



News Splash

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Underwater Cleanups
- Meet our Crew in these short anecdotal stories!
- There's a new Dive Friends at Hamlet!
- New: One-tank Boat Dives and new Nitrox

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Underwater Cleanups

The Third Quarterly Underwater Cleanup will be held on Saturday, July 14th, 2007. All divers and non-divers are welcome, as non-divers can assist with shore cleanup as well as the counting of the trash. All participants should plan to arrive at the Dive Friends Yellow Sub shop no later than 1:00 PM. At that time, a comprehensive briefing will be held, and then buddy teams arranged. Divers will head out to the site to be cleaned, while shore support gets ready for their work.

the event sponsors, Dive Friends Bonaire and NetTech, N.V. See you there if you are on-island!

On Saturday, April 14, 2007, Dive Friends Bonaire and NetTech launched the year's second quarterly cleanup dive with an enthusiastic group of divers and snorkelers consisting mainly of tourists with some Bonaire residents. All divers and snorkelers met at our location at Port Bonaire to clean this area underwater, which had never been cleaned before. After the dive,

everybody was invited for a Pot Luck BBQ at location Yellow Submarine. We, Dive Friends and NetTech, the sponsors of the quarterly Bonaire cleanups, provided drinks and main courses, while participants supplied side dishes.

For more information: http://www.dive-friends-bonaire.com/2007_april_14.html

On Saturday, September 15, 2007 our final cleanup of the year will go out with a bang as efforts are coordinated with CORAL, here on Bonaire as part of Love our Planet Week. Dive Friends, NetTech, and CORAL hope to make this one of our best cleanups ever in conjunction with World Clean Up Day.

After the dive, meet back at 5:30 PM at Dive Friends Yellow Sub for the Cleanup BBQ; we ask that you bring a small side dish to share with others; main courses and beverages are supplied by



Dive Friends' Crew Stories

Meet our new employees Leo and Suzanna! In this "News Splash" we want to introduce Leo and Suzanna to you, as they began working at Dive Friends earlier in 2007. We all hope that they will stay for a long time on the island and that they keep loving to dive.



Dive Friends' Crew Stories (continued)



Dive Friend's assistant manager, Jenne is famous???

Yorin Travel Reps meet Bonaire's Flamingos In The Netherlands there is a famous program called Yorin Travel. This program shows you the most wonderful places all over the world. In January

2007, Yorin Travel visited our wonderful island, and guess what? They came to Dive Friends to ask more information about the Marine Park!

Jenne gave them a briefing and explained the rules of the Marine park to them.

Yorin Travel's broadcast about Bonaire was on Sunday 11th of March, 2007. For everybody who missed this broadcast, you can check the online version at

[http://www.rtl.nl/\(vm=/reizen/rtltravel/bestemmingen/zuidamerika/nederlandseantillen\)/system/video/html/components/reizen/rtltravel/letterbox/miMedia/2007/week10/zo_l.avi_plain.xml](http://www.rtl.nl/(vm=/reizen/rtltravel/bestemmingen/zuidamerika/nederlandseantillen)/system/video/html/components/reizen/rtltravel/letterbox/miMedia/2007/week10/zo_l.avi_plain.xml) . Unfortunately, it is only available in the Dutch language at this time.

Dive Friends at Hamlet

In March 2007, we renovated our location at Hamlet. Two of our customers, Rob and Roos (Aap and Beer) had some really creative ideas! Together with our staff members, Jurjen Wester and Dennis van de Velden, they refreshed the exterior of Dive Friends' Hamlet location. Although Rob and Roos have already left Bonaire, Jurjen and Dennis are still busy. While the outside is finished, we are now busy with renovating the interior. Dive



Friends celebrated this renovation with a small BBQ at 20th of March.

Rob & Roos: We wish to thank you for helping us to make the Hamlet



location such fun! Both of you are really creative and you helped us a lot. Thanks for all, and of course we hope to see you again soon!

If you're curious as to what our Hamlet location now looks like, you can just look at these images. But the best way to enjoy it is to see it yourself when you are next here. Be sure to stop by for a free cup of coffee (some things never change) and a chat.





What's New at Dive Friends?


We have ordered a new Nitrox installation. Our goal is to have it installed and operating as of October 1st, 2007. This will mean that Dive Friends will be able to offer FREE Nitrox at all our locations. And we will be the first diving facility on Bonaire who can offer a free nitrox upgrade at three separate locations!

Dive Friends recently added one-tank boat dives to our menu of activities. Every afternoon at 2 PM divers can enjoy a one-tank boat dive. Of course, we still offer our two-tank boat dive every morning at 9:00 AM.

Prices for one tank boat dives are:

 3x ITBD + unlimited air one week: \$168.00

 6x ITBD + unlimited air one week: \$222.00

 One tank boat dive + unlimited shore one day: \$40.00





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Feel the fear! Do it anyway!

Bon Dia, Dive Friends,

It took a while but finally here it is: our first "News Splash" of 2007!

We've enjoyed preparing this newsletter which tells you all we've been up to in the past six months, but we sincerely hope you enjoy reading just as much about what's going on at Dive Friends!

At this time, we're planning semi-annual editions of News Splash, but, of course, if there's extra special news, we may just feel motivated to crow about it before our next Splash!

For further information, questions or comments please feel free to email us: info@dive-friends-bonaire.com

We hope to see you soon on Bonaire and at Dive Friends.

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