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## Americans in Saint Barth

he Weekly often includes news items about the Anglican Church in Gustavia, which serves as a de facto social center for the American expat community in Saint Barth. Expats, perhaps not in the sense of Hemmingway, the most famous of the Americans in Paris in the 1920s, but folks who have second homes on the island and spend a lot of the winter here, and tourists who often drop in. Some fund the church through an American non-profit and others simply visit when on island, as do occasional surprise guests, such as Bono of U2 fame, heard singing with the congregation last Sunday.

Another group of Americans belongs to a French non-profit organization called the Saint Barthélemy International Property Owners Association. The goals of this group are to keep its members, primarily property owners on the island, up to date on island news through a series of monthly meetings with guest speakers and a newsletter. Various projects have been discussed lately, such as the creation of a land bank to help protect some of the vanishing landscape in Saint Barth. As development continues at a galloping pace, perhaps a land bank could help stem the tide. People who love the island's craggy shores, rugged hillsides, and fabulous beaches might want to sound an alarm, as a small island can only handle so many houses, cars, and people before it is no longer enjoyable for residents or visitors.

If it takes a few Americans to get a land bank and other conservationist activities under way, I hope The Weekly can support their efforts by spreading the news!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

## Success For First Saint 1

etween the heat and the steep hills, it was tough going, to say the least, for the 21.1 km run. But that did not stop 177 participants from crossing the finish line of the first half marathon in Saint Barthélemy on Sunday, February 24. Stéphane Lenoir was the male winner, while Magalie Merle was the female champion, and Les Cross Runners won the relay.

They started running in the dark, as the first half marathon, organized by the association Saint-Barth Triathlon, got underway at 6am at the stadium in St Jean. A total of 81 solo runners participated, along with 31 teams in the three times seven-kilometer relay. That made a total of 177 runners (plus two who gave up along the way), including a large delegation from Saint Martin, with three clubs represented. There was even a visitor from Marie Galante, Cyrille Bouton, who was not there just for fun as he finished in third place.

Among the men, locals took top honors. Stéphane Lenoir, who did not finish the Gustavialoppet last November due to an injury, prevailed this time, winning with a time of 1 hour, 22 minutes, and 59 seconds. Right behind him, another familiar face: Fabien Husson crossed the line just one minute later.

The fastest woman, Magalie Merle from Saint Martin, came in 26th overall, finishing in 1 hour, 26 minutes, and 48 seconds. Hot on her heels were Jennifer Charton and Myriam Benchabane.



Les Cross Runners (Axel Mozel, Ocal Gokbudak, and David Guerche) finished the relay in 1 hour 28 minutes and 45 seconds. The winners were not the only ones who enjoyed the experience: Sonia Juveneton, from the Smiling Girl team, which placed 18th in the relay, applauds the "superb organization and the eco-run system was great, with our little blue glass. It was the first time for me, but certainly not the last. I am going to continue to train regularly, once or twice a week, because next year, I'd like to try the 21 km solo."

#### **Planning For 2020**

Organization of the second annual half marathon is already underway, based on the success of this inaugural edition. "It's the first time we attracted so many people on the island," says Jean-Marc Outil, president of Saint-Barth Triathlon, who organized the race with Jessica, Aziza, plus club members, and the help of 50 volunteers.

One difference for this race:

### Barth Half Marathon



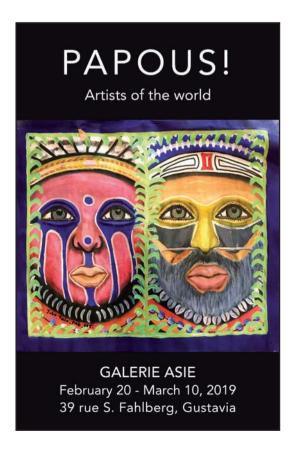
many of the runners were tourists, staying in hotels or yachts, as well as seasonal workers, who signed up at the last minute, happy to take

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Congratulations to Stéphane Lenoir who completed the individual course in 1h 22'59".

marathon," says a surprised Jean-Marc Outil. "We had Americans, a Dane, someone from Switzerland..."





#### News Briefs

#### Papua New Guinea Art At Galerie Asie

Art from the southwestern Pacific island of Papua New Guinea can be seen for the first time in St Barthélemy in an exhibit at Galerie Asie in



Gustavia. Traditions from this far-away land are evoked in the piercing looks of brightly painted faces that have a surprising force and presence. A memorable artistic voyage that presents a look at those who left Polynesia in their pirogues to settle in a land seemingly unchanged since the debut of time. And who entered into contact with "others" no longer than a century ago.

Ongoing exhibit, Galerie Asie, 39 rue Samuel Fahlberg, Gustavia

#### "Between Art & Science" Exhibit Thru March 23

Last Friday night saw the opening of the exhibit "Between Art & Science," a retrospective of work by Kay Quattrochi. Part of the exhibit traces the artistic biography of the artist, while the other comprises her most beautiful canvases, abstract and colorful. The event also includes reflection on the themes of time and science led by doctor Philippe Guillemant, which plunges visitors into a series of metaphysical reasoning: "That which is not determined by the past is determined by the future." "99% empty space, the rest is vibrations, do material things really exist?" Elodie Laplace, president of the cultural commission culture, thanked Kay Quattrocchi and at the same time announced the seven additional exhibits on the calendar for the rest of the year at the territorial museum, where "Between Art & Science" runs through March 23.

# Children Destroy A Painting By Basquiat On A Yacht

Problems of the (very, very, very) rich, yet with serious conse-



quences for the global art world all the same. A painting by acclaimed artist Jean-Michel Basquiat hanging on the wall of the owner's yacht, was targeted by kids, who judged the painting to be scary, and threw their bowls of cereal at it. The yacht's crew tried to "clean" the painting, damaging it even further. The canvas had an estimated value of \$110 million, as Basquiat is one of the most expensive contemporary painters on the art market today. We don't know where this anecdote took place (maybe in Saint Barthélemy?), but the story caused art historian and restorer Pandora Mather-Lees to sound an alarm, when she was asked to try and restore the painting. She suggested that the super-rich might not want to adorn their yachts with such art, as the salt air provokes damage. Certain conservators have also suggested training boat crews to how to better preserve these masterpieces.

## News From The Anglican Church



A fund-raiser for the Brook Lacour Gardena the St Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Gustavia was held on Saturday, February 23, as a garden party with drinks and hors d'oeuvres for over 100 people, includ-

#### **MASTHEAD**

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ing friends and members of the Lacour family. Speakers included Bill Barrett of the Friends of St Bartholomew's Anglican Church, a 501C3 charitable foundation (donations are tax-deductible for Americans). Charles Vere Nicholl, vicar emeritus, and Kevin Ouvré, the landscape architect who designed the gardens. Barrett noted that the fund-raising efforts help pay the water bill, while Ouvré described the plantings. The Anglican Church is also home to numerous secular and non-secular activities, including a Taizé service on Tuesday evening, a meditation circle on Thursday evening, and an English-language book club every other Monday evening during high season. The next meeting of the book club will be on Monday. March 11, with a discussion of Ray Bradbury's 1953 classic novel. Fahrenheit 451. All are welcome.

For additional information on the Anglican Church: info.stbartholomews@gmail.com

#### Master Ski Pilou Closed For Lack Of Security

The nautical activities -jet-ski- of the company Master Ski Pilou has been the subject of an administrative closure for two months, as decided last Tuesday by Sylvie Feucher, prefect of Saint Martin and Saint Barthélemy.

The reason is a lack of security observed during a control of a jet-ski excursion that took place on February 21 by representatives of the "youth and sports service." The closing notice mentions "serious irregularities in the organization of the activity, which could affect the safety of the participants."

#### A 13-Year Old At The Handlebars

On February 21, Master Ski Pilou organized an outing with six jet skis, accompanied by two instructors aboard a small boat. Their semi-rigid was not registered, was not equipped with VHF, proper security measures, or drinking water.

The tourists made the tour around the island in 90 minutes, but at one point, a 13 year-old child was the pilot of a jet ski that has the equivalent of 122 horse-power (84.6kW). The controllers also noted that day that the weather forecast was not ideal for an excursion on sea scooters: winds from the east between 17 and 21 knots, gusts of 30 to 35 knots, 2-meter waves. Another problem: four of the six jet skis are over-powered in terms of the authorized limit of 75 kW (100 horsepower), and most likely not registered. On Tuesday, the prefecture notified the manager of the company about the closing. The document cited "risks to those persons practicing a physical or athletic activity within their purview."

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#### Live Music

**Description** Every Dav

- Diner Cabaret with show girls Show at 9:30pm @ Ti St Barth (Closed on Sunday & Monday)
- DJ Sebastien Roche @ Bonito St Barth.

**1** Thursday March 7

- Enjoy Sunset Lounge from 5pm. DJ Set, Cocktails and Tapas around pool @ Christopher Hotel
- Music by Laurent Perrier at lunch Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach
- Baga Boom! Forever Young, by Fabien Lanciano, © Bagatelle
- Music live Di @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm

@ Le Barthelemy. Grand Cul de Sac

Friday March 8

- Music by Laurent Perrier at lunch Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach - Ladies Night with Champagne for her, from 8pm to 10pm @ Bagatelle
- Thanks God it's Friday! Live Music with Don Solev for dinner @ Pearl Beach
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy
- Saturday March 9 - Bikini Day, Music by Gabin Nogueira, fashion show by Pop St Barth, @ Pearl Beach, St Jean
- Live Music with Don Solev @Baz Bar. Gustavia
- Music live Di @ Bar WTF

from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy,

Sunday March 10 - Amazing day "Gods of Egypt" DJ Set by Patris Gero. Philippe Paris, with

Fashion Show Nikki Beach Lifestyle @ Nikki Beach - Music by Gabin Nogueira.

- at lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach - Live Music with Don
- Soley, from 8pm; Mixologist show, DJ music until 1pm.
- Flair bartending @ Ociela - Music live Dj @ Bar WTF
- from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy,
- Monday March 11 - Wine tasting from 6.30pm
- @ Le Barthélemy
- Sunset Lounge with Don Soley, from 5pm and Fashion show @ Christopher
- Music by Gabin Nogueira for lunch Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach
- Live Music with Don Solev @ Le Sereno
- Tuesday March 12 - Music by Gabin Nogueira for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach
- Wednesday March 13
- Music by by Jérome Barthélémy for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach

#### - Eden Fine Art St Barts - Les Artisans, Gustavia Camaruche Gallery SpaceSBH Gallery

- Clic Gallery, Gustavia

Through March 23.

Art And Science"

Collectivity

Territorial Museum

- Alain Le Chatelier,

Les Artisans, Gustavia

- Jean-Michel Lengrand

- Pompi, Petit Cul de Sac

- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac

- Antoine Heckly ArtGallery

- Kay Quattrocchi, Salines

@ Villa Créole, St Jean

Artist's Collection

Art Galleries

Dorit Levinstein, @Eden

Fine Art Gallery, Gustavia

- Bronze Sculptures @ The

A retrospective of work by

Kay Quattrocchi "Between

- Pipiri Palace, Gustavia
- Pati's Gallery, by Artists of Saint-Barth

#### Daily Fashion Shows - Fashion Showy every

lunch @ Pearl Beach - Fashion Show every night

Fashion Show

- @ Ti St Barth - Fashion Show every lunch
- @ Nikki Beach - Fashion Show every lunch
- from 1pm@ Le Barthelemy

#### **Exhibitions**

Through March 10. Papous! Artists of the World, Galerie Asie

- Group exhibition including works by Hunt Slonem. Marco Glaviano, Arno Elias, Philip Colbert and Jean-Philippe Piter. @ Space SBH
- David Kracov, Natan Elkanovich, Yoel Benharrouche, Calman Shemi,

## Night Club

@ Modio St-Jean @ Casa Night Club @Tavern TiBar, Ti St Barth Friday March 8

International Woman's day comlementary champagne for ladies @ La Casa Night Club

Wednesday March 13 Sexy drums - Afro House -Hiphop - Rare groove @ La Casa Night Club



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For sale, this stylish contemporary three bedroom villa located

in Toiny is an ideal tropical getaway and would have great appeal for those who look to relax – and to entertain. The villa's location offers some nice options for surfing as well as for walking or jogging from Toiny to Grand Fond, including to Hotel Le Toiny and its acclaimed restaurant. Price: 2 200 000 € St. Barth Properties Sotheby's International Realty – 0590 29 90 10

Villa in Flamands, in perfect condition, three bedrooms, three bathrooms, terrace, swimming pool, Jacuzzi, ocean view, parking spaces, and garage.
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For sale, this privately ensconced two bedroom villa, located in dramatic Toiny hillside, leverages its location and captures the gentle trade winds, the sounds of the surf and a gorgeous seascape. The owners will enjoy watching surfers in the distance, trying to capture that perfect wave. The pool terrace offers ample space for sunning, relaxing in the shade, and al fresco dining. Price: 2 500 000€

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#### Land

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A BIENTÔT: Privately ensconced in the craggy Toiny hillside, the 2 bedroom villa À Bientôt captures the gentle trade winds, the sound of the surf ans a gorgeous seascape. All on one level and nicely furnished, its en suite bedrooms enjoy lovely water views.

2 500 000€



Villa AOM - 5 Bedrooms - Mont Jean 9,900,000 €

Contemporary 5 bedroom villa on large lot. Stunning views of Tortue Island and Marigot Bay, in the luxury private gated community of Mont Jean.



Villa IMA - 3 Bedrooms - Flamands 2,950,000 €

Villa in Flamands, perfect condition, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, pool, Jacuzzi, ocean view, parking and garage.



#### Property CHA - Lurin 5,475,000 €

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