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On the cover: Bequia's Easter Regatta 2018 included not only visiting yachts and local double-enders, but also Carriacou sloops. Bequia photographers Kenmore Henville and Patrick Hutchins captured the action



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'Caribbean Compass is a fantastic publication. You guys do a very good job producing it and it is an enjoyable read. Thank you for including information on the local folks as well. We really value that as we are here for the culture and appreciate the local people letting us enjoy their piece of paradise.'

— Readers' Survey respondent

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Stranger Than Fiction: Weird Headlines from the Caribbean

by Alex J. Coyne

Truth is often stranger than fiction. What's the weirdest thing that's ever happened to you while in the Caribbean? From the woman who chartered a plane to rescue dogs from a hurricane, to a dog who travels in costume, to a drone cameraman who alerted a swimmer to sharks, we took a closer look at the news and collected some of the most unusual headlines from the Caribbean.

Woman Chartered Plane to Rescue 300 Animals as Hurricane Maria Bore Down

The Virginian Pilot, September 19th, 2017
https://pilotonline.com/news/local/article_12bed6c6-486a-5a6d-aedf-72d24ee6ed60.html
When natural disasters strike, animals are affected as much as people. Sali Gear, a Virginia Beach native, made it her mission to save pets in the Caribbean as co-founder of non-profit organization Island Dog Rescue (www.islanddog.org). *The Virginian Pilot* reported on this incredible story of rescue: When Hurricane Irma struck the US Virgin Islands last September, Sali sprang into action and decided to fly animals in need of rescue to her farm in Virginia — but then came Hurricane Maria. Sali wasn't to be stopped: Gathering donations and putting some of her own funds into the endeavour, she arranged a charter flight for the animals two days ahead of the second hurricane. Bravo!



Dog Dresses as Pirate, Sailor and Shark on Caribbean Holiday

The Daily Mail, May 20th, 2014
www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/article-2634883/Dog-dresses-pirate-sailor-shark-Caribbean-holiday.html
We've read a lot about celebrities and their dogs, but what about celebrity dogs? Meet Crusoe, the appropriately named dachshund who is more travelled than most. Just how much of a celebrity is he? His Facebook page has 2.3 million "likes" and he's even starred in his own film about his travels called 'Wieners of the Caribbean'. He has sailed while dressed up as a pirate, sailor and shark, as *The Daily Mail* reported in 2014. There's a large amount of debate among pet owners whether they should or should not dress up their dogs for special occasions — but we'd say Crusoe seems to be enjoying it. Read the book, called *Crusoe: Adventures of the Wiener Dog Extraordinaire*, or check out his website at www.celebritydachshund.com.

This Couple Dropped Everything to Open a Pizza Boat in the Caribbean

Bloomberg, September 3rd, 2015
www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2015-09-03/this-couple-dropped-everything-to-open-a-pizza-boat-in-the-caribbean

Thoughts of sailing in the Caribbean call up images of gorgeous, rippling waters, cocktails and fresh air. To Tara and Sasha Bouis, a couple from the US city of Chicago, the Caribbean also happens to represent pizza. They opened up a truly one-of-a-kind pizza venue at Christmas Cove in St. Thomas — a boat known as *Pizza Pi*.

Their website (www.pizza-pi.com) notes that "Pizza Pi is a concept dreamt up by a young couple too naive to know it would never work and too stubborn to give up," and that they are currently the top-rated restaura-



Clockwise from left: Crusoe the debonair dachshund visiting the Caribbean; start a pizzeria aboard — why not?; a drone photographer alerted the boy at the right of the picture to his followers

rant in the US Virgin Islands. The vessel itself took the couple more than two and a half years to custom-build, and according to their website they've served more than 7,000 New York-style pizzas to happy Caribbean customers.

ending, and the couple was reported to be strongly considering investing in another boat.

Editor's note: The Glavin's own blog post about the sinking — <https://helenmarygee.wordpress.com/2009/05/15/the-promised-update-on-the-loss-of->



British Couple's Yacht Sunk by Whale in Caribbean

The Telegraph, June 10th, 2009
www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/central-americaandthecaribbean/5496679/British-couples-yacht-sunk-by-whale-in-Caribbean.html

The worst most landlubbers have to worry about on vacation is whether or not they left the oven on and someone is feeding the cats back home. But for cruisers Paul and Helen Glavin, a UK couple from Dorset, the worst was when their boat collided with an object near the British Virgin Islands. According to *The Telegraph*, the yacht was filled with water within the hour, forcing the couple to grab their emergency supply kit and abandon their vessel — with Helen running back for her shoes, noting that she didn't want to be rescued wearing sailing boots! The story has a happy

helen-mary-gee — does not indicate that the boat hit a whale; the object struck was unidentified. Gotta love those "strange headline" writers — sometimes fiction is stranger than truth!

Young Boy Saved by Drone Cameraman After Swimming in the Path of Sharks

International Business Times, January 4th, 2018
www.ibtimes.co.uk/young-boy-saved-by-drone-cameraman-after-swimming-path-sharks-bahamas-1653776

Okay, this happened in The Bahamas, which is not quite the Caribbean, but anyway... When a young boy took to the water, he had no idea that sharks were surrounding him. In a lucky twist of fate, a drone pilot was nearby at the right time trying to catch some aerial footage of the gorgeous surroundings. Artem Tkachenko immediately alerted the boy to the situation.