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“Art Is A Necessity.”



As the coronavirus Covid-19 story continues to dominate the news worldwide, the situation remains unchanged in Saint Barth. One case, with the patient confined to his home. In Europe and the US, the virus continues to spread, and many travelers are apprehensive about flying. As of today, no travel restrictions have been issued for St Barthélemy.

To date, the 2020 St Barth Bucket is on schedule for next week as planned, starting with the J Class races on Thursday, March 19. Owners, skippers, and crews will be arriving from all over the world, and hopefully they will take precautions as laid out by the World Health Organization. The 40th edition of the Heineken Regatta took place last weekend without incident, also drawing a large international crowd. Three St Barth boats participated: Raphael Magras' Maelia and Raymond Magras' Speedy Nemo, which took third and fourth place respectively in their class, CSA4, while Bertrand Charneau's Bonheur placed sixth.

Les Voiles de Saint Barth, the next regatta on the schedule, has also announced its intention to hold the event on April 12-18. "We are following the evolution of the situation very carefully, and we will communicate any new information in a timely manner," say the organizers of Les Voiles. "To date, none of our entries have cancelled their participation, and new boats continue to register."

Events like The Bucket and Les Voiles take the better part of a year to organize, and cancelling them would have a major economic impact on the island. Fingers crossed all set sail as scheduled!

*Ellen Lampert-Gréaux*

## The Bucket Sets Sail On March 19 With J Class Races



The 2020 Bucket will raise its sails as of Thursday, March 19, when four glorious J Class boats kick off the regatta with their first two races. These beauties include two that measure close to 44-meters: Lionheart (J1) built by Claassen Shipyards and Svea (JS1) built by Vitters Shipyard, plus 43-meter Topaz (J8) built by Holland Jachtbouw. The fourth J Class entry is 40-meter Velsheda (JK7) built by Camper & Nicholson in 1933, making it the oldest in the J class fleet, having a comprehensive rebuild led by Dykstra Naval Architects in 1996, and relaunched in November 1997.

A racing class itself, the J Class boats will compete at both the Antigua Superyacht Challenge, March 12-15, then return to the Saint Barth's Bucket, which has been a popular fixture on the J Class yachts' itineraries for many years. As in the past, the regatta will provide the fleet with a day of windward-leeward racing on Thursday, March 19, before following the normal Superyacht regatta schedule through Sunday, March 22. These Caribbean regattas will be the first events to be raced under the improved J Class Rule as updated by Chris Todter, the J Class technical director. "Basically, the rule has

been tightened up to remove the loopholes which existed. We have worked hard to acquire much better, more accurate data about each of the boats to add more accountability to the racing," explains Todter. "The main thing now is there is transparency, and everyone knows what everyone else is doing."

Additional Bucket races begin on Friday, March 20, with 25 boats sailing in Les Gazelles des Mers, Les Mademoiselles des Mers, Les Elegantes des Mers, Les Femmes des Mers, and Les Grandes Dames des Mers classes.

Each year, The Bucket makes a donation of entry fees to worthwhile causes on the island. There are two recipients this year: The Saint Barth Handicap Association (SBHA) and the Galops des Iles Equestrian Center Association. Both are still working to recover from serious damage caused by Hurricane Irma. Proceeds from poster sales (limited edition at Space Gallery) will be presented to the Youth Sailing Program at the St Barth Yacht Club, an active sailing school whose priority is the youth of St Barth.

*By Ellen Lampert-Gréaux*

# Anglican Church Blesses Bucket Fleet On March 17

**A**n age-old tradition is coming to Saint Barth. Centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing and boating communities, the local priest blessed the fleet, praying for a bountiful catch and safety for all those at sea. Predominantly Catholic in the beginning, this tradition is now practiced by churches and ports around the world. Many harbors hold annual Blessing of the Fleet events, complete with parades, services, meals, and music to attract the local community.



St Bartholomew’s Anglican Church in Gustavia will hold its first Blessing of The Fleet in honor of the 2020 St Barth Bucket Regatta. The event takes place on Tuesday, March 17 at 5pm by the anchor across the street from the church, and will be led by Reverend Canon Steve Huber, visiting vicar at the church this month. Drinks will be served after the blessing in the Brook Lacour Garden at the church. The general public is invited to attend, as well as all members of the Saint Barth International Property Owners Association, and all owners/organizers and captains/crew of The Bucket.

fit organization in the US, the service comprises a reading from the Gospel According To Mark, hymns, The Lord’s Prayer, and a final blessing by John O’Donohue that includes the verse: When the canvas frays in the currach of thought, and a stain of ocean blackens beneath you, may there come across the waters a path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

“As a small sail boat racer in Connecticut and on the New Jersey shore, our racing groups always had an annual blessing of the fleet to start off our season,” says Barrett. “Everyone looked forward to it as a time to be thankful to reacquaint with friends, have a good party, and receive the blessing. I have always believed that The Bucket needed a similar event to start this great yachting week. We have the good fortune to

have our visiting priest Steve Huber in residence, and our great location

overlooking the harbor is the perfect location for the blessing.”

**St Bartholomew's Anglican Church**

**Blessing of the Fleet**

**2020 St Barths Bucket Regatta**

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**  
*in front of the Anglican Church  
by the Anchor*

**We hope you will join us for this service  
and then drinks afterwards in our garden.**

Following a welcome by W.J. Barrett Sr., chairman of the Friends of St Bartholomew’s Anglican Church, a 501C3 non-pro-

# Destruction And Reconstruction Of Saint Jean Bridge: Traffic Impacted For Seven Months

First Lorient, now Saint Jean: the old bridge located in front of Eden Rock will be demolished and rebuilt this year. Work is expected from late April through November, and will definitely have an impact on road traffic.

**W**ork will begin on this major project in less than two months. In the meantime, a concrete ramp has been built across the Saint Jean canal, between the public parking area and the Eden Rock parking lot. This covers the various cables and pipes for water, telecommunication, and electricity that run on both sides of the Saint Jean bridge.

The first phase of this project: widen the roadway for vehicles at this intersection by the stop sign on the road that leads to Eden Rock from the salt pond in Saint Jean. Then in early May, the section of the road in front of the hotel's parking lot will be closed, with a detour in both directions around the pond. Work to displace all of the various cable and pipe



*Once the traffic lanes are widened at the intersection, pipes and cables will be moved so that the bridge can be demolished and rebuilt.*

systems will continue through the end of July, with traffic stoppages and major detours expected: the traffic in Saint Jean is too heavy to install temporary red lights.

In August 2020, the first phase of work should be

complete. As of early September the old bridge will be demolished, then rebuilt in the same style as the new bridge in Lorient. The island's technical services estimate that the new bridge will be ready in late November, before Thanksgiving.

The Collectivity's budget to replace the bridge is 945,000€. Once the bridge is finished, the road from the Eden Rock intersection toward Morne Tourterelle (the road that leads up to Saline and Lurin) will be entirely repaved.



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# Dominique Rousserie, Artist, Free Thinker: “Art Is A Necessity.”

March 14 to May 16, the Wall House Museum in Gustavia hosts a retrospective by Saint Barth-based painter/sculptor Dominique Rousserie. The spirituality of primitive art and ancient civilizations, especially the Tainos and Arawaks, as well as medieval alchemists and shamanism, provide inspiration for his work.

In the artist’s small house perched in the heights of Lurin, the welcoming committee includes three suspended goat skulls adorned with feathers and lace. “A tribute to primitive art,” comments Dominique Rousserie. Since 1990, he has exhibited his vision of spirituality throughout the world: mystical Japanese dragons, the culture and gods of the first peoples of the Caribbean, plants used in shamanistic rituals. For the past 22 years, Saint Barthélemy has been his base camp, and some of the goat skulls and turtle shells in his art came from the island. “I am fascinated by Taïno art. My hair stands on end when I see certain pieces! Primitive art is the most authentic, as is has not been corrupted in any way: the psyche is not there to curb observation and imagination.”

He points out that the creativity of these groups was free of all implicit obstacles from society, compared to today, when complexity and rapidity are often impediments to reflection and innovation. “This art really cries out to you, it’s like a pure language. The problem with 21st-century art is the lack of inspiration. Everything is moving so fast, we don’t know where we are anymore, and everything has become so flat. Yet in terms of concerts and exhibitions, or before a lecture, there is a calm that unifies everyone right away. Art is a necessity, without ques-



tion. It produces an immediate sense of wellbeing.”

Enthralled by the work of alchemist Nicolas Flamel, by ancestral Japanese arts, and the shamanistic exploration of the conscience, as well as myths and legends in general, Dominique Rousserie translates his introspection into his work. In addition to primitive arts, his show at the museum comprises a series called “Chasing The Dragon,” with huge Asian-style dragons painted on tankas in clouds of smoke. Chasing the dragon is also an expression for use of drugs, particularly opium, by inhaling the smoke. A practice born in the opium dens in Asia, where the dragon is a mythical figure.

The third section of the exhibit is “cartography,” a series of designs in China ink representing the island of Saint Barthélemy, also shows major Asian inspiration.



Finally, part of the retrospective is dedicated to Rousserie’s “Botanic Verses,” small canvases representing plants with multiple properties.

My work “remains a cabinet of curiosity,” explains the artist, eager to discuss philosophy. He is currently reading Gilles Deleuze, and enjoys seeing the world by way of theoretical concepts. “We live in a total archaism, it seems as if nothing has happened since Descartes,” says Dominique Rousserie, a free thinker. And all he asks of his audience is to forget all inhibition and prejudice as implied by the world in which we live, and open up to curiosity, knowledge, and art.

*Terrae Incognitae,  
March 14-May 16, Wall House  
Territorial Museum, Gustavia.  
Opening reception,  
Saturday, March 14 at 6pm.  
Free admission*

News Briefs

# Javanese Shadow Theatre Dinner Show At Villa Marie

Following the success of the performance by Wayang Amazonia, Javanese shadow theatre, at the Theatre du Paradis on February 22, the show will be presented in a new format at Villa Marie, the chic hotel in Colombier on Friday, March 13. This time, it will be a dinner show at François Plantation



restaurant, punctuated by the poetic performance of the shadow theatre as inspired by Indonesian tradition, and set to music by violinist Ombeline Collin. Reservations are required for the dinner at 130€ (including a glass of champagne, hors d'oeuvre, appetizer, main course, and dessert). A healthy percentage of the pro-

ceeds will be donated to Boson, a non-profit association that is financing an expedition next May to the Amazon in Peru, to build wells with solar pumps to provide water to isolated communities within this vast area.

# Sailboats On Display At Galerie Asie

All those who love sailboats should run over to see the new paintings by French artist Michel Brosseau, in an exhibit running March 13-24 at Galerie Asie, Rue Samuel Fahlberg in Gustavia. Titled "Toutes Voiles Dehors," this exhibit showcases the paintings by an artist born in Nantes, and who is inspired by the aestheticism of classic sailboats.

# Updates Relating To Covid-19

For those travelers concerned about coronavirus Covid-19, rolling international updates are available on the World Health organization site: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen>

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## Live Music

### ► Every Day

- DJ set @ Bonito St Barth.  
- DJ Set for lunch @ Pearl Beach

### ► Thursday March 12

- Bagabuzz, big music quiz @ Bagatelle, Gustavia  
- Le Ti 54! Disco and Funky music all evening long by the resident DJ Franck N. Live singer at 8.45pm. Dance show at 9.30pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ after dinner party @ Ti St Barth  
- Sunset Lounge with DJ Set @ Christopher Hotel.  
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock

### ► Friday March 13

- Crazy Ti! Live singer at 8.45pm. Dance show at 9.30pm during dinner.

Fancy dress room. DJ after dinner party. @ Ti St Barth  
- "Rose Fridays" Music Patris Gero and Al Sax, 12 pm -7pm @ Nikki Beach

### Javanese Shadow Theatre

Dinner Show at Villa Marie, Colombier

- Nuit Blanche Party. champagne for Ladies @ Bagatelle

- Friday Friendly Afterwork - Dj Set from 5pm @ Pearl Beach

### ► Saturday March 14

- Bagachella @ Bagatelle  
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm–2pm @ Lil'Rock  
- Crazy Ti! Live singer at 8.45pm. Dance show at 9.30pm during dinner.

Fancy dress room. DJ after

dinner party. @ Ti St Barth  
- Bikini Day - Grab you best Bikini and join the Party - DJ set and Fashion show by Pop St Barth @ Pearl Beach, St-Jean

### ► Sunday March 15

- Amazing Sunday "Gods and Goddesses" All hail Zeus! Music by Jerome Barthelemy, Patris Gero and Al Sax from 12pm @ Nikki Beach

### ► Monday March 16

- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock  
- Italian Evening, Cucina E Vino from 7pm with Live music@ Christopher Hotel  
- Live Music with Soley for dinner @ Le Sereno  
- Live Music by Darian Cunning Band @ Baz Bar

### ► Tuesday March 17

- Gypsy Evening with Soley @ La Casa, Gustavia  
- The traditional cabaret show of Le Ti St Barth. Live singer at 8.45pm  
- Cabaret Show at 9.30pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ after dinner party @ Ti St Barth  
- Live Music by Soley from 12pm – 2pm @ Lil'Rock  
- Live Music by Darian Cunning Band @ Baz Bar

### ► Wednesday March 18

### The Christopher Movie Night

The Christopher takes you to the movies this with an open-air screening by the pool. This week : Ready Player One.

- Evening Live music by Carbo from 7:30pm at Villa Marie, Colombier  
- The traditional cabaret show of Le Ti St Barth. Live singer at 8.45pm  
- Cabaret Show at 9.30pm during dinner. Fancy dress room. DJ After dinner

party @ Ti St Barth  
- Live Music by Darian Cunning Band @ Baz Bar

## Fashion Show

### ► Every lunch

@ Pearl Beach  
@ Nikki Beach  
@ Le Barthelemy

### ► Every Tuesday

- 6:30 pm at La Cabane, Cheval Blanc  
- Every night (Closed on Sunday & Monday)  
@ Ti St Barth

## Exhibitions

► March 14 - May 16  
Terrae Incognitae, Dominique Rousserie  
Wall House Territorial Museum, Gustavia.

### ► Through August

Daniel Arsham: Life on Europa at Eden Rock

### ► Through March 24

Michel Brosseau, Galerie Asie, Gustavia

### ► Through March 4

- Alain Le Chatelier  
Les Artisans, Gustavia  
- Bronze Sculptures at The Collectivity Garden  
- Group Exhibition incl. Hugh Arnold, Giorgio Pasqualetti, Hunt Slonem, Dominique Rousserie and more at Space Gallery St Barth, Carré d'Or  
- The Spirit of St Barth, photography by Sebastien Martinon by Space Gallery at Barnes International.

### ► Art Galleries

- A. Heckly ArtGallery  
- Clic Gallery, Gustavia  
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