing the Landfill. A likely possibility is a future processing facility where waste streams can be separated and prepared for recycling, treatment, or export. Both Selibon and the Public Entity have already developed initial plans for such a facility. KPMG stresses, however, that no decisions have been made about the location, design, and operation of such an installation.



Governor John Soliano signs the June 19, 2026, addendum to the administrative agreement between the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) and the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (BZK) for Selibon Lagun. Photo OLB

On the other hand, steps have already been taken to ensure the operational continuity of Selibon. New equipment has been purchased and the OLB is working with the government on structural solutions for the processing of waste. The OLB will make an additional \$4.4 million available through this year's second budget amendment. In addition, a total of \$5.1 million will be invested in equipment, infrastructure and the further strengthening of Selibon's business operations over the period 2026-2028.

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Statia resigns from Executive Council



On July 29 Deputy Joselito Statia resigned from the Island Executive Council, in writing and effective immediately. Lieutenant Governor Soliano plus deputies Jennifer Joenoes and Timoteo Silberie now constitute the Executive Council. They constitute a legal quorum. Therefore island business will continue uninterrupted, and daily operations will proceed as usual. No successor to Statia has been named. Plenty of she-said-he-said rumors being aired. But the preceding facts are all we know at press time.

DMR

The Caribbean Dutch islands respond to Venezuelan emergency

The natural disaster that struck Venezuela on June 26 has given those of us in the islands an opportunity to help our neighbors in a time of crisis. Bonaire and Curaçao have become safe places where emergency services and supplies can be collected and transferred to the victims in Venezuela.

When news of the double earthquake broke, a group of Venezuelans living on Bonaire promptly began gathering food, water, baby food, clothing, and other relief supplies to ship to Venezuela. In a second campaign they collected medicines and medical devices to send. On Sunday they had a very successful sale of arepas to raise funds. On Monday they opened a container provided by Don Andrés at the entrance to the Stadium. From 5 to 8 p.m. donors dropped off relief supplies there for loading.

Venezuelan Anyela Cely, who helped organize the campaigns, praised everyone who contributed. "Venezuelans, Bonaireans, Colombians, Dominicans, Curaçaoans, Dutch, people of so many different nationalities came together for one purpose: to help Venezuela," she said.

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We are taking a break

Your next issue will arrive August 5.

Reignite your dive memories with Fliptide

Fliptide Provisions is a custom wholesale merchandise company that was born out of need. A need for quality dive and resort goods that reignites the memories of an amazing dive, resort or island experience. Trip after trip, owner of award-winning advertising studio Sugar Rock Benji Hassell and corporate marketing specialist Kelsey Hassell searched for something, anything to take

home that might recapture the experiences and identity of their dive trips.

It was a bit like the old saying from the 70s, "Bought the ticket, took the trip and got the t-shirt". No wait, I didn't get the t-shirt because they were all the same as every other island.

Benji and Kelsey visited Bonaire together in December 2022 and they were hooked. They took the trip again in 2023, 2024 and two days after Benji sold his company in Texas, Benji and Kelsey were married in February 2025 on Bonaire. On a dive trip to Iceland's Silfra Fissure, they came up with the idea to make a cool dive merchandise company. Back home in Texas, Benji created a new business logo named after their dog Flip. In December they headed to Bonaire and Fliptide Provisions was born.

"We wanted to make designs that show the biodiversity of the underwater world and the culture of Bonaire. Something that would help you remember what you saw", said Benji.

Fliptide products are designed to bring back the memories with the individual company or shop in mind. Benji creates the product art customized to the shop's identity, bringing their vibe or feeling into the product.

"We're trying to create what it feels like to dive. When I'm diving from LaDania to Karpata, I get a real feel for what's on the dive and I get inspired just looking at the reef, and my creativity flows," said Benji.

That creativity is bringing a new feel and look to dive shops, resort, adventure brands and destination merch; it's personal, and individual. Your experiences at one of Bonaire's 85 official dives sites will be brought to life every time you wear one of Fliptide's custom rash-guards, breezy tees or sunshirts. If you're a sticker or magnet collector, Benji has created designs in the old travel poster style of the Salt Pier, 1000 Steps and Pink Beach and he's just getting started.



Benji and Kelsey Hassell Photo Julie Morgan

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- **Location : Sabadeco**
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PWA and Pow Wow

One of the four PWA Youth Tour organizers, Bart Smits, summed up the four days of competition as a successful edition. Of the 30 kids coming to compete about half were from Bonaire. The kids traveling for this worldwide competition traveled from the Netherlands, Curaçao, Argentina, Turkey, Austria, Poland, Venezuela and Germany.

For a full account and photos and video of the PWA visit-
<https://www.pwaworldtour.com/home/>

PWA Youth Tour organizer Bart Smits said, "There were 15 heats on the fin class and 15 on the foil. In all categories, the Bonaireans took first place. But it was not a walk in the park, with interesting battles especially on the foil U21 boys with Tycho from Bonaire going neck to neck with Diederik from the Netherlands.

The winners are listed in our online issue, pages 22 to 24.



Tycho Smits takes first in U21 Boys Fin
 Photo Julie Morgan

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Fliptide is dedicated to helping support the community and the environment. Being reef aware, the company is giving back a percentage of their sales to help support Reef Renewal Bonaire Foundation and Reef Renewal Curaçao.

Benji said, "Bonaire is our first marketing destination. We are considering relocating here and then expand the product to other islands with Bonaire as our home base. I want to spend my career giving back rather than in a corporate environment. It all began here and giving back begins here."



A few Fliptide products are already available at Wannadive, Dive Friends, XPro Divers, Carib Inn, Scuba Elite, Toucan Diving, VIP Diving, Flamingo Divers, Private Divers, Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, Wanderlust Diving, Tourism Corporation Bonaire and Let's Go Diving.

To learn more about Fliptide visit:
<https://fliptideprovisions.com>

Story / Photos Julie Morgan



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items which are found. One archaeologist's research is concentrated on microscopic plant remains which should result in determining what foods people raised and how they produced them. In short, how did these people interact with the environment? Found pots for cooking are being examined, which should tell the team what these inhabitants were cooking.

For anyone interested in what the Island Lives team has uncovered to date, the team will present and Open Day at Jong Bonaire tomorrow July 1:10;30-12:30 for 8-12 years; 1-3 for 12-18 years and 4-5 for parents and adults. July 11 is lecture night for anyone at Jong Bonaire.

For more information visit islandlives.upf.edu

Julie Morgan



Island Lives team dig for artifacts Photo Julie Morgan

POLICE REPORT

Contact the police via 715 8000, 911 or the anonymous tip line 9310.

Property crimes

June 25. Three different containers on a construction site at Bulevar Gobernador N. Debrot were vandalized and various tools stolen.

June 24. Tools and machines were stolen from a garage on Kaya Nikiboko Noord.

June 23. 10:25 p.m. A cyclist was surprised on Kaminda Lagun by two men, presumably between 17 and 18 years old, one of whom had a firearm. They stole his electric bicycle (fat bike), phone, wallet and bag. The suspects left in an easterly direction, one on foot and the other on the bicycle.

June 22. A 40-inch Samsung television and various alcoholic beverages were stolen from a catering establishment on the Kaya Korona.

June 18. 3:15 a.m.. A 16-year-old boy was arrested in connection with a burglary at a car rental company on Kaya Industria.

June 16. 12:15 p.m. Two people, both dressed in black and with their faces covered, were reported jumping over the garden fence of a house on Kaya Venus in Belnem with toolboxes they had taken from an unlocked shed. The toolboxes were recovered in the mondi.

June 17. A laptop, an iPad and an iPhone were stolen from a business on Kaya Prinses Marie.

June 16. 6:40 p.m. Three Kymco Agility scooters, likely stolen, were reported found in an abandoned house on Kaya Tintorero. They had no license plates and some parts were missing. On the grounds outside the house, the police found another scooter, also believed stolen.

June 16. A Kymco Agility scooter, license plate MF-5060 was stolen while parked in a parking lot near a catering facility on the Kaminda Lac.

June 16. 10:20 a.m. A man, 29, was arrested at Kaya Neerlandia for receiving stolen goods. The arrest took place after the rightful owner recognized his scooter when he saw it.

Arrests

June 27. 4:50 a.m. A man, 28, was arrested on the Kaya Carlos A. Nicolaas for vandalism after he smashed the window of a car.

June 26. A man, 49, was arrested for violating the Opium Act BES in connection with the investigation that found narcotics during a search of a house on Kaya Maria June 14.

June 26. 2- 3 a.m. A patrol observed a fight between several people near a catering establishment on Kaya Bonaire. After the police calmed the crowd, one man repeatedly sought confrontation with another man. When he did not comply with several police orders to leave, he was arrested for not following a police order and public drunkenness. The man, 51, tried to fight with the police, resisted arrest, made threats to an officer and attempted to get to the officer's service weapon. This did not work; The weapon remained safely in the holster.

June 25. In the early morning the Special Assignments Group (GBO) and detectives from the KPCN searched a house on Kaya Cauca in connection with the armed robbery at the post office on May 6, 2025. A man, 30, was arrested and goods relevant to the investigation were seized.

June 20. 1:20 a.m. , A man, 27, was arrested at Kaya Nikiboko Noord after he assaulted and threatened several people, destroyed their property.

June 18. 6:10 p.m. A man, 26, was arrested on Kaya Petra for assaulting a woman.

June 17. 10:35 p.m. A man, 37, was arrested in the Mexico district for assaulting a woman and taking her phone.

June 16. 9:15 a.m. A woman, 47 on Kaya Linda for aggravated assault after she seriously assaulted another woman.

June 17. 9 p.m. A patrol on Hanchi Amboina noticed a moped driver who was not wearing a helmet. The moped had no lights on and no license plate.

Because of these violations, the officers decided to switch on the optical and sound) of the official vehicle to stop the driver for a check. The driver ignored patrol car's flashing lights and siren and drove on. The patrol chased the moped through several streets until the officers managed to jam the moped.

The driver, a minor aged 15, gave a false name several times. He was arrested for not following police orders, the moped was confiscated and an official report drawn up for all violations committed.

Driving under the influence

Drivers who register a positive result on a breath test given at their vehicles are arrested and taken to the police station for a breath analysis. Drivers are legally required to submit to a breath test.

From June 15 to June 28. Police reported that 10 drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Four drivers were given driving bans of 1 and 4- hours. Four driving licenses were confiscated.

Three drivers drove into other vehicles. One collided with a lamp post. Three were stopped for routine checks. Three were stopped for driving dangerously. One driver, a man, 52, was arrested for assault as well as driving under the influence of alcohol. A woman jumped out of his moving car on Kaya Nikiboko Zuid. Ambulance personnel provided medical assistance to her and took her to the hospital.

Traffic accidents (breathalyzer test negative)

June 28. 2:25 p.m. A driver ended up in the bushes with his pick-up at the Kaya Internashonal. Due to an as yet unknown cause. The ambulance took all three occupants of the vehicle, including a minor, to the hospital.

June 26. 8:10 a.m. The driver of the scooter did not brake in time and crashed into the back of a car on E.E.G. Boulevard. The driver of the scooter was taken to the hospital by ambulance and received a fine for driving without valid insurance.

June 26. 7:40 a.m. A scooter collided with the back of the car on Kaya Nikiboko South. The scooter driver was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

June 22. 8:45 p.m. Two cars collided at the intersection of Kaya Internashonal and the Kaya Maximiliana (Chiana) Rosario. Ambulance staff medically examined both drivers, but no one had to be taken to hospital. One of the drivers was fined for driving without a license and valid insurance.

June 18. 6 p.m. The driver of a scooter slipped on Kaya Internashonal, fell and was injured. An ambulance took the victim to the hospital.

June 15. 3:50 p.m. On Hanchi Amboina the tow bar of a pickup truck broke off and the trailer collided with a car coming from the opposite direction. The driver and a passenger of this car were injured and were taken to the hospital by ambulance. The driver was fined for driving with an invalid driver's license.

Traffic, Parking and Speed Control

Speed limit is 40 km/h in built-up areas and 60 km/h outside.

Traffic fines range from \$30 to \$225.

From June 16 to June 23. Police conducted traffic controls on Kaminda La Union, Kaya Internashonal, Kaya Barakuda, Kaya Amsterdam, Boulevard Julio A. Abraham, and Kaya Korona. More than 70 vehicles were stopped and 32 fines were issued. Fines were issued for driving without a valid driving licence, valid insurance, a helmet, one or both license plates, and a seatbelt. Fines were also given for driving with insufficient visibility from the driver's seat (due to cargo), and for driving with uncovered load. Three drivers were fined for exceeding the maximum permitted speed of 40 km/h. Several vehicles that were towing a trailer were checked. It was striking that the drivers were not in possession of the correct driver's license. During a check, a machete was confiscated.

Fire

June 18. 9:15 p.m. The fire brigade extinguished a fire in a car parked in the garden of a house in Tanki Matrimonio. The fire was concentrated at the front of the vehicle, near the battery. There were no injuries. A short circuit was probably the cause of the fire.

Public order

June 18. 9 p.m. A pedestrian stepped on an iron object on the sidewalk on Kaya Gilberto F. (Betico) Croes and was injured. The fire brigade cut the object and freed the victim. Ambulance staff provided initial medical assistance, after which the victim was taken to hospital.

Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



Hi Bob,

I just purchased a property on Bonaire and I think I need homeowners' insurance. What things do I need to discuss with my insurance agent?

Regards, Willem

Hi Willem,

That's a good question. There are at least three different types of coverage you should consider when ensuring your home on Bonaire.

1. Property damage

This is the basic homeowner's insurance policy and is intended to cover damage to your home from events such as fire, storms, wind, or water damage. Make sure to understand exactly what is and what is not covered under your policy. If you have a mortgage on your property this policy is often required by the bank.

2. Contents insurance

This insurance can cover the loss or damage of furniture, appliances, electronics and personal belongings caused by event such as fire, water damage, vandalism or burglary. Coverage can vary between policies so it is important to discuss this with your insurance agent.

3. Personal liability insurance

Liability insurance covers the cost or losses if a person is injured on your property or if your property causes damage to someone else's property. For example, if a tree from your property falls and damages your neighbor's property, liability coverage may help cover the costs. This can be included in your homeowner's policy, but you need to be aware of the insured amount and coverage limits.

Insurance premiums can vary depending on several factors, such as:

- The rebuild value of the property
- The location of the property (oceanfront)
- The occupancy of the property (residential use or vacation rental)

Every homeowner's situation is different and I recommend meeting with your insurance agent to make sure you have the right coverage for your specific situation.

Kind regards,
Bob

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Islands respond to Venezuelan emergency...from page 2



The United States military has deployed the Cooperative Security Location (CSL) on Curaçao as a base for conducting relief operations. The US consulate in Willemstad reports that the Southern Command, SOUTHCOM, is mobilizing funds for humanitarian aid and disaster response via Curaçao.

Following the earthquake a flight from Spain had to be diverted to Curaçao because Simon Bolívar International at Maiquetía was closed. Curaçao authorities arranged shelter and services for the 353 passengers.

Telbo N.V. stepped up to the plate. Until June 6, all calls to Venezuela will be free so people can stay in touch with their families and friends there.

Governor John Soliano has expressed his condolences on behalf of the Public Entity of Bonaire to the population of Venezuela and affirmed the island's support for them. *DMR*

BES electricity rates adjusted (upward)

The Netherlands Authority for Consumers & Markets (ACM) has adjusted the maximum tariffs for electricity distribution in the Caribbean Netherlands for the rest of the year. Oil prices have increased substantially since last year, so electrical charges have gone up as well. An average household on Bonaire will pay about \$27 more per month beginning July 1, on Saba about \$17 more per month, and on St. Eustatius about \$12 more per month.

Every household pays a flat rate per month for electrical service, plus a variable rate for individual usage. The projected production costs of the producers determines the flat rate. The flat rate does not change during the year. At mid-year the usage rate is changed to reflect changes in fuel prices. That is what happened to rates on July 1.

In 2026 the standing charge is being subsidized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate. The subsidy is determined by the average European Dutch level.

For Bonaire, the maximum variable usage rate increased from about \$0.39/kWh to about \$ 0.50/kWh. The maximum pagabon tariff (prepaid) increased from about \$ 0.74/kWh to about \$ 0.85/kWh, before application of subsidies on the standing charge. For the consumption of an average household on Bonaire, this means an increase of about \$27 per month.

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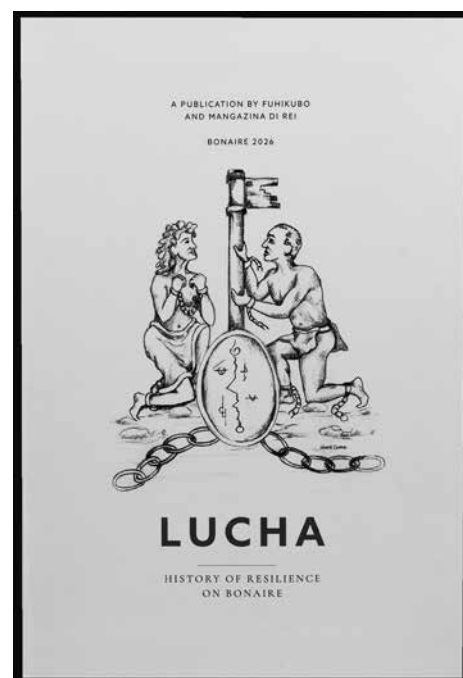
Dutch say Venezuelan insecurity endangers islands

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has declared instability in Venezuela and Venezuela-based international organized crime to be the main security threats to the Caribbean part of the Kingdom. The report "International Security Strategy 2026-2030" also warns that geopolitical interference in the region could endanger telecommunications, ports and investments, vital infrastructure and encourage economic dependencies.

The new security strategy focuses largely on the deteriorating security situation in Europe, the war in Ukraine and the strengthening of NATO and the European Union. The document confirms though that the security of the islands is part of the wider national security agenda of the Netherlands.

DMR (Source: Bonaire.nu)

New history published of resistance to slavery on Bonaire



"Lucha - History of Resilience on Bonaire" (2026) was presented to the public on June 29 at Fuhikubo. The book, written in both Papiamentu and English, explores the history of resilience and resistance on Bonaire. Written by 'Bòl' Antoin, the book is a revised version of his earlier book, "Lantamentu di katibu na Boneiru" (1997), updated to include both the slave uprising of 1745 and 1834 and the strike of the Indigenous people of 1805.

Antoin writes: "We have also sought to place these events within the broader context of our colonial history and to bring to the fore those stories of resilience that form part of that history."

The text is accompanied by drawings by local artist Juan Guillermo Norwin (Nochi) Coffie, whose work brings a poignant visual dimension to the history as it is told here. This project was initiated by Mangazina di Rei, under the patronage of the Herdenkingscomite slavernij verleden (Slavery Memorial Committee)."

The title Lucha in Papiamentu, literally translated means struggle or battle but in the context of this book it represents "determination to endure."

The book sells for \$20 and can be purchased from Fuhikubo and DelMar.



OLB provides teaching materials for budget planning

The Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) is making teaching materials called a Budget Planner available to social organizations on Bonaire. Professionals who guide people with financial issues will use the materials to help residents gain better insight into their financial affairs and learn to deal better with their income and expenses.

Last fall the National Institute for Budget Information (Nibud) conducted a train-the-trainer program on the island. Representatives of seven social organizations participated. *DMR*

BonDog is a win-win

What if I told you, there is new company providing the best quality petfood that you can easily order on WhatsApp? And they deliver pretty much whenever you need it? No more going from store to store searching for the perfect food or treats, and then hauling the big heavy bags of kibble from store to car, and car to home. And if you have questions or need advice or recommendations about the pet products, just ask and you'll get your answer. This is not wishful thinking but a reality now on Bonaire and it's called BonDog.

Owned and managed by Egbert Pelleboer, BonDog opened in January and could be the answer for many pet owners. BonDog features premier dog food products from Barca and Wielink that come out on top in cost and nutrition comparisons against supermarket dog foods like Pedigree.

Egbert, a former social and mental health worker first came to Bonaire in 2003 working at Krusada. He returned to the Netherlands and worked for 15 years at the Salvation Army, but coming back to Bonaire was always a dream. In 2023, with a new job working in the mental health institute of Bonaire, Egbert, his wife and their two children returned.

As a dog owner on Bonaire, Egbert saw the need for better pet food availability. With a connection to Wielink pet products through his father-in-law, Egbert began selling the Wielink dogfood as a hobby. The hobby grew and evolved into BonDog and his fulltime occupation. Egbert has expanded his product line to include Barca Premium dogfood and approximately 50 other pet products. His catalog continues to grow with natural products pet owners need or want for their dogs and cats.

Egbert says, "The products speak for themselves. People notice the difference in their dogs with the kibble. There are fewer allergies and better digestion for the dogs due to the lack of bi-products."

The Barca line of dogfood is a premier pressed dry food, made of high quality natural raw materials. And due to its high energy value, portion size is smaller than with other supermarket foods making it more cost efficient. The Wielink brand is a popular affordable brand known for its cold-pressed kibble and natural ingredients that is good for puppies to adult dogs. Both are a win-win purchase, being better for the dogs and the owner.



Egbert with some BonDog products and two dogs rescued from Animal Shelter Bonaire. Photo Julie Morgan

"Some people think what makes a good dogfood is protein, but it's also grain. Dogs can have too much protein. Barka has precooked grains which are easier to digest," said Egbert.

BonDog has an amazing list of products. In the WhatsApp BonDog catalog you will find Barca and Wielink kibble, canned food (turkey, beef tripe, lamb with rice) and BonDog oils and fats. There is steamed meat sausage (wild boar, goat, duck), various treats and what Egbert calls candies, for special occasions: minimax bones, pork spaghetti, dino bone, rawhide chicken, rabbit treats, chew hooves and more.

For cats Wielink produces the 3-mix Kat O'Nelli in tubs. It is a fully balanced food with various types and shapes of kibble for larger and adult pedigree cats. BonDog has cat treats too: chicken strip treats, dried fish treats. Cat litter will be available soon. And if your pet needs medical supplements, you will find the revered products from Dr Seidel.

To order and view the full list of products visit the BonDog catalog on WhatsApp +599-770-3237. If you have questions about which products are best for your furry friends, just ask.

Visit The Bonaire Reporter extra pages online for a cost comparison between Wielink, Pedigree and Barca dogfoods. See The Reporter business page for a direct link to the WhatsApp catalog.

Julie Morgan



A few of the BonDog treats and candies Photo Julie Morgan

Pedigree	wielink COMPRESSED KIBBLE	BARCA PREMIUM ADULT COLD PRESSED
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± 300 g	± 220 g	± 200 g
109,5 kg	80,3 kg	73,0 kg
\$301	\$271 BEST CHOICE	\$310
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± 600 g	± 440 g	± 400 g
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SUMMER HOURS

Sobermesa is going on vacation but...

Sobremesa is closing their gallery, studio classes and open studio from July 2 through August 31. The last Wednesday art club was today, July 1 and the last after school art club will be Friday, June 3 with special guest teacher Muzo.

We reopen September 1st and all classes will resume as soon as possible.

But In July and August, Sobremesa will be functioning as an artists hub and you are always welcome to come by and take a look.

See you in September, we have some exciting plans for the future and preparations are underway for this year's Kaminda di Arte Nov 28-29.

Sobremesa

The Reporter is taking a break

This issue of The Bonaire Reporter (#13) will be the last issue for the month of July. Expect us back with issue #14 on August 5, 2026.

The REPORTER

Civil Affairs offers extra appointments for urgent passports and sedulas



In order to better serve residents during the holiday period, Civil Affairs has organized extra opening hours and additional appointments for passport and sedula applications.

These extra appointments are intended for residents who have to travel at short notice or who urgently need a travel document for a medical reason. To be eligible, a flight ticket or a doctor's certificate must be submitted.

Residents who think they are eligible for an emergency appointment can contact the Customer Contact Center (CCC) by phone or chat on 715 5330.

The extra appointments are offered:

- Thursday, July 2, 2026
- Saturday, July 4, 2026

The number of available places is limited. Appointments are scheduled in order of registration and availability. Civil Affairs understands that the need for agreements is currently great and in the meantime continues to work on measures to continue to improve services and reduce waiting times.

Regular applications are subject to services by appointment only. No service will take place without an appointment. Residents are requested to use the appointment module on the website of the Public Entity Bonaire via <https://bonairegov.com/inwoners/burgerzaken>.



Rotary Club Bonaire presented a check a USD \$7500 check to Fundashon Alzheimer Bonaire on June 17. The generous donation originated from the proceeds of FERIA Rotaria 2026 this past spring. The funds will support the awareness campaign during 2026 World Alzheimer's Month in September. We are deeply grateful to Rotary Club Bonaire for their support and commitment. Together we will continue raising awareness about dementia on Bonaire. Photo via: Rotary Bonaire

Make Bonaire Accessible Day against Elderly Abuse..... by Ria Dokter

On June 15 Akse, Department of Guiani and ZW Group organized a day on Elderly Abuse. It is hard to believe that this problem exists, but it really does, and the biggest problem is that it is hard to detect. The goal of this Day Against Elderly Abuse was to learn how to protect the elderly and create awareness in our community.

Let me tell you a bit about some forms of abusing the elderly:

- Leaving them alone by themselves, without telling anyone
- Neglecting them and acting as if they are not your responsibility.
- Aggression and intimate abuse.
- Breaking promises or neglecting to follow up on promises made
- Discrimination
- Impairment financially
- Abuse by leaving the elderly without food or drink for a long time.
- Bullying

These are just a few forms of abuse, and I am sure there are many more. But these are the forms of abuse that are detected more easily. It is very heard to wrap my brain around elder abuse. How can this happen? And how do you know? I know for a fact that the elderly are very discrete and do not like to tell things, especially when they think it could cause a problem.

Let's all watch for the few signs of neglecting the elderly. Unfortunately it appears that in big families the abuse is just as often as it is in small families, even though there are more family members to pay attention to their elders.

In the case of finances, it is usually one family member who is responsible for the finances. Often there is no control, and everybody trusts everybody. And before you know it, the money disappears into the wrong pockets.

Neglecting is hard to comprehend, but it appears it is very easy to forget your mom, dad, nana... even after making a promise to visit you do not see them for a few days, weeks or more. Where I come from, we saw our parents and grandparents every day for a short time after work or school. And when you came home you were asked immediately if you had paid Gran a visit and was she okay. We lived in a very small island community, and everybody knew each other. The social control was very severe. Because there were always the neighbors, other family members, who knew you and your family. They also knew the customs and responsibilities. It would be very hard to forget somebody or something.

Maybe that is part of the problem nowadays. Before almost everybody knew you and yours and saw to things. Nowadays the neighbors are people you hardly know.

As for the neglect in care facilities, things here should run better, with all those eyes on you. But it appears that even there this is not the case. This makes me very sad because one cannot feel safe anymore, no matter where you live. Now THIS needs serious attention. Don't you agree?

Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she 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.



Cooks Club tours Bonaire's renovated slaughter house

Klub di Koki (Cooks Club) members were given the opportunity to take a look behind the scenes of Bonaire's renovated slaughterhouse in a visit on June 24. After a lengthy renovation, the objective of the renewed slaughterhouse on Bonaire is to stimulate local agriculture (kunukeru), improve public health, and ensure animal welfare. The project offers local farmers the opportunity to have various animal species slaughtered under optimal hygienic conditions, which contributes to combating price increases.

To start things off the nine Cooks Club members were welcomed to the slaughterhouse canteen with coffee and delicious treats, provided by Chef Mark's new company Pastries Bonaire.

Throughout the tour, the chefs were able to ask questions to Bonaire's longest-serving inspector, Latinova Emerenciana, and veterinarian Mirte Kruijt, who ensure everything runs smoothly. The two butchers, who practiced their fine craft with skill and enthusiasm, showed us everything from stunning, bleeding, skinning and entrail removal. And head butcher Elmer Frans, employee for 20 years, exhibited his experienced boning skills. In the process the inspector assesses whether the carcass and meat are safe for consumption by inspecting the glands, from which much can be deduced.

Where can you eat fresher than in the "kitchen" of a slaughterhouse? A pan of fried goat brains with egg was served to us, along with some fried pieces of goat udder—good for the men, or so it was claimed!

Unfortunately, only four members of the cook's tour continued on to Eric Curiel's kunuku restaurant Clara's, for the full goat experience of a delicious goat burger prepared by his wife. During dinner, Eric talked about his passion for goats, the



future of livestock farming in terms of education, survival, the climate and the idea behind his restaurant.

Marcel and Bianca from The Lake Friet, who recently started importing chicken, donated some chicken thighs so that the cooks could "jam" with them on Eric's grill and then finished them off with something tasty from the chef. Mathieu had brought a delicious Asian sauce and Corjan combined the tender pieces of chicken thigh with his famous sauce usually served with his scampi. (see the recipes below)

The Lake Friets also sponsored the charcoal for the BBQ.

Bottles Bonaire had selected three suitable wines, making it a delicious conclusion to this educational morning.

Grilled Turmeric Chicken

with Avocado-Tomato Salad by Saeed Lorens

Ingredients: 2 chicken fillets, 1 tsp turmeric, 2 cloves garlic, handful fresh coriander, 1 tsp honey, salt, pepper, and a splash of oil. **Salad:** 1 large Venezuelan avocado (diced), 2 tomatoes (wedges), fresh basil from the garden, salt and pepper. **Extra:** Basmati rice on the side.

Preparation • The Marinade: Put the garlic, coriander, turmeric, honey, salt, pepper, and oil in a blender or mortar. Grind or pound into a smooth paste. **Grilling Chicken:** Coat the chicken fillets with the paste. Grill them on the BBQ over medium heat for approximately 6-8 minutes per side until golden brown and cooked through. **The Salad:** Mix the avocado and tomatoes in a bowl. Toss through the fresh basil and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serving: Serve the warm chicken with the fresh salad and a portion of fluffy basmati rice.

Release Klub di Koki

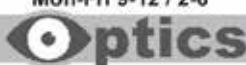


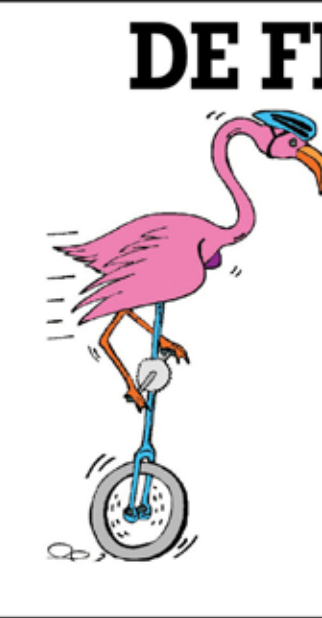


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Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting Every Thursday, 7 - 8 p.m. International Bible Church Kaya Papago 104 in Hato (Behind Bon Bida Spa and Gym and Bon Bida apartments). All welcome, regardless of primary addiction or no addiction at all.

Animal Shelter's Paws and Foot Prints bi-weekly dog walking group. Every other Wednesday 8 a.m. for an hour at Seru Largu. Signup by sending a WhatsApp message to 599-701-4989 no later than 2 p.m. the day before the walk (so we know how many dogs to bring).

Apertivo evening from 5 – 8 p.m. Fridays Rosa Cafe. Stop in for a drink & free Italian appetizers.

Beach Tennis Bonaire Free. Everyone welcome. Sportpark Rudy Boezem. Open 7 a.m.-9 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/beachtennisonaire/>

Becoming Movement Club Free monthly event for runners and walkers. Sorobon five-kilometer route Sunday 7.15 a.m. Check [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/becomingmovementclub/).

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

Consultancy open to all immigrants and/or refugees every Saturday 4 to 6 p.m. at Bijkerk's law office in Antriol. Call 796 2650 (abog. Bijkerk) or 787 2373 (FUIB - Union of Bonairean Immigrants).

Cultural activities for the elderly at Hôfi Kultural Tues., Wed. and Fri. at Cultural Garden, Antriol Pabou, Skandelchi Street z/n Info: manon@culturalplatform.com or call +599 7708437

Diver Safety. Jason Buttenshaw third Sunday of the month 6:30 p.m. at Sugar Thief, 8 Kaya Inglaterra.

Field Hockey. Kids 6-12. Thurs. free training in May & June. Adults train twice weekly.

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Bonaire-Hockey-Foundation/61576259612469/>

Fish ID course. Free. 7 p.m. at Trans World Radio (TWR) led by Carmen Toanchina. All welcome.

Usually held last Thursday of the month. Check: <https://www.reef.org/events/month>

JEU De BOULES CLUB Bonaire. ALL WELCOME. We play **PETANQUE** (the French version). Wed. & Sun. 2.30-6 p.m. Kunuku Allee, Kaminda Lac 38. We have spare boules (balls) for newcomers. jeudeboulebonaire@gmail.com or Peter Overman, 00599 7964037

Live Music Yhannis Arepas (Kaya Neerlandia, behind Budget Marine) Every Sunday 1 - 5 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/yhannisarepas/>

Museum Night, Terramar museum. Free access to galleries last Wednesday of the month. From 6 to 8 p.m., visitors are welcomed into a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where they can enjoy the galleries after hours and join a themed workshop (pay what you can).

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Bonaire. GET RID OF YOUR DRUG ADDICTION Monday 19:00-20:00. Kaya Tanki Matrimonio 30. Dutch & Papiamentu. Call Wensley 700 7289 or Remco 784 1782.

Pickleball. • Chinese Assoc. Kaminda Lac, Blue Building: Tues. & Thurs 6-8 p.m. Sat. 3 to 5 p.m. • **Sports Hall Jorge Nicolaas, Kaya Amsterdam:** Sun. Social play and beginners from 8 – 10 a.m. Advanced Competitive play from 10 a.m. - Noon. Members play free, non-members pay \$ 5.00 pp

Radio program “Krese” Bonaire's development over the past 70 years.- Last Tuesday of the month, 6 - 7 p.m. on Bon FM 102.7 FM. In Papiamentu; A recap is planned in Dutch and English on <https://www.facebook.com/share/1HPK6YY3Gm/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Radio program “Ban Lesa 2.0” Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. on Bon FM 102.7 FM. Multilingual; Guests in a warm and personal conversation, talk about a book that has moved them.

Rosicrucian Order, AMORC in Bonaire Michiel Bijkerk 796 2650, abogado.bijkerk@gmail.com

Sunfish Race Days: Barring inclement weather: BSSA Bonaire Sailing School Association Facebook.

Tennis Eddie's courts. Everyone (18+) is welcome. **Free Kid's Clinics at Sentro di Bario Nikiboko Tue & Fri 4-6 p.m. Sentro di Bario Nort'i Saliña, Mon & Thu 4-6 p.m.** Register: email info@bonairetennisassociation.com or app 599 782 4569. <https://bonairetennisassociation.com/events/> Mixed competition matches play Saturdays 4 to 10 p.m. on Eddie's courts.

 **Manta Monday** Free presentations Nicole Pelletier of the Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation. 7:30 p.m. No presentation July 6th. Back mid-July. Email: nicole.pelletier@manta.org; [Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation facebook](https://www.facebook.com/caribbeanislandsantaconservation)

 **Reef Renewal Bonaire.** Mondays 5:30 p.m. Breakfast Area – Buddy Dive Resort. Free. Learn about coral reef restoration. Questions? email: info@reefnewalbonaire.org

 **Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB).** Free presentations at Kaya Aruba 4E on 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 8 p.m. . <https://www.facebook.com/bonaireturtles/> Nesting season patrol starts in May. Reserve your spots reserving on: <https://www.bonaireturtles.org/wp/monitoring-patrols/>

2026 Cruise Ship Schedule			
DATE	TIME	CRUISE SHIP	PIER
Wed. July 1	0900-2200	CARNIVAL MAGIC 3646 guests	South
Wed. July 8	0800-2200	CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests	South
Wed. July 15	0800-1600	CARNIVAL VISTA 4683 guests	South
Wed. July 22	0800-2200	CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests	South
Thurs. July 23	0630-2000	SERENADE OF THE SEAS 2500 guests	North
Wed. July 29	0900-2200	CARNIVAL MAGIC 3646 guests	South
Wed. August 5	0800-2200	CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests	South
Wed. August 12	0800-1600	CARNIVAL VISTA 4683 guests	South
Wed. August 19	0800-2200	CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests	South
Wed. August 26	0900-2200	CARNIVAL MAGIC 3646 guests	South

What's Happening

Animal Shelter: Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. phone/whatsapp: 701 4989 or 717 4989. Email: animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza. NEW open Friday 9am till 4pm as well as for the cruise ships (schedule can be found at: <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. 1-5; Tues. & Thurs. 8-7; Wed & Fri. 8-5; Sat. 10-2. 715 5344. Anyone can become a member. Free for residents 0 to 18 years. Adults \$10 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) Kaya Gilberto F Croes, just past Caribbean Laundry. Saturdays 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pakus raises funds for the Animal Shelter by selling recycled and affordable clothes, furniture, books, music, housewares and more.

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/>
*Each month: **Family Saturday**, March 7* Pay a “family” fee of \$10 to enjoy our exhibitions and activities. Family is who you decide; **Kids Workshop** \$10 per child. March 21. 10 - 12 noon. We will be making piggybanks. Register via terramarmuseum@gmail.com or phone. **Museum at Night** Free entrance. 5 to 6:30 p.m. to explore and shop; also **Sisterhood Circle** by Vibra Foundation 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 25. Pay what you can. Info. +599 785 4399

SACA Art Center Free entrance. Kaya Korona 74. During the day the garden is open to the public.

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

Washington Slagbaai Park: Open Tues. - Sun. 8-5 (entry to 2:30 p.m.) \$40 (Free with Nature tag)

Tuesdays, 24 weeks starting June 2	Ban Lesa 2.0 at 5:30 p.m. BonFM 102.7 The series celebrates the diversity, and power of Caribbean books. Multilingual.
Wednesday, July 1	Commemoration of Slavery History The NOS broadcasts the annual commemoration in Amsterdam's Oosterpark live on television and radio. 1:40-3:30 p.m. NPO 1 (and 1.45-3.35 p.m. worldwide via BVN) 1:50- 4 p.m. NPO Radio 1 See The Reporter online page 24.
From Thurs. July 2 through July see page 16	Art exhibition ‘All Minds Matter’ Opening July 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Terramar Museum in Kralendijk, Kaya Isla Riba 3. A collaborative project with Mental Health Caribbean (MHC)
Friday, July 3	Atardi in the Diaspora, a musical storytelling In Dutch & Papiamentu, the music speaking to all. 7:30 p.m. Roman Catholic church La Birgen di Coromoto on Kaya Korona. Adults \$20, Under 18 \$10. See page 15.
Saturday, July 4	Miss Universe Bonaire Coronation Show Delfins Beach Resort 7:30 p.m. - 12 midnight \$80 includes snacks and open bar
Sunday, July 5	Tennis Tournament A week of exciting doubles competition. Categories: • Fun • Intermediate • Advanced. competition@bonairetennisassociation.com
Friday, July 10	Taste of Bonaire 2023 (Talent Edition) Starts at 6 p.m. @ Wilhelmina Park. Food, culture, local handicrafts. Restaurant signature dishes at special prices.
Thursday, July 16 see page 15	REEF Great Annual Fish Count Sharpen your skills with Carmen at 7 p.m. at the Trans World Radio Headquarters. Free.
Saturday, July 18 see page 15	REEF Great Annual Fish Count 9 a.m. at Isidel Park. Free. Women's Dive Day Dive Friends dusk boat dive on Klein Bonaire, a CCS (Caribbean Cetacean Society) presentation and delicious dinner.
Thursday, July 23 see page 15	REEF Great Annual Fish Count Dive Friends Sunset Cruise 3-8 p.m. Leaves from Dive Friends Port Bonaire . \$50 includes snacks and drinks
Saturday, July 25	Nos Zijlea Cultural Event - The influence of slavery on our culture 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Rincon. Enjoy the music, dancing, crafts, amazing food and drink

You can help keep Bonaire clean

Saturdays	One Hour Cleanup Power. Weekly coastal clean up every Sat. 9 – 10 a.m. Location on FB: https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanUpPower/
Sunday, July 12	Clean Coast Bonaire clean up surveys second Sunday every month. 4-6 p.m. Boka Onima. Work as a citizen scientist to collect marine litter & data. https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire
Saturday, July 25	Quarterly Clean up Dive, Dive Friends. Held January, April, July and October. Everyone is welcome. If you don't dive, you can snorkel; if you don't snorkel, you can help out on shore. https://www.divefriendsbonaire.com/eco-activities/quarterly-clean-up-dives/ The Beach Boost collects trash washing up on Bonaire's shores in Marine Park the last Saturday of the month. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join via WhatsApp groups +5997003749, +5997003748.

Reef Glimpses by Dee Scarr

The Astonishing Sea Turtle



“Marsha had one chance to get this image of mating turtles, and she came up aces!” Photo Marsha Stamatakis

Once upon a time, there were beaches where so many sea turtles would come to nest on the same night that there wasn’t enough room for all the nests. Places where one sea turtle, in order to deposit her eggs, might end up unburying several other nests. Places where one scientist counted the sea turtles in a section of the beach, figured the length of the beach, and calculated that 40,000 (yes, forty thousand) turtles were nesting on that beach on that single night.

Logs from Caribbean voyages of Columbus reported that sea turtles were so numerous it appeared their ships would run aground. Sailors had difficulty sleeping because of the noise these green turtles made when they bumped into the hulls of the vessels!

Animals, including people, valued turtles and their eggs as food, but everything was pretty well balanced until some humans began taking every turtle and every turtle egg they could find. Turtles and their eggs were tasty, but when turtle eggs and parts of the turtle shell were reputed to be aphrodisiacs, the demand really jumped. These human hunters weren’t feeding their families, they were taking everything they could sell. As you know, our species is very good at this. As you concluded, each year there were fewer turtles at these beaches.

Dr. Archie Carr began researching marine turtles in the

1950’s, through the University of Florida. One outcome of his pioneering work is the worldwide development of sea turtle conservation. And the result of sea turtle conservation has been steadily increasing sea turtle populations. In the 1980’s roughly 4,000 green turtle nests were found in Florida; in recent years that number is 230,000 nests, 56 times as many nests! Woo hoo! Green turtles are now listed in the endangered species group of “least concern”.

Their population was already on its way back when I visited Sipadan Island in the 1990’s, and this story gives us one reason why. Our group had come across a pair of mating turtles. The male, on top, holds onto the front of the female’s shell with the claws on his flippers, and holds onto the back of her shell with his tail. His tail is multi-talented: it also delivers his sperm into the female. This pair was zooming wildly about, probably because of another, smaller male who was trying to discourage the mating male so he could take his place. The method he used was to grab the mating male by the tail (yes, the same tail that was busy copulating with the female), bite the tail, and pull. He was entirely unsuccessful; the mating male never faltered.

We were so enthralled that we almost didn’t duck when the trio swam directly at us. Luckily, the operative word here is “almost” and we were able to avoid being crashed into by 500 pounds (227kg) or so of preoccupied turtles.

Within a few nights, the female will haul herself onto shore, find a site, dig a nest, and deposit around 100 eggs. About two months later the eggs will hatch, also usually at night. By placing a glass wall against turtle nests, Dr. Archie Carr learned that the hatching process is a team effort. The baby turtles on the top work to get through the ceiling, while the others smash down the sand and empty shells and climb over the debris to get out.

The hatchlings head for the sea, relying on star-and-moonlight reflections for directions. Other lights near shore can turn them around, and this happened to one hatchling when we were on Sipadan: instead of heading to the sea, this one followed the light to our night dive preparation area.

We were sorry it was turned around, but thrilled to be able to help.

The little turtle felt soft and smooth in our hands; I remember thinking it felt like a new puppy’s feet. We gently placed it in the sea off the dive prep area – and it turned right around and headed back toward the artificial lights. We recaptured the hatchling, walked around the island to a place where no artificial lights were visible (which, with hindsight, we should have done in the first place), waded out a bit, showed the hatchling the sky and the moon, and placed it in the water. This time it headed out to sea.

So our Sipadan group takes credit for one hatchling at least making it into the sea! We didn’t know that since hatchlings smell, taste, and otherwise examine the sand of their beaches, we should have let the little creature walk itself down to the water itself instead of carrying it. We’ll know for next time.

Plenty of credit has been earned over the years by our own Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire, a group of dedicated professionals and volunteers. In addition to their tagging programs, fishing line removal dives, and the twice-monthly free presentation at their office, Kaya Aruba 4E on the waterfront near It Rains Fishes. STCB volunteers check the beaches during nesting season so that each night’s nests can be marked off and protected. When it’s time for the eggs to hatch, STCB is there, making sure every hatchling can get out of the nest and into the sea.

Aaand, you can be there too, learning more about one of the most amazing survival stories of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, and helping it continue.

Scarr’s accomplishments were recognized in 2000 by her inaugural membership in the Women Divers Hall of Fame (with another Bonaire sea protector, Kalli DeMeyer). Her honors include Captain Don’s Accolade Award, a NOGI Award (“the Emmy of the diving world”) in the Distinguished Service category, and SeaSpace/PADI Environmental Diver of the Year in 1991. Dee was the Beneath the Sea and Boston Sea Rovers Diver of the Year in 1991 and 1993.



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Learn about dolphins
Experience our dusk boat dive
Enjoy tasty snacks and bubbles



Green Hatchlings go to the sea
Photo Bruce Hood

STCB fishing line cleanup

Sea Turtle Conservation Bonaire (STCB) June 27 fishing line cleanup attracted 12 divers to the beach popular to sunlovers, TeAmo beach.

It was no surprise that fishing line, which can harm sea turtles and marine life, made up only 20% of the collected debris. The overwhelming winners were, you guessed it, plastic and cans. The most unusual find was a screw-driver.

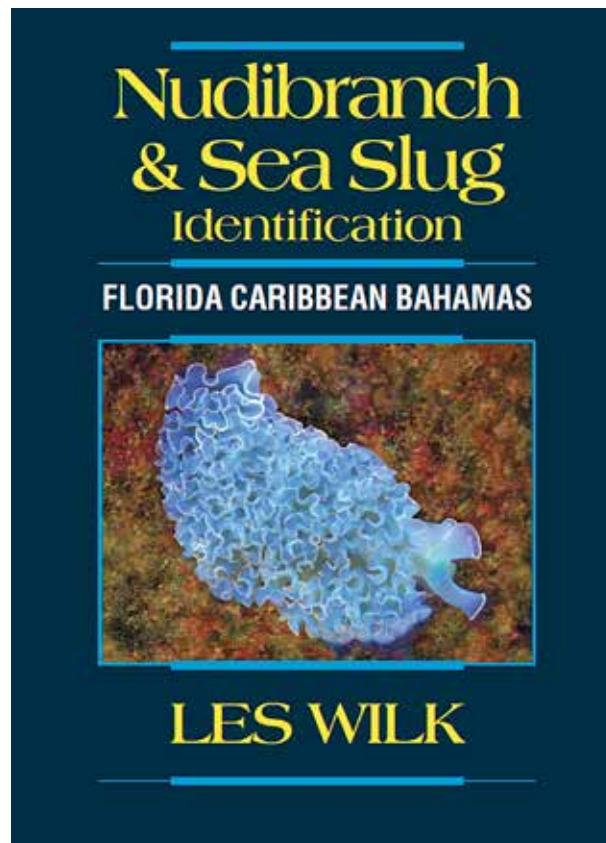
The next STCB fishing line cleanup will be announced on their Facebook page.

Photo Julie Morgan

Another great REEF series book is now available

New World Publications announces the most comprehensive field guide currently available for the nudibranchs and sea slugs of the Florida Caribbean Bahamas region. It provides up-to-date identifications of more than 632 species using descriptive text and 1810 photographs that together present life stages, color variability, habitat, spawn, typical behaviors, size and depth ranges, and geographic distribution.

The book utilizes the most current and verified names available at the time of publication. Some of the species depicted are new to science, still to be collected, studied, and scientifically named. Such naming of marine organisms, particularly sea slugs, is currently



undergoing a period of unprecedented change, driven largely by modern molecular phylogenetic analyses.

The author, Les Wilk, holds a Ph.D. in theoretical physics and has spent his professional career applying his knowledge in academia and in the nuclear energy industry. However, his “second career” (and his true passion) is underwater. He has spent nearly five decades photographing, researching, and writing about marine life. Applying the same scientific rigor he used as a physicist, Les has spent much of his time distilling scientific literature, consulting with experts, and collecting and cataloging photographs to build thousands of comprehensive species profiles. Les has become widely recognized as an authority on Caribbean marine life. His meticulous research bridges the gap between marine scientists and recreational naturalists. This book reflects a specialized focus of that ongoing work. Retail price is \$54.95 for both paperback and eBook format.

The book is now available on Bonaire at local dive shops that carry

Turtle video produced by Pursleys

For more than 10 years Kevin and Sharon Pursley have tracked and catalogued over 200 of Bonaire's sea turtles. Some turtles have been tracked for over seven years many have been encountered over 80 times. Kevin recently celebrated International Sea Turtle Day with a presentation to BIG (Bonaire Imagers Group). As part of the presentation, Kevin and Sharon showed their turtle imagery video which they produced for video night at the 44th International Sea Turtle Society Symposium held earlier this year in Kona, Hawaii.

To view the video: <https://youtu.be/1yBPeZTgST4>



Women's Dive Day, July 18

Dive Friends is celebrating Women's Dive Day on Saturday, July 18 with a dusk boat dive on Klein Bonaire, a CCS (Caribbean Cetacean Society) presentation and delicious dinner.

This all-women event is sure to be fun with great diving, comradery with fellow women divers and a talk by Gwen Versteegh of CCS's on dolphin populations around Bonaire and the Dushi Dolphin An Nou monitoring and research project.



Cost is \$50, (not including tanks/gear) with \$10 donated to CCS. Please arrive no later than 4:15 for the 4:30 p.m. departure time.

Space is limited so sign up early at: info@divefriendsbonaire.com.

(When reserving your spot, please advise of any dietary restriction or allergies for the dinner.)

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Two opportunities to join the REEF Great Annual Fish Count July 18 & 23 (prep July 16)

The Great Annual Fish Count (GAFC) is a month long initiative held each July, encouraging recreational divers and snorkelers worldwide to document the fish species they encounter. Their observations contribute to REEF's Global Marine Life Database, supporting research on fish populations, ecosystem changes, and long term marine conservation planning.

Carmen Toanchina, Bonaire's REEF ID specialist is working to get as many divers and snorkelers involved in the count.

Two opportunities for fish loving divers, snorkelers and ocean lovers to become a citizen scientist for a day, two days or a perhaps a lifetime.

- **Isidel Park** Biodiverse Bonaire and Let's Go Dive Bonaire are joining forces to host Bonaire's free 2026 REEF Great Annual Fish Count on July 18 at 9 a.m. at Isidel Park. Participating divers will complete a REEF fish survey dive as part of this international citizen science effort.
- **Sunset Cruise** Dive Friends is organizing a scenic sunset cruise as part of the GAFC with REEF on July 23. The sunset cruise includes snacks and drinks. Cost

is only \$50 excluding tanks and dive gear. The GAFC cruise is from 3 – 8 p.m. and leaves from Dive Friends Port Bonaire location. And on the Dive Friends GAFC cruise, Carmen will be aboard giving a Fish ID presentation and a guided survey dive. Spaces are limited

To help participants prepare for the fish count, a fish identification presentation will be held on July 16 at 7 p.m. at the Trans World Radio Headquarters. The session is open to everyone, whether you're new to fish ID or simply looking to sharpen your skills.

Biodiverse Bonaire, Let's Go Dive Bonaire and Dive Friends encourage all ocean lovers to take part in this community driven effort to document our reefs and celebrate Bonaire's extraordinary underwater biodiversity.

For more information or to register:

Carmen Toanchina - carmen@biodiversebonaire.com
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5 Wind Instruments & Milouska Meulens July 3



Photo Jouk-Oosterhof

Friday evening, July 3, 7:30 p.m. Coromoto Church, Kaya Korona

You know the saxophone, but who knows the oboe, the clarinet, the bass clarinet, and the bassoon, all wind instruments used with a reed as a mouthpiece? The Calefax Reed Quintet are five players with a reed wind instrument, with a very special harmony. The sonic kinship of these five reed instruments creates a unique sound that proves capable of breathing new life into a wide spectrum of music: from Bach to Duke Ellington, from Debussy to Nina Simone.

This ensemble - Calefax - is coming to Bonaire, accompanied by singer Juliana Martina and presenter and author Milouska Meulens. On Friday evening, July 3, there will be a large concert in the Coromoto Church with the title "Atardi in de Diaspora". They make beautiful music and tell a special and compelling story with and alongside the music. In Dutch and Papiamentu, not redundant, but arranged so that everyone understands the story in both languages. And if you don't master these languages, the music itself will be our common language. The young musi-

cians from our own Casa d'Musica will also be participating that evening.

In addition, the musicians of Calefax will participate in some smaller presentations on the island, including in Kas di Kuido on Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

Tickets for the Friday concert at 20\$ at Delmar Bookstore and Lisa Convenience store, and if still available, at the venue. Children half price, tickets at Delmar and at the venue.

Music Program

Atardi – Jacobo Palm performed by Calefax and Juliana Martina (Rudy Plaate / arr. Jean-Jacques Rojer)
 Stevie Wonder - Overjoyed
 Wim Statius Muller – "Tumba" Suite Pikiña opus 7
 George Gershwin - Rhapsody in Blue
 Ludwig van Beethoven – Moonlight sonata, part 1

For links to previews of these performers see The Reporter's online issue.

Release and photo of the Calefax Quintet from the Classical Music Board Bonaire

Church Services

Roman Catholic Churches Bonaire

- **Parish La Birgen di Coromoto (ANTRIOL):** Holy Masses: Mon-6:30 a.m.; Tues & Thur -7:30 p.m. Sat-6 p.m. (English) / 7:30 p.m.; Sun-7 a.m. / 10 a.m. / 6 p.m.
- **Parish San Bernardo (PLAYA):** Holy Masses: M. W. F. Sat-7 p.m. Sun-9 a.m./7 p.m.
- **Parish Luis Beltran (RINCON):** Holy Masses: Tu. W.Th. Sat-7 p.m. Sun-7 a.m./10 a.m.

International Bible Church of Bonaire (HATO): Kaya Papago 104. Sun: Worship Service & Children's Church 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Services in English.

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Finally, the ocean pool accessibility ramp is installed

When the very popular ocean pool and pier at Parke Tului was completed in August 2023, an accessibility/disabled ramp was included in the plans. Finally last week the ramp was installed after several false starts. As the design of the ramp was improved, new permits were required and new parts had to be procured.

Mitch de Palm of Indebon said, "Most of the delay wasn't due to the construction itself, but we wanted to make the facility as safe as possible. We're very proud that it's finally complete and can't wait for everyone to start using it. It's a big step forward. The accessible ramp was built together with STINAPA and it would not have happened without them."

Indebon's goal was to create safe access to the water for people with disabilities, seniors and anyone with reduced mobility. Ingrid Havermans of Kas di Kurason, the House of Hearts, who introduced the first water wheelchairs to Bonaire tried out the ramp on June 30. The accessibility chair worked great on the ramps until entry into the water. Ingrid is concerned that the depth of the water at the end of the ramp entry point is about waist high



Ingrid Havermans of Kas di Kurason, the House of Hearts helps a swimmer into the water.
Photo Julie Morgan

for the helper. This could be a safety issue when the helper is trying to help the disabled swimmer get out of the water back

into the water wheelchair. Hopefully Indebon can make the needed adjustments before their grand opening of the ramp in

mid-July so all of Bonaire's population and others can enjoy the pool.
Story / Photo Julie Morgan

A Garden? Just Do It! -Blessed rain and Surinam cherries- by Angliet, Nature Lover

I continue to be amazed of the powerful force of nature. With just a few short rain showers, plants have recovered from almost dying and begun producing shoots all over their stems like they were running for their life. It's like a miracle when almost dead plants suddenly show up with tiny shoots. Such wonders can make me so happy, it feels like I a gift.

Rain water is the water of life for plants. No purified water can give plants such a boost of vitamins, minerals and happiness as rain does. So catch rain water, store it if possible, and treat your plants with this holy fluid. Remember to cover the containers storing water, otherwise the mosquitos will breed in the water. And don't forget to remove open containers and other stuff from the yard that can fill with water. Especially when you leave for holidays, make sure the yard is clean.

One of the amazing things of nature are my cherry trees. Years ago when they started to produce, the first cherries were big and beautiful. I took these plants from Surinam and I was surprised that the fruits had the same nice look here even with the high salt concentration in the soil and Bonaire's dry atmosphere. But by harvest time, the situation had turned bad. The trees looked healthy but the fruits were full of a weird kind of tiny ant which were laying their eggs in the young cherries. The fruit was ugly, small, misformed and full of bugs.

This continued for years and at one point, I decided to remove the cherry trees from the yard, then something changed. When the first rain showers came down some months ago the trees started to bloom and cherries showed up. I was not paying attention to them thinking that they were as bad as usual and the loras and prikichis had already arrived to eat them. But one morning some nice big red cherries caught my attention. They were so beautiful and had no bugs so I immediately picked, rinsed and ate them. They had a gorgeous taste



and I couldn't believe it. I wondered what happened or changed that the cherries were not under attack this time. Was the tree in a better condition or were there fewer bugs, white flies and ants because of the heavy drought?

I collected many sweet cherries and enjoyed them with a thankful mind as a blessing from nature. In gardening there are happy moments and disappointments. Such as in life. But the golden rule of gardening is: Don't give up. The winner is always the one who falls and gets up, learns from their experiences and tries again. Because for sure, one day success will follow and that is the most happy feeling.

Even though it has been dry, the trees are producing fruit. Not as much as usual because there is less water in the air and soil for the young fruit. Besides the cherries I have mangos, papaya, soursop, star fruit and guyaba. Only a few have reached maturity, but I still feel good to own a garden with foods that have the best taste.

A final hint; a garden friend told me that he rinses fruit and veggies from other countries with baking soda and salt. He puts all the stuff in a container with water, a teaspoon of soda and salt for 15 minutes. He rinses them with clean water and then stores them. We don't know how much and which pesticide is used in those countries and during transport there is a lot of unhealthy stuff sprayed on them to keep them good for the transport. In fact they use poisons to kill bacteria and fungus on the veggies and fruit. So rinse all fruit and vegetables before preparing to eat them.

During building and preparing a yard, we are used to using big plastic sheets on top of the soil to prevent other plant seeds and weeds in the new yard. But we know now how bad plastic is for nature and for all life. A friend who is building a new house, collected old bed sheets to use against weeds in his yard. He covered the soil with them and then added dirt to the garden. So save your bed sheets for your garden. No more plastic in the soil.

Angliet grew up in the Surinam jungle, moved to the Netherlands as a teen, where she trained as a teacher, then in Alternative Healing. Returning to the Caribbean, she taught in St Eustatius and Bonaire. Everywhere she has lived, she has planted a garden and grown her own food.



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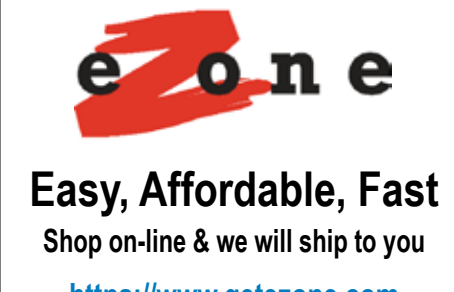
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Ripley

Dear dog lovers, Eventually young pups get old. Just like we do and this sweet girl Ripley.

This grey faced beauty is now 10 years old. Unfortunately she was just 4.5 years old when she was surrendered because her owners didn't want her anymore.

She got her name from the movie Alien, because the character survived alien attacks, and that is almost how Ripley looked when she was brought into the Shelter. She was so covered in ticks on her pretty face you could barely see it. Ripley's recovery was difficult because of so much blood loss from the ticks.

Ripley is a sweet girl and still young at heart even with a touch of grey on her face. She loves to cuddle and just simply needs and wants attention. She is good with other dogs, but prefers male friends as a roommate.

Do you have a place for Ripley? She would love to spend her golden years with a loving family.

Story / Photo: Sanne Attevelt

This is Jacky. This is Jacky, a beautiful calico lady with a kink in her tail. She is around a year and a half years old. Jacky was surrendered to us when she was pregnant with kittens, and her owners did not want her to have more, so we had to take her. It is very unfortunate that she was surrendered to us for that reason because sterilization is free. And it was really unnecessary to let her get pregnant at such a young age. So please spay and neuter your animals, so we can prevent unfortunate surrenders like Jacky. She is a super sweet talkative lady and deserves a second chance. Will you give



Jacky

Bonaire Entrepreneur Wins \$10,000 for Stargazing Concept



Jeanny Sint Jago will receive \$10,000 in business development support to build a nighttime stargazing tourism experience on Bonaire, after being named the winner of the BONHATA Tourism Business Academy Final Pitch on June 20. Her concept was selected by an independent jury from five proposals presented by six graduating participants at the Chamber of Commerce in Kralendijk.

Sint Jago's proposal centers on structured stargazing experiences, nighttime tourism that draws on Bonaire's dark skies and positions the island as a destination for a growing segment of travelers seeking astronomy-based travel.

The win marked the conclusion of the first edition of the

BONHATA Tourism Business Academy a seven-week entrepreneurship program developed by the Bonaire Hotel and Tourism Association (BONHATA) and the Chamber of Commerce (KvK) Bonaire to grow the number of locally owned businesses active in the island's tourism sector.

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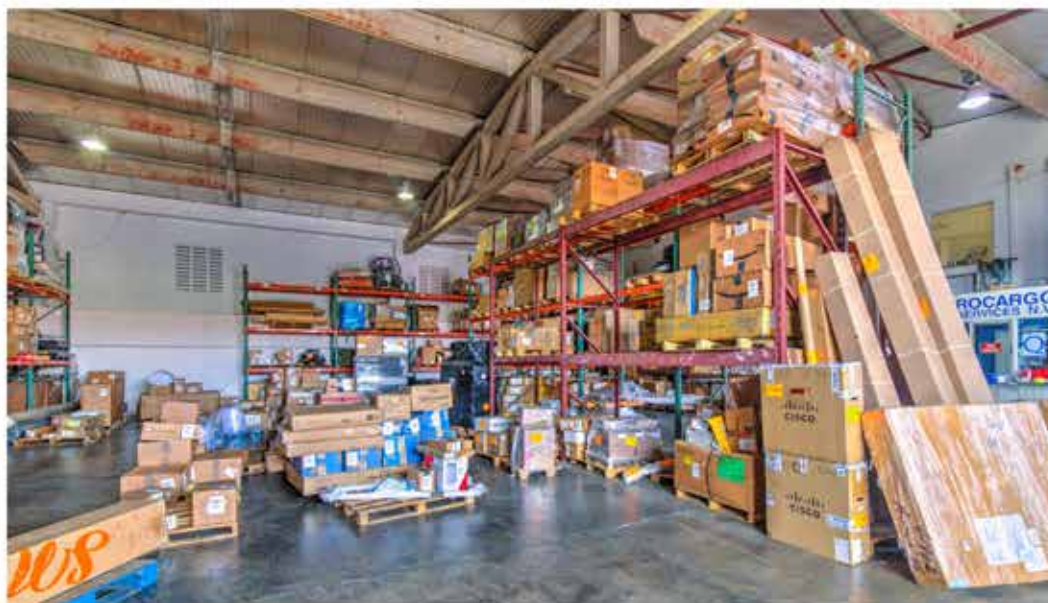


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4	CUR-905	Ruben Heekelaar		63	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	4.0	7.0	4.0	6.0	
5	ARG-1720	Pedro Grubissich		68	5.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	
6	CUR-13	Reef De Kanter		69	8.0	7.0	7.0	4.0	8.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	5.0	
7	NB-868	Glen Burgers	U13 BOYS	73	4.0	8.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	
8	TUR-7747	Alp Ozer	U15 BOYS	109	6.0	4.0	DNC 10.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	8.0	
9	AUT-43	Gaspar Cascon Schwarzenlander		130	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	DNC 10.0	

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Code	Description	Value
DNC	Did not come to starting area	Number of boats entered in series + 1

U17 Girls Fin

- Competitors
- Results
- Chart

Place	Change*	Sail	Helm	Boat	Total	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/28	6/28	6/28	6/28	6/28
						R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16
1		NB-92	Kit De Jong		9.1	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
2		NB-64	Lone De Jong		26	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
3		NB-115	Kimora Dammers		50	3.0	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC	3.0	DNC	DNC	DNC	DNC
						4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0

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U17 Boys Fin

Competitors

Results

Chart

Place	Change*	Sail	Helm	Boat	Total	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/25	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/28	6/28	6/28	6/28	6/28
						R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16
1		NB-2011	Arxon Gomperts		12.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	3.0	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.7
2		CUR-2011	Thomas Michael		35.4	5.0	6.0	5.0	DNF	0.7	2.0	4.0	0.7	2.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	0.7	3.0
3		NB-212	Trevor Anthony		42	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	3.0	6.0
4		VEN-00	Adolfo Fernandez		44.1	8.0	2.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	6.0	5.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	4.0	DNF	5.0
5		NB-970	Cle Burgers	U17 BOYS	49	2.0	5.0	2.0	4.0	0.7	3.0	2.0	0.7	3.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
6		NB-2801	Faber Korevaar		62	4.0	4.0	6.0	5.0	0.7	5.0	7.0	2.0	0.7	7.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	7.0	DNF	2.0
7		CUR-26	Sem Jorissen Althuisius		75	6.0	8.0	7.0	DNF	4.0	7.0	6.0	DNF	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	6.0	5.0	7.0
8		NB-218	Xeno de Grijze		88	7.0	7.0	8.0	6.0	5.0	8.0	8.0	3.0	5.0	8.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	DNF	DNF	DNF

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U21 Boys Foil

Competitors

Results

Chart

Place	Change*	Sail	Helm	Boat	Total	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27
						R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15
1		NB-1111	Tycho Smits		12.3	2.0	0.7	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
2		NED-301	Diederik Leemans		16.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	3.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
3		GER-711	Mario Boekstegers		35	3.0	3.0	4.0	DNF	DNF	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
4		TUR-7747	Alp Ozer	U15 BOYS	47	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0
5		ARG-1720	Pedro Grubissich		53	5.0	0.7	5.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0

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U21 Girls Foil

Competitors

Results

Chart

Place	Change*	Sail	Helm	Boat	Total	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27
						R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15
1		NB-46	Bobbi-Lynn de Jong	U21 GIRLS	8.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	0.7
2		NB-92	Kit De Jong		21.4	2.0	2.0	3.0	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	2.0	2.0	0.7	2.0
3		NB-64	Lone De Jong		34	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0

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U21 Boys Foil

Competitors

Results

Chart

Place	Change*	Sail	Helm	Boat	Total	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/26	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27	6/27
						R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15
1		NB-1111	Tycho Smits		12.3	2.0	0.7	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
2		NED-301	Diederik Leemans		16.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
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4		TUR-7747	Alp Ozer	U15 BOYS	47	4.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0
5		ARG-1720	Pedro Grubissich		53	5.0	0.5 6.0	5.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	4.0	5.0	4.0	4.0

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WHAT DOES IT COST TO FEED YOUR DOG PROPERLY FOR A YEAR?



COMPARISON FOR A FULLY GROWN DOG

FOR A 20KG DOG

DAILY AMOUNT
OF FOOD

ANNUAL FOOD
CONSUMPTION

ANNUAL
COST*

Pedigree

AVERAGE
SUPERMARKET FOOD

± 300 g

109,5 kg

\$301

wielink
COMPRESSED KIBBLE

± 220 g

80,3 kg

\$271

**BEST
CHOICE**

BARCA
PREMIUM ADULT
COLD PRESSED

± 200 g

73,0 kg

\$310

FOR A 40KG DOG

DAILY AMOUNT
OF FOOD

ANNUAL FOOD
CONSUMPTION

ANNUAL
COST*

Pedigree

± 600 g

219,0 kg

\$602

wielink
COMPRESSED KIBBLE

± 440 g

160,6 kg

\$542

**BEST
CHOICE**

BARCA
PREMIUM ADULT
COLD PRESSED

± 400 g

146,0 kg

\$620



* Based on retail prices of:

● Pedigree 20 kg: \$55

● Wielink Compressed 20 kg: \$67,50

● Barca Premium Adult 20 kg: \$85



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WIELINK COMPRESSED KIBBLE & BARCA PREMIUM KIBBLE
THE BEST CHOICE FOR YOUR DOG – EVERY DAY!



LESS FOOD = LESS CONSUMPTION

ANNUAL FOOD CONSUMPTION

Pedigree Adult
109,5 kg
per year

Wielink Compressed
Kibble
80,3 kg
per year

Barca Premium Adult
Cold Pressed
73,0 kg
per year



Pedigree is
average
supermarket
food and
has lower
nutritional value.

Wielink uses
approximately
29,2 kg
LESS FOOD
PER YEAR
than Pedigree.

Barca uses
approximately
36,5 kg
LESS FOOD
PER YEAR
than Pedigree.

FINANCIAL COMPARISON

FOR A 20KG DOG



- Wielink is \$30,19 cheaper than Pedigree per year
- Wielink is \$39,31 cheaper than Barca per year
- Barca is \$9,12 more expensive than Pedigree per year

FOR A 40KG DOG



- Wielink is \$60,25 cheaper than Pedigree per year
- Wielink is \$77,75 cheaper than Barca per year
- Barca is \$18,22 more expensive than Pedigree per year



PEDIGREE ADULT

- Low purchase price
- Widely available
- Lower daily nutritional value



WIELINK COMPRESSED KIBBLE

- Lowest annual cost
- Less food needed and less waste
- Excellent value for money



BARCA PREMIUM ADULT COLD PRESSED

- Less food needed per day
- High quality ingredients
- Cold Pressed technology
- Less strain on digestion and efficient absorption



WHICH CHOICE FITS YOU BEST?



Looking for the
lowest annual costs?
Choose Wielink
Compressed Kibble



Want the best balance
of quality and price?
Choose Barca
Premium Adult
Cold Pressed



Looking for the
lowest price per bag?
Pedigree might seem
cheaper, but you need
than food per year.

FINAL CONCLUSION – BEST BANG FOR YOUR BUCK



1 Wielink Compressed Kibble

- Lowest annual feeding cost
- Less food needed than Pedigree
- Excellent value for money

BEST FINANCIAL CHOICE



2 Barca Premium Adult Cold Pressed

- Highest ingredient quality
- Lowest daily feeding amount
- Cold-pressed for optimal digestion

BEST QUALITY-TO-PRICE BALANCE



3 Pedigree Adult

- Lowest purchase price per bag
- Highest annual consumption
- Higher yearly feeding cost than Wielink

BUDGET SUPERMARKET OPTION

FOR A 40 KG DOG – ANNUAL COST COMPARISON

PRODUCT	ANNUAL COST
1 Wielink Compressed Kibble	\$542
2 Pedigree Adult	\$602
3 Barca Premium Adult Cold Pressed	\$620

WINNER: WIELINK COMPRESSED KIBBLE

OVERALL VERDICT



**Best Bang for
the Buck:**
Wielink Compressed
Kibble



**Best Premium
Choice:**
Barca Premium Adult
Cold Pressed



**Lowest Purchase
Price:**
Pedigree Adult

Every dog is unique. Individual needs may vary
based on age, activity level and health.

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MISS * UNIVERSE BONAIRE

DATE

Saturday, July 4th, 2026

DOOR OPENS.

SHOW TIME.

SOCIALICE.

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM to 11:00 PM – 12:00 AM

VENUE

Delfins Resort Bonaire

PRICE

\$ 80,00



INCLUDING VARIOUS SNACKS AND OPEN BAR- UNLIMITED DRINKS DURING THE EVENT
BEER, WINE, SOFT DRINKS, COFFEE , THEE

TICKETS AVAILABLE



MISS NOORD SALINA,
KATHERINE MONTERO,

MISS KRALENDIJK,
VIVIENNE VOLLEBREGT,

MISS ANTRIOL
CAROLINE PORRAS

NOS broadcasts the Commemoration of Slavery History 2026

NOS Commemoration of Slavery History Wednesday July 1
1:40-3:30 p.m., NPO 1 (and 1.45-3.35 p.m). worldwide via BVN)
1:50- 4 p.m. NPO Radio 1

On July 1, it will be 163 years since slavery was abolished by law in Suriname and the Netherlands Antilles and 153 years since it actually came to an end. The NOS broadcasts the annual commemoration in Amsterdam's Oosterpark live on television and radio. The television broadcast is presented by Simone Weimans; the presentation on the radio is in the hands of Winfried Baijens.

During the commemoration, the Amsterdam mayor Halsema is one of the speakers. For the first time, Rob Jetten is there in his position as Prime Minister.

Television

The common thread in the broadcast is the impact of slavery to the present day. Simone Weimans talks about it with main guest anthropologist Alana Helberg-Procter, who specializes in this subject. Author, programme maker and dancer Raoul de Jong is also a guest. He is the son of a Dutch mother and only got to know his Surinamese father when he was 27 years old. Evita MacNack reports from the Oosterpark and there are also reports on the meaning of clothing and hairstyle in Surinamese and Antillean culture. It can also be seen how commemorations and celebrations are taking place in other places in the country.

Radio

On NPO Radio 1, the commemoration is followed live and presenter Winfried Baijens talks to guests. Reporters are in the Oosterpark for the commemoration and on the Museumplein, where the Ketikoti Festival celebrates the abolition of slavery.

TASTE OF BONAIRE

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENT

10
JULY

TALENT
EDITION

 Wilhelmina Park

 18:00 - 22:00

Experience local & international food, music,
handcraft and much more!



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BONAIRE MONTHLY TOURISM PERFORMANCE

MAY 2026

THE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

These data are preliminary figures.

NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR
15,201 2026

All non-residents are registered as visitors

NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR
14,962 2025

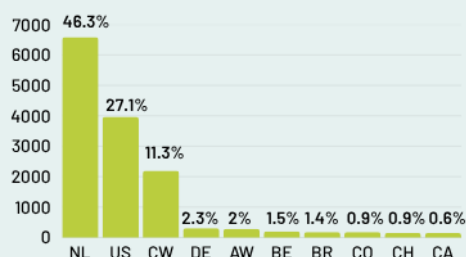
2026 COMPARED TO 2025

1.6%

Increase in non-resident arrivals



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



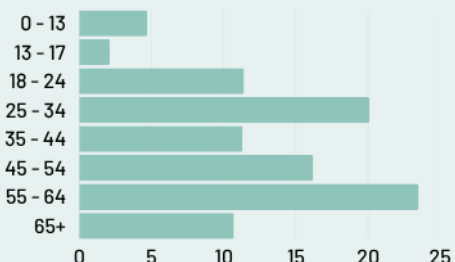
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US Florida, Texas, California, New York, and North Carolina.

NL South Holland, North Holland, North Brabant, Gelderland, and Utrecht.

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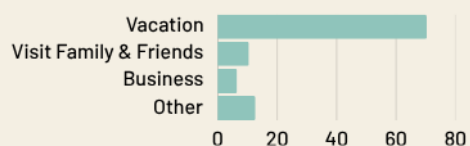
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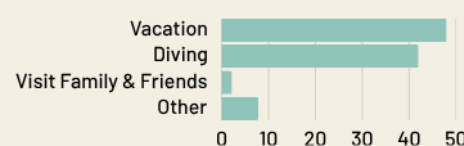
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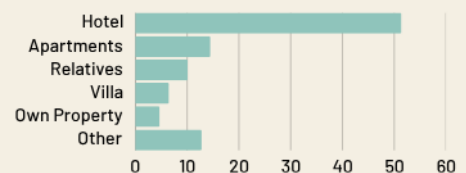
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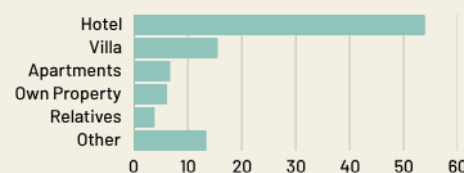
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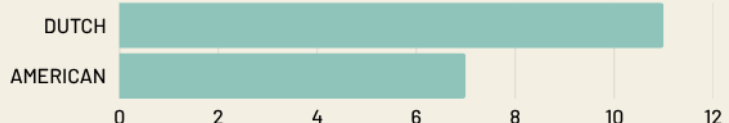


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WHAT IS 'BAN LESA 2.0'?

A new radio series about Caribbean books with a new episode every week!

Starting Tuesday, June 2, the new radio series Ban Lesa 2.0 begins on BonFM. Every week at 5:30 PM, listeners will dive into the richness of Caribbean literature for half an hour. The series consists of 24 episodes of 30 minutes, divided across three languages: eight in Papiamentu, eight in English, and eight in Dutch. In this way, the versatility of the Caribbean language area will be made accessible to a broad audience.



BAN LESA 2.0





FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Winter 2025/2026
starting October 1st

DESTINATION	AIRLINE	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	DETAILS
NEW YORK JFK	jetBlue						✓		Last flight on January 3, 2026
MIAMI	American Airlines	✓		✓		✓	✓*		DAILY Dec. 17, 2025 - Jan. 5, 2026 *Saturdays 2 daily flights (seasonal)
ATLANTA	DELTA			✓*			✓	✓*	*Starting Dec. 20th, seasonal flights
NEW YORK NEWARK	UNITED						✓		Starting Nov. 1st
HOUSTON	UNITED							✓	Arrival on Saturdays
TORONTO	WESTJET			✓					Starting Dec. 9th - Arrivals on Tue.
AMSTERDAM	KLM	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓*	*Fri. & Sun. 2 daily flights - Dec. 19, 2025 - Mar. 15 2026
AMSTERDAM	TUI	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		Wed Thu Fri direct from AMS
AMSTERDAM	corendon.		✓*					✓	*Starting Oct. 14th - till Oct. 8 on Wednesdays
SANTO DOMINGO SDQ	SKYhigh Dominicana					✓			
CURACAO SINT MAARTEN	WINAIR	✓		✓		✓			Arrivals on Sun Tue Thu
CURACAO ARUBA	DIVIDIVI	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CURACAO ARUBA	ZAir	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Please note this schedule is subject to change without prior notice.

 2026 Clean Coast Bonaire Schedule 2nd Sunday of each month		
January 11th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
February 8th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
March 8th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM
April 12th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
May 10th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
June 14th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM
July 12th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
August 9th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
September 13th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM
October 11th	Boka Onima	4:00-6:00 PM
November 8th	Piedra Pretu	4:00-6:00 PM
December 13th	Te Amo Beach	8:00-10:00 AM

No dogs on beaches

STINAPA POST:

We adore our four-legged friends, yet it's crucial we respect our delicate ecosystems.

Please adhere to these guidelines to maintain the beauty of our beaches and protect the wildlife.

Nesting Area Respect: No dog walking in sea turtle nesting zones. Fines of up to \$170 may apply.

It is permitted to walk dogs between Punt Vierkant and the Salt Pier and between the Willemstoren and Sorobon, but only along the coast.

Off-Limits Shores: Dogs are not permitted on these specific beaches. View the map for details.

- Playa Lechi (Sunset Beach)
- Playa Lechi Suit (Boulevard)
- Playa Chachacha
- Playa pal'i mangel (Donkey's Beach)
- Fòrn'i kalki (Bachelor's Beach)
- From Saliña (salt pier) to Lacre Punt (Willemstoren)
- Sorobon and Cai
- Piedra haltu (Thousand Steps)
- Tolo
- Klein Bonaire





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