



# LUMBA INFO

The Monthly Newsletter Of LUMBADIVE, Tyrrel Bay, Carriacou, Grenada, W.I.

The Lumbadive PADI RESORT Team wishes to apologize to it's readers for the May Lumba Info that wasn't published. But June abounds in more information! Good reading!

## Recent news

### Earth Day

In April 17th took place our activity of beach cleaning to underline the day of the



Earth. More than 2 tons of marine debris were collected. Thanks to the students of HarveyVale, to the vacationers and the locals for their participation. Our thanks to all the grocer's shops of Hillsborough and Harvey Vale, Carriacou who have supplied us with bottles of water for the participants.

Every participant received a certificate of recognition from the hands of Senator George Prime.



Caroline O' Brien and Cassel Lendere won a Discover Scuba lesson and Tristan Eichner won a snorkelling kit. Thanks to all and we make an appointment with you on September 25th for the next cleaning activity!

### MARINE PROTECTED AREA

As mentioned in the previous Lumba Info, Lumbadive services were chosen by The

Nature Conservancy subsidizing the implementation of 64 demarcation, boat and dive buoys into the Sandy Island Oyster Bed Marine Protected Area (SIOBMPA), Carriacou, Grenada. The Marine park of a surface of 9 square km, has for objective to protect cliffs and sea bed. The launch of the SIOBMPA is scheduled for the end of July .

### A NICE VISIT!

In December, 2009, Mrs Penelope McQuade, French television host in Quebec took the resolution to get back into scuba diving. The Lumbadive team thus offered to supervise and comfort her.

And so Penelope came to Carriacou for one week of diving, under the counsels and supervision of our instructors.

Following her visit, Penelope presented, in the T.V. show "Salut, Bonjour", some of the photos and videos she took under water. She also put her comments on her experiences on Twitter and Facebook. You can also read her thoughts in our guestbook.



Thank you Penny for this beautiful advertising!

You are a member of the guild of artists and are looking for a place to spend holidays out of inquisitive looks?

Contact us: [dive@lumbadive.com](mailto:dive@lumbadive.com)

### RENOVATION

To serve you better, we enlarge our work space including new staircase, secured storage for customers equipments, bigger classroom, compressor and repair rooms.

Works will be spread out over a period of 2 months.

### SUBSIDY

Taking advantage of the setting-up of the protected marine area, Lumbadive sought and received a subsidy from Project Aware for the installation of 5 dive buoys outside the protected

area. We wish by this gesture to prevent the breaking of coral by anchors thrown at random.



With tools of comparison, Lumbadive will proceed on these sites as well as on 5 sites inside the protected area, to an analysis of the evolution of the reef. The analysis will be spread out over a period of 3 years.

During your passage among us, inquire how to participate in this analysis. .

### TRAVEL AT LESSER EXPENSES

Travel at a lower cost through an island of the Caribbean islands. Direct flights are too expensive for your wallet?

Then go shopping on the Net with the various flight carriers to the following islands: the Barbados, Ste-Lucia, Sts-Vincent and Grenadines. Then opt for a flight inters the Caribbean islands; LIAT, Caribes Air, SVG or any other one. A few minutes of searching will make you save a lot of \$\$\$.

### PROMOTIONS

Consult regularly our web site for the specials or contact us: [reservations@lumbadive.com](mailto:reservations@lumbadive.com)

### Project Aware Certification

To all our customers who choose to make a commitment to respect the 10 commands of the warned diver, Lumbadive offers free of charge training and a certification speciality Project Aware PADI. Inquire with our instructors.

### 2010 Summer Special:

Lodging and diving for only \$939US. Contact us for details [reservations@lumbadive.com](mailto:reservations@lumbadive.com)

### 10 Dives Special Packages:

Take advantage of the low season to discover Carriacou and its beauties. From June 21st till August 21st, 2010: 10 dives for \$400US. The dives must be made during this period.

### Any time:

Organize a group of more than 8 divers and obtain free accommodation and dives for the

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### Fam Trip:

Tour Operators and Owners of Dive Center come to discover what Carriacou has to offer to your customers. We offer you between 50 and 75 % of discounts on the accommodation and diving. Contact us for more details: <http://www.lumbadive.com>

## Sylvain's Tips

What do you do when you realize that you're going to collide into a cliff because you are too near and cannot slow down?

What do you do when you wish to point a fish that hides in a hole?



Here is a small trick that costs almost nothing.

At your next visit to an Asiatic restaurant, ask the waiter to bring you extra Chinese sticks. Or to appear more "High Class", get some special colors and sturdier ones in a specialized shop. Now what do we do with that, you will ask? There is no sushi at the bottom of the sea...



Bring them with you to use them as moderators!. When you fear to collide with something under the water, or wish for a support to take

your macro photos or still to simply point a fish, use your Chinese baguette. This way you will protect the reef.

Even if it's better to touch nothing under the water, the point of a baguette is much smaller than a hand or a knee, thus much less damaging.

Imagine the expression of the divers who do not know this trick when they see you, preparing your equipment and slide your Chinese sticks in your sleeve!

Don't forget to look at the curious which will observe you bizarrely! ☺

It is not hard ... to protect the environment!

## THE CHRONICLE OF THE MONTH

### Feeding or not fishes

At first sight, feeding the aquatic animals seems to be a beneficial interaction for the aquatic environment. When it is made in a responsible way, to feed fishes can be worth it and help you to understand the behaviour of animals, but certain practices must be banned.

There are two methods to feed fishes in a small boat on a moderate sea. It is necessary to use a reel in which you plunge your head, or to tilt your body and look fishes straight in the eyes. (Burp!) Did you know that fishes eat several times a day when the sea is rough? ☺

More seriously, PADI registers in its publications Adventure Open Water, section submarine Naturalist. \*\*Feed fishes with the food which you bring during the dive. Do not kill a creature to feed the other one. Feed fishes only in moderation so as to not interfere seriously with their natural behaviour, among others their normal food or mating habits. These precautions are important to protect the balance of the local ecosystem. Finally to feed always the same group of fishes in the same place can lead to modify their behaviour and to influence the whole ecosystem. Those who will observe these animals will have no correct idea of their natural behaviour. \*\*

However, the administrators of protected marine areas who attract numerous visitors are embarrassed by this habit of the divers or snorkelers to feed fishes and other marine creatures imagining wrongly to help them or to make friends. According to them, whatever is the reason, this gesture harms natural resources and the safety of divers. To feed fishes harms them in several manners. Very often, the food which we give them is not the one that fishes find in nature or that their body can assimilate.

In the majority of cases, the food we give to fishes is radically different from that which composes their normal diet. We saw very big napoleons dying having gulped down dozens of

eggs and numerous fish die by suffocation having swallowed chickens bones.

We also saw good-sized sea breams tear away from the hands of divers small bags filled with food, tear them gulp down the whole, the bag and the contents. Even the frozen fish can turn out to be harmful or mortal; the death of dolphins was linked to an infection by bacteria from bad fish bait.

"It was noticed that the fact of feeding fishes changes the composition of the species in places where this practice is regular, and makes fishes much more aggressive."



Certain species surround the divers as a swarm of crazy bees, approach them in a threatening way, follow them and often bite them. It can happen that species being normally in the habit of hiding, as the sharks, the moray eel's, loaches, approach divers and follow them even up to the surface, becoming easy targets for the submarine hunters and the poachers.

By feeding fishes, we can alter fundamental elements of the ecosystem of sites, and activate long-term consequences still ignored on the affected marine species. The deterioration of the housing environment (like the disappearance of gorgonians) was attributed to the habit of the divers feeding fishes in Mediterranean protected areas.

With the number of persons practicing scuba diving and apnea in the world reaching millions a year, the impact accumulated is staggering.

The law of the United States of America on the protection of marine mammals of 1972 (such as amended) establishes explicitly that "nourishing or to try to feed a marine mammal in its natural environment is harassment", that is why it is illegal in American waters.

The reason behind a marine protected area includes the conservation and/or the protection of the natural housing environments and the wild fauna; the same protection, which seems to proceed of the simple common sense, should



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logically extend also in fishes and in marine animal-life.

Regulations of this type are to protect the resources within a protected marine area. It can also allow better management and preservation of the natural resources of our oceans and the measures taken to protect the virgin spaces and the wild fauna

Next subjects:

- Diving computers
- Digital photography

## RECENTLY CERTIFIED

DSD:

- Benjamin Thornton
- Ella Northey
- Kristina Brown
- Miho Masuda

OW:

- Marielle Alla
- Maurice Black
- Robert Krentler
- Stuart Black
- Vanessa Coronel

AOW:

- Angela Thaler
- Brian Wrenn
- Dameion Ken Francis
- Marielle Alla
- Scott Wilks
- Carol A Kreader

EFR:

- Dameion Ken Francis
- Eric Sawyer
- Kenneth M Alexis

## BIRTHDAYS

May :

- Sami Makela
- Jean-François Brajon
- Carol A Kreader
- Brenda Lenahan

June :

- Brian A Wrenn
- Timea Ondrej
- Didier Morvan
- Desmond R Dickson
- Francesca Hendey



## Carriacou Activities



### CARRIACOUCO REGETTA

The Carriacou Regatta began in 1965 as a local boat race using the traditional fishing workboats, to continue the indigenous art of Boat Building handed down by Irish and Scottish Ancestors.

Since that, it has evolved into a major Caribbean event, held over the Emancipation holiday weekend, with keen competition among sailors from many of the neighbouring islands - Grenada, Tobago, Martinique, Antigua and St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Visitors and locals alike admire the skill and captaincy of some of the region's boatmen, as they jostle for supremacy in the different classes of boats, ranging from 14 to 35 feet in length.

In 2010, the Carriacou Regatta Festival celebrates its 44th anniversary from July 25 to August 3 to 6, with festival highlights including Miss Aquaval Queen Show, Miss Wet T-Shirt, Donkey Racing, Greasy Pole and numerous cultural and sporting events.

The Carriacou Regatta Festival invites you to experience a true Caribbean traditional festival. Visit the Official Regatta website, [www.carriacouregatta.com](http://www.carriacouregatta.com), for more information about the events and activities.

### EMANCIPATION DAY

Emancipation Day is a public holiday celebrating the abolition of slavery. Although officially acknowledged worldwide as August 1st, in Grenada Emancipation Day is celebrated on the first Monday of August, with Cultural activities planned for both Grenada and Carriacou.

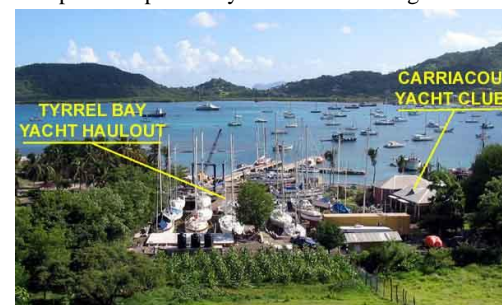
Emancipation Day is a public holiday when banks and most shops are closed. In 2010, Emancipation Day will be celebrated on August 2nd...

### SIOBMPA LAUNCHING

Taking advantage of the clientele of the Regatta of Carriacou, the committee of the Sandy Island Oysters Bed Marine Protected Area ( SIOBMPA) will proceed on July 31st of this year, in the official launch of the protected marine area. Several dignitaries are expected for the event.

### RAIN SEASON

During this season, protect your boat in Tyrrel Bay, Carriacou, Grenada. The island is located near the 12<sup>th</sup> parallel is outside of the regular corridors of hurricane. Surrounded by mountains, Tyrrel Bay offers a nice mangrove swamp which can welcome several boats. This big mangrove swamp nature protects your boat of the big winds.



Take the opportunity to make the dock of your boat at the Tyrell Bay Yacht Haul. [www.carriacouboatyard.com](http://www.carriacouboatyard.com)

### LINKS

- [CARRIACOUCO TOURISM](#)
- [GRENADA TOURISM \(CANADA\)](#)
- [GRENADA TOURISM \(USA\)](#)