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## Happy New Year 2009

# Fleet Forming For New Year's Eve Regatta



Marc Del Giudice, a familiar figure around the Port of Gustavia, is known as the skipper of *Mischievous*, the 65' *Meriten* that belongs to Trey Fitzgibbons. While the boat is not in the harbor as usual this season, Marc is busy with his second "job," the organization of the annual New Year's Eve Regatta, which takes place every year on December 31. He works closely with The Port of Gustavia and the St. Barth Yacht Club on the logistics of the race, which takes place on the busiest day of the year for the port and demands a rigorous organization on



*Hamilton II*, winner of the 2007 New Year's Eve Regatta, with spinnaker unfurled between *Toiny* and *Forchue* (archived photo).

the part of the port staff. "A nice group is starting to form," says Del Giudice, noting the early entries include such boats as Donald Tofias' 76' *Wild Hors-*

*es* and Ira Epstein's 65' classic sailboat *Lone Fox*—two boats that spend their winters in Saint Barth. Also on the list are *Chippewa*, *Magic Carpet*,

*Capogiro*, *Corban*, and the classic ketch, *Northern Light*.

The skippers' briefing will take place on December 30 as usual, with the awards ceremony on the main dock on December 31, in the late afternoon. Although his boat will not be racing, Fitzgibbons will be on hand for the race, and has once again generously donated the trophies for this fun event that kicks off the New Year's Eve festivities. Stay tuned... maybe some of the classic sailboats that came in for the *Lagassé Classic Transat* will take part as well.



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# Ira EPSTEIN



Barth, and he enjoys the camaraderie of the sailing world and the community of people who have boats on the island.

Buying Lone Fox, which sails a Swedish flag, was a heart-felt decision for Epstein: “I had been looking at Lone Fox for three years,” he says, noting that he had been keeping an eye out once he knew Lone Fox was for sale, or “since it sailed across my computer screen and I fell in love with it,” he says. In 2004 he flew to down to Saint Martin to see the boat, then sailed over to

Saint Barth. “It was the first time I’d been here since 1976 and was amazed at the changes,” he recalls.

But in 2004 Epstein was not, as he says, “ready to jump off the dock,” in terms of ownership. But in August 2006 when he saw the boat again in Newport, RI, he was finally ready, having just spent five months at sea on a 1936 gaff-rigged schooner. “I had to see if I really I wanted a boat,” he says about his months at sea, but chances are he was already sold on the idea—having spent over 30 years in San Francisco, he was ready for a change. “I didn’t want to have a new owner of Lone Fox sail by and not have it be me. It was a life experience choice. Something I had to do.”

Lone Fox is a born competitor. “We do well against other boats in the classic regattas,” says Epstein, about his racing ketch. In 2008, he won in his class as well as took top honors overall in the St. Martin Classic and won in its class (Classic Class C) in the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta. “The

design is a combination of comfort and speed,” he explains. “Lone Fox has the proper dimensions to be fast for a traditional full-keel boat.” Lone Fox clips along at a pace of 8.5 to 9.5 knots, hitting even 12 knots under certain conditions.

“For me it’s about being on the ocean with your boat,” Epstein explains. “I grew up on Lake Michigan and always wanted a boat. I came to Saint Martin in the 70s to get more sailing experience and sailed around the Caribbean in the mid-70s,” he says. Other than sailing from island to island, Lone Fox and Epstein seem content in the Gustavia harbor. In early December, when all the ferries to and from Saint Barth were out of service, Epstein offered to sail people back and forth at a reasonable price, and Lone Fox is available for charter around the Caribbean ([www.lonefoxcharters.com](http://www.lonefoxcharters.com)) Keep an eye out for Lone Fox in the New Year’s Eve Regatta on December 31—it’s great to see such a classic boat under full sail!

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According to American Melanie Smith, who started the first professional event organization and wedding planning company in St. Barth over 10 years ago, St. Barth is becoming an increasingly popular destination for parties, special events and weddings... and the skills and level of services of the suppliers to this market have risen in accordance with this demand.

"When I organized my first wedding in 1998, I was rather clueless to how we could ever pull this off in St. Barth, it was nearly impossible to find a photographer who knew the first thing about weddings, there was no one to make an American-style wedding cake and the supplier elements that today I consider essential in producing a successful high-end event simply did not exist." When Ms. Smith was asked that same year

to arrange a Medical recording, teaching seminar, she had to find a private villa, which was acoustically perfect. Not an easy feat on the island.

Now, all of this has changed. In the opinion of Ms. Smith, who feels that she too has certainly grown professionally over the years to meet the ever-changing level of demand, the island is able to host events that rival events anywhere in the world. "I have been told repeatedly by clients and guests of clients that the event they attended here far surpassed events they had attended elsewhere which were organized by professionals considered to be the elite in their field. I think this is due in part by the innate charm of the island itself, plus it is due to the ever increasing sophistication of the venues and to the caliber of the suppliers here and their knowledge of the island. We know St.

Barth so well. We know that we are bridging cultures here, we know that we have strong weather elements to contend with, we know the strengths and weakness of each venue and we know how to present St. Barth at her best. This combination consistently sends guests home feeling that they have experienced one of the most amazing events of their lives."

While historically it was almost exclusively the American clientele who came to St. Barth for special events and weddings, Ms. Smith says that now approximately 40% of her business now comes from Europe and elsewhere. In the last year alone, guests have come from countries including Hong Kong,

*Melanie Smith  
American citizen  
St. Barths resident since 1991  
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Singapore, Kazakhstan, Panama, various European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Trinidad, Barbados, Canada, Saudi Arabia and other Mid-eastern countries, and various countries in South America. She estimates that 90% of guests coming for a special event are visiting St. Barth for their first time...and nearly everyone cannot wait to return!

Melanie Smith can be reached at [melanie.stbarths@wanadoo.fr](mailto:melanie.stbarths@wanadoo.fr) for further information

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<i>Spiny Lobster Puff Pastry</i>	€ 10.00/piece
<i>Asparagus with Parma Ham</i>	€ 6.50/100g
<i>Salad of Smoked Duck Breast</i>	€ 6.00/100g
<i>Mache Salad with Potatoes and Truffle</i>	€ 15.50/100g
<i>Salad of Fresh Grilled Artichokes</i>	€ 5.50/100g
<i>Salad of Smoked Salmon and Potatoes</i>	€ 6.00/100g
<i>Corn and Fava Bean Salad</i>	€ 4.00/100g
<i>Fennel and Citrus Fruits Salad</i>	€ 3.50/100g
<i>Crayfish Ravioles with Green Peas</i>	€ 4.00/100g
<i>Thai Beef Salad</i>	€ 15.00
<i>Selection of Cheeses</i>	€ 15.00/100g
<i>Ocietre Iranian Caviar</i>	

### MAIN COURSES

<i>Roast Leg of Lamb with Rosemary</i>	€ 10.00/100g
<i>Mahi-Mahi with Green Curry</i>	€ 5.00/100g
<i>Scallops Skewers with Plancha Sauce</i>	€ 10.00/100g
<i>Roasted Tuna with Coriander</i>	€ 6.00/100g
<i>Poached Spiny Lobster with Arugula Mayonnaise</i>	€ 6.00/100g
<i>Coquelet (Chicken) with Mushrooms and Foie Gras</i>	€ 16.00/piece
<i>Beef Filet in Pastry</i>	€ 9.00/100g

### VEGETABLES

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# 2008 : The Year In Review

January 2008

## NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

The Overseas Collectivity of Saint Barthélemy assumes many new responsibilities granted to the island as it changes its status from a municipality to a COM, including taxation and urban planning.

## GENDARMES REPLACE THE FRONTIER POLICE

On January 1, the duties of the frontier police are turned over to the local brigade of the gendarmerie; the seven frontier agents move to Saint Martin.

## 24TH ANNUAL ST. BARTH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sixty musicians from the USA, France, Germany, Italy, Canada, and Brazil, participate in the 24th edition of the St Barth Music Festival, January 11-23. The program features the Miro Quartet, an opera evening, the Saint Barth Harmony Suzuki School, a rock concert with NYCO, Hawaiian guitarist Makana, and the John Ellis Jazz Quintet...

## 8450 RESIDENTS AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007

Saint Barth counts 8,450 residents as of January 1, 2007 according to the latest census. This means a 22.28% increase over the 6,854 people counted in 1999.

## THE CAPITAINE DANET CHRISTENED



Stormy skies, rain during the benediction, and a myriad of umbrellas mean good fortune for the Capitaine Danet, Saint Barth's new rescue boat, as religious and nautical personalities douse it with champagne on January 20.

## SUCCESSFUL DENTIST CONFERENCE

The 2008 edition of the dental conference sees the most participants in one week: "53 dentists, which represent 118 people, if you include their families. The most yet," explains David Grodberg, who organizes the event with François Chlous. Dr. Lou Graham spoke on the theme of "Recent Innovations in Restorative Dentistry."

## ÄLVA STOPS IN SAINT BARTH

After crossing the Atlantic, the 178' Älva, a 1939 Swedish sailing ship/school, anchors near Saint Barth. The forty students aboard are marine biology students from the Dandry Maritime Center near Stockholm.

February 2008

## BRUNO MAGRAS ASKS FOR SLOWING OF ACTIVITY

President of the territorial council, Bruno Magras pleads for a "slowdown in activity," in order to maintain a social and economic balance on the island, noting that building is one of the three pillars of the economy, along with tourism and the administration: "If construction flourished during the past 30 years, the future will be different."

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In 2007, a record number of tourists visit Saint Barth. The port sees a record number of visits by motor yachts and sailboats—5,589—and passengers aboard: 39,364. With 180,413 passengers (arrivals and departures) the airport sees an average year. Things slow down by the end of 2007, a decrease that continues into 2008.

## SUCCESSFUL BARACK OBAMA FUNDRAISING EVENT

Boston lawyer Richard Branson and Lucy Salenger, two big Obama supporters, host a fundraising event at Eddy's restaurant. Close to 60 people, mostly Americans on vacation, attend.

## March 2008

## FIRST PRIZE IN PAINTING COMPETITION FOR MARIE-LAURE PICHON

The association, St B' Art, awards top honors in its 2008 painting competition Marie-Laure Pichon, whose painting is printed on 10,000 pre-stamped envelopes for sale in the local post office.

## March 21

## TWO MEN SAVED FROM DROWNING

More fear than harm for two men who almost drown in the bay of Lorient. Two fishermen save the first; a surfer, the second. The men, one age 43, the other 81, ignored warnings posted from March 18-22 for dangerous surf created by a storm 1,500 miles from the West Indies.

## RAPE SUSPECT JAILED

Double rape: A man suspected of raping two women in the night of March 29 remains in prison in Guadeloupe. He risks 15 years behind bars if the accusation holds, or even 20 years, since one of the women was 84 years old.

## NEW SIGNS FOR THE BEACHES

Six beautiful ceramic signs made by Véronique Vander Noot are ordered by the Collectivity to indicate public access to the island's major beaches: Saint Jean Airport, Lorient, Saline, Gouverneur, Shell Beach, and Flamands.



## March 30

## 175,000 DOLLARS FOR THE FEMUR

The 2008 St Barth Bucket committee holds a fundraiser for the FEMUR (St Barth Foundation for Emergency Medical Equipment) to help finance state-of-the-art X-ray equipment. Owners of boats in the Bucket show their generosity, pledging \$175,000. The 152' Holland Jachtbouw yacht, Windrose, wins the 13th edition of the Bucket.

## March 31

## NEW TAXES BRING IN ALMOST TWO MILLION EUROS

Almost two million euros are collected via a new vehicle tax, and an annual business tax: 2,160 businesses pay up for a total of 925,120 euros. The vehicle tax paid by 7,154 owners on two- and four-wheel vehicles raises almost one million euros for the COM.

## April 2008

## SNSM RESCUES TWO BOATS

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

☐ **Thursday, January 8, 2009 8pm,**

*Catholic Church, Gustavia, \$45*

Jazz concert, "DoubleWide"

John Ellis Jazz Sextet

☐ **Friday, January 9, 2009 8pm,**

*Catholic Church, Gustavia, \$35*

Duets for piano and clarinet.

☐ **Saturday, January 10, 2009 8pm,**

*Ajoe, Lorient, \$45*

Jazz concert, "DoubleWide"

John Ellis Jazz Sextet.

☐ **Sunday, January 11, 2009 4pm,**

*Anglican Church, Gustavia, Free*

The violinists of Saint Barth Harmony school.

☐ **Tuesday, January 13, 2009 8pm,**

*Catholic Church, Gustavia, \$35*

All Bach program and

La Chorale des Bons Choeurs.

☐ **Wednesday, January 14, 2009 8pm,**

*Catholic Church, Lorient, \$45*

Orchestra concert

☐ **Thursday, January 15, 2009 8pm**

*Catholic Church, Lorient, \$35*

All Mozart program

☐ **Friday, January 16, 2009 8pm,**

*Catholic Church, Lorient, \$45*

Opera evening, "Madame Butterfly"

by Puccini

☐ **Sunday, January 18, 2009 8pm**

*Eddy's restaurant, \$100*

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☐ **Monday, January 19, 2009 8pm**

*Anglican Church, Gustavia, \$35*

Chamber music

with the Miro Quartet



*April 2*

### FORT KARL UNDER LITTORAL CONSERVANCY

Bernard Gérard, associate director of the Littoral Conservancy, and Magali Cerles, associate Overseas delegate, come to Saint Barth to take assure protection of Fort Karl, in a transfer signed at the end of 2007.



### SUSPICIOUS FIRE

A fire on April 7 burns five acres of land in Grand Fond, and the firemen are suspicious. No proof that the fire is criminal but anything is possible as this fire is the seventh to take place in the same area at more or less the same time of day. Fortunately no one was injured.

*April 11*

### PRESIDENT BRUNO MAGRAS GOES UMP

The 19 members of the UMP political party in Saint Barth meet on April 11 and elect Bruno Magras as president of their federation, with 18 in favor. Magras is now president of the COM and the island's UMP party.

*April 14*

### TERRITORIAL COUNCIL VOTES FIRST BUDGET FOR THE COM

By a landslide—only one vote against by Benoît Chauvin—the territorial council votes for the 2008 budget, the first for the Collectivity. The budget grows from 32.1 million euros from the last year as a municipality to 45.5 million euros for the new COM: a 41.74% increase.

### PETITES ANTILLES IGUANA IN DANGER

Iguana Delicatissima, a species unique to the Lesser Antilles, is in danger of disappearing, due to breeding with the Common Iguana, whose genes are more dominant.

*April 20*

### TRANSAT AG2R: NUMBER 9 !

The fleet in the ninth edition of the Transat Ag2r sets sail in Concarneau, France. The population pays special attention as the "old man" of the race, 56 year-old Luc Poupon—with Ronan Guérin aboard Solarinox— and the youngest sailor, 22 year-old Miguel Danet—with Eric Peron aboard the Concarneau-Saint Barth—are in the race: the youngsters win the prologue, surprising the other 25 pairs of sailors in the Transat.

*April 20*

### FIRST ANNUAL BOOK FESTIVAL



Poets Jean-Pierre Siméon and Luis Mizon are the special guests at the first annual book festival, which includes the fourth annual book exchange, and a poetry luncheon at Zion Garden.

*April 29*

### CHORALE DE BONS CHOEURS IN NEW YORK

On April 29, a dream comes true: 22 members of the Chorale de Bons Choeurs go to NY where they take part in the closing bell ceremony at the NY Stock Exchange before singing on Sunday afternoon at Saint Marks-in-the-Bowery, in concert with the Saint Mark's choir.



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April 30

## CLOSING NIGHT FOR 13TH ANNUAL SAINT BARTH FILM FESTIVAL



Saint Barth's 13th annual festival of Caribbean Cinema closes on April 30 with "Made In Jamaica," a celebration of dance hall and reggae by French director Jerome Laperrousaz. The festival opened on April 25 with Pierre Brouwers' documentary, "Saint Barthélemy, la belle et l'avion," and "Black Mozart In Cuba," by Steve and Stéphanie James. Other highlights include "Haïti Chérie," "Persépolis," and "El Bonaerense" by Pablo Trapero. What else: the first Prix de la Guadeloupe goes to Laurence Rugard for "Techni'Ka," and a film is projected on the beach in Flamands.

## NEW X-RAY ROOM

The X-Ray room at the Hospital de Bruyn is renovated to include new equipment, financed for 154,000 by the FEMUR and 50,000 by the US-based Kovner Foundation.

# May 2008

May 5

## A SAILOR DISAPPEARS

After a concentrated 48-hour search, Brian Quinn, captain of the motor-yacht, Tribal Attraction, is considered to have disappeared. He jumped into the water near Corossol to catch the yacht's dinghy, which was floating away. He body was never found.

## ELEVEN SWEDES IN ST BARTH

Eleven Swedes from Pitea visit the island, May 4-11, with



Thomas Wallsten, president of the Pitea Friends of Saint Barth Association. They stayed with six local families while they learned more about the island and its distant Swedish past.

May 13

## TRANSAT AG2R: TWO LOCAL WINNERS



Laurent Pellecuer and Jean-Paul Mouren aboard SNEF-Cliptol Sport win the 9th edition of the Transat AG2R, arriving May 13 after 22 days, 19 hours, 13 minutes, and 55 seconds (average: 6.78 knots). They took the southern route across the Atlantic, as did Solar Inox and Concarneau Saint-Barth, who take second and third place, with huge crowds applauding our local sailors: Lucky Poupon, a Saint-Barth by adoption (with Ronan Guérin aboard Solar Inox) and native son, Miguel Danet (with Eric Péron aboard Concarneau-Saint-Barth).

## 7TH ANNUAL THEATRE FESTIVAL SRO

Standing-room-only May 16-25, with more than 1,500 spectators at the 7th edition of the local theatre festival, which keeps getting more popular. Its highlight: the second night of humorist Sophia Aram's one-woman show "Lead In Her Head." Performances take place at the Capitainerie and the newly renovated, air-conditioned "theatre" in the Catholic Church hall.

# June 2008

June 4

## CHRISTIAN LÉDÉE NAMED TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Christian Lédée, principal of the junior high, is named to represent Saint Barth on the French Economic and Social Council in Paris.

June 7

## MICHÈLE ALLIOT MARIE IN ST BARTH

Number three in the French government, Michèle Alliot Marie, spends two hours in St Barth and confirms the commitment of Paris to of the Overseas Collectivities, which celebrate their first anniversary on July 15, 2008.

July 2008

**FLOWERS OF SAINT BARTHÉLEMY**

What a huge undertaking: the new 228-page book, *Flowers of Saint Barthélemy*, by Michel Magras, science teacher at Mireille Choisy Junior High, covers 280 species of plants that comprise part of the flora of the island. The 1,000 photos are from the author's personal archives.



September 2008

*September 2*

**1,214 STUDENTS GO BACK TO SCHOOL**

September 2 thru 4 marks the annual return to the classroom. This year there are 27 students in a newly established 10th grade class, and students in nursery and elementary school no longer have classes on Wednesdays.

**ROTARY AID FOR HAITI**

Christiane Gréaux, president of Saint Barth's Rotary Club, gives a check for 3,500€ to René-Jean Duret, of the Saint Martin Lions Club, to help Haitian victims of hurricanes Fay, Gustav, Hanna, and Ike. The 3,500€ paid for five Shelterbox tents.

**SUMMERTIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY**



*September 21*

**SENATOR MICHEL MAGRAS**

Elected as Saint Barth's first senator, 54 year-old Michel Magras goes directly to Paris to represent the island in France's National Assembly, as a bi-partisan member of the UMP party.



August 2008

**NEW EVANGELICAL CHURCH**

Reverend Charles Vere Nicholl of the Anglican Church and Bruno Magras, as well as representatives of the Evangelical community, join Pastor Iris Romney for the opening of the island's new church in Gustavia.



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September 29

## FATHER NUMA GOES BACK TO GUADELOUPE

As a surprise to the priest as well as the Catholic community, Sylvère Numa leaves Saint Barth, and is replaced by Father Eugène Kaze from Haiti.



## October 2008

October 9

## A PETITION TO MARK THE END OF SLAVERY IN SAINT BARTH

Richard Lédée launches the site [www.c-l-a-s-h.info](http://www.c-l-a-s-h.info), on which he has posted a petition to the French government to mark October 9 as the official day for the abolition of slavery on the island.

## OMAR CAUSES TWO MILLION EUROS OF DAMAGE



Not the winds with gusts up to 130-140 mph or the rain—just under two inches—brought by category 3 hurricane Omar, but high seas and crashing waves that damage the fish market, the ferry terminal, and the wooden walkway along the dock in Gustavia. Water fills the streets on the far side of the harbor and at least five boats sink during the storm. Sand washes away from Shell Beach, Corossol, and Colombier. When the damage reaches two million euros, president Bruno Magras finally asks that Saint Barth be considered a natural disaster zone.

October 16

## NEW CONDÉ NAST TRAVELER AWARDS

Anne Dentel, president of the hotel association, goes to New York to pick up Condé Nast Traveler Awards for Saint Barth, voted third most popular destination in the Caribbean/Atlantic zone for the second year in a row.

Three hotels are also honored: the Isle de France as top hotel in the zone, with Eden Rock and Le Toiny tied for second place.

## November 2008

November 11

## 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF WWI ARMISTICE

Yves Gréaux, the island's top VP, leads the November 11 celebration of the 90th anniversary of the end of WWII. Also honored is Harry Grodberg (father of island resident David Grodberg) who was one of the two million Americans who fought in that war.

November 1

## SECURITY SCREENINGS AT AIRPORT

Passengers and carry-on bags are now screened at the airport in Saint Jean, with agents on duty seven days a week.

November 12

## ALAIN MAGRAS, CEM PRESIDENT

The first meeting of the island's Multi-Professional Economic Chamber, which was elected on November 8, is held on November 12. Alan Magras is elected president.

November 16

## SAINT BARTH ❤️ SWEDEN

Swedish Week is a success, from the November 16 Pitea Day celebrations of the 30th anniversary of the twin cities of Saint Barth and Pitea, Sweden and the 130th anniversary of the retrocession of St Barth to France to the June Quintet Concert on November 23 at the Anglican Church





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Caviar Island	09 90 52 46 11
Central Park	05.90.29.89.10
Do Brazil	05.90.29 06 66
Eddy's Restaurant	05.90.27 54 17
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## Saline

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## Pointe Milou

<b>Mango Bar restaurant (Lunch)</b>	<b>05.90.27.63.63</b>
Ti St-Barth	05.90.27 97 71

## Grand Cul de Sac

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Indigo (Hôtel Guanahani)	05 90 27 66 60
<b>Restaurant des pêcheurs (Le Sereno)</b>	<b>05.90.29.83.00</b>
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# TIME OUT



Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit?  
Listen to live music? Time Out keeps you up to date on local happenings. Let's party !

## Special Events

► **Wednesday, December 31**  
- New Year's Eve Regatta, around-the-island parade for sailboats  
- All day: Wine and champagne tastings at the Gout du Vin, Gustavia,

## Live Music

► **Through January 4**  
Evan Goodrow Band Quartet, from 9pm, Bete A Z'ailles, Gustavia  
► **Saturday, December 27**  
- DJ Max, from 7pm, Caviar Island, Gustavia  
► **Sunday, December 28**  
- Paulo Coelho, from 7pm, Caviar Island, Gustavia  
- PapaGuyo & Tanya, 1pm, Do Brazil, Gustavia  
- Sunset Party at 4pm mixed by Patris Gero, Do Brazil, Gustavia  
► **Monday, December 29**  
- DJ Max, from 7pm, Caviar Island, Gustavia  
► **Tuesday, December 30**  
- Paulo Coelho, from 7pm, Caviar Island, Gustavia

► **Wednesday, December 31**  
- New Year's Eve party with DJ, Caviar Island, Gustavia

► **Thursday, January 1**  
- DJ Max, from 7pm, Caviar Island, Gustavia  
► **Friday, January 2**  
- Live Music with PapaGuyo, Beni & Annie, Caviar Island, Gustavia  
► **Saturday, January 3**  
- DJ Max, from 7pm, Caviar Island, Gustavia

## Let's Party

- New suggestions every nights & Fashion show at le Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou  
- Fashion show & DJ every lunch and dinner, at la Plage; St Jean  
► **Friday, December 26**  
- Guest star Tanya Michelle, St Barth Weekly n°162

The Diva of the House, from 11pm, The Strand Supper Club (Casa Nikki), Gustavia  
► **Saturday, December 27**  
- Saturday Night Fever, The Strand, Supper Club, Gustavia  
► **Sunday, December 28**  
- Sunday Beach Party mixed by Yo-One Sutterfrom, from 1pm, La Plage, St Jean  
- Djoul from St Barth at The Strand Supper Club, (Casa Nikki), Gustavia  
► **Monday December 29**  
"Shut Up Chouchou Girly Party" mixed by Yo-One Sutterfrom, dinner, La Plage, St Jean

► **Wednesday, December 31**  
- From 8pm: Music, dancing, and bar organized by the association, Rhum & Ginger," on Quai Général de Gaulle, Gustavia  
- Midnight: Fireworks  
- "Addicted 2 Paradise," a new year, for a new earth, mixed by Matthieu Lagarde, Apris (OMS); La Plage, St Jean  
- Bling Bling (R&B Deluxe) Old Skol meet the future at the Strand Supper Club, (Casa Nikki), Gustavia

► **Thursday, January 1:**  
- "Chill out" lunch at La Plage, St Jean  
- Overkitch 70-80-90 (complimentary Champagne for ladies till 1pm) at the Strand Supper Club, (Casa Nikki), Gustavia  
► **Friday, January 2:**  
- "St Barth Has Gone Hollywood," La Plage, St Jean  
- Happy Birthday Xavier, DJ Konka, Barcelone, DJ Melissa Barfield NYC, the Strand Supper Club, (Casa Nikki), Gustavia  
► **Saturday, January, 3**  
- Saturday Night Fever at The Strand, Supper Club, Gustavia

► **Sunday, January, 5**  
- From 7pm, Poetry Slam by Daniel Jackson. "B the DJ" evening (Bring your iPod), La Plage, St Jean  
- Djoul from St Barth at The Strand Supper Club, (Casa Nikki), Gustavia

## Night Club

► **Every night**  
- Yacht Club, Gustavia  
- Bubbles Club, Gustavia  
► **To Wednesday to Sunday**  
- The Strand Supper club  
► **Friday and Saturday**  
- Hot Spot Café, Lurin

## Fashion Show

► **Every Tuesday**  
- 6:30pm: Fashion show by the pool, from the boutique at the Isle de France, Flamands  
- 9:30 pm, Fashion Show Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou  
► **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  
- Fashion show at le Ti St Barth, Pointe Milou

## Exhibitions

- "Profane and Sacred" at to b. art gallery, Gustavia, featuring works of Dominique Rousserie and Antonio Riello and "Vital Forces" at the Anglican Church, Gustavia, with paintings by Raimundo Figueroa.  
► **Through February 15, 2009**  
"Picasso X-Ray" by Xavier Lucchesi. Photos and video, TomBeachArtStudio, St Jean  
► **Through January 3, 2009**  
- Sales of original designs by Raimundo Figueroa: Los Caprichos, Anglican Church and Linde Galerie, Gustavia  
► **Through January 2, 2009**  
- "Human Footprint: The Impact" by Jeffery Dread, Carole G Art Gallery

Gustavia (next to La Marine).  
► **Through January 1, 2009**  
- Lionel Biguglia, mixed techniques, gallery Porta 34, Gustavia, from 10am-1pm and 5-9pm  
► **From December 27:**  
Exhibit of Polaroids by Andy Warhol, Clic Art Gallery, Gustavia  
► **From December 30:**  
group show by three artists entitled "Island My Island." Works inspired by or produced in Saint Barth during artists' residencies: nine designs by Donald Baechler, four paintings by Will Cotton, and works by Andrew Radcliffe. Eden Rock Gallery, St Jean  
► **From January 4:**  
Stéphane Cipre, TomBeachArtStudio, La Plage, St Jean

## ► Permanent exhibits

- New: Jean-Pierre Ballagny, Antoine Heckley, Alain Buisson, Alain Photo Gallery, St Jean
- Sculptures by Timothy Holmes, Comptoir du Cigare, Gustavia
- Paintings by Suzanne MacNally, Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Acrylic paintings at Sandra's Art Gallery, Gustavia.
- Alain le Chatelier, Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Rose Murray, Comptoir du Cigare, Gustavia
- Jewelry and sculpture by Dave Stevenson, Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Group show, Pif and Christine Vannier, Pipiri Palace, Gustavia
- **Art Galleries**  
- To-b.art galerie  
- Sandra's Art Gallery  
- Pipiri Boutique, art gallery  
- Spindler, art Gallery  
► **Permanent exhibits**  
- Pompi, Petit Cul de Sac  
- Didier Spidler, Gustavia  
- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac



## JENNY STENING'S BOOK ON SALE

Jenny Stening signs copies of "Gustavia," her architectural history of colonial Gustavia in the days when the Swedish flag flew on the island. The book is published in French, English, and Swedish.

drug traffic that brought many kilos of cocaine to the island in the past six months.

*December 4*

## WIMCO MARKS 25 YEARS

Wimco, Sibarth's agent in Newport since 1983, marks its 25 anniversary, and the publication of its Vendome Guide, with a party at the Sereno hotel.

*December 11*

## SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET VOTED IN

With only one abstention, the 2008 supplemental budget is voted in, based on a revision of income, which has been intentionally under-estimated when the Collectivity's first budget was adopted. The surplus will finance 613,971 euros of operations and 8.5 million euros in new projects.

*December 15*

## GASOLINE DOWN TO 1.06 CENTS PER LITER

From 1.37 cents (euro) per liter in late November, lead-free gas prices to 1.06 cents based on the decrease in the price of oil. A Christmas present based on governmental support of a true adjustment in the prices: The debate continues....

*December 16*

## LAGASSE CLASSIC TRANSAT: PEN DUICK VI ARRIVES FIRST; STIREN WINS THE RACE

Saint Barth's SNSM rescue boat heads out to meet Pen Duick VI, the first boat to arrive in Saint Barth for the first edition of the transatlantic Lagassé race for classic sailboats. Pen Duick VI, the late French sailor Eric Tabarly's celebrated boat, crosses the finish line at 9:27am, in the second leg of the race, from Agadir to Gustavia. Sixteen additional boats arrive by December 23, when Stiren, a 1959 wooden yawl, is announced the winner of the two-part race, which set sail last August from Douarnenez, France to Agadir, then again on November 28 from Agadir to Saint Barth.

*November 27*

## ANTI-POLLUTION EXERCISE



Like a scene from a movie, an oil tanker collides with a cargo ship and one of the fuel tanks explodes. But it was nothing more than the first anti-pollution operation in the area, intended to test the French Polmar plan put into effect in 2003 to fight pollution at sea.

*November 29*

## TWO BOATS COLLIDE

Two motorboats collide near Forchue at sunset (this time for real). One of the boats sinks and a few of the people aboard are slightly injured. This accident could have been much worse: proceed with care!

# December 2008

*December 2*

## IS SAINT BARTH EXONERATED FROM SOCIAL SECURITY CHARGES?

Senator Michel Magras' amendment is adopted unanimously on December 2, asking that Saint Barth once again be included in the territories exonerated from certain social security charges paid by employers. This had been the case since 2003 but a new law excluded the COM from the list.

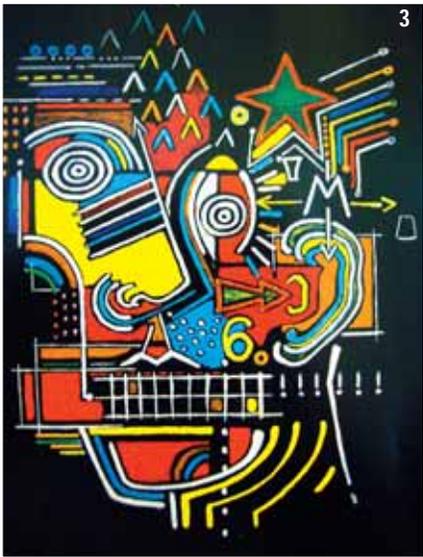
*December 2-3*

## BIG DRUG BUST

Two people are arrested during a drug bust that took place December 2 & 3. They are considered the kingpins in the



# SEEN IN ST BARTH



1. Valentine de Badereau during the opening reception for artist Xavier Lucchesi at TomBeachArtStudio, La Plage, St Jean  
 2. The Davidsons, The Grodbergs, The Nimbergs, and Ellen Lampert-Gréaux seen at Le Regal!  
 3. This self-portrait of Lionel Biguglia is one of the superb works by this contemporary artist currently on exhibit at Gallery Porta 34

4. The "dream team" of The House, right before the cocktail party last Friday evening to launch their new Boudoir  
 5. Jacquie Gréaux at the launch party for Batiste Rhum at La Plage on December 20, 2008  
 6 & 7. Santa Claus arrived by boat at La Plage, on the beach in St Jean on Thursday, December 25 to the delight of all the kids

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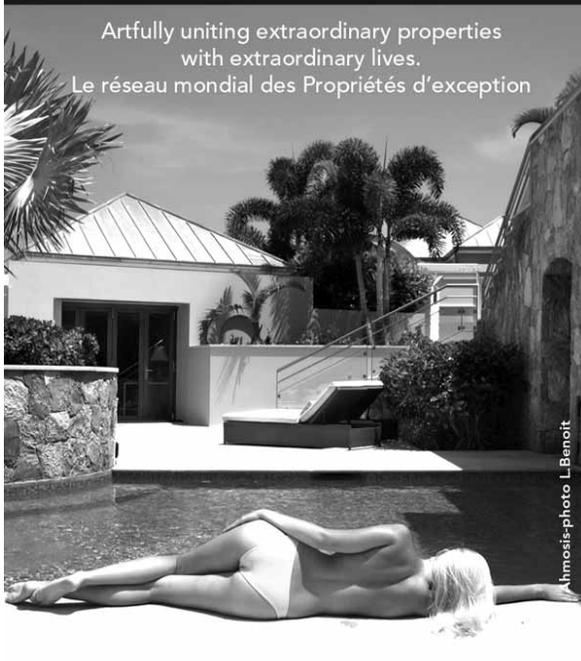
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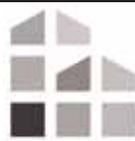
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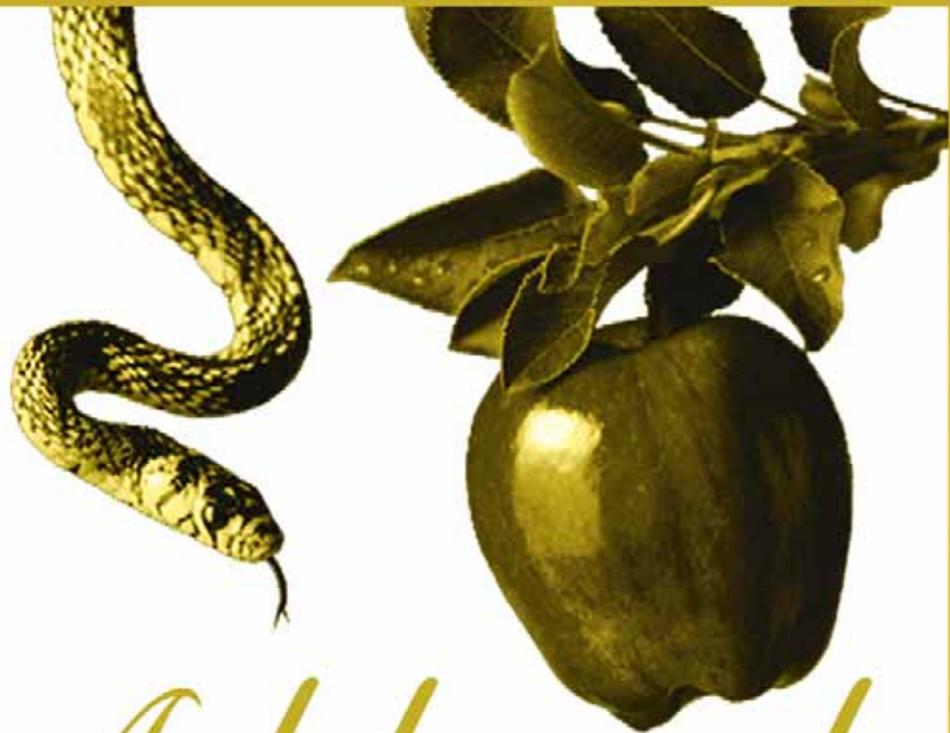
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