Getting Two Thumbs Up for a Quarter Century

By Leslie Hickerson

The Scuba Shop opened its doors in January 1994 in Oyster Pond. Since that time, it has been their mission to offer products that have anything to do with having fun on or below the water.

A family owned company, Peter Frye and his daughter Kim Frye, operate The Scuba Shop. The Frye family knows the ins and outs of watersports from personal experience. A family of five, they originally sailed to the island in the 1980s on a 48ft sailboat from South Africa. Since they touched down on St. Maarten they have made the island their home, opening The Scuba Shop.

From its opening, the store has evolved from a small operation into the one stop shop for watersports equipment. “If someone asked for something more than once we tried to carry it,” says Peter.

While its name may lead to you to think only scuba divers are welcome the shop caters to everyone on the island; visitors, residents and boaters included. Inside you can find anything you need to enjoy your day on the water. From waterproof dry bags, to top of the line Seabob underwater scooters.

O’Neill and Columbia clothing lines for both men and women are available including UPF pieces that protect your skin from the suns damaging rays. Shoes, bathing suits and rash guards are in stock as well as gear for watersports activities.

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Letter From the Editor
January 31, 2019

Superbowl weekend has finally arrived and it is wonderful to see so many restaurants and bars playing the ‘big game’. I encourage your patronage of any of our advertisers to enjoy the game.

This month has flown by, and coming up in just a few short weeks are two huge events that the island is eager to have; the Heineken Regatta and the SXM Festival. More to come in future issues on these so continue to make our publication what you read on where to party, dine, shop and do things on the island.

As always, all our previous issues are available on the ST-MAARTEN.COM website. If you enjoyed our publication and would like to continue to read from home, wherever that may be, please use the QR code to the right to access our digital publication.

Have a great weekend and safe travels if you are leaving St. Maarten/St-Martin.

Hilary Grant
Editor

Online Portal

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The Street Party Returns: Les Mardis de Grand Case

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The ‘Tuesdays of Grand Case’ are street parties celebrated on the main road of the island's famous gourmet village. The annual series of events takes place during the French carnival season. It has been growing for fifteen years to highlight all the cultural aspects of the neighborhood.

Handmade crafts are on display, local food and rum creations are offered, and there is live music everywhere. There will be a parade of dancers, and a new Ti’ Boutik is there to buy a little piece of Grand Case as a souvenir.

For this year, the organizers created some unique attractions. There will be a dance floor, where visitors can mingle with professional dancers and pick up a few moves. At the food corner, a taste of Caribbean flavors is available to anyone with an appetite. After trying some Ti-Punch, maybe you will build up enough courage to belt out a few songs on the open mic stage called Mardi'scover- it is fun!

This year, it is also up to us island residents to show support to the regions which have been hit hardest by Irma in 2017. Grand Case is among them and it is events such as Les Mardis which will help to reignite the spirit of this little town.

Street Party

For island visitors and locals, a visit to this fun and light-hearted street party is a great way to help the healing of our community.

Les Mardis de Grand Case starts at 6 PM and lasts until 10 PM. Convenient parking has been arranged, and there are special drop-off zones for taxis.
The Belair Beach Hotel Completes Extensive Renovations and Improvements

The Belair is one of the quiet heroes of St. Maarten's hospitality landscape. Well run, and without any public drama; this all-suite hotel is not often in the news and if so, only for announcing the reopening after extensive renovations and improvements.

The sturdy structure right at the beach of Little Bay has already served a generation of happy guests, the kind of annual return visitors who know that the Belair is their island home in the Caribbean. Over the years, they get acquainted with the hotel staff very well, and now there is a feel around the resort that everybody is seen and treated like family.

Hurricanes also bring opportunities; such as with the Belair, which used the season long business interruption, after the events of 2017, to completely refurbish the accommodations and turn the property so beloved by many into an up-to-date and a rather chic vacation destination.

That's why now is the perfect time to consider the Belair Hotel as accommodations for your next stay on Sint Maarten. Or, if you are an island resident, consider recommending the hotel to family members or friends who plan to visit our island.

With a location close to Philipsburg, but only minutes away from bustling Simpson Bay by using the fast Link One connection, the Belair combines access to the island's best shopping with proximity to nightlife and dining 'over the hill' in Simpson Bay.

Right on premises is the Gingerbread Café, a charming Caribbean-style restaurant built right on the beach, over-looking the Caribbean Sea and the swimming pool.

Open from 8 AM to 10 PM, the restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. And as to be expected in the Caribbean, the bar is fully stocked to mix your favorite cocktail.

If you plan to explore Sint Maarten/St-Martin further, as you should, rent your car from Starlite Car Rental. This family-owned and operated rental car provider is headquartered right here at the Belair and known for their superior service and competitive rates.

By staying at the Belair, you are not guest of a standard hotel, but an all-suites resort. Yes, there is a kitchen and a fridge to be filled. And therefore, you will welcome the Mini Mart, a well-stocked convenience store with suitable opening hours from 8 AM to 8 PM and on weekends as late as 9 PM. They even offer a service to stock your vacation unit pre-arrival.

The Belair Hotel is a vacation ownership property, and this is the reason why it offers accommodation superior to most resorts or hotels. If you discover during your stay that the vacation apartment you occupy is indeed your preferred 'home away from home', contact Willi at the sales department and allow him to present the many options of how to own a piece of the new and rejuvenated Belair Beach Hotel.
Countdown to the Countdown: The Heineken Regatta February 28 - March 3, 2019

Akon. Of course, party goers will be sipping on ice cold Heinekens on all night long.

More information to come as we countdown to the Heineken Regatta. Stay tuned for more information headed your way next week or visit ST-MAARTEN.COM.

In a mere four weeks, the famous sailing event will take over St. Maarten/St-Martin. The first regatta took place in 1980, making this year it’s 39th anniversary. With only twelve boats in the initial regatta, now over 250 boats participate in the annual event.

St. Maarten is proud to be host of the four-day extravaganza of world class racing in heavenly conditions.

More than thirty-five countries will participate this year ranging from Olympic medalists to families that live aboard while cruising the Caribbean waters.

While the sailing races occur during the day, the nights turn into fun pop-up parties around the island; culminating in a concert on the final evening that has had performers like Shaggy, Black Eyed Peas, UB40 and

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Superbowl Sunday February 3
Where to Watch and Party

The big game is almost here! While parties will be happening across the island, here is a condensed list of restaurants and bars sprinkled around the Dutch side that will be joining in the festivities. Enjoy the game wherever you choose to watch it and dare I say, as a Los Angeles native, GO RAMS!

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Incredible Fitness and More in Cupecoy

Friendly and courteous staff? Check. Expansive list of top of the line gym and cardiovascular equipment? Check. Spin room? Check. Nutrition and juice bar? Check. As you can see, Incredible Fitness and More really has a lot to offer you while on St. Maarten.

Located in Cupecoy, this gym is open and ready to serve island visitors and residents.

Open Monday through Saturday, Incredible Fitness offers the feel of a private studio, but at the cost of a chain workout facility.

You can pick up a variety of workout supplements, or have them blend you a post-workout juice. At this establishment, you don’t have to be distracted with thirty people running on treadmills like hamsters on wheels- but focus on you and your fitness goals.

Whether you are looking to enter a bodybuilding or fitness competition, or just want to focus on being healthy: Incredible Fitness and More is the place when on Sint Maarten.
The Unique St. Maarten/St-Martin Crossword Puzzle

Find out if you are a truly knowledgeable about our region and its culture, history and geography

Please enjoy another edition of our crossword puzzle. You will notice that all questions are rooted in the Caribbean hemisphere and might take a bit of research to answer if you haven't spent much time here. It also means: the answers are valid for St. Maarten/St-Martin and the neighboring islands. For example, if we ask for an island directly to the North of our location, it can only be Anguilla.

If we are using compound words in the answer, they do NOT have spaces!

If you try to solve the puzzle as a visitor to our island and you get stuck: don't be shy! Approach a local and ask. You might find they struggle to answer as well. Or strike up an interesting conversation and learn a bit about our very unique region.

Mistakes do happen, even though our puzzle is produced right here on the island. If you detect an error, drop us a line at SXM@EMAIL.COM.

**ACROSS**
1. Dutch hangout in Simpson Bay
2. Sandy land meets ocean
3. Flies and dives for fish
4. What does Robby operate?
5. Who represents the Dutch King?
6. Currency of St-Martin
7. What holds the sails on a sailboat?
8. Supermarket on way to St. Peter’s
9. Restaurant re-opened on Orient Beach
10. World’s longest snake
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An Interview with the Founder of the SXM Festival: Julian Prince

Wanting to learn more about the music festival that garners thousands of music enthusiasts to our tiny island, we picked the brain of founder, Julian Prince, about the event that will take place in French St-Martin; March 13-17, 2019.

What gave you the idea to create a music festival for the island?

“Our first event was in March 2016; although I had been dreaming about it for years! I have been an electronic music fan, DJ and producer since I was kid. I run several bars and restaurants in Montreal which gave me experience in the nightlife industry.”

How did you wind up in the Caribbean as a Montreal resident?

“My parents moved to the island from Montreal almost fifteen years ago, so of course I came to visit. It’s a second home to me and I wanted to do something that would give back to the island in the shape of new tourism. Post Irma this is especially important. The SXM Festival team is working tirelessly to help bring old and new visitors to experience this wonderful place.”

Since you have hosted the festival for numerous years, who have been some of your favorite headliners from previous years?

“Oh, that is like picking a favorite child! I’m proud to say we’ve had pretty much every major electronic music DJ or producer in the world come to visit us since we launched. We have been blessed. For our 2019 event, I’m especially looking forward to Ricardo and Zip.”

So, for our readers who haven’t heard of the SXM Festival before, what type of music and vibe can they expect?

“Our core musical style is underground house and techno. By underground I mean interesting or experimental music that you may hear in some of the world’s more forward-thinking clubs and festivals – or on discerning dance floors in cities like New York, London, Paris or Berlin. None of the cheesy, pop ‘EDM’ style of music that you may hear on your daytime radio station. This is deep, thoughtful, fun music for people with soul.”

Now that we have covered why island residents should attend this musical celebration, maybe you can share with our readers why St-Martin was the chosen location?

“It’s perfectly set up for this kind of event. The island a great mix of culture, gastronomy, nightlife, climate and fantastic beaches- plus it’s the friendliest island in the Caribbean! We hope to create a world class event that brings a new, younger and affluent tourist to the island- and provide enjoyment to locals too.

How would you like to see the festival continue to grow as the island continues to recuperate from Irma?

There are two main considerations when thinking about progression: respecting the capacity of the island and making sure the number of people attending the festival doesn’t grow so much that we lose the intimate vibe. While we want to share this experience with the world, it only stays special if we keep the family impression and intimacy.”

Let’s take a moment and speak to our local base and explain why they should attend this year’s festivities. What message would you like to share with St. Maarten/St-Martin residents?

“World class musical talent, sound, production, eco art, food and good vibes – people travel from all over the globe to experience SXM (literally as far as Japan, India and Australia!). If all of that was right on your doorstep, why would you not go and check it out?”
Rehab Takes New Meaning at Loterie Farm’s Treehah

One of the events that residents of St. Maarten/St-Martin look forward to are the pool parties at French side’s Loterie Farm that have been dubbed ‘Treehab’. With the DJ spinning from a tree above the pool, cocktails and a fun party atmosphere, this rehab is unlike anything you’ve ever seen.

Loterie Farm is nestled in the hillside of Pic Paradis, as a tropical oasis. The 57 hectares (140 acres) of land using to be a working plantation; harvesting sugar dating back to 1721. Now, the land is a stunning nature preserve and sanctuary offering hikes, ziplining and pools meant to lounge by.

This past weekend on January 26, Loterie Farm hosted yet another fabulous Treehab event, which is strictly enforced as a 21 and over event.

If you aren’t on island for the next pool party, certainly it is worth making a day trip to Loterie Farm to enjoy a relaxing afternoon by the pool, napping in the sun with a glass of rose and a tasty lunch.
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Surviving the Heartbreak of Absent Conversation Hearts this Valentine’s Day

If you haven’t already heard the news; Sweethearts, the manufacturer of the Conversation Hearts candy, will not be producing candies this year for the first time since 1886. Even though other candy brands make a similar product, there is no substitute for the chalky candies with notable sayings like ‘be mine’ and ‘love’.

So, why can you not tell your sweetheart that you love them this Valentine’s Day with the candy of love?

The US Company filed for bankruptcy and went out of business in July 2018; but was then purchased by another US manufacturer- Spangler Candy Co.

Despite their intentions of keeping the conversation flowing with these little Valentine’s treat, "to produce enough hearts takes eleven months", said CEO Kirk Vashaw.

But do not fret- this candy will likely be back in 2020.
The Perfect Gift that Doesn't Need Sizing

By Hilary Grant, GIA Graduate Gemologist

Earrings come in an array of shapes, styles and sizes. But what are the different varieties you can select from? Here is your condensed guide to earring shopping!

Earring Types:

Stud
Simple, elegant and classic. Stud earrings are typically one diamond/gemstone or a small cluster of bling attached to a straight post. The post goes through the ear, and gives the impression that the earring is floating on the ear.

Hoop
Hoops are either semi-circular or circular, with either a straight post or a curved wire that goes through the ear and attaches on the back. Hoops can be all precious metal, or have diamonds/gemstones set in them. Inside/Outside Hoops are popular, with diamonds lining the outside front of the hoop, and the inside back of the hoop; allowing for sparkle from every angle.

Drop
Drop earrings delicately dangle from the ear, and can be an assortment of lengths, ranging from just below the ear to the collarbone. Drop earrings can be all precious metal, or have diamonds/gemstones set in them.

Post and Back Types:

Friction
The most common of earring backs. A friction back is simply a straight post, with an earring back that slides on/off it. Can also be called a Push Back.

Lever
A curved hook slides through the ear, and is fastened to a hinged lever on the back of the earring. Common style for drop earrings.

Latch
Latch backs have a curved wire hinge that slides through the ear, and snaps into a notch on the back of the earring to lock it into place.

French Wire
A curved wire that goes through the ear, and hangs below the ear on the back of the earring. These are commonly used for drop earrings, and can be called Fish Hooks.

Threader
A flexible small chain is threaded through the ear, and left to hang on the backside of the ear.

Screw
Used for high end earrings of significant value. The back must be screwed on and off the post, to secure it to the ear.
Adventures in Sex and Dating in St. Maarten
A Regular Column by Leslie Hickerson

Little man syndrome. It’s a real thing. This week’s story is about Nia and the tiny Italian man that couldn’t take no for an answer.

Nia and her friends were out at a popular Latin night for some dancing and drinks when she met Lorenzo. He was a good dancer and Nia was looking for some fun, so they danced for several songs while her friends relaxed with Fireball shots at the bar.

When she and Lorenzo sat down to have a drink he started to get a little frisky. Nia decided that was enough fun for now and it was time to move on to the next place. She gave the distress signal to her friends and they were on the move.

Lorenzo followed them outside and she said, “Thanks and have a good night.” Turns out Lorenzo isn’t too quick and he decided that was code for ‘try harder’. He followed the group down the street and began to pull Nia back towards the bar.

Lorenzo immediately offered to whip it out to disprove her hypothesis. Even though it was very clear the group would have rather scratched their own eyes out he decided to show off his manhood anyway. Turns out their instincts were correct. Proportionate to his petite frame his ‘salami’ more resembled a ‘cocktail wiener’.

The group had a good laugh at the idea that this was supposed to impress them and moved on with their evening. Hopefully he won’t make the same mistake again.

Immediately, her friends told him to cool off and he took serious and drunken offense. The best retaliation his tiny brain could come up with was to ask one of her friends if she was pregnant pointing at her stomach. Unluckily for him this particular friend is a wee bit feisty, so the switch flipped from a firm dismissal into a “What the **** did you just say to me?” exchange. Unleashing all the private thoughts she had about his pint-sized figure, the phrase ‘micro penis’ seemed to be the most effective.

[#notsomethingtobragabout].
The Easy Souvenir: St. Maarten Friendly Island Number Plates

If you visit during this time of the year, you might notice that there are different number plates on cars and motorbikes. Of course, there are the plates of the French side, which follow the standards of the European Union and stay with the vehicle for the time of registration.

More cars are registered on the Dutch side, and here the number plates follow North American design standards; same sizes and the mounting holes are also in the same spots.

Among the Dutch side plates, there are now two versions on the road. One displays a celebratory message about 50 Years of Carnival, and the other just praises the Friendly Island.

You see, here on this island, we have a unique system to pay our road tax and to prove that we did so: with the fee, we also buy new number plates each year. Yes, we keep the registration number itself, but the design and the colors of the plates are different. At the time of paying the road tax, all documents of the car must be in order: there must be proof of valid insurance and the road-safety inspection sticker must be within their two-year window. This purchasing of new license plates is the St. Maarten version of affixing an updated sticker or tag to the existing plate, showing proof of payment and registration.

The drivers who have the Carnival plates already mounted are the ones who avoided long lines at the administration office and paid for their car early. Typically, there is a grace period until the end of February. Road checks will start after Heineken Regatta. If your rental car still shows 'expired' plates, you might get stopped.

With a different design scheme for each year's registration plates, it is straightforward for officers to filter out cars which are delinquent; more important than the road tax is the high probability that such vehicles are also uninsured.

Because there are over 60,000 number plates are to be thrown out each year, they are a cheap and charming souvenir or gift item. At the market in central Philipsburg, they go for around $5 a piece. You'll find plates from many different year, so if your goal to start a collection, look here first.

If you rent a car, ask your rental car provider to keep some plates for you; they will have hundreds lying around at this time of the year.

This year's number plate design, promoting the St. Maarten Carnival was not well received by some religious minorities. They might be unaware of the historical fact that carnival celebrations are part of the original Christian religious tradition... just to point out this minor detail so that it enters the controversy.
Sudoku Puzzles

Try your skills on our Sudoku. Ranging from easy to difficult, giving you the opportunity to see if you are a puzzle master.

Need help or want to see if you got it correct? Find the Sudoku solutions on Page 20.

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Getting Two Thumbs Up for a Quarter Century (Continued from Page 1)

Whether you want to go diving, snorkeling, wakeboarding, skiing, or just lounge in the water you can find what you need!

Retail is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to what the store has to offer. Licensed technicians can service scuba equipment, snorkel and diving equipment can be rented for personal use and the staff can book island activities.

The crew at The Scuba Shop have been working to get people in the water by providing free Dive and Snorkel guides for anyone to use. "Through Peter’s personal research he put together a free dive guide of sites that you can use easily from your yacht tender, aimed at the bareboat charter boats," says Kim, Peter’s daughter and business partner. This guide can be picked up at the store’s location and used to dive in the waters of St. Maarten/St-Martin and the surrounding area. The guide tells you where to anchor, details about the site and the weather conditions.

Not a diver yet? Pick up the free snorkel guide to the best spots around the island.

Inside Kim has collected info about how to find the sites and what you can expect to see there. Each location has a photo of the area and details about where to park. “Our goal is to get people in the water,” she says.

In and outside of work, the Frye family has always been environmentally conscious. There are several ways they have found to integrate these practices in their business.

Looking for reef safe sunscreen? The Scuba Shop stocks environmentally friendly Sun Bum Products, which are great for protecting the Earth and your skin. Also in stock are canvas shopping bags designed by Kim’s daughter, Nina. These serve as a replacement for single-use plastic ones. The $5 cost of these bags goes directly to the St. Maarten Nature Foundation.

Each year the shop hosts the Underwater Easter Egg Hunt. In the past five years, these events have drawn in hundreds of families to hunt for the most eggs and participate in the raffle for prizes donated by local businesses. All of the proceeds for this event go to The St. Maarten Nature Foundation. After having to re-locate last year, the 2019 Underwater Easter Egg Hunt will once again be held at Divi Little Bay Beach Resort – watch this paper and online for updates closer to the date.
Exploring the Dutch Side Nightlife Scene

Ready to party at the top nightlife locations in Simpson Bay, St. Maarten but don’t know which ones to go to? Join the St. Maarten Pub Crawl to explore the best bars with an outgoing and fun-loving group of people.

Meet other tourists and locals while you safely ride in a well-appointed party bus that visits five different bars. Each location you stop at will provide you with a cocktail, food to nibble on and show you how to party St. Maarten style. Each location has their own vibe, allowing you to experience the fun and variety in a St. Maarten party night.

The calendar provides some insight as to what the theme for each pub crawl will be.

Don’t miss out! Reserve in advance as space is limited.

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Email: events@st-maarten.com
*Pub Crawl stops are subject to change. Don’t worry, we will keep the party going if change is required!

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