

Bonaire Dive Into Summer 2008 Presents Love Our Planet Week, September 20-27, 2008



Saturday, September 20

1 p.m. – Clean Up The World Day Underwater Clean Up & BBQ: Meet at Dive Friends @ Yellow Submarine. FREE

Sunday, September 21

6 p.m. – Love Our Planet Week Welcome Dinner: Celebrate Love Our Planet Week with live music during dinner at Divi Flamingo's Chibi Chibi Restaurant. Love Our Planet Week's special guests will inform visitors of the week's planned activities including boat dives and interactive seminars. COST BASED ON MENU SELECTION

Monday, September 22

8:30 a.m. – "Fish Form & Adaptations" One-Tank Boat Dive: Take a quick lesson from CORAL's Program Director Rick MacPherson on basic reef fish ecology and then put your skills to use on the subsequent dive focusing on interesting fishes found around the waters of Bonaire and how their shape and appearance play into their role on the coral reef. Dive boat departs the dock of Captain Don's Habitat. PARTICIPATION FEE REQUIRED

6 p.m. – Meet the Captain Party: Meet the famous Captain Don and other Love Our Planet Week special guests, and learn about the week's planned activities including boat dives and interactive seminars at the Deco Stop bar located at Captain Don's Habitat. CASH BAR

7 p.m. – BBQ Buffet Dinner at Rum Runners: Eat all you can eat at Rum Runner's bbq buffet dinner. \$23.90 PER PERSON

8 p.m. – "Healing the Wild" Educational Seminar: Presented by Ed Clark, President of the Wildlife Center of Virginia, in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat. Get a look behind the scenes of the world's leading teaching and research hospital for wildlife medicine. Treating everything from hummingbirds to eagles and bunnies to bears, the Wildlife Center of Virginia makes miracles happen on a daily basis. FREE

Tuesday, September 23

8:30 a.m. – "The Little Things in Life: Looking for Hidden Treasure" One-Tank Boat Dive: Ed Clark, President of the Wildlife Center of Virginia, will arm divers with magnifying glasses and teach them that there is just as much and sometimes more to see underwater in the tiny things as there is in the big grand things of the ocean. Dive boat departs the dock of Captain Don's Habitat. PARTICIPATION FEE REQUIRED

8 p.m. – "Marine Mammal Research and Conservation Program" Educational Seminar: Presented by Stephen McCulloch, Founder of the Marine Mammal Research & Conservation Center in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat. Stephen will discuss the Center's current research project studying bottlenose dolphins and much more. FREE

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 a.m. – "Marine Mammals as Sentinels of Ocean and Human Health" One-Tank Boat Dive: Led by Stephen McCulloch, Founder of the Marine Mammal Research & Conservation Center. Dive boat departs the dock of Captain Don's Habitat. PARTICIPATION FEE REQUIRED

8 p.m. – "Coral Ecology & Economy" Interactive Seminar: Presented by CORAL's Program Director Rick MacPherson in the conference room at Captain Don's Habitat. This presentation looks at the value of healthy coral reefs from both ecological and economic perspectives. FREE

Thursday, September 25

8:30 a.m. – "CORAL C.S.I." One-Tank Boat Dive: Join CORAL's Program Director Rick MacPherson and get the tools needed to select dive shops that ensure long-term reef protection, plus an easy way to assess reef health. Dive boat departs the dock of Captain Don's Habitat. PARTICIPATION FEE REQUIRED

6 p.m. – "Bonaire's Endangered Lora Parrot" Educational Seminar: Learn about the monitoring program currently taking place on Bonaire for the endangered Lora Parrot. Presented by Fernando Simal, Manager of Washington Slagbaai National Park, and Sam Williams of the University of Sheffield in the Conference Room at Captain Don's Habitat. FREE

7 p.m. – Week in Review: Watch the slideshow from the week's events with the Love Our Planet Week special guests at the Deco Stop bar, located at Captain Don's Habitat. CASH BAR

Friday, September 26

8:30 a.m. – "Ecosystems Health" One-Tank Boat Dive: Led by Stephen McCulloch, Founder of the Marine Mammal Research & Conservation Center. Dive boat departs the dock of Captain Don's Habitat. PARTICIPATION FEE REQUIRED

Saturday, September 27

Decompression Day: Try another fun activity like windsurfing, kayaking, biking, hiking, landsailing, snorkeling, kiteboarding, take an island tour, or just relax by the sea!



For more information, visit www.BonaireDiveIntoSummer.com or www.TourismBonaire.com