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END OF THE YEAR RACE

Bonaire will hold its annual End of the Year Fishing Tournament and sailing race Dec. 15th weekend. The fishing tournament takes place Saturday morning. On Sunday, there will be an all-craft sailing race. Yachts, Optimists, windsurfers and wooden boats all race around Klein Bonaire.

This year the race will be held Dec. 16 at 10 AM. This fun event is held in Kralendijk at Kas Di Regatta on scenic Playa Lechi. Organized by local windsurf guru Elvis Martinus, this fun, annual competition is where pros and local sailors meet and compete. Children as well will participate.

New this year will be a Stand Up Paddle Board Demo (SUP—See next story). SUP is the newest watersport creating a buzz in the windsurf world. These large floaty boards designed by Starboard will be on hand for a demonstration.



Island guests and tourists are welcome to attend and participate in the races to create an international event.

What's SUP?

One of the coolest, new water sports to hit the mainstream is Stand Up Paddle Boarding. Also called SUP, this new, floaty board is all the rage from coast to coast. Now SUP hits the shores of Bonaire when Bonaire Windsurf

Place features Starboard SUP rentals at their shop. Starboard has also chosen local windsurfer, Ann Phelan, to be a SUP spokesperson on the island giving her a brand new 12'6 SUP. Recently reviewed in the Boards UK

Board Test, the 12'6 received stellar reviews. Stand Up Paddle Boarding can be traced back to the old days in Polynesia. In the 40's Waikiki Beach Life Guards used to stand on their surf boards paddling around to patrol the beaches. The craze caught on and is big. Recently there was a SUP competition put on by John Hibbard in the UK. Facebook, the popular internet social program, has a SUP group as well. Almost every board company now fabricates and sells a version of the SUP. Contact Ann or Elvis at Bonaire Windsurf Place to demo a SUP today.

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ABK Camps

Andy Brandt, the owner of ABK Boardsports Bonaire, based at Jibe City, has his winter camp schedule in place.

ABK is the biggest US based windsurf camp with camps in The Gorge, Hatteras, South Padre Island, Long Island, and Cape Cod. Andy continues the Caribbean tradition by bringing a series of camps to Bonaire. His first camp runs Dec. 17th and is sold out. He has

openings for the freestyle-only camp January 21st and the traditional camps January 28th, Feb. 4th, March 10th, and March 24th.

The week long camps run 9:30-5:30 daily with a half day break Wednesdays for snorkeling, massage, and island tours.

Each camp offers highly structured professional training. Campers will be divided into small groups

according to ability level to maximize instruction. Each camp features a video component for review, lecture, and discussion. The format is fun yet structured.

For more information contact ann@bonairecaribbean.com for reservations.



Singles Weeks

Now each year, singles meet up in Bonaire with other like-minded solo travelers to explore the island by day and enjoy the sights and sounds of Bonaire's balmy nights

Singles Weeks will be held from February 23rd, 2008 through March 15th, 2008. These special weeks catering to solo travelers will run for the fourth consecutive year on this Dutch Caribbean island. In the past, sports enthusiasts wanted to head to warmer waters for winter sailing, kiting, and diving, but lacked a traveling companion to enjoy the island experience. Now each year,

singles meet up in Bonaire with other like-minded solo travelers to explore the island by day and enjoy the sights and sounds of Bonaire's balmy nights. After a day of diving one of Bonaire's many shore sites, skimming across the water on a windsurfer or kite, dine under the stars seaside enjoying a Caribbean inspired meal with fellow adventure seekers. The host is Ann Phelan, a

single island-based travel agent. Her services include airfare (from select cities), single accommodations, gear, and vehicle rentals and full island Concierge. There are opportunities for guided hikes, kayaking the mangroves, and much more.



Grandparent Weeks

Grandparents are right there in the mainstream of life and often very active when compared to our own grandparents. In current times, grandparents are often the valued care givers of their children's offspring. Their valuable role in the family system is

recognized by celebrating Grandparent Days in many schools even! In Bonaire, a huge senior market contributes to the local economy. Caribbean Wind & Sun Vacation's owner, Ann Phelan, has raised her family with the support of "Grandma." Caribbean

Wind & Sun Vacations celebrates the grandparent by offering Grandparent/Grandchild Vacations to Bonaire.

Bonaire is windsurf paradise for kids. The gin clear shallow water and the availability of kids-only gear at both

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Ann Phelan has been creating dream vacations since 1988. A Caribbean expert, Ann now focuses her attention on Bonaire. She specializes in windsurf vacations and eco-tours, but has recently started marketing dive and snorkel vacations. Ann offers individualized trip planning with full concierge services. Ann caters to the discerning client handling every facet of their vacation needs. She enjoys the challenge of making all her clients' dreams come true and uses her years of travel expertise to plan the perfect holiday.



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shops makes the learning environment ideal. Bonaire's own windsurf team is comprised of kids 2 and up, so there are plenty of other kids on the water at any given time to share the breeze.



Bonaire has some of the best diving conditions. For the newbie or the advanced diver, conditions are ideal year round. Certified grandparents can bring their grand-

child down and try one of the many programs designed with kids in mind. One such program at Dive Friends designed for the wee ones is Supplied Air Snorkeling for Youth experiences. SASY allows them to breathe from a regulator and mini-tank at the surface while wearing a flotation device, which does not allow them to submerge.

The PADI Bubble maker program was created for kids 8 and up as either a stand-alone SCUBA experience, or as an introduction to diving for those children who look forward to getting certified. The participants will submerge in this program, but it is limited to confined water areas such as a pool and the depth limitation is 6 feet/2

meters. There is always a PADI dive instructor directly supervising all children.

Dive prices start at \$420.00 pp for accommodations, truck and 6 days unlimited shore diving for the grandparent. Windsurf packages for two sailors start at 600.00 pp including 6 days of sailing. Taxes apply for travelers 13 and over. Call 800-219-0118 or email ann@bonairecaribbean.com.

Special Weeks run Feb. 23-March 15th during Winter Break in the USA. By day, dive and windsurf, and at night enjoy group dinners. One day join the group on a special picnic to Klein Bonaire. There are also guided nature hikes and kayak tours.