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CARNIVAL FEATHERS AND FUN



Food, Plants, and Other Items Of Interest...

I have often said that while Saint Barth doesn't have any golf courses or casinos, there are certainly enough knives and forks to keep everyone busy. The restaurant scene is lively with new places opening up to compete with old favorites, and the Art Party and Art & Food Market have placed an accent on a very chic style of street food. The burgers are called "Rockefeller" so I quipped it must be Wall Street food. But the concept of an evening event with art and nibbles by the pool of a lovely hotel is rather pleasant and the Art & Food Market seems to have been a success since its debut three months ago. I am glad to see they have a night version coming up on March 25... I can see it supplying a light dinner after book club.

This issue of The Weekly addresses more than just food however. The question of importing plants, the dangers of invasive species, and the inadvertent additional of fauna to the flora has been addressed by the Territorial Environmental Agency. This seems like an important topic, as the plants, like the native iguanas, risk being overrun by imports, while the goal is to protect the island's native biodiversity.

Speaking of which, the renovation of the large salt pond in Saint Jean seems to be finally nearly completion, and numerous species of migratory and nesting birds have already been sighted there. My hope is that it remains in healthy condition and adds to the environmental charm of the island.

And of course The Bucket Regatta is coming up March 21-24, so we have a newsy preview for you this week. Stay tuned next week for our special Bucket issue of The Weekly with its major coverage of this nautical extravaganza!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

The Bucket Is Back!



Saint Barth will once again host the prestigious Bucket Regatta with a fleet of magnificent sailing yachts, many over 100' in length. From tropical trade winds and great racing conditions to spectacular shore-side parties with a casual island flavor, this is a must-do super-yacht event, with its congenial focus and non-commercial spirit. The growing Corinthian Spirit class will enter its third year, with three entries to date: Child of Lir, Ohana, and Q.

The full list of entries comprises 34 true super-yachts, ranging in size from Varsovie at 30 meters to Hetarios at 60 meters. These beautiful boats will be divided into six classes, with 31 of the yachts racing under the ORCs rating rule in these classes:

A: Les Gazelles des Mers (performance oriented)

B: Les Elegantes des Mers ("modern classic")

C: Les Mademoiselles des Mers

D: Les Femmes des Mers

E: Les Grandes Dames des Mer (Larges, heaviest yachts)

The remaining three yachts in the Corinthian Spirit class race under the ORCs rating rule:

F: Les Voiles Blanches

One new yacht to keep an eye on: Pink Gin VI, a 54m sloop, built by Baltic Yachts, and designed Judel Vrolijk. This

Baltic 175 is the largest carbon fiber sloop in the world. Another new entry is Aquarius, a 56m ketch built by Royal Huisman and designed by Dykstra NA, featuring a classically elegant appearance. Also new to the Bucket: Aurelius, a 34m sloop built by J.O.M, designer Dykstra NA; Columbia, a 34m schooner built by Eastern Shipbuilding, designer Starling Burgess; My Song, a 40m sloop built by Baltic Yachts, designer Reichel-Pugh; and Nakupenda, a 33m sloop built by Danish Yachts, designer Fontaine. Kaori, a 38m schooner, built by Palmer Johnson, and designed by Briery/Paine, makes a historic return to the regatta. Formerly known as Mandalay, the yacht raced in the very first St Barth Bucket 25 years ago, and as Kaori took overall honors in 2007.

Other overall winners racing in the 2019 Bucket: 2018—Nilaya, 34m Baltic Yachts/Reichel-Pugh; 2017—SPIIP, 34m Royal Huisman/Frers; 2015—Visione, 45m Baltic Yachts/Reichel-Pugh; 2013—Adela, 55m Pendennis/Dykstra NA, all adding to an impressive list of entries for this year's Bucket, one of the highlights of the nautical calendar in Saint Barth!

For additional information:
bucketregatta.com

News Briefs

Art Party Tonight!

Artists of Saint-Barth and the Tourism Committee present a pop-up Art Party, tonight, Thursday, March 14 at the Christopher Hotel in Pointe Milou at 7pm. Twelve island artists will show their work along with a special guest direct from Los Angeles: Punk Me Tender, a young woman whose art is as romantic as it is rock and roll.

Art & Food Market, Sunday, March 17 In St Jean,



If you are interested in art, or simply hungry, be sure to stop by the third Art & Food Market on Sunday, March 17 from 9am-1pm. This fun event is organized by the association, Artists of Saint-Barth, and spreads out across the deck and in the parking lot of the Pati de Saint Barth boutique in Saint Jean (across from Villa Créole). The market includes numerous artists and jewelers, as well as chefs from many of the island’s hotels, including Le Toiny, Manapany, and Villa Marie, as well as Ociela restaurant, who cook onsite for a taste of chic street food, perfect to eat while browsing the stands or to take home. The next market will be the first edition of the “Art & Food Market at Night,” on Monday, March 25, from 7pm-9pm.

Two New Faces The ATE; Dockside Office Reopens

Flora Artzner, who arrived on the island just two weeks ago, has joined the staff of the ATE—Territorial Environmental Agency—taking over the post of marine milieu manager held by Sébastien Gréaux before he became director of the agency. An expert in marine ecosystems, Artzner comes to Saint Barth from the South Pacific. “I will be responsible for the management and follow-up for all marine milieu activities, as well as research with our scientific partners,” notes Artzner. Her attention first goes to the Megara whale



project as well as the creation of a local IFRECOR committee for the protection of coral reefs. The second new face at the ATE is Heike Dumjahn, replacing Cécile Berton who has set off on travels with her family. Dumjahn has already invested a lot of time as a volunteer with the organization and takes over the program to increase environmental awareness and educational activities for environmental protection. This includes management of the educative marine zone with the CM1 class Gustavia, instructive excursions with junior high students, workshops on whales in the elementary schools with the association “My School My Whale,” and finally leisure workshops during school vacations and every other Wednesday. The ATE has also reopened its office on the dock in Gustavia as a public information booth.

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List Of Forbidden Plants: Importers Voluntarily Comply

On Thursday, February 28, the Territorial Environmental Agency (ATE) met with a group of nurseries and landscapers to discuss upcoming regulations that will be implemented in terms importing plants, and the list of those prohibited from being brought to Saint Barth.



Without controls on the importation of plants and trees, how can Saint Barth avoid having invasive species overtake those that are native to the island, and by their presence alone kill the endemic biodiversity? This is the question asked during the February 28 meeting at which the overall tone was constructive.

ATE staffer Jonas Hochart presented the results of an inventory done in five incoming containers, the majority coming from Florida, with 83 animal species unintentionally imported with the plants. He also spoke about the proliferation of exotic and invasive vegetation and the effect on the island's native flora. He also noted activities already led by the ATE, such as visiting land that is to be cleared to make sure that certain trees are preserved and making sure the owners understand. This is a huge job: In

2017, there were 76 requests for clearing land that were evaluated, and last year that number swelled to 171.

"The list of invasive plant species increases in Saint Barth from year to year. Née trees, Mexican belciniche, beach cabbage... There are also a number of non-professionals importing plants. For example, an olive tree was found in a container: "An olive tree does not belong here, in a tropical garden," insists a landscaper.

"The goal is not to create an extremely severe system. But we have a responsibility to preserve the biodiversity of the island," explains Hochart. "Around the table, we are all aware of this," agrees a local business owner.

Importation Permit

The ATE has created a list of recommendations: first, respect the obligation to include the scientific

names of all plants on the importation. Next: to improve the method for treating incoming plants. The most efficient in everyone's opinion is to fumigate the containers as soon as they arrive in Saint Barth. But that is a problem for containers that have an open top covered with a tarp. That would in effect limit the size of trees that can be brought in. "We will never have 100% results, but we should do all we can to limit the risks," adds Hochart, who also notes that the ATE would like to require an importation permit, which will only be available to professionals, and require the signing of an eco-responsibility charter.

The second, and equally important, aspect of the meeting was presented by Karl Questel. He listed the plants that will not be allowed to be brought in: "Those which are known to be invasive, or present a risk of poisoning our fauna, as well as those whose management is dif-

ficult, or have a different genetic makeup than the native version.” In the latter example, the pear tree that is imported is not the same genetically as the one that is native to Saint Barth. “The importation of local pear trees is less frequent and only by those who are sensitive to respect for local flora,” regrets one nursery owner. “The genetic data has only been known for a short time. It will be a shame in 10 years if we realize that we killed our native species,” argues Questel. The black list includes entire plant families such as the asparagus family, which comprises the “uncontrollable agaves. The ponytail palm is also on the list,” he warns, getting the reactions he expected: “But how can we create gardens,” asked one participant. “That will be a challenge.” Another replied that as

for the ponytail, you have to look at the large picture, and it’s not that invasive.” But says Questel, “That’s exactly when we have to step in. We have never seen the ponytail outside of gardens, in nature. If you have used them for 10 or 20 years with good results, we can take them off of the list. For example, asparagus is in that family, but we took it off the list: we don’t want to prohibit asparagus.” The list is meant to be as collaborative as possible, and certain species are up for debate, others not.

To conclude, Sébastien Gréaux, director of the ATE, detailed the roadmap that the agency will implement. They hope to add certain revisions to the environmental code in April, including the list of forbidden plants and the need for

an importation permit. For more technical concerns, most notably phytosanitary treatments, the subject is much more complex (legislative red tape, space at the port, costs...) and requires more time. “There are certain things we can all agree on, such as the neem tree,” states another nursery owner. “We can already stop their importation, without waiting for regulations.”

Everyone has an opinion, and all will be able to study the list of plants during the month of March, so that that can present their eventual modifications and share their expertise.

To consult the list and make any comments, please contact: Karl Questel: karl.questel@agence-environnement.fr

The Drum Beat of Carnival

Mardi Gras in Saint Barth was a huge success and took place without incident, with hundreds of fabulous costumes, each one more spectacular than the next. The Carnival parade was truly a fantastic show to watch, and thanks go to the associations and private individuals who created and drove the floats. Bravo to all involved!



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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 !

Live Music

► Every Day

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

► Thursday March 14

Art Party

Artists of Saint-Barth and the Tourism Committee present a pop-up Art Party, tonight at the Christopher Hotel at 7pm.

- 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 Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy, Grand Cul de Sac
► Friday March 15

Between Sky and Sea:

Between Sky and Sea: Go aboard Samsara, the 1924 sailing ship, for an unforgettable evening with the fanfare of Saint Barth, Le Bitin Brass-Band.
Dress code: Brassy.

- 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 Soley for dinner @ Pearl Beach
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy
► Saturday March 16
- Bikini Day, Music by Gabin Nogueira, fashion show by Pop St Barth, @ Pearl Beach, St Jean
- Live Music with Don Soley @Baz Bar, Gustavia
- Music live Dj @ Bar WTF from 6 to 9pm @ Le Barthelemy,
► Sunday March 17

Art & Food Market

organized by the association, Artists of Saint-Barth, from 9am-1pm, on the deck of the Pati de Saint-Barth boutique in St Jean.

- Amazing day "Escape to India" DJ Set by Patris Gero, Philippe Paris & Jimmy Sax, 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 18
- 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 Soley @ Le Sereno

► Tuesday March 19

- Music by Gabin Nogueira for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach
► Wednesday March 20
- Music by Jérôme Barthélémy for lunch, fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach

Fashion Show

► Daily Fashion Shows

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

Night Club

@ Mojo St-Jean
@ Casa Night Club
@ Tavern TiBar, Ti St Barth

Exhibitions

Through March 23.

A retrospective of work by Kay Quattrocchi "Between Art And Science" Territorial Museum

- 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, Dorit Levinstein, @Eden Fine Art Gallery, Gustavia
- Bronze Sculptures @ The Collectivity
- Alain Le Chatelier, Les Artisans, Gustavia

► Artist's Collection

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- Hannah Moser, Cul de Sac
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For sale, this privately ensconced two bedroom villa, located in

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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 and 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

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