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On 9, 10, 11 and 12 May (Monday-Thursday) a week for just 6 sailors (and partners) is planned, using our 2 Racing Trimarans. Since the announcement, we got already 4 bookings, so just 2 places are left.

The 4 bookings are from the Netherlands and Australia, so we will give priority to sailors from other countries. And because we have already experienced sailors, also 1 or 2 beginners are welcome.. what a change to learn sailing from a sailor like the program leader, **Mark Thorborg!**



Q: Mark, since when are you sailing?

A: I think since I was 10 years old.
Like many children I started in an Optimist-like small dinghy.

Q: Since then, in what kind of boats you sailed and where?...

A: I sailed in a lot of boats: most of it dinghies: Vaurien, Hornet en a lot of Contendersailing. I also sail quite a lot in Yachts (X-Yacht 34). I sail in most parts of the world: Europe, Australia, USA, Canada.

Q: What is your best result in matches?

A: I was Dutch Champion in 1977 en 2006 and I participated in 10 World Championships, mostly Contender. Best result was 11th place.

Q: About the program, is it safe to sail over full sea to the Gili-Islands (near Lombok) and how long will it take?

A: Well, if the fishermen can do, why couldn't we. And we go with 2 boats and have experienced sailors. It will take about 6 hours, depending of the conditions.

Q: About the match with the fishermen.

Who will win?

A: Normally we would be the winners with our modern rigging and sails but the fishermen will use bigger sails than normal and they are sending their champions..so it's a challenge! And maybe better they win this pig of 60 kilo!!

Mark will come with his wife and son to the villa.

Q: What's your wife going to do when you are sailing?

A: She will join the trip do the Gili's but will go by fastboat. From Amed, it's just 50 minutes. And she likes the sea and the pool. I will also do some other things in between, maybe diving...and maybe teach my son sailing if the villa can provide an optimist.

Good idea! The villa will start building an optimist and give sailing lessons to children!



PROGRAM AND COSTS.

The program will include:

1. Sailing to the Gili's. We choosed Gili Meno, the most quiet and beautiful one where we will stay 1 night in a guesthouse. Bbq on the beach with patners who can come by fastboat.
2. Sailing match against the best (of 300) fishermen in Amed.
3. Match sailing and trips to unknown destinations.
4. Drinks and a party after the match

The costs. You just pay the normal price for a room in the Villa and for food and drinks. No charge for use of the boats! The night on Gili Meno is 50 Euro per room.



CREEPY CRAWLIES IN AND AROUND THE VILLA:

THE TOP FIVE

There are no creepy animals. There are some people who think that some animals are creepy but most of them are not.

1. CIIKAK

You will see this small "house lizard" by the dozen, stuck to the ceiling, motionless... until a mosquito is nearby. Very useful, totally harmless. Nobody will kill a cicak, you better get used to them. They make a little dirt, therefore rooms, restaurant etc will be cleaned at least once a day.

2. GECKO

This is also a type of lizard, but much bigger. Its unusual for him to be in a room.. but than he can be very annoying.. he makes a hard sound: "Gekko! Gekko!" He is a master at hiding.. he will shout just when you are going to sleep. Sorry about the Gecko.. we will call our night serviceman to catch him.



This Gecko was used for medicine. It's very effective against bronchitis according to the Balinese.

3. SNAKE

By order of the villa's marketing advisor, we deny that there are any snakes in or around the villa... True?

Occasionally, there are snakes. Harmless? We don't know. There are dozens of snakes in Bali, only

some are known by name by our staff. The fact is that they are very shy and have never been seen in the villa-area.

We see them occasionally in the garden. Kill them? Putu says "I only kill animals I would eat." He did that in the past, even with monkeys and dogs. (Eating monkeys?! Yes, but he stopped because cooked the face looked too human...)

4. LUWAK

At the West-side of the villa there is an abandoned resort-quiet neighbours. If you stay in the master bedroom or in the family rooms you will hear many birds. It's their paradise. It's also the home of a Luwak family. Luwaks? Yes, the coffee ones, it's an animal that looks like a fox or cat. If you hear some noise on the roof in the night, don't worry, it's a Luwak, maybe trying to catch a bird or a mouse.

Once we caught one using a simple trap. He was stealing our chicken.. he was taken to a remote area.

5. MOSQUITO

Now we are talking. This is probably the most annoying animal in Bali and beyond. Luckily we are at the seaside and there are hardly any mosquito. But, if you are sensitive, use a mosquito-net (available), a spray with Deet (available) or apply nestocyl and the itch disappears in minutes.

Tip:

Is your next hotel/villa surrounded by "beautiful rice fields"? Cancel your booking!

Rice is growing in water. It's crowded with snakes, with frogs (noisy all night) and mosquitos. In the harvest season there are also the clack-machines the farmers use to frighten the birds. Day and night. If you are lucky you can make a deal with the farmer and pay him to stop the clackering. It's cheaper than cancelling an already paid booking.



ANOTHER "FAST SAILING TRIMARAN" AND A NEW CREW MEMBER: KADEK

*Check out our website for more info
about our advanced sailing program*



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At this moment a second fast sailing Trimaran is being built. Longer, bigger sail, faster than the one we have, the "Racing Jukung". The name of number two is the "Flying Jukung". Soon we will call them the Racer and the Flyer.

For insiders: for the Flyer we will use sails of a J22, a famous racing sailing boat. Also a new spinnaker is available. That means a total of about 40m2 sail.. fasten your seatbelts!

So we need also extra crew to assist the guests when sailing. We discussed with all staff.. who is the best to become a sail-assistant?

Everyone pointed at Kadek and she accepted. Why Kadek?

Kadek already knows how to rig the boat and likes to help getting the boat in and out the sea. All her family are fishermen and she feels at ease on the sea as we have already experienced. Kadek speaks reasonable English and is improving all the time. She is strong and easy to talk to. There was one problem... like nearly all Balinese (including the fishermen!) she could not swim... she learned it in 3 lessons.

Kadek started 4 years ago in the villa as a gardener, then helped in the kitchen occasionally. It soon became apparent that she is a very good cook so she worked full time in the kitchen, studied English in the meantime and became chef.

Note:

We follow the job names used in the diving schools. An instructor is a certified person, speaking English. He or she is the teacher.

A dive or sailmaster is someone with extended experience and knowledge of local conditions, he/she can assist people who can already dive/sail. For the time being Kadek is a sail-assistant and trainee.

In the high season we have a vacancy for an instructor..

Interested? Contact us.



BOTTLED WATER

PLASTIC BOTTLED WATER OR TESTED PURE SPRING WATER - YOU CHOOSE -

About six years ago, when the villa was built, we started drilling in search of water. It took six months and during that time a specialised team of five Javanese water seekers stayed on the property. They made a camp and only went home once.

After five months drilling through rocks...no water! The owner and architect were stressed... but not the drillers... they were growing their own vegetables, kept some chickens and said "Don't worry, one day we will find water."

And yes, finally, there was water, plenty of pure clear water, it was tested and now the villa is surrounded by a green paradise. The owner and staff drink this water but, until now, we have been providing the guests with bottled water.

More and more people realise that Bali is full of plastic rubbish "thanks" to the use of plastic bottled water, so some guests suggested "Better to also give us your water!"

Before deciding to do so we asked a specialised laboratory to test the water according to the standards for water quality. The outcome: the water is of perfect quality, on 24 measured points the results are far below allowed values.

So, this is our new water policy:

1. We will provide our villa spring water in glass bottles in the rooms. Guests can also request plastic bottled water, without extra charge, as we do currently.
2. In the Restaurant we will provide our villa spring water free of charge. We will also provide bottled water if preferred. Just like now, we will charge 12.000 IDR per bottle.

A guest from Germany, working in the recycling industry, asked: "What do you know about the quality of this plastic bottled water? Maybe its not as good as your spring water." We thought that is a very good question.

So we asked Danone/Aqua who are the suppliers of 90% of the bottled water in Bali (and beyond) to provide us with the test results for their water. We asked again and again. Without result. We will keep you informed about the transparency of Danone/Aqua...





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*Villa Bukit Segara has its own springwater coming from a well in our garden, 60 m deep.
Without using any chemical treatment its safe and of excellent quality.*



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“WE PREFER THE BUKIT SEGARA SPRING WATER” GUESTS SAY

Alice and Giles (UK) were in the villa on the day that we introduced the bottle of glass and the use of our spring water, January 23.

This is their comment:

“What an excellent initiative..it certainly helps to reduce the use of plastic bottles.”

Of course they also tested our spring water and compared it with the plastic water, Aqua.

Their conclusion:

“The taste of both kinds of water is good, but the plastic water has some smell. So we prefer the spring water of the Villa. And we saw the testresults, so we know it's safe.”

In every bathroom a summary of the test results is hanged in a frame on the wall.



FOR SALE: PART OF BUKIT SEGARA PARADISE

Villa Bukit Segara (VBS) is often called a Paradise. And indeed the location is probably the best in East-Bali. Well here is your chance to buy a piece of it!

At the moment the Architect who designed and built the Villa, Ir Joost van Grieken, is working hard on the drawings for 3 villas in the grounds of Bukit Segara.

Here are the highlights

1. The 3 villas will be built on the hill/garden-area of VBS. The total area of the villa is 6.200 m² of which now only 1.500 is used.
2. Each villa will be built on a plot of 430 m² and include 2 rooms, 2 bathrooms, a private pool and a terrace with sea view, divided over 2 levels.
3. Each villa will have access to all the facilities and services of VBS: supply of water and electricity, wifi, tv, maintenance, security and also restaurant, sea-entrance etc.
4. VBS will rent out the villa when the owner does not wish to use it. Estimated gross income between 15.000 and 20.000 Euro per year, based on figures of VBS- rooms (100/150 nights per year at 150/200 Euro per night). That means a very profitable investment and free use of your own villa.
VBS will charge a fee for the services rendered and a commission from the bookings.

For the location of the 3 villas see the drawing.

The villas will be built in the same ("modern tropical") style as VBS, by the same team of architect and contractors for a fixed price.

Next month we will publish a first drawing made by IR Joost van Grieken.
Please inform us if you would like to receive it. Your questions are welcome.
The villas will be offered first to guests of VBS.

With kind regards,

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