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HAMILTON II WINS NEW YEAR'S EVE REGATTA



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SAINT BARTH: HAMILTON II WINS NEW YEAR'S EVE REGATTA



Hamilton II, a beautiful 117-footer built in 2005 by CNB Bordeaux and designed by naval architect Philippe Briand was the big winner of the 13th annual New Year's Eve Regatta held on December 31, 2007. Rough seas and rainy skies made for a challenging sail: "It was another day of survival out there," said Mark Del Guidice, skipper of the 65' Meriten, Mischievous, who



Hamilton II, winner of the 2007 New Year's Eve Regatta, with spinnaker unfurled between Toiny and Fourchue

his second film about Saint Barth, sailed aboard Altair, a 130' classic yacht.

The winner in each class is the first boat to cross the finish line, so the race committee works to even out the handicaps and staggered starts for the race. In Class 1 for the largest boats, the 136' Ana Christina was first to cross the line, even though her final time was a good 40 minutes behind Hamilton II in the same

is the principal organizer of the annual race, along with the help of his crew member, Karl Spjiker (a Dutchman who lives in Sint Maarten), and the close collaboration of the St. Barth Yacht Club and the Port of Gustavia.

"The sailing was fantastic," says Hamilton II's owner, Charles Dunstone, who hails from London (UK). He has sailed in this race several times in the past but this year marks his first win. "Twenty knots is optimum for the boat," he says, admitting that the 25-28 knots seen during this regatta were "a bit much." But that didn't stop Dunstone from successfully maneuvering past the competition in the around-the-island race that heads from

the starting line near the Gros Islets (near Corossol), past Gustavia and Gouverneur toward Toiny, on to Flammants, and back toward the Gros Islets for the finish.

Yet with the fastest time around the island at 1 hour, 58 minutes, and 20 seconds, Hamilton II did not break the record time of 1 hour, 31 minutes, and 6 seconds set last year by Claude Teller on the Region Guadeloupe, a 60' Orma trimaran, which broke the prior record (set in 2004 by Visione, a 147' Baltic yacht) by one minute.

Twenty-six boats participated: the smallest was Fritz Bus' 24' Carib Melges, which sailed over from St. Maarten; while the largest was Elenora, a 162' (full overall length) replica of the mythic Nathaniel Herreshoff schooner Westward. The single-hull boats were divided into four classes by size (plus a catamaran class with just one entry: Triumph, a 36' Corsair). Also on hand from St. Maarten was Synergy, with female skipper Lea de Haas at the helm. Donald Tofias sailed his 76' W Class Wild Horses, with Journal de St. Barth photographer Rosemond Gréaux aboard, while filmmaker Pierre Browers, who

class, which means the ratings might need a little adjustment. Local boats in the smaller class included Raymond Magras' Speedy Nemo, Jimmy Buffet's Groovy, and Axel Jouaney, Magic Carpet, winner of the smallest class, for boats up to 30 feet.

Winners in the class for 60-80' boats was an 82' Swan, Capo Giro, and Courier de Nuit, a 40' sloop, in the class for 30 to 60-footers. Silver cups for almost all the entries, generously donated once again by Trey and Kirsten Fitzgibbons, owners of the 65' Meriten, Mischievous, were distributed during an informal awards ceremony on the main dock at 5pm, following the race. This regatta is a great sailing event for the island, with its mix of larger international yachts that sail in for the end of the year festivities and the smaller local boats that join in the fun!



Donald Tofias at the helm of his 76' W-Class sailboat, Wild Horses



Charles Dunstone, owner of Hamilton II, with part of his crew and the official trophy for the New Year's Eve Regatta

24th Annual Season, January 11-23, 2008

St Barth Music Festival



Tickets to Festival events are available from 10am-1pm at Ms. Lydie Berry's house, rue Général de Gaulle, Gustavia, with pre-festival discounts January 2-5, 2008, & regular prices January 7-12

Tickets are also available at the door to the concert every evening.
No reserved seating.

❑ **Friday, January 11, 2008** 8pm, Catholic Church, Gustavia, 35\$
Chamber Music with Miro Quartet : Debussy, Takemitsu, Beethoven

❑ **Saturday, January 12, 2008** 7pm, Zion Garden, Saline, Free
St Barth Harmony student recital, Rock and Roll concert with NYCO, Ted Atkatz and guitarist Makana

❑ **Tuesday, January 15, 2008** 8pm, Catholic Church, Gustavia, 35\$
Chamber Music with "Wind Quintet", by Nielsen and the "Octet" by Mendelssohn

❑ **Wednesday, January 16, 2008** 8pm, Catholic Church, Lorient, \$50
Opera evening: Puccini's Girl Of The Golden West, Maestro Steven Mercurio

❑ **Thursday, January 17, 2008** 8pm, Catholic Church, Gustavia, \$35
Concertos by Bach and Mozart for oboe and piano, and Gounod's Petite Symphony

❑ **Friday, January 18, 2008** 8pm, Catholic Church, Lorient, \$50
Orchestra concert with Maestro Alexander Klein Works by Glinka (Russlan and Ludmilla overture), MacClean violin concerto, Brahms double concerto, violin & cello, and Audy-Rowland (original composition)

❑ **Sunday, January 20, 2008** 7pm Eddy's restaurant, \$100
"ALWAYS AT EDDY'S" Benefit Dinner, featuring star performers of the Festival

❑ **Monday, January 21, 2008** 8pm, Anglican Church, Gustavia, \$35
A Night of Song: Jane Thorngren, soprano; David Small, baritone; John Novacek, piano; and the St. Barth Chorale des Bons Choeurs with music director Charles Darden

❑ **Tuesday, January 22, 2008** 8pm Catholic Church, Gustavia, \$35
Piano recital with John Novacek, with music by Beethoven, Schumann, Messiaen, Liszt

❑ **Wednesday, January 23, 2008** 2 concerts: 7pm and 9:30pm Catholic Church, Gustavia, \$35
JAZZ NIGHT with The John Ellis Quintet from New Orleans

2007: The Year in Review

January 2007

NEW YEAR'S EVE REGATTA

Festivities ringing in 2007 begin with the 12th annual New Year's Eve Regatta on December 31, 2006. Winner Claude Tellier sets a new record time of 1 hour, 31 minutes, and 6 seconds aboard the Region Guadeloupe, a zippy 60' Orma trimaran, which broke the prior record (set in 2004 by Visione, a 147' Baltic yacht) by one minute.

CENSUS BEGINS

Twenty-five agents have fanned out across the island to count the legal residents of Saint Barth. The first results find a full-time population of approximately 8,200 people with the final numbers due in late 2008 or early 2009. Now that Saint Barth is a COM, the census should be taken once every five years.

CORAL DYING

Claude and Yolande Bouchon and Max Louis, three biologists from the Antilles-Guyana University who follow

the scientific side of the marine park in Saint Barth, presented a report in early January with the results of two transects anchored on the ocean bottom near the small island "La Baleine du Pain de Sucre" which is in the marine park zone, and that at Islet Coco, which is outside the zone. The results confirm that 25 to 30% of the coral has died due to a prolonged period of elevated ocean temperatures (over 80 degrees F). This is a worrisome phenomenon, and should such an event recur frequently, the coral reef is in danger of disappearing completely and with it many forms of marine life.

THE CHORALE DE BONS CHOEURS CELEBRATES 10 YEARS



Created by Nicole Aussedat, Isabelle Deravin, Annick Fiore, and Eric, the Chorale de Bons Choeurs celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2007. Today the choir has over 40 voices and is directed by Charles Darden. To celebrate this milestone, the choir presented two special concerts at the Anglican Church in Gustavia. Plans are afoot for concerts in New York in the spring of 2008.

23RD ST. BARTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 23rd edition of the island's music festival was shorter than in past years as the opening dance performances were cut from the program. The 2007 edition, which was 100% music, started later as well, running from January 23-February 2 with jazz and rock in addition to the classical fare. The 2008 festival runs January 11-23.



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Caribbean Week In Island Restaurants

The local restaurant association sets out to reconfirm the island's reputation for fine dining with "Caribbean Week: Nouvelle Cuisine." The idea was to promote the inventiveness of various chefs who were challenged to create new menus based exclusively on regional products.



Political Evolution Continues

The Northern Islands—Saint Barth and Saint Martin—continue their political evolution. February 22 marks the publication in the French "Official Journal" of Saint Barthélemy's transition into a more autonomous Overseas Collectivity (COM) from a town dependant on Guadeloupe. Work begins in creating the new political infrastructure, with elections for the new island council in July 2007.

FEBRUARY 26

The COM's First New Baby

Marion Guillemassy-Cazabonne, the first baby born in the new Overseas Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy makes her appearance at 9:40am at the Hospital de Bruyn in Gustavia. March sees the birth of Lila Jolie Cornish, whose parents are American residents of Saint Barth, as well as the birth of Swane Beraldin-Fourcade. Three baby girls born within the space of one month: a record for the local hospital since its maternity ward was closed...

March 2007

André Berry Opens His Museum

At the age of 67, encouraged by his friends and family, André Berry, aka "the little collector," realizes his dream of opening a private museum that showcases his collection of eclectic objects, some of which are quite valuable, such as English pipes dating from the 18th century.



Dominique Lacroix, First Prefect For Northern Islands

March 13 sees Dominique Lacroix named as "delegate prefect" for the islands of Saint Barth and Saint Martin. He is used to such overseas postings as he has served in Mayotte (New Caledonia), Reunion Island, and Guadeloupe, before becoming the associate director in the office of French Overseas Minister François Baroin. Lacroix begins his duties on March 21.

300,000 Euros Raised For Jane Goodall Institute

A bronze sculpture of a Bonobo ape designed by artist Florence Jacqueson raises 300,000 euros at François Plantation on March 18. The profits is donated to the Jane Goodall Institute, which helps protect endangered species of primates, and especially the Bonobos.



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RUE DU ROI OSCAR II - GUSTAVIA

April 2007

Kaori Wins The 2007 St. Barth Bucket



April 1: Kaori, a 126' Palmer Johnson sloop that won the race back in 1999 under the name of Mandalay, takes top honors in the 12th annual St. Barth Bucket, an invitational regatta for sailboats over 100'. With 29 boats on the starting line, the Bucket becomes a more and more prestigious an event.

Poetry and Books In The Spotlight

April 13-19 marks the first Poetry Week in Saint Barth, organized by

Monique Pignet. A highlight of the week is the presence of poet Virgile Novarina who slept in the window of Piment Vert, a boutique that opens onto the waterfront in Gustavia. International Book Day punctuates the week on April 15, with events on the plaza in front of the Wall House including a book exchange, discussions with booksellers, and book signings by local authors. Plans are already afoot for the reprise of these events in April 2008.

Fifteen Pound Lobster Caught

An enormous lobster weighing almost 15 pounds is caught by Bernard Gréaux. As to where he goes fishing for lobster, his lips are sealed.

JEAN MAILLE WINS YOUNG WRITERS CONTEST

Jean Maille, a 12 year-old student at Mireille Choisy junior high, won the young writer's contest organized by the non-profit association, Saint

B'Art, in partnership with the Journal de Saint Barth. Forty-nine students took part in this third year of the contest with the articles published in the pages of the Journal de Saint Barth.



12TH ANNUAL SAINT BARTH FILM FESTIVAL

The 12th annual St. Barth Film Festival projects the Saint Barth-made documentary "Memories Of Our Past," three times to meet the demands of the audience to see this historic film about the island. Organized by Ciné Saint Barth, this pan-Caribbean festival includes films from Latin America and Mexico as part of an expanded Caribbean canvas. The festival's 13th edition runs from April 25-30, 2008.

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May 2007

BYE, BYE CHRISTOPHER

The Christopher Hotel closes its doors in early May after 15 years! Purchased by a French development company, the hotel should eventually reopen its doors. The date—still unknown—will be determined by the amount of work that needs to be done.

SAINT BARTH VOTES SARKOZY



On May 5, Nicolas Sarkozy wins 77.73% of the votes in Saint Barth, with the socialist candidate Ségolène Royal winning just 22.27% in the second round of the French presidential elections.

In terms of support for Sarkozy, this places Saint Barth between Nouméa (New Caledonia) and the 16th arrondissement in Paris, as well as far above any towns in Gaudelpoupe; the second highest score for the new French president— 59.52% — was in Gosier. By the end of the month, Saint Barth's municipal council has met for the last time, marking the transition to a new territorial council.

SAINT BARTH THEATRE FESTIVAL

SB Artists Festival, a non-profit theatre company, continues its exploration of theatrical genres, from classic to contemporary, during its 6th annual theatre festival. This edition featured six productions: three performed by the amateur actors of SB Artists, and three others that came directly from engagements in France.



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A MRYIAD OF BOATS

The Rara Avis and the Bel Espoir, two old sailing ships that belong to the non-profit association "Les Amis de Jeudi Dimanche," created by Father Jaouen



1954, stop in Saint Barth. Also appearing on the scene last May is the traditional pirogue, Savakou, built on the island by the UNESCO club as a tribute to the earliest form of navigation in the Caribbean. Another traditional vessel, the Gli Gli, a replica of one of the largest Amerindian pirogues comes to Saint Barth with a delegation of Carib Indians from Dominica. The same week, a rather tired rower by the name of Graham Walters, a 60 year-old Englishman, pulls into the harbor aboard a little boat called Puffin, after rowing for 100 days across the Atlantic Ocean, by way of the Canary Islands. He had planned to go to Antigua but the currents brought him to Saint Barth.

MOST PIERCED WOMAN VISITS ST BARTH

She's in the 2001 Guinness Book of Records as the most pierced woman in the world: Elaine Davidson, reportedly has more than 3,902 tattoos and body piercings, including 192 on her face and eight in her mouth. She certainly attracted attention on the streets of Saint Barth!

Opening of the

VILLA-LODGE 4 épices

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Perched on a hillside overlooking the lagoon of Grand Cul de Sac, the new Villa-Lodge "4 épices" brings a new concept in lodging to Saint Barth.

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June 2007

Victory for Victorin Lurel



In an election with just 64% of the voters going to the polls throughout Guadeloupe, socialist Victorin Lurel is reelected by a margin of 1,816 votes (15,830 to 14,279) as president of the regional council. In Saint Barth, Lurel topped the list as well, marking the

first time a socialist candidate had a majority of the votes. Eleven candidates were on the ballot, including Benoît Chauvin, a resident of Saint Barth.

FOUR CHOICES FOR THE TERRITORIAL COUNCIL

Four lists are set to compete on July 1, in the first round of voting for the island's new territorial council. Bruno Magras heads "Saint-Barth D'Abord," the first list to be officially submitted, with the additional lists headed by Benoît Chauvin, leader of "Ensemble Pour Saint-Barthélemy", Karine Miot-Richard for "Tous Unis Pour Saint-Barthélemy," and Maxime Desouches with "Action, Équilibre, Transparence."

July 2007

Landslide Victory for Saint Barth D'Abord



On July 1, a large majority of the voters in Saint Barth show their support for mayor Bruno Magras and his list, "Saint Barth D'Abord," which gains the lion's share of seats on the new territorial council.

From Mayor To President

Elected mayor in 1995, Bruno Magras is elected the first president of the first territorial council for the new COM of Saint Barthélemy on July 15. The new French

Overseas Secretary of State, Christian Estrosi, comes to install the new territorial councils of Saint Barth and Saint Martin. The executive council for Saint Barth is elected: Bruno Magras, president; Yves Gréaux, first vice-president; Nicole Gréaux, second vice-president; Michel Magras, third vice-président; Marie-Thérèse Weber, fourth vice-president; Jean-Pierre Magras, executive member; and Maxime Desouches, executive member.

August 2007

New Website For The COM

Saint Barth launches its official new website—www.comstbarth.fr—in early August. Pages (all in French) include administrative information and decisions made by the territorial council. An English language version should follow sometime soon.

Anne Dentel, New Presidents For Hotel Association

Anne Dentel, director of sales and marketing for Sibarth is elected president of the Saint Barth Hotel Association. She replaces Marithé Weber, who is now fourth vice-president of the island council. The association hopes to increase in size and expand its role in the marketing of the island as a tourist destination.



An Envelope For Saint Barth

On the patron saint day of Saint Barthélemy, August 24, the post office unveiled a pre-paid stamped envelope that celebrates the new COM with a photo of the Hotel of the Collectivity (formerly Town Hall). This is the first philatelic issue for the COM, which now has the option of creating stamps under its new status. The post office has since announced that the COM of Saint Barth will also have a new zip code in 2008: 97700 (rather than 97133).



September 2007

José Dormoy Passes Away

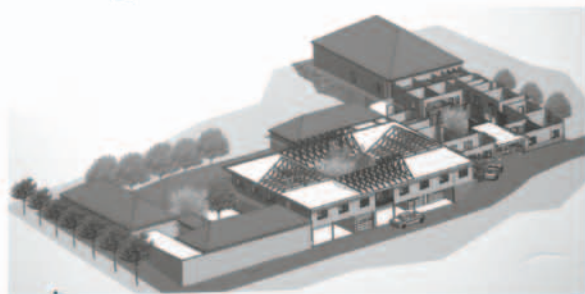


A pioneer of the skies, pilot José Dormoy dies on September 9 at the age of 81. Known by the nickname, "Mr. Pipe," he was one of the first to fly the skies of the Caribbean. He joined Winair in 1963 and flew over 44,000 hours for them. On St. Barthélemy Day, August 24, 2004, he was presented the aeronautic medal for his outstanding career.

Douchy, Third Oldest Woman In France

Eugénie Blanchard, known here as "Douchy," is the third oldest woman in France as reported by the INSERM (National Institute For Health and Medical Research). She moved into third place following the September 15 death of Simone Capony, who was the oldest French woman, now replaced by 113 year-old Clémentine Solignac.

Looking Toward The Future



Construction begins on a new wing for the Hospital de Bruyn in Gustavia to modernize the facility over a period of

18 months. Also in September, the Internet provider, Domaccess (part of Dauphin Telecom) is the first company in Saint Barth to use the new fiber optic cable that links the island directly to the Internet. Philippe Morel, marketing director for Domaccess, notes that clients have access to a higher speed Internet connection.

Territorial Council Meets For First Time



Elected in July, the island's new territorial council meets for the first time and creates nine specific commissions. Council members also voted on their own pay scale: 1,861.32 euros/month for the council members; 2,605.85 euros/month for the executive council members; and 5,397.83 euros/month for the president.

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La Saladerie	05 90 27 52 48
Le Sapotiller	05.90.27 60 28
O'Corner	05.90.51.00.05
Le Vietnam	05 90 27 81 37
Pipiri Palace	05.90.27 53 20
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The Strand	05.90.27.63.77
Ti Zouk K'fé	05 90 27 90 60
Wall House	05.90.27 71 83

Saline

Esprit Saline	05.90.52 46 10
Grain de Sel	05.90.52 46 05
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Pacri	05.90.29.35.63

Lorient

K'fé Massai	05.90.29 76 78
Le Bouchon	05 90 27 79 39
Le Wok	05 90 27 52 52
Le Portugal à St Barth	05 90 27 68 59

Corossol

Le Régal	05.90.29 85 26
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Hostellerie des 3 Forces	05 90 27 61 25
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Toiny

Le Gaiac (Hôtel Le Toiny)	05.90.27 88 88
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Saint Jean

Tantra	05 90 27 68 09
Eden Rock	05.90.29 79 99
Hideaway	05.90.27.63.62
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Le Diamant	05 90 29 21 97
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Le Glacier	05 90 27 71 30
Le Piment	05.90.27.53.88
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François Plantation	05.90.29 80 22
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Flamands

Chez Rolande	05.90.29 76 78
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La Langouste	05.90.27.63.61
Taiwana	05.90.27 65 01

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Chez Ginette	05.90.27.66.11
Chez Yvon	05.90.29 86 81
Fellini Ristorante (Hôtel Le Manapany)	05.90.27.66.55

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- Epiphany - Traditional King's Cake
- Pre Carnival parades : Sunday afternoons at sunset in the streets of Gustavia

Tuesday

- Chic & Romantic, Jazz blues, Saoul, Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

Wednesday

- From 60's to the 80's, Funny & Sexy spectacle with glamorous dancers, Ti St-Barth, Pointe Milou

Thursday

- Angels party, Ti St-Barth, Pointe Milou

Saturday

- DJ Guillaume Mas at Le Cesar, St Jean

Sunday

- Brunch at Manapany, Mix music, from noon to 3:00 pm

Group Show to b.art Gallery, Gustavia.

Through february 28, 2008

Richard Prince Previews New Paintings at Eden Rock Hotel Gallery

Art Galleries

NEW

Sandra's Art Gallery, above Time Jewelry, Gustavia. Exhibition of acrylic paints.

- Carole G. Art Gallery, Gustavia

- To-b.art galerie, Gustavia
- Pipiri Boutique, art gallery, Gustavia

- Sandra's Art Gallery, Gustavia

Night Club

Every night

- Casa Nikki, Gustavia
- Yacht Club, Gustavia
- Bubbles Club, Gustavia
- Hot Spot Café, Lurin

Monday

- Electro evening, Yacht Club, Gustavia

Tuesday

- Caribbean Influence, Yacht Club, Gustavia

- Pink Party, dress code white & pink, Casa Nikki, Gustavia

Wednesday

- We never know Evening, Yacht Club, Gustavia

Thursday

- Pure House Evening, Yacht Club, Gustavia

Exhibitions

Jean-Charles Merle, painter, Galerie Asie, Gustavia

Through January 15

Andrew Wellman, painting Pop Art Style at The House

Through January 2

Fashion Show

Everyday

- 1:30- 2 pm, Case de l'île, Isle de France, Flamands
- 1.30pm & 8:30pm, fashion show featuring Wild Side, La Plage, St Jean

Every Tuesday

- 6:30 pm, Hôtel Isle de France Boutique, Flamands
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Martine Lainé at Porta 34, January 4-10, 2008

From Traces of Writing to Spirit Masks

Martine Lainé works with traces of writing left by man wherever he goes, from urban graffiti or annotations on paper to the traditional tapa cloth that Pygmy women cover with paint. Lainé also works with Kodiak spirit masks, inanimate objects no longer fabricated. Those who wore these masks saw and breathed through them, becoming one with them. When a mask was worn out, either it was burned or left outdoors to return to its natural state, to free the spirit it incarnated. What is left of these masks, but their spirits?



Let's Party

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October 2007

TRANSAT AG2R TO SET SAIL IN APRIL 2008



Pen Duick, the company that organizes the Transat Ag2r, a bi-annual transatlantic sailing race, the COM of Saint Barthélemy, and the Saint Barth Yacht Club sign the contract making it official: the 9th edition of the Transat will set sail on April 20, 2008, with the COM promising financing of 100,000 euros and local organization for the arrival of the boats in May.

Conde Nast Traveler Votes Saint Barth Third Most Popular Caribbean Destination

Every year more than 25,000 of the well-heeled readers of Conde Nast Traveler, the prestigious American travel magazine, vote for the best destinations and hotels in the world. The 2007 winners were honored at a gala evening on October 10 at the Cooper Hewitt in New York City. Anne Dentel, the new president of the St Barth Hotel Association, and Marithé Weber, vice-president for tourism, accepted the award given to Saint Barth, voted the third most popular destination in the Atlantic/Caribbean zone, after Bermuda and Saint John. Two Saint Barth hotels, Eden Rock and Isle de France, were also honored.



Sand Added To Saint Jean Beach

Stripped of sand by major erosion due to hurricanes Luis and Lenny, as well as walls built along the beach and an unsuccessful attempt to add sand to the beach in 2000,

the beach in Saint Jean finally gets some of its soft golden sand back. A project to add sand to the beach was launched in late October by the hotel association, with 30,000 cubic meters sand dredged from between the coral reef and the beach.



November 2007

New Taxes On The Horizon

With a vote of 18 to 1, the territorial council adopts a list of new local taxes and financial measures that go into effect as of January 1, 2008. Stay tuned as The Weekly will do its best to explain the 193 articles in the tax code.

"Captain Danet" Arrives



The new SNSM (Rescue At Sea) boat for Saint Barth is named in tribute to Théodore Danet, a pioneering captain of the old sailing schooners of Saint Barth. The boat will have a permanent home near the commercial dock in Public. The Contre Amiral Noël, which served the SNSM station in St Barth until the new boat arrived, has returned to France and will be reconditioned for another rescue station.

Earthquake in Martinique Felt In Saint Barth

A November 29 earthquake, whose epicenter was off the coast of Martinique, has a magnitude of 7.3 on the Richter scale and is one of the largest earthquakes in the history of the Antilles. Felt for almost one minute in Saint Barth, schools were closed in case of aftershocks. This marks the fifth local earthquake since 1690 that was stronger than a magnitude of 7 out of 10 on the scale.

December 2007

Fuel Service Available At Port Of Gustavia

On December 4, a fuel pump goes into service at the commercial dock in Public, run by the COM for pleasure boats and fishermen. Unhappy with the price at the pump—the same 1.26 euros/liter as at the other gas stations on the island—the fishermen block the port of Gustavis for twelve hours on December 17, prohibiting boats from entering or leaving. They also block departing passengers at the airport for a few hours in the afternoon. The territorial council meets with the fishermen and promises to examine the issue of fuel prices. The blockage is removed by 5:30pm.

Concarneau And Saint Barth Sail Together



The starting port of Concarneau in France and the arrival port of Saint Barth for the Ag2r have joined forces to support a boat that will race under the colors of the two locales in the Transat Ag2r in April. The teammates are Eric Péron and Miguel Danet who are ready to start the hard training process for this physically challenging event.

Economic, Social and Cultural Council

The island's new Economic, Social and Cultural Council is announced on December 18, with Jean-Marc Gréaux as president, Thierry Balzame, vice-prwsident, Hervé Brin, second vice président, Jacques Questel, treasurer, and Angèle Beal, secretary. The administrative body plays an advisory role in collaboration with the territorial council's decision-making process.

Hamilton II Wins New Year's Eve Regatta

The 117' Philippe Briand-designed CNB yacht, Hamilton II, with owner Charles Dunstone of London (UK) at the helm, wins the 13th annual edition of the New Year's Eve Regatta on December 31, as the final event of 2007. Hamilton II wins with an around-the-island time of 1 hour, 58

minutes, and 20 seconds: fast but not fast enough to break the record set last year by Claude Tellier. Twenty-six boats participate, from the smallest, Fritz Bus' 24' Carib Melges, to the largest, Elenora, a 162' (overall length) replica of the mythic Nathaniel Herreshoff schooner Westward. Happy New Year!



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