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First Anniversary Shore Diving Sale at Dive Friends @ Dive Inn

It's already been one year ago since we opened our fourth dive facility on Bonaire at Dive Inn. To celebrate this first year at our new location, we are offering a First Anniversary Shore Diving Sale. This special is valid for check-ins from May 1st through June 30th, 2009. Any Bonaire visitor may register for shore diving at Dive Friends @ Dive Inn, and receive the special rate for six (consecutive) days of shore diving of \$114.00 per person (5% sales tax is additional). This represents an 18% savings from the regular rate of \$139.00 per person. Even though check-in and the orientation will be held at Dive Friends @ Dive Inn, registered customers may use the convenience of the company's other three locations to pick up tanks or utilize other services. Addi-

tionally, those certified to dive with Nitrox may receive a free upgrade to 32% mix, or, if Nitrox training is necessary, courses can be arranged at a 20% discount, with a minimum of two persons, plus applicable sales tax, for the PADI Enriched Air I Specialty Course. If you would like to book this First Anniversary Shore Diving Sale, then please make a reservation in advance by sending an email to info@dive-friends-bonaire.com. So don't wait, send your email, so that we can celebrate this anniversary together!

Please be aware that this special is only valid when making a reservation in advance by email (info@dive-friends-bonaire.com) and is available to those who register at Dive Friends @ Dive Inn. Hope to see you soon!



What?? It's not yellow, but blue!???

Yes that's right! In March 2009, Dive Friends Bonaire took delivery on a new leased pickup truck, in a bright, shiny blue! But no worries: our DFB colors of yellow, blue,





and red look wonderful against the blue paint! We also are taking delivery of a second, new DFB-mobile in about four more months. Dive Friends continuously strives to keep all their equipment state-of-the-art and up-to-date.




What's New at Dive Friends Bonaire


Here's some news from our two retail stores located on Kaya Grandi in Kralendijk:

 Dive Friends Retail has just become an authorized Diamond Dealer of Intova, a popular manufacturer of digital cameras and accessories. To get an idea of the products we offer, please check www.intova.net. The Dive Friends retail team will be happy to answer any questions you may have on the new product line.

 In January, 2009, Dive Friends became an authorized ScubaPro dealer. All new equipment from ScubaPro is now available at the Dive Friends retail stores. We're happy to report that the line is popular and is selling well. ScubaPro enjoys an excellent reputation for quality equipment and service.

 Now also available is one of the best dive computers available in the market: The Galileo Sol. Interested? For more information and special deals, contact info@dive-friends-bonaire.com



 And we haven't forgotten our divers and snorkelers who are part of the Baby Boomers! For those with waning eyesight, Dive Friends Bonaire always has all plus and minus lenses in stock, which fit in the Tusa, ScubaPro, or Deep Blue Gear masks. Want to be sure that we have the lenses you need? Then just contact us!

Capture Photo

It's official! In March, 2009 there was a grand opening of Capture Photo at the Dive Friends @ Dive Inn facility. Capture Photo celebrated along with Dive Friends Bonaire, their joint customers, and on-island friends.

Capture is now providing underwater camera rentals and sales, classes in underwater photography or videography, digital image processing, as well as camera repairs. Having the expertise of Capture's imaging specialists will enable guests of Dive Friends Bonaire to begin, or improve upon, their own underwater photographic endeavors, or let the experts join in on a dive to capture the moment forever in video or still photography, so divers can share their underwater vacation memories with family and friends.



Brazil, here we come! In May 2009, we will visit Brazil, attending the Rio Boat Show, from the 14th through 20th of May. Peter Muijselaar will be at the show representing Dive Friends. Peter is one of



the main shareholders of Dive Friends Bonaire and speaks Portuguese fluently, so that any of our Brazilian friends can be assured of getting all the information they require. We will offer complete packages at the show, from low budget to upscale, and, of course, we have some amazing group specials. After the show, Peter will be visiting local dive schools, so if you are interested in meeting Peter in Brazil, then please contact us to make an appointment. Rio, here we come!



Tradeshows Duikvaker & ITB-Berlin 2009

On February 7th and 8th, Dive Friends Bonaire visited Duikvaker 2009. Duikvaker is an annual consumer dive show, held in Utrecht, The Netherlands. This year Dive Friends Bonaire participated at the Bonaire Fun Travel booth. Once again, the show was extremely successful for us, as we were able to meet many of our repeat visitors and also potential new customers. The stand was manned by Angela Eijlander and Gerrie Fokke. We want to thank

everybody for visiting us at the show, and, of course, we hope to welcome you soon on the divers' paradise island, Bonaire.

This year we also visited another show. On March 13th and 14th, Dive Friends visited ITB-Berlin 2009. ITB 2009 is the world's leading travel trade show, held in Berlin, Germany. People working in the travel industry mingle with those who just want to catch up on the most beautiful travel destina-

tions; they all meet at ITB-2009. Dive Friends Bonaire participated in the booth with TCB and BHG. It was the first time that Dive Friends attended ITB Berlin, and it was nice to meet a lot of potential customers. The booth was manned by Angela Eijlander and Peter Muijselaar.



Internship @ Dive Friends Bonaire: the experience of your life!

Throughout the year, Dive Friends has interns from The Netherlands, who learn about the tourism and hospitality industry as part and parcel of the studies back home. We thought you might enjoy learning about what our interns have to say about their experiences on Bonaire and at Dive Friends Bonaire.

For this issue, we have asked Sanne van de Put to tell us about her experiences. Sanne is a Dutch intern, 19 years old, and was on Bonaire from November, 2008 through March, 2009. Sanne is following an MBO-education in Tourism. We all were very happy with Sanne and we still miss her! Sanne, via this column, we thank you for all your help.

Hello everybody,

My name is Sanne van de Put and I did an internship for my studies at Dive Friends Bonaire. I'm 18 years old and I'm studying hospitality and tourism back here in the Netherlands.

I came to Bonaire on November 3rd, and I had to do an internship for 20 weeks. Dive Friends Bonaire is a great company with a wonderful crew. While interning, I worked the front desk, shore snorkeling, along with a wide variety of other duties.

Everything I know about diving I learned at Dive Friends Bonaire. I had to sign people in and out, had to do a check out dive with them, and rent all the gear to them. Shore snorkeling is also a very nice part of the work. I assisted with helping people on water entries and exits, explaining how easy it is to snorkel on Bonaire, and, occasionally, I even got to join the customers.

I have had the internship of my life!!

With kind regards, Sanne van de Put





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Feel the fear! Do it anyway!

Bon dia, Dive Friends!

Yes, a new News Splash is published! Strange? No, as we promised in our winter News Splash we are now beginning with quarterly issues of the Splash! Isn't that great? With these quarterly news updates, you can stay up-to-date with everything what is happening on the divers' paradise, Bonaire, and at Dive Friends.

Read about our visit to Duikvaker, ITB 2009, upcoming shows, interns, web site, news from the retail stores and a lot more...it's all here.

For further information, questions, or comments, please feel free to email us: info@dive-friends-bonaire.com. We hope to see you soon at Dive Friends Bonaire.

Gerrie Fokke, Manager, Dive Friends Bonaire

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Pictured from left to right: Asko (operational manager) Jurjen (senior instructor) and Gerrie (general manager)