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The *Uwiko* and *Arantsa* - boto di piskado  
Photo Julie Morgan

## Keeping tradition and still moving forward

### The traditions

The 59th Bonaire Sailing Regatta is holding to tradition this year by welcoming back two original **boto di piskado**, traditional wooden fishing boats. These traditional boats were the source of the Bonaire Regatta with two sailors Captain Don Stewart and Ebo Domacasse racing around Klein Bonaire in their boats, the *Sislin* and *Veila* for 27 cases of beer back in 1968. Of course, the regatta has continued, but with newer technology, many of the traditional fishing boats have been lost.

Pam Teitel wrote *A Race Against Time, Keeping Bonaire's Boto Piskado Afloat*. "The fishermen would take a week off from fishing every year to race. But as motorboats replaced sailboats in the island's fishing fleet, this cultural icon began to fade, with only the annual regatta to sail in. Facing the high cost of repairs and upkeep for the wooden craft, most owners gave up, leaving the boats rotting away, never to sail again."

Through a restoration project in 2017, Teitel and many others restored four boto di piskado and they did participate in a few Bonaire regattas. Now everyone is happy to see that two are back again this year.

Aquaspeed, the managing organization for the Bonaire Sailing Regatta, is working to bring back the more traditional regatta. Aquaspeed's Derchlien Dijkhoff said, "This year is a blueprint for the 60th anniversary next year. We are trying to make it more of an international event. We built a new stage at Regatta House and every afternoon there is Happy Hour. There are five tents on the shores this year. We wanted to go back to the traditional, like it was 20 years ago. This is all due to the request of participants."



Dee Pedersen and sailor maneuver a buoy  
in the new RS Feva Photo Julie Morgan

### This year's Regatta

There are 25 volunteers working the sailing regatta. STINA-PA, the Coast Guard, Citro (emergency boat) are all on the water and all three are all working together to ensure everything goes smoothly.

**On the morning of October 12, day one**, rough seas and rain greeted the beginning of Bonaire's 59th Regatta, postponing the first sailing. The 122 sailors who were signed up to compete sat back and waited until Bruno de Wannemacker of Belgium, Bonaire Regatta race director for the second time in recent years, gave the go ahead.

From Kas di Regatta, (Regatta House), home base for all activities, around 2 p.m. the yachts, Sunfish, the optimist and the two boto di piskado, made their way to the start buoys to begin their races at marked times.

New to the lineup were three RS Feva, a type of two sailor Sunfish. Sailor Dedrie Pederson who will be sailing the Feva all week said, "The RS Feva is one of the newer additions to our BSSA fleet and I think it's a fantastic boat for developing teamwork, communication and trust between sailors."

With day one of racing over, the sailors and spectators gathered around the new stage at Regatta House to check the sailing stats and enjoy the after-race Happy Hour.

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## Starreveld trying to build at Sunset Beach again



On October 6 Bonaire.nu reported that a high fence was being built around the disputed building site at Sunset Beach. A general outcry was raised. Many in the community were concerned that public access to the beach was being cut off. On the 12th Bonaire.nu reported “The fence around the grounds of Sunset Beach on Bonaire has been closed for the past few days. Visitors who want to reach the beach are currently dependent on access via Isidel Beach Park.” In the meantime the developer, Peter Starreveld, has been insisting “The beach must remain public. That is an important part of our plan.”

Local interest groups have been investigating what actions the Public Body can take to assure public access and parking to the beach. Reportedly the OLB is not responding to enquires. STI-NAPA says it knows the area between Eden Beach and Chogogo has been leased by the OLB, but it does not know who the lessee is and where the exact borders are,

Susan Porter posted a story on Facebook that drew attention to the fence and beach access. In a comment, William Warmus passed on the results of his research into the issue. One certainty is that “Any new resort, hotel, or restaurant must permanently dedicate a public walkway and specific parking spots for sea access before a building permit is issued.” One certainty is that “Any new resort, hotel, or restaurant must permanently dedicate a public walkway and specific parking spots for sea access before a building permit is issued.”

Dennis Martinus, speaking with The Reporter at the site, said, “Unless they block off access to the beach, we can’t do anything. If they do, then we will bring the bulldozers in and take down the fence.”

This is Starreveld’s third attempt to build on the site. In 2022 a government press release announced that, after much deliberation, a building permit application from Starreveld’s company would not be granted. The Executive Board determined the proposed building was “Too high, [had] too many rooms, does not comply with the provisions of the Strategic Tourism Master Plan for a high-end tourist product, also does not fit the other buildings in the area and road safety is at risk.

A second design was submitted. The government rejected that one too. Initially Starreveld wanted to create 106 apartments and penthouses. Now he’s promising a five-star hotel.

Starreveld started selling the Sunset Beach apartments in the Netherlands even before he filed for a building permit. The advertisements said 60 percent of the 106 units had been sold. After the government refused him a building permit, he admitted that “about sixteen or seventeen” buyers had withdrawn offers.

Starreveld has a ten-year history on Bonaire. He is the developer and operator of Resorts Bonaire at Punt Vierkant. The company sells apartments, then manages them for the buyers as income properties. Reportedly Dutch people have paid hefty deposits on more than a hundred apartments there and continue to pay an annual management fee of \$7,000. It is also reported that many apartments have yet to be built, and a third of those that have been built cannot be rented because of defective air conditioners and overdue maintenance. Starreveld acquired full control and half interest in Resorts Bonaire when the principle investor, the EuroParcs Group, having decided that doing business in Europe was better, made him a sweetheart deal.

In June, 2023 the Executive Council of Bonaire and Hugo de Jonge, Dutch Minister for Housing and Spatial Planning, signed an agreement. The OLB would construct 2,124 affordable homes by the end of 2030, 600 of them by 2025. The Dutch would contribute 10 million euros to the first phase units and infrastructure. Somehow that agreement morphed into a contract between Fundasion Cas Bonariano (FCB) and De Wit Group Bouw BV (DWG), Starreveld’s company. De Wit would build 444 affordable homes for the government by the end of 2025. De Wit would also build, at its own expense, a modular home factory where the houses would be constructed. Now, late in 2026, the project has stalled. Fewer than 20 homes have been built, none completed, and no modular home factory exists on Bonaire. Starreveld says one could be still built though, if the Ministry of the Interior would pay for it.

Starreveld’s string of bankruptcies and court cases goes back to 2011. Why does he keep getting away with it? No one knows. Except perhaps the people who sign the contracts with him.

DMR

Photo Julie Morgan

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## Bonaire swims to Klein

Jong Bonaire's 24th Swim to Klein on October 11 was sold out this year with over 900 tickets sold and an estimated 700+ participating. The one-mile round trip swim is traditionally held as the first event for Regatta Bonaire. And since first organized, the fundraiser has only missed two years and that was during Covid.

William Evertz of Jong Bonaire explained "there was a huge interest this year, but we had to mark it as sold out for safety reasons."

Swimmers reported a strong wind on the way to Klein with a heavy current on the return resulting in many grabbing a return ride on the ferry or one of the safety boats.

The Competition Swim held at 7:30 a.m. drew a record 82 participants this year.



First swimmer to return in the Fun Swim, Tim van der Guessen, makes his way in.

And they are off...



The competition results available at press time:

**Male 12 – 17:** 1st – Koen Verhoeven, 25.07 min; 2nd- Danny Rivas; 3rd – Samuel?;

**Male 18 – 39:** 1st - Tim ?, 25.33; 2nd -Mike Fischer; 3rd -Jan Marco vd Poei

**Male 40+:** 1st -Danny van Klaula, 26.13; 2nd -Tim Post; 3rd -Erik Dain

**Women 12-17:** 1st -Eden, 26.45; 2nd -Vyonne; 3rd - Charlotte

**Women 18-39:** 1st -Chaz, 29.32; 2nd - Caroline Weingartner; 3rd -Anne van Zylst

**Women 40+:** 1st -Yvonne Beumer 27.37; 2nd -Simone; 3rd -Marieke

The Fun Swim was a mix of swimmers of all ages. Many of the swimmers from the competition swim joined the fun one. First to return was #530 Tim van der Guessen and second was #7 Indy Douman. Third was #813 (no name); 4th - Jan Marco van der Poei, 5th #172 (no name) and 6th, #458 was the first woman (no name).

*Story / Photos Julie Morgan*



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# POLICE REPORT

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## Property crimes

**Oct. 3.** Two exterior mirrors were stolen overnight from a car parked in a parking lot at Kaya General C.M. Piar.  
**Oct. 2.** 7:00 a.m. A gray Toyota Vitz was stolen while parked in front of a house on Kaya Filomena.  
**Oct. 1.** 10 a.m. A red Toyota Hilux was stolen while its driver was inside a supermarket delivering fruit and vegetables. Around 11:30 a.m. the police received a tip about the location of the stolen vehicle. The pickup was found on Kaya Bongo and transferred to the police station. The suspect, 37, was found a short time later on Kaya Kuarta and arrested. After permission from the public prosecutor, the pickup was returned to the owner.  
**Sept. 26 / 28.** A burglary and theft was reported at a company on Kaya Kilowot. Camera images show that several unknown persons entered the company through the back on Saturday, the 26th, between 10:30 and 11 p.m. A broken window was found at the company. A cash register with cash appears to have been taken.

## Arrests / Searches

**Oct. 12.** Police carried out a preventive search check at a catering establishment on Kaya Korona. Seven people and four vehicles were checked. A small amount of suspected narcotics was found and destroyed on the spot. The police will continue to carry out preventive checks at several locations in the coming period.  
**Oct. 7.** The Special Assignments Group (GBO) arrested two men aged 36 and 22 for threats and violations of the BES Firearms Act. The arrests are related to a threat case that took place on August 26 and a shooting incident on August 30 on the Kaya Filomena.  
**Oct. 6.** 10:20 p.m. A driver ignored a police stop sign on Kaya Dr. J.G. Hernandez and drove at high speed toward two police officers who had to step aside to avoid a collision. The driver then drove on and a chase was started. The vehicle was found a short time later. A man, 32, was arrested for attempted manslaughter. The vehicle was impounded.  
**Oct. 2.** 3:40 p.m. A boy, 16, was arrested for vandalism at an institution on Bulevar Gobernador N. Debro. He destroyed a bench, two glass doors and a plant pot.  
**Sept. 30.** 10:10 a.m. An assault was reported at Kaya Neerlandia. The reporter stated that he had been threatened with a screwdriver earlier that morning and the windshield of his vehicle had been destroyed. The police arrested the suspect, a man, 47, a short time later at a snack bar on Kaya Neerlandia. The screwdriver has been confiscated.

## 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 Sept. 28 to Oct. 12** police reported that four drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. One of these drivers was fined for driving without a license and insurance. One driver fell off her scooter, another collided with another car. One crashed his car into an electricity pole. A driver who was identified during a routine check was given the opportunity to take a breathalyzer test several times, but after several attempts, no valid breathalyzer test could be taken.

## Traffic accidents (breathalyzer test negative)

**Oct. 12.** 5:43 p.m. A collision was reported on Kaminda Tras di Montanja. When police checked the documents of the three drivers they found that one driver was not in possession of a valid driver's license and another driver could not show valid insurance. Both drivers were fined.  
**Oct. 11.** Two cars collided on Kaya Bonaire. A driver wanted to park his car and ran into a parked car while making a turn.  
**Oct. 11.** 2:10 a.m. A police patrol found an injured woman on Kaya Princess Marie. The woman was probably hit by a pickup. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance. According to bystanders, the driver had driven away after the collision. The driver later reported to the police sta-

tion and stated that he had left the scene of the accident because he felt unsafe due to the presence of bystanders.  
**Oct. 10.** A collision was reported on Kaya Lodewijk Gerharts. The driver of a moped was fined for not having a valid driver's license to drive the moped.  
**Oct. 9.** 11:47 a.m. A car and a truck collided on Kaminda Miguel A. Pourier. The driver of the car stated that he temporarily lost his sight while driving, after which he collided with the truck. Ambulance staff examined the driver of the car at the scene.  
**Oct. 6.** 6:50 p.m. A car and scooter collided on Kaya Niki-boko North while both were turning.  
**Oct. 6.** 5:20 p.m. Two cars collided on Kaya Korona. One driver was fined because he did not have valid insurance.  
**Oct. 6.** A car and a fat bike collided on Kaya Nerlandia. The driver of the fat bike was injured in the collision. When the police arrived, the driver of the car was no longer at the scene.  
**Oct. 5.** 7:10 a.m. A motorcyclist collided with a goat on Kaminda Tras di Montaña. The motorcyclist was injured when he fell and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. Part of the road was temporarily closed.  
**Oct. 3.** 10 p.m., On Kaminda La Union a parked pickup was hit by another vehicle that drove away after the accident.  
**Oct. 3.** 5:50 p.m. A car and a pick-up collided on Kaya Lodewijk Gerharts.  
**Sept. 30.** 3:50 p.m. A car drove into a wall of a house on Kaya Socrates. Ambulance staff transported the driver to the hospital.

## 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.*

**Oct. 6.** Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. the police held speed checks on E.E.G. Boulevard and Kaminda Tras di Montaña. On the E.E.G. Boulevard, 30 vehicles were checked. Four drivers drove faster than the permitted maximum speed of 40 km/h. The fastest speed measured was 62 km/h. On Kaminda Tras di Montaña, 35 vehicles were checked. Three drivers drove faster than the permitted maximum speed of 60 km/h. The fastest speed measured was 84 km/h.

**Oct. 2.** 2:03 a.m. A police patrol on Kaya J.E. Nicolaas saw someone riding a fat bike without a headlight. The driver did not pedal and was estimated to be going faster than 25 kilometers per hour. The fat bike was taken to the police station for technical examination. A check on the dynamometer showed that the vehicle could reach a speed of 40 kilometers per hour without pedal assistance. The fat bike was confiscated.

**Sept. 30.** 3:35 a.m. A police patrol checked a car on Kaya Finlandia. For the second time, the driver did not have valid insurance and the vehicle did not have a front license plate. Because of the repeated violations, the vehicle was impounded and the driver was again issued with an official report for driving without valid insurance and without a license plate.

## Public order

**Oct. 11.** A 62-year-old American diver died Sunday afternoon after diving with two other people at the Andrea II site. The diver was unwell when he surfaced around 3 p.m. Resuscitation was started. The ambulance arrived around 3:15 p.m. but despite the assistance, the diver died around 3:45 p.m.

**Oct. 5.** 1:10 a.m. A catering establishment on Kaya Dr. J.G. Hernandez was open after the permitted closing time. Those people still present were asked to leave and an official report was drawn up against the owner.

**Oct. 1.** 5 p.m. An altercation occurred between two people at a catering establishment. One of them was threatened with death.

## Fire

**Sept. 30.** A fire was reported in the mondi near Kaminda di Lagun. Police and the fire brigade found pallets and wood on fire.

# Ask Bob

Bonaire real estate advice



Hi Bob,

I just bought a property and the purchase agreement has been signed. The transfer at the notary will take place in 2 months. What happens if the property gets damaged in the meantime, for example because of a fire, a storm or another event? Who is responsible for this damage?

Regards,  
Jack

Hi Jack,

In general, the seller remains responsible for the property until the transfer at the notary. The seller must deliver the property to the buyer in the condition as agreed in the purchase agreement.

If damage occurs between signing the purchase agreement and the transfer at the notary, it is important to first determine what has happened and who is responsible for the damage. It is also important to check if the damage is covered by the seller's insurance.

The procedure to be followed in case of damage should be mentioned in the purchase agreement that you have signed. This can include how the damage should be reported, who should contact the insurance company and how the damage should be handled before the transfer.

My advice is to contact your real estate agent and do not make agreements about the damage or start repairs before it is clear how the damage will be handled. This can prevent problems between the buyer and seller before the transfer.

Sunny regards,  
Bob

**Bob Bartikoski,**  
**Re/Max Bonaire Broker/Owner**

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# Letters & Opinions

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The beach between Eden Beach and Sunset Beach.

The arrow points to a security guard under his own palapa who has been posted to guard the south entrance to the Chocogo property. He is a match to a security guard who was posted on the north edge of Chocogo property when Isidel Park opened. The public has legal access to Bonaire's natural beaches. Only the beach lying behind the Chocogo's "retaining wall" is private property. Photo Julie Morgan

## Beach access

Dear Editor,

This week we lost access to the sea at the property next to Eden Beach. Many of us use that site for all sorts of activities including diving, snorkeling, swimming, hanging out with the family. The trees are gone but we all still go. The new owners wanted to keep it "clean and tidy" and this before the plans have been seen and any permits applied for. This weekend is the annual Swim to Klein Bonaire. I cannot imagine where the folks who wish to swim will park but it is obvious it will be a seriously congested area today. With the building of the fence the employees and tourists have limited space to support 2 restaurants, Wanna Dive and heaven forbid there would be a reason for a fire truck to deal with any issues. They would have to drive through the closed gate recently erected.

We have seen this for years and the domino effect continues because it never occurred to us that this would be allowed to happen. Foolish I know. First the houses with their walls, Sabadeco Pier where the owners to the north decided the pier was theirs, took it to court and won and locked the gate and removed the ladder that allowed access to the water. TUI Resort Chocogo built a retaining wall for sand that was not from here and soon ran off onto reef causing damage and then put guards on the beach to keep people away from "Aquarium" a prime snorkel spot. Ocean Oasis which built their restaurant and then cut off access to the area and put up cabanas shutting off access. Next door is the small water feature where we went to swim with the dogs in September when it was too hot to stay home. Finally the boulders put in along the water road have decimated any possible parking. I could go on for paragraphs.

Some people were kind. There are two open access points at Andrea 1 & 2, most resorts allowed divers and snorkelers to come in if they asked at the dive shops. Numerous small parks were built like the one in town and the new Isidore park put in a ramp so even challenged folks could go in the sea. It's not enough. We aren't the island with 10,000 people anymore.

The folks at the new five start hotel promise public access to the sea but they have created their own PR disaster by immediately shutting it off. Why would we welcome them and their business when it is obvious they don't care anything about the people of Bonaire and the place we all call home.

Respectfully,  
Susan Porter

## Today's consequences of the slave trade

Dear Editor,

The results of an independent study commissioned by King Willem-Alexander into his ancestors' involvement in colonialism and slavery were recently presented. Just like a large part of the Dutch elite, they tried to make as much money as possible without questioning the means.

However, as far as the West Indies were concerned, the results were not profitable for them. However for the descendants of the slaves, seaman and traders who remained be-

hind, the consequences have been - and remain - negative. Caribbean Netherlands - Bonaire, Statia and Saba - is the poorest part of our country, due to the long-standing structural disadvantage and inequality by the Dutch government. These issues must be undone as soon as possible. To make reconciliation possible.

Gerrit van der Meij,  
retired senior civil servant, Den Haag

## Are 3-D printed corals environmentally safe?

Subject: 3D coral reefs  
To: Dcnanature Info  
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I am reading the Bonaire Reporter but actually saw this development on Facebook and commented asking about the environmental repercussions due to degradation/breakage/etc. of the material used to create the reef structures as most printers use resin/oil-based materials. Do you have an answer if any consideration has been paid to its environmental friendliness?

Charles M. Baltayan  
Kralendijk, Bonaire, CN

# WEB Bonaire and IDE Technologies sign agreement



Toasting the signing, L-R: Hans Starting, Water Advisor WEB; Mazy Pinchusowicz, CEO IDE Water Technologies, Deputy CEO & CFO, IDE Technologies Group; Raymond Roy Silberie, CEO WEB Bonaire; Gerrit Scharrenberg, COO, WEB Bonaire; Joane Nicastia, CFO, WEB Bonaire; Amit Meninger VP, Microelectronics and Arthur Janga, Manager BU- Water

Water-en Energiebedrijf Bonaire (WEB) and Israel Desalination Engineering (IDE Technologies) have signed a new cooperation agreement. The agreement covers an initial period of up to five years. The signing ceremony took place at WEB's water production facility in Hato, in the presence of invited guests, including the project team, BU-Water employees, a member of the Supervisory Board, representatives of both organizations, and members of the press.

WEB Bonaire has been working with IDE for several years. Until now, the cooperation has focused on individual projects. With this new framework agreement, both parties will establish a broader, long-term partnership focused on the development, design, and implementation of future expansions and upgrades to Bonaire's drinking water production facilities.

**More Drinking Water for a Growing Island** Bonaire is growing rapidly, and with this growth comes an increasing demand for drinking water. In recent years, demand has risen by more than 10% annually.

In 2021, WEB brought drinking water production fully under its own management with the construction of a new water production facility. The first expansion, adding 5,600 m<sup>3</sup> per day, brought the total production capacity to 7,200 m<sup>3</sup> per day. In 2024, the facility was further expanded by 2,400 m<sup>3</sup> per day, increasing the current production capacity to 9,600 m<sup>3</sup> per day.

However, demand continues to grow. WEB therefore aims to increase production capacity to 14,400 m<sup>3</sup> per day over the

next four years. This would double the production capacity compared to 2021.

To manage this growth, WEB adopted a modular expansion strategy in 2019. By increasing production capacity gradually through individual modules, WEB can respond to the growing demand for drinking water in a timely manner while carefully aligning investments with Bonaire's development.

Drinking water is produced from seawater using a process called reverse osmosis. During this process, seawater is forced under high pressure through extremely fine membranes that remove salt while allowing water to pass through.

WEB carries out this process in a sustainable manner. In 2019, WEB decided that drinking water production should be entirely chemical-free. Instead of using chemicals to clean the membranes, they are maintained through mechanical cleaning methods. This prevents the use of chemicals that could harm marine life.

**What Is Planned?** WEB continuously explores opportunities to make the production process even more sustainable and reduce energy consumption. In addition to expanding reverse osmosis capacity, several other components of the drinking water production process will be upgraded and expanded in the coming years.

WEB release / Photos Julie Morgan



## ISLAND NEWS CONTINUED

### Parliament may delegalize abortion

Opposition party Pro has put forward a bill to remove abortion from the Dutch criminal code and regulate it under health-care legislation. Abortion has been legal in the Netherlands since the 1980s but is subject to restrictions. Terminating a pregnancy is a crime except when performed by a doctor in a licensed clinic or hospital under the certain conditions, including a limit of 24 weeks and a requirement that the woman indicates she is in a situation of distress.

The mandatory one-day waiting period was scrapped in 2023, and family doctors can now prescribe the abortion pill. But proponents of the bill say that having abortion in the criminal code adds to the stigma and makes the rules harder to update.

DMR (source: Dutch News)

### Albert Heijn outage

Hackers likely broke into the systems of Albert Heijn's parent company, Ahold Delhaize, on Sunday, October 11. The supermarket group says it has found no evidence so far that customer, employee, or third-party data was stolen and has started bringing systems back online.

Earlier this week hackers raised the temperature of refrigerators in many French supermarkets, including those operated

by the Carrefour chain, to 50 degrees Celsius. Fires broke out, and food was lost at several hundred stores. DMR

### The Reporter is short of both space and news this issue

**45.9 tonnes of waste was collected** during the Bario Limpi 2026 cleanup from Friday, September 18, through Sunday, September 20.

**BES islands have agreed to collaborate with the Wadden Islands** to give their joint vote more weight in The Hague. The Wadden Islands are Texel, Vlieland, Terschelling, Ameland and Schiermonnikoog.

**Bonaire's Island Governor, John Soliano, sent a letter** to Eric van der Burg, State Secretary for the Interior and Kingdom Relations. He said the Public Entity Bonaire (OLB) is taking steps to strengthen public administration and the civil service organization. Van der Burg wrote back and said he thought that was a good idea.

**The Executive Council narrowly met the deadline** to submit its 2027 draft budget to the Board of Financial Supervision (Cft). Cft returned the August version for a "comprehensive revision." Cft identified 20 areas it said failed to meet the legal quality standards. Bonaire's revenues and expenditures will exceed 153 million dollars. They are expected to balance.

**Statians are more satisfied than we are** with their local government. Fifty-four percent of the residents of St Eustatius told Statistics Netherlands they were satisfied. On Saba 38 percent voiced satisfaction. On Bonaire 33 percent declared themselves satisfied with the local government

**People mob Donkey Beach to watch an airplane land.** On September 21 the passengers had to disembark from a KLM Airbus on Bonaire. The plane had an engine problem. On October 2 a 747 cargo plane flew in with a replacement engine. Traffic was blocked in the area.

**Solar panel installation has begun** at the airport. Soon the parking lot will be roofed over and generating electricity. DMR



# Foundation for Regeneration

The story of coral reefs is often told through loss, yet across Bonaire, where reefs have been profoundly impacted by climate change and local stressors, another story is unfolding — **one of resilience, innovation, and collective action**. While lasting recovery depends on addressing the broader drivers of reef decline, this report highlights the people, partnerships, and science working to create a foundation for the future.

## Francesca Virdis, Executive Director Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire:

2025 was a year of significant progress for Reef Renewal Foundation Bonaire. We expanded the scale and diversity of our restoration work, advanced our coral breeding program, improved how we collect and use data, and strengthened the partnerships that make this work possible. Most importantly, this year reinforced something we have learned again and again: **as the challenges facing coral reefs evolve, restoration must evolve with them**.

Bonaire's reefs continue to decline under the pressure of marine heatwaves, disease, and other threats. Yet there is still much worth fighting for. Following the severe bleaching of 2024, we found corals across Bonaire that had survived extreme heat stress—powerful reminders of the resilience that still exists on our reefs. Bonaire remains home to healthy, reproducing corals and thriving fish communities. Protecting this resilience while we still have it is both an opportunity and an urgency.

**MISSION:** RRFB works with our community and the best available science to restore resilient, self-sustaining coral reef ecosystems through adaptive approaches, advancing and sharing knowledge to support reef recovery on Bonaire and beyond.



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Coral restoration is not a series of individual actions, and far more than growing and outplanting corals. It's an interconnected system in which every stage supports the next. Every coral we propagate, outplant, monitor, and breed contributes to a larger cycle that rebuilds resilient coral populations, restore ecological function, and support the long-term recovery of Bonaire's reefs. Through continuous monitoring and data analysis at every step, we learn how corals respond to changing conditions, allowing us to refine and adapt our strategy over time

By working across multiple reef sites, we reduce risk, preserve genetic diversity, and better understand how corals respond to lo-

calized conditions – building a stronger foundation for more resilient reefs.

In 2025: Nursery Capacity – 22,000+ Corals; Ecological Footprint – 11,260m<sup>2</sup>; Outplanted to Date – 75,456 corals and in 2025 alone 10,645

In 2025 there were: eight tree nurseries; one tray nursery; four rope nurseries; 18 outplanting nurseries of *Acropora cervicornis* sites; five outplanting nurseries of *Acropora plamata*; one non *Acroporid* outplanting site; three were new and one was expanded.

**Oil Slick Leap** nursery has 12 new species and 113 unique genotypes (47 are new). Here, brain, boulder, pillar and other stony corals are propagated preserving genetic diversity and supporting recovery of species that experienced decline from disease and

heatwaves. Resilient colonies of heat tolerant corals were placed here.

**Pink Beach**, 490m<sup>2</sup> restoration site started in 2018 has 1,250 *A. cervicornis* outplanted colonies. With 12 genotypes, the site has matured to thousands of mature staghorn colonies that spawn each year. Demonstrating how restoration can rebuild self-sustaining coral populations and restore key reef ecosystem functions. The Pink Beach site was compared with a non-restoration site 15m away and after 8 years, there was higher fish abundance, biomass and hard coral cover. (see chart)

**Petrie's Pillar** Using high-resolution photogrammetry, we create detailed orthomosaics that allow us to track every coral colony across the site. In just one year later the orthomosaics revealed how 3,800 outplanted *A. cervicornis* colonies are rebuilding living reef structure across a 600m<sup>2</sup> area

With the help of trained instructors at our partner dive shops, we documented coral health, survival, and mortality at 14 sites along the west coast. These observations allowed us to quantify losses, evaluate how individual genotypes responded to thermal stress, and identify corals and sites best suited to rebuild our stock and strengthen future restoration efforts. Every coral we grow, outplant and monitor tells a story and the data helps us understand what works, adapt to changing conditions and continuously improve our restoration efforts.

In 2025, we partnered with Coral Vita to implement Brain Coral, a platform that allows us to track the journey of every coral — from donor colony to nursery, outplanting, and long-term monitoring bringing donor colony records, nursery propagation, outplanting, and monitoring data together in one platform.

*Reef Renewal Annual Report -Part 2 will be in the next issue of The Reporter.*



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# Can Bonaire's Tropical Dry Forests Make a Comeback?

Bonaire's tropical dry forests are full of life. They are home to native trees, cacti and palms, as well as birds, reptiles, insects and many other species. Some of these plants and animals are rare or found only on our islands, making these forests a unique part of Bonaire's natural and cultural landscape.

And they do more than give wildlife a place to live. **They help protect the island we all depend on.**

Trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses hold soil in place, especially when heavy rain falls. Without vegetation, loose soil can wash downhill and eventually end up in the sea. Vegetation also helps keep the ground cooler. We all know how good it feels to stand under a large tree on a hot day. A healthy canopy can also help the soil hold on to moisture for longer.

In other words, more vegetation means more shade, more moisture and more protection for the land and the life that depends on it.

**What happens when there is less pressure from grazers?**  
A 15-year study on Bonaire provides answers.

Researchers from Wageningen University & Research, STINAPA Bonaire, Echo Foundation and Bon-Bêrdê followed restoration efforts in different parts of the island. They looked at fenced areas where grazers were excluded, grazer management in Washington Slagbaai National Park, and areas where thousands of native trees were planted.

The results are clear: when goats and other grazers are excluded, natural regeneration increases substantially. More young tree seedlings start to appear, especially after wetter years.

That's important because it tells us something encouraging. In some places, the forest may already have much of what it needs to start growing back. The seeds are there. Young plants are there. The main thing missing is enough time for them to develop.

## Forest recovery takes time

But that does not mean a forest comes back overnight. On Bonaire, it took as long as 15 years before researchers saw a clear increase in larger young trees and adult trees. And even then, only around one third of Bonaire's dry-forest tree species were returning naturally.

This is where restoration can make a difference. Many native trees planted inside protected areas survived well, showing that combining natural recovery with targeted planting can help bring back a wider range of native trees.

[Proyekto Parke Bunita](#) in Washington Slagbaai National Park is a visible example. Where goats have been removed, vegetation is recovering and young native trees get a chance to grow.

## Lessons from other islands

Bonaire is not the only island where removing or excluding free-roaming grazers has helped native vegetation recover. In parts of Curaçao's Christoffelpark,



goats were removed or kept out, and the native Sabal palm gradually returned. The number of adult palms increased from 323 in 1979 to more than 1,000 in 2018. Young palms also became much more common.

Saba offers a more recent example. Since 2020, more than 90% of its free-roaming livestock has been removed. Grasses and shrubs are returning across hillsides, while young trees are beginning to survive in places where overgrazing previously kept them from growing.

And this approach is not unique to the Dutch Caribbean. Around the world, conservation teams on islands have used the removal or exclusion of introduced grazers to give native vegetation a chance to recover. On Redonda in Antigua & Barbuda and on several Galápagos Islands, for example, controlling or removing goats and other invasive animals was followed by the recovery of native vegetation and wildlife.

## Finding the right balance

Grazing animals have been part of island life for generations. Goat farming in particular has an important historical, cultural and economic place on our islands. So the issue is not that goats exist. The challenge comes when too many grazing animals have unrestricted access to natural areas for too long. A young tree can be eaten before it ever gets the chance to become a tree. When this happens year after year, forests gradually lose their ability to renew themselves.

And grazing is not the only pressure. Dry forests also face development, land clearing, invasive species, drought and climate change. The Key Habitats Program identifies free-roaming grazers as one of the pressures affecting tropical dry forest and scrub, alongside several others.

The goal is therefore not an island without grazers. It is finding ways to manage grazing so livestock can remain part of island life, while natural areas have enough space to recover.

## How you can help

A forest does not come back in a few years. It takes time, patience and people who are willing to stick with it. On Bonaire, people and families with deep roots on the island, together with residents, volunteers, students, schoolchildren and conservation organizations, are already contributing through planting, monitoring and restoration activities.

There are many ways to be part of that effort. Protect native vegetation. Respect fenced recovery areas. Join restoration activities. And support the organizations working to restore Bonaire's landscapes. Every young tree that gets the chance to grow is a small step towards a healthier forest.

## DCNA's Key Habitats Program

Reducing the impact of free-roaming grazers is one part of DCNA's [Conservation and Restoration of Key Habitats Program](#), a regional program focused on protecting and restoring five key habitats across the Dutch Caribbean.

By bringing together science, local knowledge, expertise and action, the program looks beyond restoring habitats alone. It works towards a Dutch Caribbean where nature is safeguarded, ecosystems are restored and communities can live in harmony with nature.

More information can be found at [dcnanature.org/keyhabitatsprogram](https://dcnanature.org/keyhabitatsprogram).

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# Bonaire pilots bring home a British title and a world silver



The start of another race at the 2026 Blokart World Championships in Llanbedr, Wales, with Andrew Sands (red sail, right) leading the fleet away. Photo BBRA

A four-pilot team from the Bonaire Blokart Racing Association (BBRA) has returned from Wales with a British Open title and a silver medal at the 2026 Blokart World Championships, where 120 competitors from 20 countries raced in eight divisions.

Both events were held on the airfield at Llanbedr, North Wales: the British Open on 26 and 27 September, followed by the World Championships from 29 September to 2 October.

### British Open: Andrew Sands is champion

Andrew Sands won the Heavyweight Production fleet at the British Open, taking first place in six of his seven races. The final day was sailed in rain and gusts of up to 40 knots before racing was called off.

Tim Martinez finished fourth in the Lightweight Production fleet and won the last race of the event. Lennart Felida and Amedeo Vaccani raced in the

24-strong Medium Performance fleet, one of the largest and most competitive fleets of the week.

### World Championships: a silver for Bonaire

After the opening day was lost to too much wind, the World Championships packed 18 races into three days. Andrew

Sands finished second in the world in Heavyweight Production, level on points with the new world champion, Levente Csaszar, and separated only on the tie-break. He won five races along the way.

At his first World Championships, Tim Martinez won the opening three races in Lightweight Production and finished fourth overall, just one point off the podium. Amedeo Vaccani finished fifth in Medium Production after a consistent series that included a second place, and Lennart Felida completed the full 18-race series in the 22-strong Medium Performance fleet.

### From Bonaire to the world, and back again

“We are a small island, and these pilots learned to race on our own track at home, in our near-perfect wind,” said Donna Hudgeon of the Bonaire Blokart Racing Association. “To come home with a



Andrew Sands (center) on the top step after winning Heavyweight Production at the British Open 2026 in Llanbedr, Wales. With him, Judy Cox of Australia (2nd) and Andy Fitt of the UK (3rd). Photo to BBRA

### A British Title and A World Silver...to page 12



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# Ambitious Midwife

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SEHCF is seeking a committed, qualified and proactive midwife who will help safeguard the continuity of midwifery care and contribute to its further development on the island. This varied role combines direct patient care with strengthening local pregnancy, maternal and child health services. You will work independently in a small-scale, international healthcare setting where collaboration, professional responsibility and personal attention are central.

## Your role

As a midwife, you will play a key role throughout the antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care pathway. You will support pregnant women and their families during pregnancy, childbirth and the postnatal period. You will independently conduct antenatal consultations and risk assessments, lead and support deliveries, and provide appropriate education and follow-up care.

You will be part of SEHCF's obstetrics and gynecology team. Within this multidisciplinary team, you will work closely with the gynecologist, tropical medicine physician and other healthcare professionals. Together, the team is responsible for delivering and further developing high-quality, safe and accessible maternal and childcare on St. Eustatius.

When complications or increased risks arise, you will consult the gynecologist, tropical medicine physician or other relevant professionals in a timely manner. The role also includes developing preventive pregnancy care, structured education for expectant parents, health promotion and integrated care around mother and child.

## Responsibilities include:

- Conduct antenatal consultations, pregnancy assessments and risk screening
- Independently manage low-risk pregnancies and deliveries
- Identify medical, psychosocial and other pregnancy-related risks
- Consult or refer to the gynecologist, tropical medicine physician or other professionals when required
- Provide postnatal care and appropriate follow-up
- Educate and support pregnant women, partners and families, including organizing information and education sessions
- Promote preventive care and healthy lifestyles during pregnancy and motherhood
- Contribute to developing local pregnancy, maternal and child health services
- Strengthening collaboration with local and regional care partners, including healthcare organizations within the BES islands
- Contribute to protocols, quality policy, professional development and continuous improvement
- Work in accordance with SEHCF quality and safety standards

## Your profile

- A completed Bachelor of Midwifery or an equivalent recognized professional qualification
- Valid Dutch BIG registration for professional practice in the Caribbean Netherlands
- Professional authorization and competence to provide midwifery care independently
- Good spoken and written command of English and Dutch; Spanish is an advantage
- Willingness to work flexibly within a 24/7 healthcare environment, resilience and a strong sense of responsibility
- Strong communication, organizational and multidisciplinary teamwork skills
- Willingness to collaborate with healthcare professionals and organizations across the BES islands

## About St. Eustatius Health Care Foundation

The St. Eustatius Health Care Foundation (SEHCF) is the island's leading healthcare provider, delivering a broad range of services including general practice, emergency care, inpatient and outpatient treatment, home care, physiotherapy, and diagnostics.

Driven by a commitment to quality, safety, accessibility, and patient-centered care, we work closely with local and regional partners to meet the healthcare needs of our community and visitors. As we continue to strengthen and expand our services, we are investing in innovation, professional development, and sustainable healthcare solutions that will support the people of St. Eustatius for generations to come.

## What we offer

- Flexible employment arrangement: Full-time employment is preferred; however, part-time employment or alternative working-hour arrangements can be discussed based on the candidate's experience and availability.
- Compensation: A gross monthly salary between USD 4,334 and USD 5,989 (based on full-time employment), depending on qualifications and relevant experience.
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- Pension and health insurance: Participation in the Dutch Caribbean Pension Plan and the BES health insurance scheme.
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## Interested?

We invite you to submit your curriculum vitae and motivation letter, copies of diplomas and/or certificates and two references to St. Eustatius Health Care Foundation via [hr@sehcf.org](mailto:hr@sehcf.org).

For further information about the position, please contact Dr. Dorette Courtar, Gynecologist, at [dorette.courtar@sehcf.org](mailto:dorette.courtar@sehcf.org), or Pascal Gorissen, Manager Care, at [pascal.gorissen@sehcf.org](mailto:pascal.gorissen@sehcf.org). This vacancy will be advertised both internally and externally. In the event of equal suitability, preference will be given to an internal candidate.

**Closing date: 25th October 2026**

## A British Title and A World Silver...from page 10

British title and a world silver, and to see Tim leading the Worlds after the first three races of his very first World Championships, shows what Bonaire's wind and our people can do. I'm so proud of this team. Next April it's our turn to host our first international event, and we can't wait to welcome pilots from around the world for the Caribbean Open."

**BBRA hosts the Caribbean Open Blokart Championships on Bonaire from 23 to 25 April 2027.** Pilots interested in taking part can register their interest at [caribbeanopen.pages.dev](http://caribbeanopen.pages.dev).

### Come and join the club

You don't need to be a world-class pilot to race. The Bonaire Blokart Racing Association welcomes new members from age 12 and all experience levels. To find out more about joining the club, contact Andrew Sands at +599 700 8475 or visit [www.bonaireblokart.racing](http://www.bonaireblokart.racing).

### About blokart racing

A blokart is a compact land yacht: a three-wheeled kart driven by a sail, which packs into a bag and reaches speeds of 100 km/h. Pilots race in Production and Performance classes,

split into weight divisions, on courses marked out on beaches, airfields and dry lake beds around the world.

### About the Bonaire Blokart Racing Association

*The Bonaire Blokart Racing Association promotes blokart racing on Bonaire, runs local regattas and brings international events to the island, including the Caribbean Open Blokart Championships in April 2027.*

*Donna Hudgeon,  
Bonaire Blokart Racing Association*



# Reef Glimpses by Dee Scarr Spotted Eagle Rays

Soon after I came to Bonaire as a dive guide, I saw three spotted eagle rays cruising lazily along the reef slope in my direction. I began swimming alongside them. They didn't seem disturbed, but without speeding up at all they passed me easily. It was fun to be part of their group – for about 60 seconds...

There seem to be more spotted eagle rays around right now, which gives us more chances to watch their elegant, effortless swimming along the dropoff. It's also a good time to watch them seek food under the sand; they're happy to eat shrimp, crabs, snails, clams, and even the occasional worm or fish.

Part of the fun of watching them "hunt" is how they hunt. Like Southern stingrays, they flap their "wings" over the sand to expose buried critters. But spotted eagle rays have two hunting methods that southern stingrays don't have. The first is the pelvic thrust, which enables the eagle ray to disturb more sand/silt/rubble than by only using wing flaps.

The second specialized hunting adaptation of spotted eagle rays is their jaw structure. The eagle ray's family is Myliobatidae, which really does translate to "a ray who changes the form of its mouth." An eagle ray can project its lower jaw and actually use it like a shovel to dig up critters who are especially deeply buried!

Once the eagle ray has a conch or king helmet or heart urchin, how does it get the food out of its protective shell?



The reason for the nickname "duckbill ray" is clear! Photo Frances Schlingemann

By crunching the shell, of course. The crunching becomes possible because, instead of pointed teeth, eagle rays have flattened "dental plates" which not only crush shells, but which protect the inside of the ray's mouth. After the crunch, the ray dines on the critter and discards the pieces of shell.

Like sharks and other rays, the female eagle ray's eggs are fertilized internally. About a year later, four to six pups, 7 to 14" wide (18-35 cm), are born and generally do fine, even though they receive no parental care at all.

The main defense of both baby and adult rays – and how the stingray got its name – is one or more spines, which protrude from the base of its tail. The spines are attached to a venom sac from which venom flows through a groove into the wound made by the spine. Plus, eagle ray and stingray spines are serrated, so they create a larger, rougher wound than a more typical spine, such as a lionfish spine, would cause. When the ray is desperate, its struggles can slash its spines into its captor. The ray will regrow broken or lost spines – and it's not uncommon for sharks to be found with stingray spines imbedded in

their mouths. The sharks learned a painful fact about rays, even if some of them probably also got a meal.

One reason that Bonaire is a good place for rays is because we have so few sharks.

A few years ago, I was over the sand between shore and the reef, when a spotted eagle ray swam by. I stopped to give it the right of way, and as it passed I saw that it was trailing a fishing line. Swimming behind the ray, I grabbed the line and began to coil it (very loosely, so that just in case the ray bolted I wouldn't be carried along). The ray kept its leisurely pace, but even so I couldn't keep up with it. When I'd coiled all the line that was behind me, becoming a weight on the ray, it slowed a bit and turned, and I was able to cut the line about 10' (3m) away from the ray. The cut line measured over 200' (about 61m) long.

The ray continued on its way.

Scarr's accomplishments were recognized in 2000 by her inaugural membership in the Women Divers Hall of Fame (with Kalli DeMeyer). Honors include Captain Don's Accolade Award, a NOGI Award and SeaSpace/PADI Environmental Diver of the Year in 1991, Beneath the Sea and Boston Sea Rovers Diver of the Year in 1991 and 1993.



## Two Tartes Tatin from Chef Corjan Hoogerheide recipes by Maaïke Dubruque



### Local Banana Tarte Tatin.

1/3 firm local banana, diced • 1 slice of puff pastry • 2 tablespoons sugar • a splash of water • 1/2 teaspoon instant coffee • Pinch of Bonaire sea salt

• 1 dl (6 3/4 T) coconut milk • Grated coconut • 2 mint leaves, finely chopped • 1/2 lime • Optionally, a splash of banana liqueur

Boil sugar and water and let simmer until it turns into caramel. Add coconut milk and let caramel dissolve, add pinch of Bonaire sea salt and teaspoon of instant coffee, and let simmer for a while. Stir in banana cubes and heat briefly. Add grated coconut, lime juice, mint leaves, and optionally some liqueur. Put banana filling into a Tarte Tatin mold and place a slice of puff pastry cut to size on top, sprinkle with some sugar, and bake at 180°C (350°F) degrees for about 15 minutes. Let it cool down slightly and turn it over onto a plate. Garnish if desired.



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**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).

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**Bridgeclub Bonaire** organizes a bridge evening Wed. 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. All levels welcome. Info: 795-0128 (Whatsapp text), [bridgeclubbonaire@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:manon@culturalplatform.com) or call +599 7708437

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:abogado.bijkerk@gmail.com)

**Sabal Palm Park** three walking routes through protected landscape. Discover limestone formations, coastal vegetation, salt lakes, rare plant species and Bonaire's remaining wild Sabal palms. Signs provide insight into the history, geology and ecology of the area. [bonberde.com/bonaire-sabal-palm-park](https://bonberde.com/bonaire-sabal-palm-park)

**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](mailto: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. Email: [nicole.pelletier@mantatrust.org](mailto:nicole.pelletier@mantatrust.org); [Caribbean Islands Manta Conservation facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CaribbeanIslandsMantaConservation)



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



Sea 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/>

**Klein Bonaire nesting site patrol.** The important nesting site with an average of 70 nests per year. Our staff patrol the beach of Klein Bonaire and you can join them! When: May-October, Mon/Wed/Fri mornings 7:30 a.m. Cost: \$40 adults & \$20 children under 12. Bonaire residents \$20. Reserve your spots: <https://www.bonaireturtles.org/wp/nest-monitoring-patrols/>

**STCB quarterly photo contest** Each quarterly contest has its own theme and prize. You can submit your photo until Nov. 6 via our [google form](https://www.google.com/forms/d/1HhK6YY3Gm/) After sign-ups close, you'll find all contest entries on this page, ready to be voted on. The winning photo of every quarter will be displayed in the STCB visitor center and featured on our social channels. At the end of the year, all winning photos will be auctioned to support STCB.

# What's Happening

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| Tuesdays, 24 weeks starting June 2 | <b>Ban Lesa 2.0 at 5:30 p.m. BonFM 102.7</b> The series celebrates the diversity, and power of Caribbean books. Multilingual.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Aug. 8 - Dec. 1                    | <b>Tene Pia Seku, Terramar Museum.</b> The exhibition looks at environmental change through the lens of community resilience and care. The exhibit joins international photography and research with local art and history.                                                                                    |
| Oct. 11 - Oct. 17<br>W. Oct. 14    | <b>Bonaire International Sailing Regatta</b><br><b>Races Day 3.</b> 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Kas di Regatta<br>Nations Flag Parade 5:30 p.m. Kas di Regatta;<br>Regatta Run 5:30 p.m. Playa Stadium;<br>Regatta Festival 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Centrum Gebied (Cental Area)                                                    |
| Th. Oct. 15                        | <b>Races Day 4.</b> 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Kas di Regatta;<br>Happy Hour 5-7 p.m. Kas di Regatta;<br>Regatta Festival 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Centrum Gebied (Cental Area)                                                                                                                                                     |
| F. Oct. 16                         | <b>Races Day 5.</b> 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Kas di Regatta;<br>Happy Hour 1-6:30 p.m. Kas di Regatta;<br>Regatta Festival & Awards 7 p.m. - 3 a.m. Centrum Gebied (Cental Area)                                                                                                                                         |
| Sa. Oct. 17                        | <b>Boat Parties</b> Plaza Machi Mimi 10 a.m -6 p.m.<br><b>Regatta Festival</b> 6 p.m. - 3 a.m. Centrum Gebied (Cental Area)<br><i>details in the extra pages of the Reporter's online edition</i>                                                                                                              |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14                 | <b>42nd Regatta Loop Comcabon:</b> 5 km run \$10 (16 Year +); 2 km kids run FREE (8-15 years) 5:30 p.m Start Stadion Playa; Finish Karel's Beach Bar. <a href="https://patrishisports.com/events/42nd-Regatta-Loop-2026">https://patrishisports.com/events/42nd-Regatta-Loop-2026</a>                          |
| Wednesday, Oct. 14                 | <b>Classical concert for piano and violin.</b> Corallium Hotel \$40 incl. intermission drink <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ClassicalMusicBoardBonaire/">https://www.facebook.com/ClassicalMusicBoardBonaire/</a>                                                                                           |
| Saturday, Oct. 24                  | <b>Sunfish Fundraising Sail Around Bonaire.</b> To help fund their journey to the 55th ISCA Open World Championships in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Rocqui and Dedrie are planning to sail around Bonaire.                                                                                                 |
| Sunday, Oct. 25                    | <b>Animal Shelter Bonaire Halloween Market</b> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Secondhand treasure, jewelry, comfort foods, spooky snacks and everything you need for to celebrate the fun, ghoulish Halloween holiday. If you are brave, a Haunted House with Doctor Fluff's veterinarian clinic and her assistant Miss Purr. |
| Friday, Oct. 30                    | <b>Big Live Nature Quiz Kids DCNA</b> hosts its online free Quiz on Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Maarten, and Sint Eustatius. 9 - 10 a.m. Teachers can register their team(s): <a href="https://dcnanature.org/quiz/">https://dcnanature.org/quiz/</a>                                                  |
| Saturday, Oct. 31                  | <b>Nos Zjilea Cultural Event</b> 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Cultural Park Mangazina di Rei, Rincon. Free entrance. Enjoy the music, dancing, crafts, amazing food and drink. Held last Saturday of each month.                                                                                                            |
| Sunday, Nov. 1                     | <b>Fiesta di Salú</b> The festive conclusion of Fiesta di Salú will take place during Cyclovía on November 1, when the entire Bonairean community is invited to experience the Fiesta di Salú activities.                                                                                                      |

## Regatta...from page 1

**On Tuesday, October 13** – racing began 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

will be held on the main festival stage downtown at 7:30 p.m.

**October 14 is considered layover day.** Micro-boats, kitesurfer, windsurfer/wingfoil join the regatta. Micro-boats will be racing in front of SKAL beginning at 10 a.m. Spectators can enjoy the races from the newly erected bleacher stands. Kitesurfers will be racing at Atlantis and windsurfers and windfoil at Regatta House at 10 a.m.

**So what's ahead?** Dijkhoff explained, that in 2027, we can expect the 60th Bonaire Sailing Regatta, to be held at this same time of year, around the second week of October. Bonaire, Curaçao and Aruba all have a school vacation during this time so it's perfect for the kids and their parents to join the regatta. St Martin has been formally invited for the big 60th event and their school vacation coincides with the schedule too. Both Curaçao and St Martin are expected to bring more yachts, Sunfish and Optimist to the competition.

The Nations Flag Parade is set from 6:30 p.m. beginning at Regatta House with a walk to the music festival in downtown Kralendijk.

**October 15 races resume** at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at SKAL, Regatta House and Atlantis.

Check the Bonaire Reporter Facebook page for more photos of the 59th Bonaire Sailing Regatta.

**Friday, October 16 is the final day of racing** beginning at 9 a.m. Live entertainment and Happy Hour will be available from 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. The closing and award ceremony

*Story / Photos Julie Morgan*

## Dive sites closed for Regatta 2026

Three dive sites are temporarily closed from Friday, Oct. 9th at 6 a.m. until Friday, Oct. 16th at 6 p.m.

• Jerry's Reef • Just a Nice Dive • Monte Divi

## VOTE for your library.

"We have been nominated for the best library in the Netherlands! Vote for us from October 1-31 inclusive: [www.bibliotheekblad.nl/stem](http://www.bibliotheekblad.nl/stem)

"Biblioteka Público Boneiru has developed from a traditional library facility, with an outdated book collection and few activities, to a library that we can be proud of within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Great when everything comes together: wonderful people as employees, great programming, multilingual collection, keep up with library development in European Netherlands and even getting ahead in some aspects and that in a beautiful new location."

Head of Department Jennifer Pocornie Martis

**Old shoes wanted:** For Children's Book Week, we are looking for shoes that are no longer being worn.

On November 7, these shoes will feature in our major theater performance, 'Under the Shoe Tree' (\*Onder de schoenenboom\*). Do you have shoes you no longer use? You can drop them off at Bib-lioteka Público Boneiru between Monday, October 12, and November 4. There is a box at the entrance where you can leave your shoes.

We have a slight preference for Crocs-style shoes, but all types of shoes—flip-flops, sandals, and sneakers—are, of course, very

welcome. Color and size do not matter; everything is welcome! Give your old shoes a second life and let them become part of our theater performance during Children's Book Week.

**Language Cafe** Oct. 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. We warmly invite you to join *Snèk di Idioma: Language Café*. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who wants to practice their language skills in Dutch, Papiamentu, or Spanish. This initiative is part of the Taalmaatjes project and offers a regular space to learn and connect. Sign up: <https://form.jotform.com/262664837528874>

## You can help keep Bonaire clean

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| Saturdays                                                                | <b>One Hour Cleanup Power.</b> Weekly coastal clean up every Sat. 9 – 10 a.m. Location on FB: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanupPower/">https://www.facebook.com/OneHourCleanupPower/</a>                                                                                                                                                              |
| Sunday, October 18<br>(October date changed to 18th from original time.) | <b>Clean Coast Bonaire</b> clean up surveys second Sunday every month. 4-6 p.m. Boka Onima. Work as a citizen scientist to collect marine litter & data. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire">https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=clean%20coast%20bonaire</a>                                                                   |
| Saturday, Oct. 24                                                        | <b>The Beach Boost</b> 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.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Saturday, October 24                                                     | <b>Quarterly Clean up Dive, Dive Friends.</b> 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. <a href="https://www.divefriendsbonaire.com/eco-activities/quarterly-clean-up-dives/">https://www.divefriendsbonaire.com/eco-activities/quarterly-clean-up-dives/</a> |

## 2026 Cruise Ship Schedule

| DATE              | TIME      | CRUISE SHIP                      | PIER  |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-------|
| Wed. October 14   | 0800-2200 | CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests     | South |
| Thurs. October 15 | 0600-1800 | CELEBRITY REFLECTION 3046 guests | South |
| Wed. October 21   | 0900-2200 | CARNIVAL MAGIC 3646 guests       | South |
| Sat. October 24   | 0800-1800 | CARIBBEAN PRINCESS 3622 guests   | South |
| Sun. October 25   | 0700-1800 | MSC POESIA 3013 guests           | North |
| Mon. October 26   | 0700-1800 | CELEBRITY SILHOUETTE 2886 guests | South |
| Wed. October 28   | 0600-1800 | CARNIVAL HORIZON 4683 guests     | South |
| Thurs. October 29 | 0600-1800 | CARNIVAL GLORY 3540 guests       | South |
| Fri. October 30   | 0600-1800 | CELEBRITY REFLECTION 3046 guests | South |

## 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.

### United Protestant Congregation

- **(KRALENDIJK)** Plaza Wilhelmina: Sun 10 a.m. Services in Dutch • **(RINCON)** Kaya C. D. Crestian: Sun 8 a.m. Services in Papiamentu/Dutch

## Spicy Pineapple Tarte Tatin

100 g fresh pineapple, cut into small cubes • 2 tablespoons sugar • A splash of water • Lump of butter • Pinch of Bonaire sea salt • 1/3 red chili pepper, finely chopped • A splash of rum • 1 slice of puff pastry

Boil sugar in water and let simmer until it turns into caramel. Add pineapple cubes, stir well, and let melt again into a liquid mixture. Add butter, Bonaire sea salt, chili pepper, and a splash of rum. Place the pineapple filling in a Tarte Tatin mold and place a slice of puff pastry cut to size on top, sprinkle with some sugar, and bake in an oven at 180°C (350°F) degrees for about 15 minutes. Let cool for a moment and turn over onto a plate. Optionally garnish and serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream.

Resulting from a mistake in the preparation: A nice French saying to go with it: "**Une erreur devenue un classique**" — a mistake that became a classic.

Each issue Chef Corjan Hoogerheide shares a recipe for a personal dish created from Bonaire's fresh ingredients. Corjan works as Sous Chef at "The Reef Bar" at Sorobon luxury beach resort Bonaire.



## Coming Up

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| Nov. 28-29                             | Kaminda di Arte. Open Art Studio Weekend. Artists open their studios to the public. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <a href="https://www.sobremesa-bonaire.com/kaminda-di-arte">https://www.sobremesa-bonaire.com/kaminda-di-arte</a>          |
| Get in shape now for... Sunday, Dec. 6 | 'From Tower to Tower' Chantiwawa organizes a 50-kilometer hike from Willemstoren (Torno di Sùit / Southern Tower) to Malmok Tower. Sign up via WhatsApp at +599-700-5964. Limited to 100 participants. Registration fee is \$20. |

## You might want to visit ...

**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](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com)

**Arts & Crafts Market in Wilhelmina Plaza.** When cruise ships are in. Schedule 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](http://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://terramarmuseum.org>

Each month: **Family Saturday**, Pay a "family" fee of \$10 to enjoy our exhibitions and activities. Family is who you decide; **Kids Workshop** \$10 per child. 10 - 12 noon. Register via [terramarmuseum@gmail.com](mailto: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. 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-Thur 8-4. Fri 8-12 noon. Sat & Sun Closed +599 717 8444. After hours: +599 777 8444.

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

## Sobremesa

**Kas di Arte** View or buy art from Bonaire's local artists. Tue-Fri 2 - 5 p.m. Sat 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Abraham Boulevard 10. **For those who love to make art themselves:**

- Fridays 3 - 5 p.m. After School Art. \$20. Ages 8+. Studio Muzo. Materials included.
- Every Sat 11 - 2. Open Art Studio. \$5 to use our space and materials but no guidance. 12+
- Every Wed 7 - 9 p.m. Art Club. \$20 for all materials and professional help is available! Work on your own art project (2D). 16+ Whatsapp +599 700 7115 • email: [sobremesabonaire@gmail.com](mailto:sobremesabonaire@gmail.com)

## Did you pay your



## Nature Fee?

All conservation projects, research, education and work we do are made possible by the nature fee you purchase. We are incredibly grateful for your dedication to preserving our nature.

Thank you for purchasing your nature fee.  
Available online at [STINAPABonaire.org](http://STINAPABonaire.org)

# Kings of the Bario play final in Wilhelmina Plein

The 2026 edition of Kings of the Bario came to a close on September 27 at Wilhelmina Plein, bringing three weekends of basketball, competition and community together to a fitting finale in the heart of Kralendijk.

Kings of the Bario remained a truly local tournament, with all participating players living and playing basketball on Bonaire. At the same time, the players reflected the diversity of the island itself, with roots in Bonaire, Curaçao, the Netherlands, Statia, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Venezuela and China. On the court, those different backgrounds came together through one shared language: basketball.

The final day once again showed just how unpredictable 3x3 basketball can be. Two of the tournament favorites, Belnem Burikus and Great Wall, were both surprisingly eliminated in the semifinals. Team Rose defeated Belnem Burikus 9–6, while Bucket Island produced an impressive 11–4 victory over Great Wall, setting up an unexpected championship matchup.

In the final, Team Rose completed a remarkable run by defeating Bucket Island 15–10 to become the 2026 Kings of the Bario adult champions. Team Rose had started the day in the quarterfinals, meaning they had to win three consecutive games to take home the title.

Kenroy Belleau was named MVP after leading Team Rose through all three victories on the final day, playing a key role in their run from the quarterfinals all the way to the championship.

In the U15 final, Team thunder defeated Team lightning in overtime, to claim the 2026 U15 championship.

At its core, Kings of the Bario is about making basketball visible. Taking the court outside the traditional sports hall and placing it in different parts of the island gives players a stage while allowing people to experience the game up close.

The Bonaire Basketball Federation extends its sincere



thanks to INDEBON, the Openbaar Lichaam Bonaire (OLB), the press, all sponsors and branding partners, the participating teams, referees, volunteers, coaches, parents and everyone who contributed to making Kings of the Bario 2026 possible.

With another edition completed, BBF will carry the momentum forward as it continues creating opportunities for Bonaire’s players and developing basketball across different age groups.

For Kings of the Bario, the ambition remains simple: keep growing, keep bringing basketball to the people, and return in 2027 for another edition.

*Story / Photos Eddy Carillo*



# Creating Optimal Health The chambermaids experiment by Irene da Cunda Costa

## *What's in one's mindset*

The hotel chambermaids experiment (formally known as the study on how mindset influences the benefits of movement) was conducted in 2007 by Harvard University psychologist Ellen Langer and her graduate student Alia Crum.

This influential study showed that a simple change in mindset can generate real differences in physical changes in the body, functioning as a placebo effect applied to everyday physical activity.

Many jobs require significant daily physical exertion; however, those who perform them often do not consider themselves active. Langer and Crum observed that hotel chambermaids clean an average of 15 rooms per day, which involves changing sheets, vacuuming, mopping and moving furniture.

Despite exceeding the recommended daily activity levels, when initially surveyed, 67% of the housekeepers reported not exercising regularly, and 33% stated they did not exercise at all. Their bodies reflected this belief, showing health indicators typical of a sedentary lifestyle.

So, Ellen and Alia decided to design an experiment. They recruited 84 housekeepers from seven different hotels and divided them into two groups:

- **Informed Group (four hotels):** Their physical parameters were measured and they received a presentation and brochures detailing that their daily work was excellent exercise that met, or exceeded, the U.S. Surgeon General’s health recommendations. They were given specific examples of calorie burning: for instance, vacuuming for 15 minutes burns 50 calories and cleaning bathrooms burns 60.

- **Control Group (three hotels):** The same physical parameters were measured, but they received no information about the calories they burned or the benefits of their work routine.

The results were shown four weeks later, by comparing certain measurements. After a month of follow-up, hotel managers confirmed that the housekeepers had not changed their work routines or eating habits. However, the informed group’s cognitive perception had indeed changed: they now saw themselves as active individuals.

When the medical tests were repeated, the informed group showed surprising biological changes compared

to the control group:

- **Weight loss:** They lost an average of almost 1 kilogram (2 pounds).
- **Blood pressure:** It decreased significantly (an average drop of 10% in systolic pressure).
- **Body composition:** They experienced a reduction in their body fat percentage, Body Mass Index (BMI), and waist-to-hip ratio.

The control group showed no significant improvement in any of these variables.

The study concluded that the benefit of physical exercise depends not only on the mechanical action on the muscles, but also on the expectation and mental awareness we have of that activity. Changing the mental label from “heavy and exhausting work” to “healthy exercise” was enough for the waitresses’ bodies to react by transforming that energy much more efficiently.



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

# A Garden? Just Do It! -Microgreens by Angliet, Nature Lover

Due to the global climate crisis, pandemics, and global conflicts, food is coming under pressure. Floods, extreme droughts, and sea warming, factors that lead to poverty, among other things, force the international community to carefully consider how we can protect ourselves against these extreme natural phenomena. In the scientific community, researchers are constantly searching for solutions to ensure food under all circumstances, particularly in vulnerable areas.

One of the methods is Microgreens. And that is what I want to talk about.

**What are microgreens?** Young edible seedlings of vegetables and herbs that are consumed as soon as the first true leaves have appeared. They are larger than sprouts and smaller than baby leaves.

**Preparation** Prepare a propagation tray with a thin seedbed. These small plants grow in a thin layer of soil or on a special mat such as a coconut fiber mat or hemp mat, and they need daylight. The seed tray can be, among other things, a disposable aluminum roasting pan (possibly reused). Make a few holes in it beforehand. Use a spray bottle to water gently after sowing to prevent the seeds from washing away.

**How do you plant?** Sow the seeds close together but not on top of each other. Germination occurs in the dark. Spray water over the seeds. Cover the container with a dark cloth and place it in a warm place. Leave in the dark for 2-3 days until the first seeds begin to germinate. Remove the cover as soon as the first seedlings are 1-2 cm long and place the container in the light, but not in direct sunlight. Spray water gently and ensure adequate ventilation.

**Harvesting** Radishes are the easiest vegetable to grow. You can harvest after just 3-4 weeks. Then comes loose-leaf lettuce, arugula, zucchini, and Swiss chard. Harvest is within 7-21 days depending on the type of plant.



Seeds of my own basil plant ready to plant for microgreens Photo: Angliet

tuce, arugula, zucchini, and Swiss chard. Harvest is within 7-21 days depending on the type of plant.

**Flavors** Depending on the plant the seeds come from, you also have different flavors. Radish: has a sharp taste. Kale and red cabbage: mild and red colored which is nice for garnishing. Broccoli: mild and nutritious. Garden cress: spicy. Peas: sweet in taste and crunchy. Sunflower: nutty

flavor with large, firm petals. Mustard: fiery, sharp taste. Herbs such as coriander, alfalfa, basil, and chives have a deep flavor. These seeds grow slowly, 14 days or longer.

**Health value** Microgreens are highly concentrated in nutrients. Vitamins A and C, minerals, and antioxidants are present in abundance. Microgreens are used in soups and hot dishes, in sandwiches and on salads as a flavorful addition and colorful garnish.

This information offers a great opportunity to experiment with microgreens. They require little space and are sustainable, close to home, and environmentally friendly. It is so simple to do and offers a solution in our fight against drought, iguanas, lizards, insect pests and the whitefly.

And yes, here is another important aspect. It is important to rinse microgreens thoroughly before use. The seeds can carry certain diseases that are introduced with the harvest. So, just as you rinse fresh vegetables before use, you should do the same with freshly harvested microgreens.

Start with microgreens today.

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.



## Make Bonaire Accessible by Ria Dokter There is a Cerebral Palsy Day

**Cerebral Palsy Day:** This special day is celebrated March 18. I had never heard of it before, but it makes me glad and wished I had known it was recognized.

When I was 5 years old my mom had a baby. For me he was a baby brother who I was very happy to see. But from the moment he was born, we all knew that there was something seriously wrong with him. He was a premature baby, very small and his arms and legs just bungled and so did his head. He could not drink from a bottle nor the breast. So, my mom took her milk and fed him with a little teaspoon, every hour.

We named him Abraham, and Bram for short. He was the loveliest baby, but we noticed he did not develop as most babies do. He loved lots of love and attention. We started to notice that Bram was very good at all things that did not involve his motor movement. He never crawled and when he finally wanted to walk, this was a problem.

My mom talked to our doctor a lot and was very concerned. After many requests she was allowed to take Bram to a professor specialized in developmental problems with children.

Bram could talk, exceptionally well. He always wanted us to read to him and he memorized every word. We had a children's bible that he could repeat word for word. This was very important, as it meant that he had no mental retardation.

He had shoes for walking but he hated them, because they were shoes for the handicapped. Bram said he had no handicap, that he was just different.

When a first-grade teacher was willing to take him in her class, he was literally saved. He loved learning and was a

fast learner. When writing was a problem, Bram was provided with a typewriter and thus became the coolest kid in the classroom.

But he also wanted to do the things his peers did, like running, climbing, etc., but he was not able. Later, as an adult he confessed to me that every day he went to the beach by himself and trained his body to walk, jump and whatever was needed to look and be normal.

This normal thing was very important to him. He wanted to be like others to be accepted. Because he had a miserable life and time he was always treated like an idiot. And he did not understand that because he told me that he was smarter than them. Because of his strong mind and will, he developed well, but some people still treated him badly.

He has been gone for more than 10 years now, but I still cry for him sometimes.

I hope that everyone with cerebral palsy has a strong peer group for help and understanding because that is what they need most of all. And the world needs to know that people with cerebral palsy are NOT mentally retarded.



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.

## Big Live Nature Quiz invites Dutch Caribbean classrooms to join on 30 October

In the previous edition, more than 500 students participated. Classes in grades 5 and 6 (groep 7 en 8) from Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten can join this free online quiz from their own classroom. Students will learn more about the nature of the Dutch Caribbean, test what they know in a fun quiz and compete for a sailing and snorkel trip for the winning team and their teacher.

The quiz questions are based on the latest edition of BioNews Kids, DCNA's free nature magazine for school children. Teachers can use BioNews Kids to explore the topic with their class before the quiz, but no studying is required to join. The magazine is available in English, Dutch, Papiamentu and Papiamentu, and hardcopies are being available via the local nature parks of each island. The quiz itself will be held in English, with Dutch and Papiamentu/o subtitles.

**Ready to join?** Registration is open to primary schools across the Dutch Caribbean, and participation is free after registration. Teachers can register their class at [dcnanature.org/quiz](https://dcnanature.org/quiz).

### Practical information

What: Big Live Nature Quiz

When: Fri. Oct. 30, 9–10 a.m. (connect from 8 .am.)

Where: Online, from your classroom

Who: Primary students in grades 5 and 6 (groep 7 en 8) across Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten

Language: English. Dutch and Papiamentu/o subtitles

Cost: Free (signing up is mandatory)

Grand Prize: Sailing and snorkel trip for the winning team and their teacher

Island Prize: DCNA rashguards

Register at: [dcnanature.org/quiz](https://dcnanature.org/quiz)

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# Pets of the Week

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## Honey and Maple

### Double the kittens, double the love!

Meet Honey and Maple, an adorable brother-and-sister duo who are looking for a loving place to call home. Now six months old, these sweet kittens have spent 19 weeks in the shelter waiting for someone to give them a chance.

Handsome Honey, our orange boy ( left ), and beautiful Maple, our tortie girl ( right ), had a rough start in life and needed plenty of time to learn to trust people. They're still growing in confidence, but with patience, kindness and a little help from

their favorite treats, their personalities are beginning to shine! Maple is the more affectionate of the two and is happy to show her softer side. Honey is a little more cautious and needs some extra time to get to know you. He may take a while to warm up, but he deserves the chance to feel safe and loved at his own pace.

*What's the way to their hearts? Tasty treats, yummy wet food and soft, fluffy pillows!*

Honey and Maple are hoping for a patient, understanding family who will give them the time and space they need to settle in and blossom. A home where they can feel safe, build trust and enjoy life's simple comforts would mean the world to them.

After so many weeks waiting, these two deserve a happy ending. Could you be the one to give Honey and Maple the loving home they've been dreaming of?

Please consider adopting Honey and Maple and giving this sweet sibling duo their fresh start. Their forever family is out there could it be you?

Come and meet this precious lady.

*Story / Photo: Bo Attevelt*

**Dear people. My name is Gypsy** I'm a happy lady of about 9 years old and I've been a shelter resident for the last six. Before the shelter, my name was Princess but I was definitely not treated like one. My owners moved out of the house and left me inside. At the shelter I got my name Gypsy, because I moved places and houses a lot, but not one that I could call



## Gypsy

home.

I'm still a very happy dog, and I like all the other dogs, but now that I'm a little older I prefer my quiet times over very active playtime.

I will also be a very loyal companion and I love to learning new things even when I'm an older lady.

Are you the owner I'm waiting for? If so, I would really like to come live with you and finally have a house that I can call home.

*Story / Photo: Sanne Attevelt*

## Bonaire students complete electrical aircraft maintenance course



Aviation sustainability project manager Vera Molenaar, students Dayron Timothy Elisabeth, Raymond David Melchior Matis and aviation engineering instructor Fons Laarhuis.

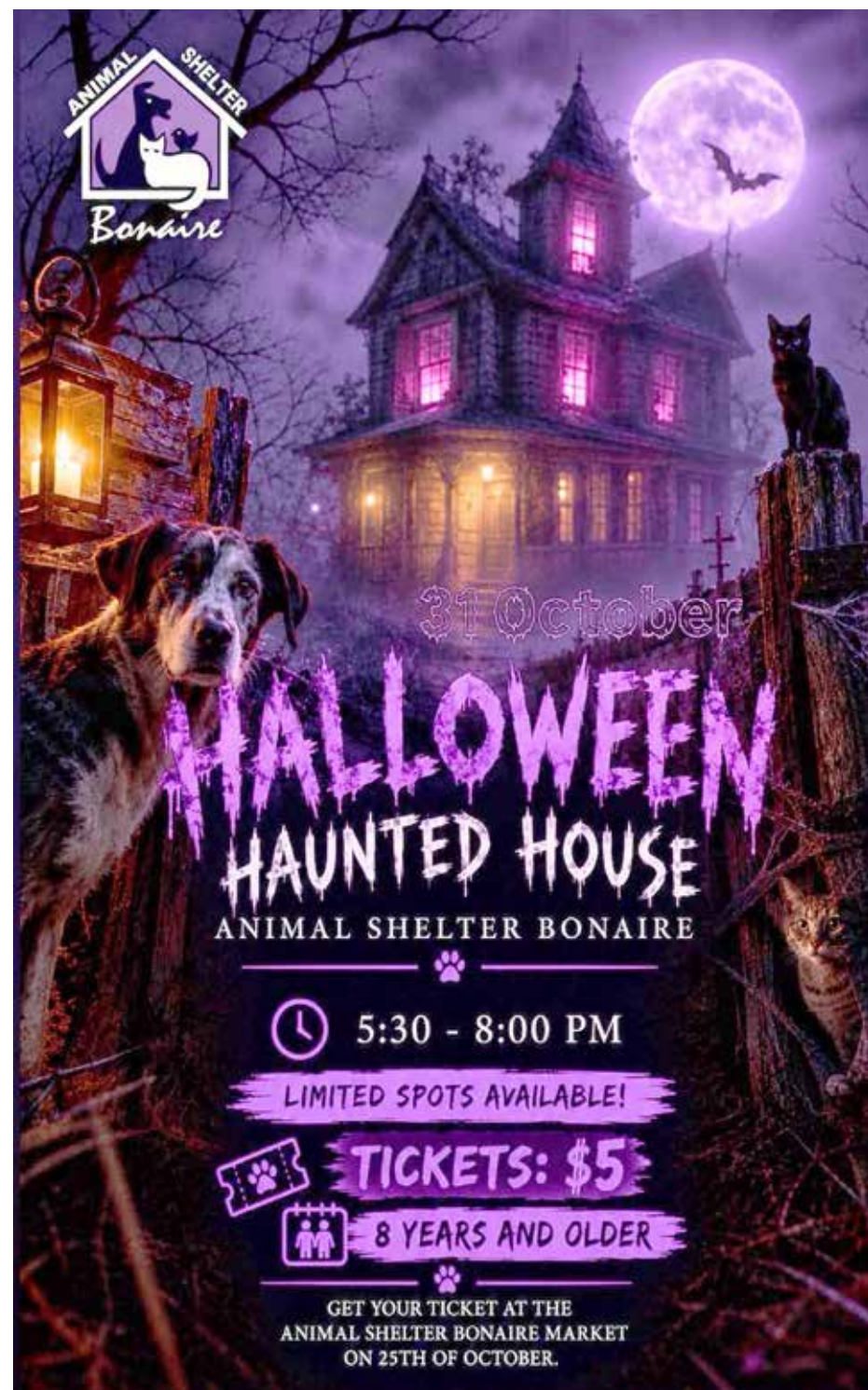
Dayron Timothy Elisabeth and Raymond David Melchior Matis, students from Jacinto Frans AMTS aircraft maintenance school have successfully completed the practical component of the elective module "Sustainably Powered Aircraft." They are currently undertaking internships in the Netherlands at Samco Aircraft Maintenance at Maastricht Aachen Airport. Their internship has also provided them with the opportunity to complete the practical part of the elective module while in the Netherlands.

For this practical training, the students worked on the Pipistrel Velis Electro, the

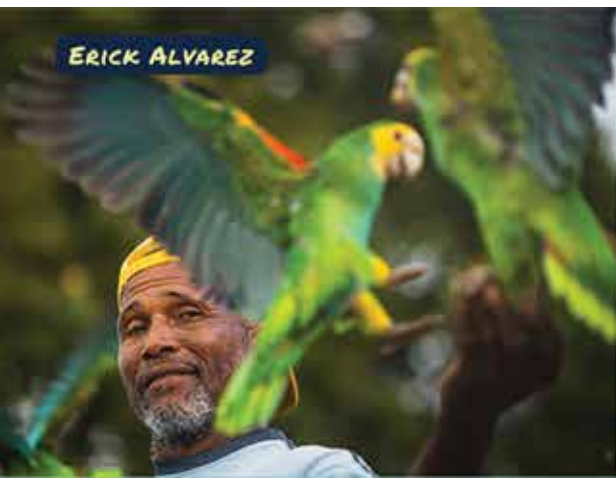
world's first certified electric aircraft. Successfully completing this practical component marks an important milestone in their aviation maintenance education and prepares them for future developments in sustainable aviation.

This initiative helps build local technical capacity for innovative aviation sustainability

AMTS will continue to offer the module independently in collaboration with aviation engineering instructor Fons Laarhuis and sustainability project manager Vera Molenaar.



# 2026 Capture Bonaire Photo Contest winners announced



This year’s Tourism Corporation Bonaire Capture Bonaire Photo contest, “A Different Kind of Summer,” received more than 330 entries. The 2026 photographers submitted vibrant underwater scenes and breathtaking landscapes, the scenes that make Bonaire a unique and stunning destination.

After careful consideration by the judging panel, the top three winners were:

**First Place – Erick Alvarez** for capturing Rincon’s Gibi with two of the lora he feeds during dry season. Erick won a three-night stay for two at Sorobon Luxury Bay Hotel, including breakfast, plus a four-course beachfront dinner for two at Reef Bar.

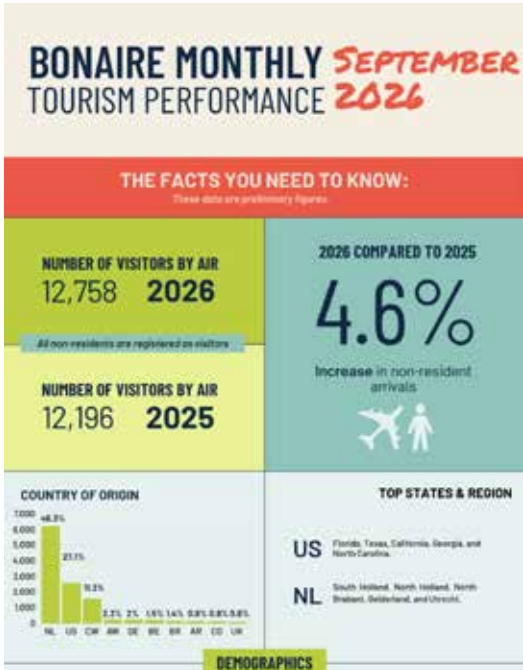
**Second Place – Maddy** for a slice of life on the shores of Bonaire. Maddy received a two-night stay at one of the houses in Slagbaai, including a guided tour of Washington Slagbaai National Park led by George “Kultura” Thode.

**Third Place – Nancy van Maanen** for her capture of a heron on Bonaire shores at just the right moment of a foamy white wave. Nancy’s prize is half day photography experience and professionally edited images from Creative Envision.

The winning photographs, and a selection of standout entries from the contest will be incorporated into TCB’s marketing activities.

Elesiër Angel CEO of Tourism Corporation Bonaire said, “The Capture Bonaire Photo Contest allows participants to share what Bonaire means to them, while allowing us to see our island through their eyes. The quality and variety of this year’s submissions were truly remarkable, and we congratulate all the winners and participants.”

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Oct–Nov Corals

|                                                         | NAFM                     | 0      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 9       | 10      | 11      | 12      | 13      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                         |                          | Mon    | Tue     | Wed     | Thu     | Fri     | Sat     | Sun     | Mon     | Tue     | Wed     | Thu     | Fri     | Sat     | Sun     |
|                                                         |                          | 26-Oct | 27-Oct  | 28-Oct  | 29-Oct  | 30-Oct  | 31-Oct  | 1-Nov   | 2-Nov   | 3-Nov   | 4-Nov   | 5-Nov   | 6-Nov   | 7-Nov   | 8-Nov   |
| <b>Scientific name (and spawning window)</b>            | <b>Common Name</b>       | SUNSET | 6:12 PM | 6:11 PM | 6:11 PM | 6:10 PM | 6:10 PM | 6:10 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:08 PM | 6:08 PM | 6:08 PM |
| <i>Diploria labyrinthiformis</i> (70 MBS–10 MAS)        | Grooved Brain Coral      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Meandrina meandrites</i> (10–70 MAS)                 | Maze Coral               |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Montastraea cavernosa</i> (15–225 MAS)               | Great Star Coral         |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Colpophyllia natans</i> (25–115 MAS)                 | Boulder Brain Coral      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Early group 30–90 MAS)  | Symmetrical Brain Coral  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Eusmilia fastigiata</i> (75–270 MAS)                 | Smooth Flower Coral      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Montastraea/Orbicella franksi</i> (90–150 MAS)       | Boulder Star Coral       |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Dendrogyra cylindrus</i> (90–160 MAS)                | Pillar Coral             |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Dichocoenia stokesii</i> (85–160 MAS)                | Pineapple Coral          |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Stephanocoenia intersepta</i> (160–255 MAS)          | Blushing Star Coral      |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Montastraea/Orbicella annularis</i> (185–250 MAS)    | Lobed/Boulder Star Coral |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Montastraea/Orbicella faveolata</i> (185–255 MAS)    | Mountainous Star Coral   |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Siderastrea siderea</i> (195–280 MAS)                | Massive Starlet Coral    |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Pseudodiploria clivosa</i> (210–255 MAS)             | Knobby Brain Coral       |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Pseudodiploria strigosa</i> (Late group 200–270 MAS) | Symmetrical Brain Coral  |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Madracis senaria</i> (All night)                     | Ten-Ray Star Coral       |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Agaricia humilis/Agaricia agaricites</i> (All night) | Lettuce Coral            |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |

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for the Southern Caribbean

*Eusmilia fastigata* with eggs visible in tentacles before spawning (Photo: Mark Vermeij)

Late Nov Corals

|                                              | NAFM                | 0      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 9       | 10      | 11      | 12      | 13      |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                              |                     | Tue    | Wed     | Thu     | Fri     | Sat     | Sun     | Mon     | Tue     | Wed     | Thu     | Fri     | Sat     | Sun     | Mon     |
|                                              |                     | 24-Nov | 25-Nov  | 26-Nov  | 27-Nov  | 28-Nov  | 29-Nov  | 30-Nov  | 1-Dec   | 2-Dec   | 3-Dec   | 4-Dec   | 5-Dec   | 6-Dec   | 7-Dec   |
| <b>Scientific name (and spawning window)</b> | <b>Common Name</b>  | SUNSET | 6:07 PM | 6:07 PM | 6:07 PM | 6:08 PM | 6:08 PM | 6:08 PM | 6:08 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:09 PM | 6:10 PM | 6:10 PM |
| <i>Meandrina meandrites</i> (10–70 MAS)      | Maze Coral          |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Eusmilia fastigiata</i> (75–270 MAS)      | Smooth Flower Coral |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <i>Dichocoenia stokesii</i> (85–160 MAS)     | Pineapple Coral     |        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |

Fall Sponges, Brittle Stars,  
Gorgognians, and More

|                                              | NAFM                          | 0      | 1      | 2      | 3      | 4      | 5      | 6     | 7     | 8     | 9     | 10    | 11    | 12    | 13     |
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|                                              |                               | 28-Aug | 29-Aug | 30-Aug | 31-Aug | 1-Sep  | 2-Sep  | 3-Sep | 4-Sep | 5-Sep | 6-Sep | 7-Sep | 8-Sep | 9-Sep | 10-Sep |
|                                              |                               | 26-Sep | 27-Sep | 28-Sep | 29-Sep | 30-Sep | 1-Oct  | 2-Oct | 3-Oct | 4-Oct | 5-Oct | 6-Oct | 7-Oct | 8-Oct | 9-Oct  |
| <b>Scientific name (and spawning window)</b> | <b>Common Name</b>            | 26-Oct | 27-Oct | 28-Oct | 29-Oct | 30-Oct | 31-Oct | 1-Nov | 2-Nov | 3-Nov | 4-Nov | 5-Nov | 6-Nov | 7-Nov | 8-Nov  |
| <i>Holothuria mexicana</i>                   | Donkeydung Sea Cucumber       |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Hermodice carunculata</i>                 | Fire Worm                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Diadema antillarum</i>                    | Long-Spined Sea Urchin        |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Neofibularia nolitangere</i>              | Touch-Me-Not Sponge           |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Plexaura, Pseudoplexaura, Eunicia</i>     | Sea Rods                      |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Plexaura homomalla</i>                    | Black Sea Rod                 |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Ophiuroidea</i>                           | Brittle Sea Star/Serpent Star |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Pseudopterogorgia</i> spp.                | Sea Plume                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
| <i>Spirobranchus giganteus</i>               | Christmas Tree Worm           |        |        |        |        |        |        |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |

Abbreviations & Colors

|                                                                                                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>NAFM:</b> Nights After the Full Moon                                                                   |
| <b>MBS:</b> Minutes Before Sunset                                                                         |
| <b>MAS:</b> Minutes After Sunset                                                                          |
| <b>Pale yellow:</b> Spawning may be possible but data are sparse:<br>Please help by diving on these dates |
| <b>CARMABI orange:</b> Spawning is possible:<br>Spawning has been observed on these dates                 |
| <b>Red:</b> Spawning is likely:<br>Spawning is often observed on these dates                              |
| <b>Dark purple:</b> Spawning is very likely:<br>Spawning is reliably observed on these dates              |
| <i>Times are show using a 12h clock (AM/PM)</i>                                                           |
| <i>Colors are distinct for grayscale/CVD</i>                                                              |



Tips for Success

- Spawning is never guaranteed in a changing climate: When in doubt, dive!
- Our predictions span the known range of spawning times without an added buffer; be sure to enter the water before the predicted spawning time.
- Dive at sites with high coral cover.
- Make multiple dives on multiple nights.
- Dive shallower than 50' to maximize time.
- Use a moderately bright dive light.
- Scan the water for clouds of spawn:
  - Spawn from most brain, star, elkhorn, and staghorn corals looks like snow, confetti, or polka dots.
  - Spawn from starlet, pillar, maze, and pineapple corals (and male great star corals) looks like puffs of smoke or sprays of fine sand.
  - Spawn from female great star corals looks like chunky vomit (hooray!)
- Spawning depends on local sunset times; to adjust dives based on your local sunset times, visit [www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com)

More Info & Ways to Help

- **Bonus features and PDF download:** Download this PDF, get notified when future calendars are released, and help us measure our reach: Please take our quick survey at [www.tinyurl.com/CarmabiCal2026](http://www.tinyurl.com/CarmabiCal2026).
- **Coral breeding reference sheets:** This new community resource is led by Val Chamberland: [www.crc.world/resources-propagation-outplanting](http://www.crc.world/resources-propagation-outplanting).
- **Spawning community Q&As:** Join us for our Facebook Q&A series; we're answering spawning and larval propagation questions here: [www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch).
- **Please share your observations:** Your discoveries help coral research and conservation! A new AGGRA database is collecting and distributing regional spawning data. If you monitor spawning, please record as many of the following details as possible: Date, location, site name (or lat/long), depth, species, setting time (if seen), spawning start/stop times, area monitored (m2), # of colonies monitored, % of colonies that spawned, # of male/female colonies (if applicable). Photos, partial records, and records of no spawn are all valuable! Send reports to [carmabilog@gmail.com](mailto:carmabilog@gmail.com), [v.chamberland@secore.org](mailto:v.chamberland@secore.org), [kristen@marhaverlab.com](mailto:kristen@marhaverlab.com), or post your observations at [www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CoralSpawningResearch).
- **Epic thanks** to everyone who has shared observations over the past 30+ years. Spawning has been a challenge lately, but larval propagation and genetic conservation teams continue to have success. The Curacao team wishes everyone a safe and productive spawning season!
- **Suggested citation:** KL Marhaver, VF Chamberland, and MJA Vermeij, “Coral Spawning Predictions, Southern Caribbean, 2007–2026.” CARMABI, Curacao.



### RACES DAY 3

📍 Kas di Regatta ⌚ 9AM - 5PM

### NATIONS FLAG PARADE

📍 Kas di Regatta ⌚ 5:30PM

### REGATTA RUN

📍 Stadion Playa ⌚ 5:30PM

### REGATTA FESTIVAL

📍 Centrum Gebied ⌚ 7PM - 1AM

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### RACES DAY 4

📍 Kas di Regatta ⌚ 9AM - 5PM

### HAPPY HOUR

📍 Kas di Regatta ⌚ 5PM - 7PM

### REGATTA FESTIVAL

📍 Centrum Gebied ⌚ 7PM - 1AM

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### BOAT PARTIES

📍 Plaza Machi Mimi ⌚ 10AM - 6PM

### REGATTA FESTIVAL

📍 Centrum Gebied ⌚ 6PM - 3AM

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### RACES DAY 5

📍 Kas di Regatta ⌚ 9AM - 3PM

### HAPPY HOUR

📍 Kas di Regatta ⌚ 1PM - 6:30PM

### REGATTA FESTIVAL & AWARD CEREMONY

📍 Centrum Gebied ⌚ 7PM - 3AM

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See you there,  
Bonaire

# FESTIVAL SCHEDULE



Wednesday  
**14 OCTOBER**

MAIN STAGE CENTRUM GEBIED

STARTS 18:00 | ENDS 01:00

18:30-19:00 **FLAG PARADE & BRASS BAND**  
19:00-19:15 **DJ JEWELZ / MC**  
19:15-19:45 **OPENING REGATTA DIP TIMOTEO & JOLINDA**  
19:45-20:30 **COCONOTES**  
20:30-20:45 **DJ / MC / SCHOOL OF PERFORMER ARTIST**  
20:45-21:30 **BONIRIEBOYS**  
21:30-21:45 **DJ / MC ORY**  
21:45-22:30 **FOYANBOYS**  
22:30-22:45 **DJ / MC**  
22:45-23:45 **POKE**  
23:45-24:00 **DJ & MC CLOSING**

Thursday  
**15 OCTOBER**

MAIN STAGE CENTRUM GEBIED

STARTS 19:00 | ENDS 02:00

19:00-19:30 **DJ Ro1**  
19:30-20:15 **RITMIKO RINCONERO**  
20:15-20:30 **DJ**  
20:30-21:15 **ESO**  
21:15-21:30 **BONAIRE FASHION & BEAUTY AFFAIR PART**  
21:30-21:45 **DJ / MC**  
21:45-22:00 **BONAIRE FASHION & BEAUTY AFFAIR PART 2**  
22:00-22:45 **FMK**  
22:45-23:00 **DJ / MC**  
23:00-23:45 **OCEAN BAND**  
23:45-00:00 **DJ / MC**  
00:00-01:30 **JEON**  
01:30-02:00 **DJ**

Friday  
**16 OCTOBER**

MAIN STAGE CENTRUM GEBIED

STARTS 18:30 | ENDS 03:00

18:30-19:30 **AWARDS WATER ACTIVITIES**  
19:30-20:15 **KOMPA**  
20:15-20:30 **BONAIRE FASHION & BEAUTY AFFAIR PART 1**  
20:30-21:15 **BATANGA**  
21:15-21:30 **BONAIRE FASHION & BEAUTY AFFAIR PART 2**  
21:30-21:45 **DJ**  
21:45-22:30 **BONAIRE URBAN TALENTS BY JO CAFE**  
22:30-23:15 **BAM ALMIR**  
23:15-23:30 **DJ**  
23:30-00:15 **LUIS MOKA / PALU GRANDI**  
00:15-00:30 **DJ**  
00:30-02:30 **CACHE DELUXE**

Saturday  
**17 OCTOBER**

PLAZA MACHI MIMI

STARTS 10:00 | ENDS 18:00

10:00-17:00 **MC JO CAFE**  
10:00-11:30 **DJ ROCH**  
11:30-13:00 **DJ CHRISBEAT**  
13:00-14:30 **DJ JEWELZ**

SWITCH TO

MAIN STAGE CENTRUM GEBIED

STARTS 18:00 | ENDS 03:00

18:30-19:15 **DJ KIART**  
19:15-20:00 **KARINJO**  
20:00-20:15 **DJ**  
20:15-21:00 **HASHTAG**  
21:00-21:15 **DJ**  
21:15-22:00 **SEMI MAARTEN**

14:30-16:15 **DJ BB CALI**  
16:15-17:00 **DJ RO1 & MC CHRIS STRICK**  
17:00-18:00 **DJ KROKZZ & CHRIS STRICK**

22:00-23:15 **DJ KROKZZ & MC CHRIS STRICK**  
23:15-00:15 **DJ FREDDY MOREIRA**  
00:45-02:30 **ONE FLAVAS**  
02:20-02:30 **FIRE WORK SHOW**  
02:30-03:00 **DJ / CLOSING**

## ATTACHMENT A

### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 10:00 Registration Day and Goodie bags  
17:00 Skippers Meeting for Yachts  
18:00 Official Opening at Kas di Regatta

#### Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 09:00 Captains meeting at Kas di Regatta.  
10:00 Warning Signal: Racing, Open, **Fishing**, Sunfish, RS Feva, Optimist (2 races).  
Commercial (1 race)  
14:00 **Warning signal: Racing, Open, Fishing, Sunfish A/B, RS Feva, Commercial**  
**(1 long race);**  
**Sunfish C, Optimist (2 races).**  
17:00 Happy Hour at Kas di Regatta

#### Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 09:00 Captains meeting at Kas di Regatta.  
10:00 Warning Signal: Racing, Open, **Fishing**, Sunfish, RS Feva, Optimist (2 races).  
14:00 **Warning signal: Racing, Open, Fishing, Sunfish A/B, RS Feva,;**  
**Sunfish C, Optimist (2 races).**  
17:00 Happy Hour at Kas di Regatta

#### Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 (Layover Day)

- 09:00 Captains meeting: Micro-boats at SKAL  
Skippers meeting: Kitesurf at Atlantis, Windsurf/Wingfoil at Kas di Regatta.  
10:00 Morning Warning Signal  
14:00 Afternoon Warning signal  
17:00 Happy Hour & BBQ night for participants, Staff & VIPs at TBA

#### Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 09:00 Captains meeting at Kas di Regatta.  
Captains meeting: Micro-boats at SKAL  
Skippers meeting: Kitesurf at Atlantis, Windsurf/Wingfoil at Kas di Regatta.  
10:00 Warning Signal: Racing, Open, **Fishing**, Sunfish, RS Feva, Optimist (2 races).  
Warning Signal for Windsurfing, Kiteboarding and Micro-Boats  
14:00 **Warning signal: Racing, Open, Fishing, Sunfish A/B, RS Feva,;**  
**Sunfish C, Optimist (2 races).**  
Warning Signal for Windsurfing, Kiteboarding and Micro-Boats  
17:00 Happy Hour at Kas di Regatta

#### Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026

- 09:00 Captains meeting at Kas di Regatta.  
Captains meeting: Micro-boats at SKAL  
Skippers meeting: Kitesurf at Atlantis, Windsurf/Wingfoil at Kas di Regatta.  
10:00 Start for the Long-Distance Race: Windsurf, Kitesurf, and Wing Foil.  
11:00 **Warning signal: Racing, Open, Fishing (1 long race);**  
**Sunfish, RS Feva, Optimist (2 races).**  
14:00 HAPPY HOUR & ENTERTAINMENT  
19:30 Closing Ceremony on main stage

Screenshot

# Working at STINAPA: EDUCATION ASSISTANT

(m/f) fulltime (36 hours a week)



## WORKING AT STINAPA BONAIRE

Do you want to contribute to the next generation of conservationists on Bonaire? Do you enjoy working with children, young people, schools, and the community? Do you have a passion for nature and education? Then, you are the person we are looking for.

STINAPA Bonaire is looking for an enthusiastic Education Assistant to help develop and implement nature and environmental education programs for schools and other target groups on Bonaire.

As an Education Assistant, you play an important role in increasing knowledge and awareness of Bonaire's unique nature.

You will play a key role in the STINAPA Junior Rangers program: you assist with activities, workshops, develop teaching materials, and help organize projects. You support contact with volunteers and the local community. This also means being available on Saturday mornings. You support the rest of the educational program: activities for primary schools, secondary schools, holiday activities, workshops, etc. You work closely with the Education Officers and report to the Education & Communication Manager.

Whether you are guiding a school group in nature, developing educational materials, or preparing a workshop: your work contributes directly to the protection of Bonaire's natural heritage.

## WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

Your duties include among others:

- Supporting the development and implementation of educational programs and activities
- Organizing and supervising nature and environmental education activities
- Supporting school programs and the Junior Ranger program
- Developing, updating, and translating educational materials
- Providing knowledge transfer regarding nature, the environment, and sustainability
- Assisting with trainings for teachers, volunteers, and supervisors
- Assisting with workshops, courses, and presentations
- Contributing to educational projects and events
- Assisting with reporting and evaluations of activities
- Guiding and supporting volunteers during educational activities

## WHAT IS YOUR INPUT?

We are looking for someone who:

- Is enthusiastic about nature, the environment, and education
- Enjoys speaking in front of groups and sharing knowledge
- Is creative in developing educational activities
- Can collaborate well
- Shows initiative and can work independently
- Has an affinity with children and young people
- Makes a positive contribution to the team
- Holds a diving certificate or is willing to obtain one

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- Higher professional education (HBO) degree or HBO working and thinking level
- Field of study in education, teaching, or biology
  - o Nature or environment is a plus
- Swimming certificates A, B, and C
- Driving license
- At least 2 years of relevant work experience
- Knowledge of nature, ecology, and biodiversity
- Good communication and teaching skills
- Good oral and written skills in Dutch, English, and Papiamentu
- Available on Saturday mornings

## YOU CAN COUNT ON:

- A meaningful function in which you contribute to nature conservation and education
- Working within an enthusiastic and committed team
- Plenty of variety between office work and field activities
- The opportunity to make an impact on the community of Bonaire
- A 36-hour work week
- Salary in accordance with the scale corresponding to the position (\$2,671 – \$3,319 gross)
- 13<sup>th</sup> month and 8.33% holiday allowance
- 166 vacation hours per year
- After one year of service: pension scheme with employer contribution
- Sports allowance up to 2/3 of your membership at a recognized sports company
- Care leave and special leave for important life events

## READY TO INSPIRE BONAIRE?

Send your motivation letter and CV to [vacature@stinapa.org](mailto:vacature@stinapa.org), quoting "Education Assistant", **no later than Oktober 30.**



# Working at STINAPA: COMMUNICATION OFFICER

(m/f) fulltime (36 hours a week)



## STRONG COMMUNICATION STARTS WITH A GREAT STORY – AND YOU KNOW HOW TO TELL IT!

STINAPA Bonaire is seeking an experienced Communication Officer who can strategically translate communication and marketing efforts into measurable results. Are you a professional communications advisor with proven experience, excellent writing skills, and a keen eye for quality and brand identity? Are you able to reach diverse target groups through both traditional and digital channels? If so, we are looking for you.

## CAN YOU ENSURE THAT STINAPA'S STORY IS TOLD IN A VISIBLE, CLEAR, AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER?

STINAPA Bonaire is daily dedicated to the protection, preservation, and restoration of Bonaire's unique natural environment. Effective communication is essential to this mission. We are looking for a Communication Officer who can translate our mission and activities into professional, creative, and consistent communication and marketing initiatives.

As a Communication Officer, you are responsible for developing and executing communication and marketing activities. You will write and create content, manage communication channels, maintain relationship with the media and other stakeholders, and ensure that our communication aligns with our organizational goals.

Your work goes beyond mere execution: you contribute to communication strategy, develop plans, and you are able to translate them into concrete actions and results.

## WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

- You develop and implement communication and marketing plans, translating them into concrete actions.
- You contribute to drafting and executing the department's annual plan.
- You develop and write professional, engaging content for various target groups and communication channels.
- You write press releases, brochure content, web content, and other communication materials.
- You manage and maintain content for the website and social media channels.
- You safeguard the corporate identity and ensure consistent, professional communication output.
- You advise colleagues and management on communication issues and opportunities.
- You independently gather necessary information from within the organization and translate it into clear communication.
- You maintain professional relationships with external stakeholders, including the media, suppliers, and other partners.
- You organize and coordinate communication activities, campaigns, events, and (press) conferences.
- You develop and produce both digital and physical communication materials, such as advertisements, posters, and brochures.
- You identify developments and trends in the communication and marketing field and translate them into opportunities for STINAPA.
- You coordinate the work of the Communication Assistant, provide content-related guidance, and share knowledge.
- You work closely with colleagues across the organization, ensuring effective coordination and internal communication.
- You contribute to a professional and effective communication and information structure within STINAPA.
- In the absence of the Education & Communication Manager, you can step in for the manager in consultation with the Director.

## WHO ARE YOU?

We are not seeking a rookie, but rather an experienced communications professional who can work independently, take responsibility, and deliver quality results.

You are analytical, highly organized, and possess excellent communication skills. You are able to switch quickly between strategy and execution and know how to translate complex information into clear, engaging communication.

You have demonstrable experience with various communication channels and understand that professional communication goes beyond simply creating attractive content. You know how communication contributes to an organization's objectives and positioning.

## STRICT MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- You are only eligible for this position if you meet the following requirements:
- You hold a completed Bachelor's degree (HBO level) in Marketing, Communications, or a similar relevant field.
- You have at least 5 years of demonstrable, relevant work experience in a professional communications and/or marketing role.
- You have demonstrable experience in developing and executing communication and marketing plans.
- You have demonstrable experience in writing professional content, including press releases, web copy, brochure text, and other communication materials.
- You possess excellent written and verbal communication skills in Dutch, English, and Papiamentu.
- You have demonstrable experience dealing with social media and website management.
- You have experience organizing and coordinating communication activities, campaigns, and/or events.
- You are demonstrably skilled in working with various communication channels and know how to tailor communication to different target groups.
- You are able to independently plan tasks, set priorities, and meet deadlines.
- You possess excellent organizational and coordination skills.

## In addition, you bring along:

- Strong organizational awareness and a keen sense of reputation and positioning.
- Creativity and a strong feel for text, imagery, and communication.
- A proactive and results-oriented work attitude.
- The ability to work both independently and collaboratively.
- Integrity, a sense of responsibility, and passion for STINAPA's mission.
- Leadership qualities and the ability to provide substantive guidance to others.
- Experience with communication within an organization involving multiple internal and external stakeholders is an asset.
- Affinity with nature conservation, sustainability, and the unique environment of Bonaire is an asset.

## YOU CAN EXPECT

A versatile function with significant responsibility within an organization dedicated to preserving Bonaire's unique natural environment. At STINAPA, you will work in a committed, professional team and will have the opportunity to apply your communication expertise to a mission of social importance.

STINAPA offers employment conditions in accordance with the applicable collective labor agreement (CAO), including:

- A 36-hour workweek.
- A salary based on the scale applicable to the position.
- A 13th-month payment and 8.33% holiday allowance.
- 166 vacation hours per year.
- A pension scheme with an employer contribution, starting after one year of employment.
- Salary according to scale 10 (\$3,699 – \$4,852 gross).
- A training budget and a bonus for completing job-related training courses, in accordance with applicable policies.
- A sports allowance in accordance with the applicable collective labor agreement.
- Care leave and special leave for significant life events.

## More about STINAPA Bonaire

STINAPA Bonaire is a non-governmental, non-profit organization responsible for managing Bonaire's protected natural areas. Furthermore, we are dedicated to the protection, conservation, and restoration of Bonaire's unique biodiversity. Every day, we work towards a future where nature and society exist in balance. At STINAPA, you will have the opportunity to apply your professional communication knowledge and experience to an organization with a clear social and ecological mission.

## READY TO USE YOUR COMMUNICATION EXPERTISE FOR BONAIRE'S NATURE?

Please send your cover letter and CV to [vacature@stinapa.org](mailto:vacature@stinapa.org), quoting "Communication Officer," no later than **October 26**. For questions regarding the content of the position, please contact Communication & Education Manager Luc Hamelers at [educ@stinapa.org](mailto:educ@stinapa.org) or call +599 777 3324. For questions regarding the application process, please contact HR via [hr@stinapa.org](mailto:hr@stinapa.org).



## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES



TERRAMAR  
INSTITUTE



This month's  
Family  
Saturday  
will be on  
October 3rd!



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This month's  
Kids Workshop  
will be on Oct  
24.



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This month's  
Museum at  
Night will be  
on October 28.



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Want to be updated on all of  
Terramar's Museum  
activities?

Contact us!  
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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1                       | Zhung Kong                      | 31                                                                                  | -\$113,08                                                                                | 18%                   |
| 2                       | Supermarkt na<br>Kaya Korona 56 | 25                                                                                  | -\$65,84                                                                                 | 11%                   |
| 3                       | Jai Xing (Kaya<br>Korona)       | 10                                                                                  | -\$47,71                                                                                 | 8%                    |
| 4                       | Foodymark                       | 13                                                                                  | -\$47,10                                                                                 | 8%                    |
| 5                       | Good & More                     | 16                                                                                  | -\$40,71                                                                                 | 7%                    |
| 6                       | Liagxiang                       | 11                                                                                  | -\$40,56                                                                                 | 7%                    |
| 7                       | Xu-Sheng                        | 5                                                                                   | -\$38,07                                                                                 | 6%                    |
| 8                       | New World                       | 15                                                                                  | -\$30,61                                                                                 | 5%                    |
| 9                       | Sunshine                        | 16                                                                                  | -\$29,96                                                                                 | 5%                    |
| 10                      | Jai Xing (kaya Salsa)           | 8                                                                                   | -\$20,64                                                                                 | 3%                    |
| 11                      | Rincon City                     | 6                                                                                   | -\$19,95                                                                                 | 3%                    |
| 12                      | Famoso                          | 10                                                                                  | -\$17,65                                                                                 | 3%                    |
| 13                      | Bondigro                        | 6                                                                                   | -\$16,72                                                                                 | 3%                    |
| 14                      | Ideal                           | 4                                                                                   | -\$15,53                                                                                 | 3%                    |
| 15                      | Kadushi                         | 7                                                                                   | -\$15,09                                                                                 | 2%                    |
| 16                      | Van den Tweel                   | 6                                                                                   | -\$13,08                                                                                 | 2%                    |
| 17                      | Lucky                           | 12                                                                                  | -\$12,53                                                                                 | 2%                    |
| 18                      | Warehouse                       | 4                                                                                   | -\$10,59                                                                                 | 2%                    |
| 19                      | Tesco                           | 7                                                                                   | -\$8,51                                                                                  | 1%                    |
| 20                      | Wing Cheung                     | 6                                                                                   | -\$8,11                                                                                  | 1%                    |
| 21                      | Top                             | 6                                                                                   | -\$5,30                                                                                  | 1%                    |
| 22                      | Caribe Nobo                     | 2                                                                                   | \$0,00                                                                                   | 0%                    |
|                         |                                 |                                                                                     | <b>-\$617,34</b>                                                                         | <b>100%</b>           |

## Komparashon di preis

*Sept 2026*

**Bo por spar mas ku  
\$500 si bo kumpra di  
un manera inteligente**

**Pa lista di  
produktonan mas  
karu scan:**



**FTPKB**  
Poder di konsumidó,  
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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1                       | Warehouse                       | 34                                                                                       | \$91,93                                                                               | 15%                   |
| 2                       | Caribe Nobo                     | 26                                                                                       | \$70,96                                                                               | 11%                   |
| 3                       | Zhung Kong                      | 19                                                                                       | \$57,09                                                                               | 9%                    |
| 4                       | Kadushi                         | 12                                                                                       | \$46,58                                                                               | 7%                    |
| 5                       | Wing Cheung                     | 17                                                                                       | \$46,05                                                                               | 7%                    |
| 6                       | Bondigro                        | 8                                                                                        | \$42,02                                                                               | 7%                    |
| 7                       | Liagxiang                       | 15                                                                                       | \$39,08                                                                               | 6%                    |
| 8                       | Rincon City                     | 12                                                                                       | \$34,10                                                                               | 5%                    |
| 9                       | Van den Tweel                   | 8                                                                                        | \$32,92                                                                               | 5%                    |
| 10                      | Jai Xing (kaya Salsa)           | 14                                                                                       | \$24,04                                                                               | 4%                    |
| 11                      | Tesco                           | 7                                                                                        | \$22,50                                                                               | 4%                    |
| 12                      | Ideal                           | 7                                                                                        | \$21,15                                                                               | 3%                    |
| 13                      | Supermarkt na<br>Kaya Korona 56 | 8                                                                                        | \$20,85                                                                               | 3%                    |
| 14                      | Good & More                     | 9                                                                                        | \$19,94                                                                               | 3%                    |
| 15                      | Foodymark                       | 9                                                                                        | \$11,39                                                                               | 2%                    |
| 16                      | Xu-Sheng                        | 7                                                                                        | \$10,95                                                                               | 2%                    |
| 17                      | Sunshine                        | 4                                                                                        | \$10,55                                                                               | 2%                    |
| 18                      | Famoso                          | 7                                                                                        | \$9,52                                                                                | 2%                    |
| 19                      | New World                       | 5                                                                                        | \$7,07                                                                                | 1%                    |
| 20                      | Top                             | 6                                                                                        | \$3,57                                                                                | 1%                    |
| 21                      | Jai Xing (Kaya<br>Korona)       | 5                                                                                        | \$2,44                                                                                | 0%                    |
| 22                      | Lucky                           | 4                                                                                        | \$1,35                                                                                | 0%                    |
|                         |                                 |                                                                                          | <b>\$626,05</b>                                                                       | <b>100%</b>           |

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*Sept 2026*

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Poder di konsumidó,  
nos prioridat!



# BONAIRE MONTHLY TOURISM PERFORMANCE **SEPTEMBER 2026**

## THE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW:

*These data are preliminary figures.*

### NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR

12,758 **2026**

*All non-residents are registered as visitors*

### NUMBER OF VISITORS BY AIR

12,196 **2025**

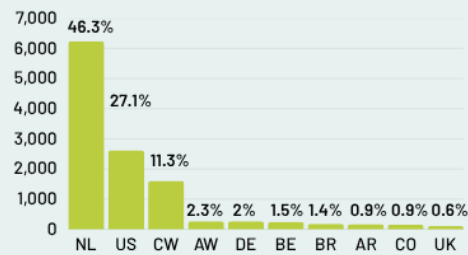
### 2026 COMPARED TO 2025

**4.6%**

Increase in non-resident arrivals



### COUNTRY OF ORIGIN



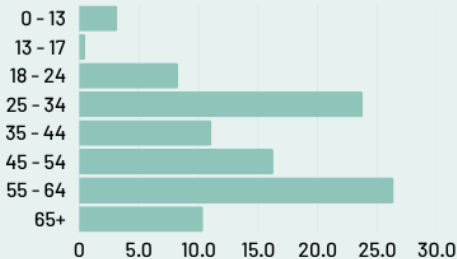
### TOP STATES & REGION

**US** Florida, Texas, California, Georgia, and North Carolina.

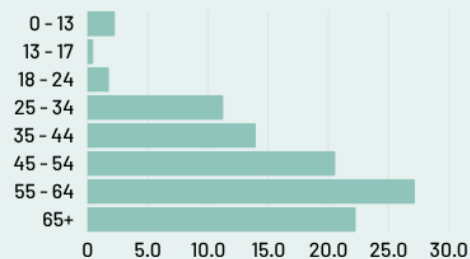
**NL** South Holland, North Holland, North Brabant, Gelderland, and Utrecht.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

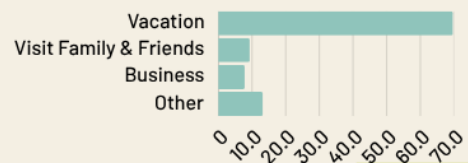
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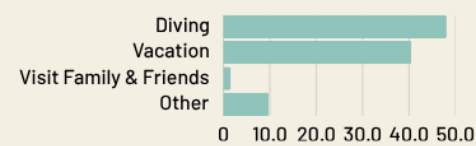
### AGE | AMERICAN



### REASON TO VISIT | DUTCH



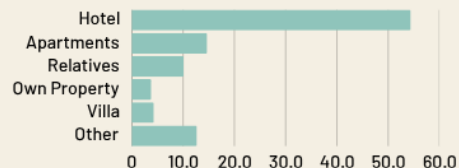
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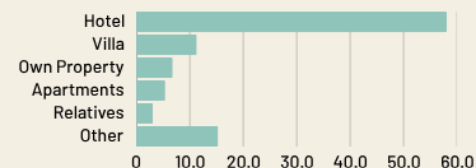
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#### DUTCH

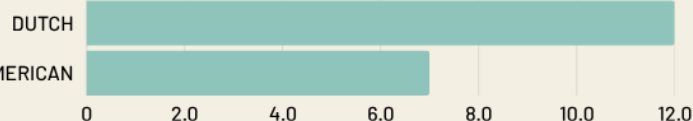


### ACCOMMODATION TYPE

#### AMERICAN



### LENGHT OF STAY



### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- [www.bonaireisland.com](http://www.bonaireisland.com)
- [info@bonaireisland.com](mailto:info@bonaireisland.com)
- [bonaire.portcall.com](http://bonaire.portcall.com)



Help  
Support  
Save Lives  
🐾❤️

All are  
Welcome!  
🐾❤️

# HALLOWEEN MARKET

AT ANIMAL SHELTER BONAIRE

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25TH

🐾 From 9am till 2pm 🐾

- 🐾 Second hand treasures 📦
- 🐾 Home made sweets 🍰
- 🐾 Arts like glass chimes, wood decor and handpainted canvas 🎨
- 🐾 Jewelry made from lionfish 🐟
- 🐾 Refreshments ☕
- 🐾 Mama Anneke's keuken 🍴
- 🐾 Delicious chutney from The islands preserve Company 🫙
- 🐾 Cat and dog treats/food by Bondog 🐾
- 🐾 and many more for your furr-friends 🐾

Mama Anneke's  
Keuken  
❤️🍴

The Islands  
Preserve  
Company  
🌴

The Islands  
Preserve  
Company  
🌴

Unique  
Handmade  
Gifts  
❤️

Bondog

🐾 TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE 🐾

# INVITATION

## GUIDED HIKE

Registration required

## Bonaire Sabal Palm Park

We warmly invite you to join us for a guided hike through the Bonaire Sabal Palm Park on **Friday, 23 October 2026** from **4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**.

Quirijn Coolen will guide you through the park and tell you about the endemic Sabal *lougheediana*, the creation of the park, and the way required to protect the palms and their habitat.

The hike crosses rough, rocky terrain. Please wear sturdy hiking shoes, bring plenty of water, and use appropriate sun protection.

After the hike, we will provide a refreshing drink and a snack.

Participation is limited to 20 people, so advance registration is required. To reserve your place, please email [info@bonberde.com](mailto:info@bonberde.com).

**We look forward to  
exploring the park together!**

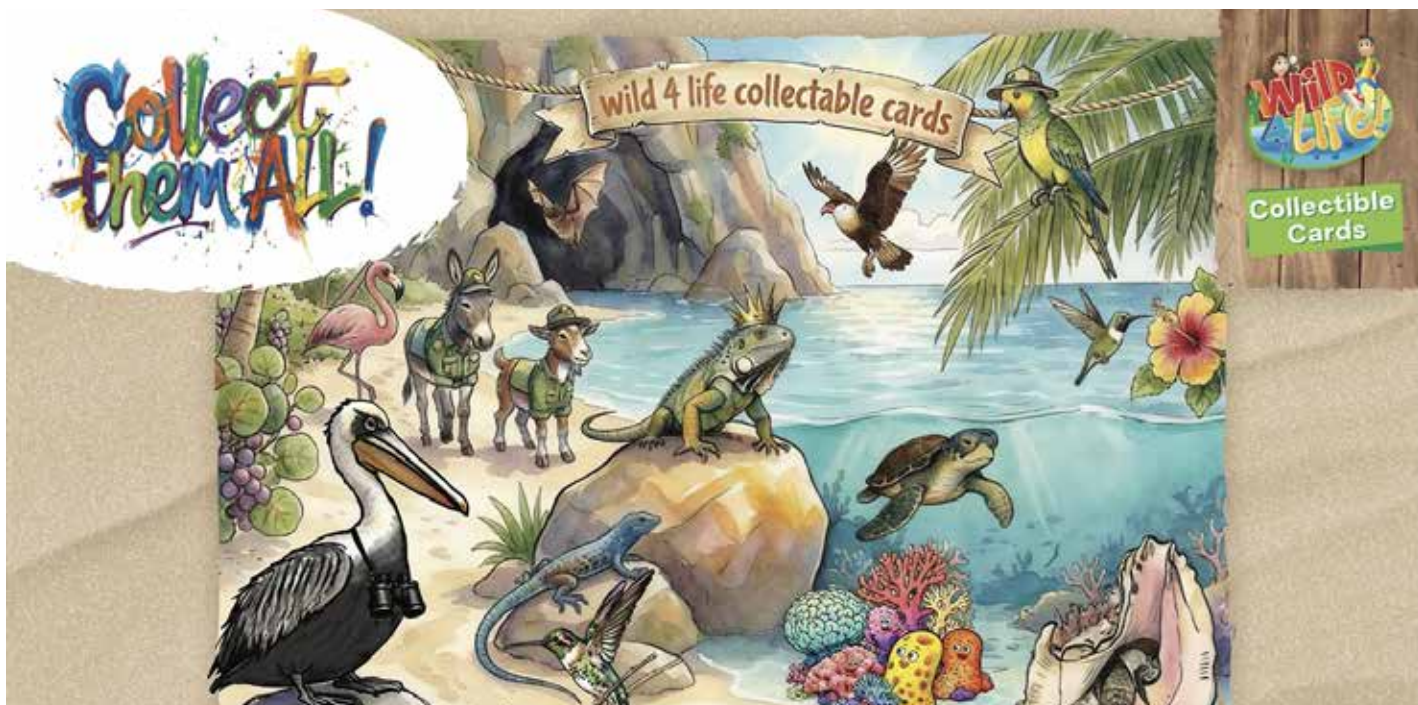
**Friday 23 October  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

A refreshing drink and  
snacks will be provided



  
**BonBèrdè**

**Fully Booked**





# North America

**Winter flight schedule**  
27 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

| Airline                | Destination   | Mon | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|------------------------|---------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| American Airlines      | Miami (MIA)   | ✓   | ✓*  | ✓    | ✓*  | ✓*  | ✓   | ✓*  |
| Delta Air Lines        | Atlanta (ATL) |     |     | ✓**  |     |     | ✓   | ✓** |
| United Airlines        | Newark (EWR)  |     |     |      |     |     | ✓   |     |
| United Airlines        | Houston (IAH) |     |     |      |     |     | ↘   | ↗   |
| <b>WESTJET</b> WestJet | Toronto (YYZ) |     | ↘   | ↗*** |     |     |     |     |

↘ Arrival | ↗ Departure

**\* American Airlines**  
Tue from 22 Dec - Thu from 17 Dec  
Fri from 2 Nov - Sun from 20 Dec.

**\*\* Delta Air Lines**  
Wed: 23 Dec – 3 Jan and 7 Mar – 31 Mar.  
Sun: from 20 Dec.

**\*\*\* WestJet**  
15 Dec – 7 April.



Flight schedule is subject to change.  
For the most current information, please refer to the airline's website.



# Europe

**Winter flight schedule**  
27 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

| Airline                                                                             | Destination     | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  | Amsterdam (AMS) | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |
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|  | Amsterdam (AMS) |     | ✓   |     |     | ✓   |     |     |



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# Caribbean

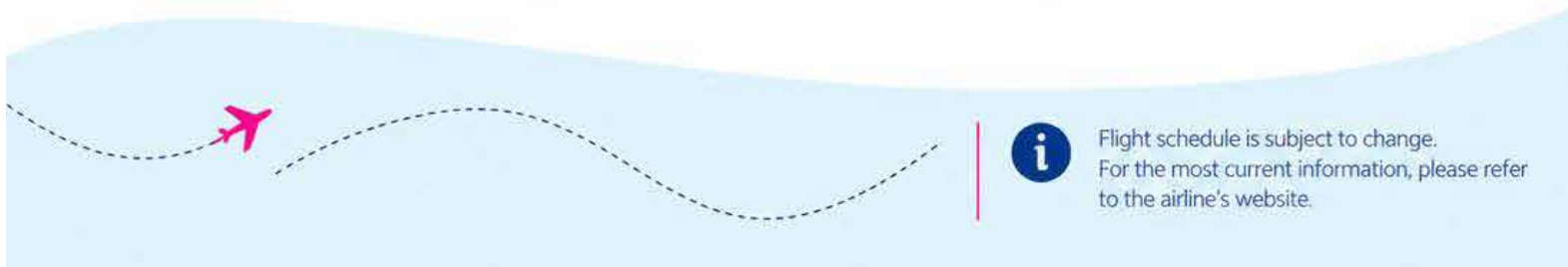
**Winter flight schedule**  
27 October 2026 – 31 March 2027

| Airline                                                                                          | Destination                          | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|  Divi Divi Air | Curaçao (CUR) & Aruba (AUA)          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |
|  Z Air        | Curaçao (CUR) & Aruba (AUA)          | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   | ✓   |
|  Winair       | Sint Maarten (SXM) via Curaçao (CUR) |     |     | ✓   |     |     |     | ✓   |
|  Sky High     | Santo Domingo (SDQ)                  |     |     |     |     | ✓   |     |     |
|  Air Century  | Santo Domingo (JBQ)                  |     |     | ✓ * |     |     |     |     |

\* **Air Century**  
Wed: 9 Dec – 20 Jan

**Divi Divi Air**  
Operates 71 flights per week

**Z Air**  
Operates 28 flights per week



Flight schedule is subject to change.  
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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

## NEW OPENING HOURS

### Headquarters

Monday - Thursday: 8AM - 4PM  
Friday: 8AM - 12PM  
Saturday - Sunday: **CLOSED**

### Washington Slagbaai National Park

Monday: **CLOSED**  
Tuesday - Sunday: 8AM - 5PM  
Entry allowed till 2:30PM



# TENE PIA SEKU

Shared Shores:  
Climate, Community &  
Island Resilience

Inspired by 'Rising Tide' by Kadir van Lohuizen

Opening Bonaire  
8 august 2026  
Terramar Museum

Opening Curaçao  
27 august 2026  
Habaal Art Gallery

Presented by  
Terramar Museum  
Association of Museums & Heritage of Europe  
Inspired by  
het scheepvaart  
nationaal museum  
NOOR



## 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 |
| October 18th<br>(Changed) | 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 |

**SOBREMESA  
PRESENTS**

**NOV 28 & 29  
10 AM - 5PM**

# KAMINDA di ARTE



## **BONAIRE'S OPEN ART STUDIO WEEKEND 2026**

**Visit studios and galleries to  
meet artists, explore the local  
art scene, and take home  
unique pieces!**

**INFO ARTISTS AND LOCATIONS**

**[www.sobremesa-bonaire.com](http://www.sobremesa-bonaire.com)**



# STUDIO MUZO

The Creative Color Lab

**\$20,-**  
EACH FRIDAY  
AGE 8+



## Sobremesa

J.A. Abraham Boulevard

15:00 - 17:00

Contact via whatsapp: +599 700 7115

Email: sobremesabonaire@gmail.com

## OPEN ART STUDIO

every saturday

11 am - 2 pm

your inspiration, our space and materials

\$5



ABRAHAM BOULEVARD 10 @SOBREMESA.BONAIRE | WWW.SOBREMESA.BONAIRE.COM



*Sobremesa*  
KAS DI ARTE

## ART CLUB



**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**7-9 PM**  
**START NOV 5**



Abraham Boulevard 10  
Playa Pariba  
Bonaire

**\$15 Per session or**  
**\$50 for 4 visits**  
includes all  
materials except a  
canvas

*Join us and create your own  
masterpiece*

### **What to expect:**

- **a professional artist to guide and inspire you**
- **Freedom to explore different techniques and materials**
- **A friendly and relaxed atmosphere**

### **More info and to join:**

Whatsapp +599 700 7115

e-mail: sobremesabonaire@gmail.com

# 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





# BONAIRE FRIENDS

*CELEBRATING THE BEST PART OF BONAIRE*

DID YOU MAKE A FRIEND DURING  
YOUR STAY ON BONAIRE?

**SHARE YOUR STORY WITH US**

We're celebrating the wonderful people of Bonaire and want to hear your stories! Have you met a local who made your visit unforgettable, maybe by showing you a hidden gem, helping you try something new, or simply lending a kind hand?

Share your experience and tell us about your Bonaire Friend, they could be recognized with a special prize!



**FILL IT IN HERE!**



**BONAIRE**  
*It's in our nature.*

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