

## AGENDA

### ST. EUSTATIUS

**Police Station** 182333  
**Emergency** 111  
**Hot Line** 108  
**Fire Department** 120  
**Hospital** 182211/182371  
**Landsradio** 182210  
**Post Office** 182207  
**St. Eustatius Historical Foundation Museum** 182288  
**Winair Office** 182362  
**Lions Club** meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at the "Den" next to the Airport  
**Drug Prevention Foundation** meets every Tuesday 5:30pm at the Golden Era Hotel.  
**Coastguard NA&A** 113  
**St. Eustatius National parks:** Gallows Bay: 318 2884  
**SABA**

**Police Station**  
**The Bottom.** tel. 4163237  
**Emergency** 111/112  
**Hospital**  
**The Bottom.** tel. 4163288/4163289  
**Fire Department Airport** Flat Point tel. 4162210  
**SATEL**  
**The Bottom.** tel. 4163211  
**WINAIR, Airport** Flat Point, tel. 4162255/2713  
**Taxi Service Airport** Flat Point, tel. 160  
**Administration Building** The Bottom, tel. 4163311/4163312/4163313  
**Tourist Office** Windwardside, tel. 4162231  
**Harbour Office** Fort Bay, tel. 4163294  
**Saba Marine Park** Fort Bay, tel. 4163295  
**Nature & Hike Guide** James Johnson The Bottom, tel. 4163307  
**Service Club** Saba Lions Club general meeting every 1st and 3rd Tuesday 8:00 p.m. at Eugenius A. Johnson Center.  
**Coastguard NA&A** 113  
**Red Cross** General meeting every last Monday, 6 p.m. Eugenius A. Johnson Center.

### ANGUILLA

**EMERGENCY**  
**Police** 911  
**Fire** 911  
**Ambulance** 911  
**Police Station** 497 2333  
**Hospital** 497 2551  
**Dental clinic** 497 2343  
**Radio Anguilla** 497 2218  
**Tourism Department** 497 2759  
**Crimestoppers** 0800 7777777  
**AIRLINES**  
**American Eagle** 497 3501  
**Winair** 497 2748  
**Liat** 497 5000  
**Air Anguilla** 497 2643  
**Trans Anguilla** 497 8690  
**COURIER SERVICE**  
**DHL** 497 3400  
**Federal Express** 497 2719  
**UPS** 497 2239  
**SERVICE CLUBS**  
**Rotary Club of Anguilla** Meets at Da Vida every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.  
**Soroptimist International** Day Care Centre 4:30 p.m. 2nd Tuesday in each month Tel: 497 3509  
**Lions Club** Meets every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Arts and Craft Centre Tel: 264 235 1280  
**Interact Club of Anguilla** Meets every Friday at 3:15 p.m. at the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School  
**Toastmaster Club** Meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 6:45 p.m. at La Vue, South Hill

## Tall Ship Regina Maris visits St. Martin, Statia and Saba

MARIGOT--Caribbean Sail Training (CST) member vessel *Regina Maris* was the second Tall Ship this past week to be hosted by the Port de Marigot during their short visit here.

The vessel sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Amsterdam and left Wednesday for a visit to St. Eustatius. On board for six months are about 30 students from a VVO 4 school in Holland together with several teachers.

They will be welcomed and entertained by the students, teachers and management of the Gwendoline van Putten School. Many of the local students will be taken on a day trip to Saba on Thursday. Several activities are scheduled for the next few days in Statia before the vessel leaves the island on Sunday. From there the students will continue their adventure to the ABC (Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao) Islands, Pana-

ma and Cuba, finally sailing to Bermuda and back to Amsterdam in the spring.

*Regina Maris* is a fast and very seaworthy ship built in 1970. It measures 48 meters and has a total sail area of 650 m<sup>2</sup>. Students sleep in quadruple cabins. A total of 32 School-at-Sea students can be accommodated. The vessel has four showers, sanitary facilities, hot water, electricity, a well-equipped kitchen and a spacious lounge.

The deck of the ship is equipped with modern communications, radar, GPS navigation and autopilot. In the engine room a Caterpillar diesel engine of 365HP provides reliable back-up. Two generators provide power, whatever the weather. The *Regina Maris* sails under the Dutch flag and her home port is Amsterdam.

The Netherlands-based School-At-Sea programme is designed for children from 4 VVO who are willing to rise beyond themselves. The school offers the programme as a show of responsibility to students and to introduce them to other cultures and societies.

"School at Sea believes students are much more capable than they sometimes think. They are encouraged to think and act independently, a process that is rolled out in stages. Broadening their horizons, that is what the students (age 14-17) of School at Sea literally do. They sail to the Caribbean and back in six months and learn to develop their talents and leadership skills."

CST was established 15 years ago as a foundation and is now officially registered in St. Martin and the European Community with the aim of providing education and sail training to young people of all nationalities, cultures, religions and social backgrounds and especially towards people living in the Caribbean.

CST receives funding from businesses, private persons and other organizations. Those funds are used to provide youngsters with sponsorship to board ships and yachts as trainees so that they do not need to find the necessary money themselves.

Many of the Caribbean youth or their parents and families are not wealthy enough to come up with necessary funds to provide their youngsters a sail training term on board a vessel, so that's where CST comes in to help.

For more information about CST sail training pro-

## Dutch Caribbean women are more often a suspect

THE HAGUE--Young women originating from the Dutch Caribbean who reside in the Netherlands are overrepresented in statistics when it comes to being a suspect of a criminal offence.

The Netherlands Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) calculated that in 2014, 371 out of every 10,000 women from the Dutch Caribbean between the ages 18 and 25 were registered as a suspect in a criminal offence.

Young women of Dutch Caribbean descent were overrepresented in all age categories in statistics of female suspects, except in the category of 65 and older. Women of Surinamese and Moroccan descent are also more often registered as a suspect in a criminal offence in comparison to Dutch native women.

Attributed to the increased criminal behaviour of Dutch Caribbean women are the differences in the social-economic position, level of education, the quality of the neighbourhood and the family situation.

Overall in the Netherlands 50 out of every 10,000 women, in total more than 41,000 women, were registered as a suspect in a criminal offence in 2014. This share was four times as high among the male part of the population.

Women are strongly under-represented in crime statistics in comparison to men, the only exception being shoplifting where men and women have more or less the same score. Minor girls between aged 15 to 18 were more often registered as a suspect: 113 per 10,000 of the Dutch female population.



President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of St. Eustatius and Saba Nicolaas "Koos" Sneek voting in the election.

## Schmidt and Tarr elected to Commerce Chamber's Board

SABA/ST. EUSTATIUS--The Chamber of Commerce of St. Eustatius and Saba held a by-election on Tuesday, December 8, to fill three seats on the Board, one for Saba and two for Statia, the Chamber stated Wednesday.

On Saba, there were no registered candidates for this election. Kelly A. Johnson, a current member of the Board whose term was to be vacated, was returned to the Board for another term.

On Statia a total of 56 voters, from a voters' register of over 300, turned out to vote. For the two available seats for Statia, incumbent Board Member Ebbie M. Schmidt-Hinds was re-elected with a majority of votes, and former Vice President of the Chamber and former Commissioner Carlyle A. Tarr, who had stepped down to take up his Commissioner's duties at the time, was also elected to a full term.



Curaçao police were called to Fleechistraat, where two men welding a gasoline tank were hurt when it exploded. The victims suffered injuries to the head, face and hands. They were taken to the hospital by ambulance.



Residents of the Gato area in Curaçao are tired of the dispute between several parties over ownership of the property. The Pietersz family is sending them invoices for land rent and placed a sign saying they are the only ones in charge. However, the Ferero and Navarro families also have laid claims as descendants of the 14 freed slaves at the former plantation which included Malpais. Pietersz says those rights have expired even though Ferero has been paying property tax for years. Government is also still eyeing the land despite a report dating back to the nineties stating that it does not regard an unmanaged and therefore invalid inheritance.



The owners of Christmas tree supplier Roosevelt Centre in Curaçao donated a tree each to 10 institutes doing social work. The beneficiaries were Huize Pelletier, Huize Sint Jozef, Kabakuchi, SDDK prison, Siloam, the Church of Seru Fortuna, Capriles Clinic, SRG group, Huize Habaai and Casa Cuna Villa Maria.



Curaçao's Department of Legislation and Legal Affairs recently organised a law course for its personnel offered by Dutch professors Eilander and Konijnenbelt. Participants received their certificates in the presence of Prime Minister Ben Whiteman.



A "Door of Mercy" was opened at the Santa Ana Basilica in Curaçao, symbolising the theme Pope Francis announced for the Roman Catholic Church's New Liturgical Year. Everyone can go in this way and receive God's love to offer others forgiveness, consolation and hope. Bishop of Willemstad Luis Secco did the honours.

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