



## **BONAIRE DIVE INTO SUMMER 2007 FAQ**

### ***When will Bonaire Dive Into Summer 2007 take place?***

June 1 – September 30, 2007.

### ***What will Bonaire Dive Into Summer include?***

Bonaire Dive Into Summer will be a four-month long, island-wide event taking place June to September 2007 that will focus on scuba diving through a series of “specialty topics”: Family (for guests who travel with the entire family), Photography (for those who practice or enjoy photography), Fish (for those who are interested in marine conservation and our ocean planet) and Fun (for divers of all levels). Throughout the summer guest speakers and special events and activities will focus on the four topics. Additionally, in September many hotels will offer discounts for single travelers. Bonaire Dive Into Summer will feature specially priced packages, specialty topics and one-of-a-kind events.

### ***Is there a registration fee to participate in Bonaire Dive Into Summer?***

No, there is no registration fee participation for Bonaire Dive Into Summer and activities will be open to anyone on island wishing to take part (certain activities/elements could have a nominal cost involved).

### ***Will there be any specials or discounts offered to people during Bonaire Dive Into Summer?***

A free coupon book (valid June 1 – September 30) filled with valuable discounts for hotels, restaurants, shopping, activities, rentals and more will be given to all visitors to the island.

### ***What are some of the activities that will take place for each topic?***

#### **Family**

Many hotels are offering free or discounted hotel stays for children, free or discounted meals for children and reduced rates for kids camps, all of which are listed on [www.bonairediveintosummer.com](http://www.bonairediveintosummer.com) under “Hotel Specials.”

Women’s Week will take place July 14-23. Women who sign up to participate in this week will enjoy a three day windsurfing clinic, kiteboarding clinics, yoga and hiking. For more information visit [www.bonairecaribbean.com](http://www.bonairecaribbean.com) or email Ann Phelan at [ann@bonairecaribbean.com](mailto:ann@bonairecaribbean.com).

Women’s Kitesurf Clinic will be available July 15-18. – Learn how to kitesurf with the encouragement from other beginner women. For more information visit [www.bonairecaribbean.com](http://www.bonairecaribbean.com) or email Ann Phelan at [ann@bonairecaribbean.com](mailto:ann@bonairecaribbean.com).

July 23-30 kids and adults can participate in the ABK Jibe City Summer Camp of Fun, a five day windsurf camp. For more information visit [www.bonairecaribbean.com](http://www.bonairecaribbean.com) or email [ann@bonairecaribbean.com](mailto:ann@bonairecaribbean.com).

The Annual Pro Kids World Freestyle Windsurfing Competition will take place August 1-5. Be a spectator or a participant at this competition where children from around the world are invited to compete to win the title of Pro Kid. For more information visit [www.prokidsfreestyle.com](http://www.prokidsfreestyle.com).

September 6 is Bonaire Day, which commemorates Amerigo Vespucci's arrival in Bonaire in 1499, and includes activities held at Wilhelmina Park in Kralendijk, Bonaire's capital city, and around the island. Celebrating the Bonairean people and their history, on this legal holiday visitors and local residents gather in the Park to enjoy folkloric dancing, music, art and local food. Throughout the day local dignitaries from the government and the community address the participants with stories of the Bonairean people and history.

#### Photography

A Summer-Long Photo Contest sponsored by Scuba Diving Magazine will give Bonaire visitors the opportunity to compete for prizes with each other by uploading their best Bonaire photos at [www.BonaireDiveIntoSummer.com](http://www.BonaireDiveIntoSummer.com). Winners in three categories (wide angle, macro, topside) will be announced in October.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Digital Shootout will take place June 16-23 at Divi Flamingo Beach Resort and Casino. Learn from the pros, improve your shooting techniques, take photoshop seminars, video editing seminars and get image critiques. For more information visit [www.digitalshootout.com](http://www.digitalshootout.com).

Fish Eye Photo, with other sponsors, will host a series on photography and videography camps during the month of July. For more information visit [www.fisheyephoto.com](http://www.fisheyephoto.com).

#### Fish

Love our Planet Week will take place September 15-22, 200. In observation of World Clean Up Day, there will be above and below water cleanups. Environmentalists from The Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) will be on island to lead activities including *CORAL CSI* – get the tools you need to ensure long-term reef protection and assess reef health, *Marine Protection* – learn why marine protected areas are the best defense in protecting coral habitats and *Saving Reefs* – identify things you can do everyday to save the reefs.

Underwater cleanup dives sponsored by Yellow Submarine will take place July 14 and September 15.

#### Fun

*Scuba Diving Magazine* Week will take place July 8-14. The line-up of events is as follows: Monday, July 9: Visitors are invited to join *Scuba Diving Magazine* staffers at Captain Don's Habitat during their weekly "Meet the Captain" party for a chance to win prizes, from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 11: Visitors are invited to participate in a Fish ID dive with Bonaire's resident naturalist Jerry Ligon, *Scuba Diving Magazine*'s Executive Editor Keith Phillips and STINAPA

volunteers. Participants should arrive at Bonaire Dive and Adventure (adjacent to Sand Dollar Condominiums) at 8:30 a.m. with their C-cards. After the dive there will be a fish quiz with prizes.

Friday, July 13: Don't miss *Scuba Diving's* Grand Finale Party at Buddy Dive's Rum Punch Happy Hour from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and meet other divers, participate in fish id games, Bonaire trivia and win prizes!

All summer long Port Bonaire and Dive Friends Bonaire are offering guided explorations of the Hilma Hooker wreck off the coast of Bonaire. By appointment only, please inquire by email at [info@portbonaire.com](mailto:info@portbonaire.com).

Bonaire Fun Runs' will take place in June, July and on September 6. Race distances include 2, 4 and 5 km.

*For a complete list of Bonaire Dive Into Summer 2007 activities, log on to [www.bonairediveintosummer.com](http://www.bonairediveintosummer.com).*

***What other activities will take place during Bonaire Dive Into Summer?***

A Taste of Bonaire event will take place June 8, July 8, August 5 and September 9 and will feature food, local handicrafts, culture and all things Bonairean. It's a unique opportunity to get a taste of Bonaire. Taste signature dishes from well-known restaurants for Naf7.50 (US\$4.50). A Taste of Bonaire is held at the park in center of Kralendijk, the Wilhelmina Park, from 6pm to 9pm.

***Are there official hotel and tour operator sponsors for the event?***

No, the event is open to all hotels, dive centers, tour operators and other businesses wishing to participate.

***Are there any event sponsors?***

Yes, Tourism Corporation Bonaire (TCB), Scuba Diving magazine and Air Jamaica are sponsoring the summer promotion.

***Where can I find more information on the event?***

For more information visit the event's official website at [www.bonairediveintosummer.com](http://www.bonairediveintosummer.com) or call one of our offices.

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