

Monday, April 4, 2011

### **Diving, Internet and a Wedding**

No, not our wedding . On the 30th of April Liesbet and Marc of SY Irie, new friends of ours, are having a wedding party here on the island. We are invited, and this morning we decided to attend. We need at least another week to get set up anyway, and it would be sad to leave shortly before the party. So we'll stay in the vicinity and probably explore some other anchorages on the french side. Although we like it very much where we are at the moment. There are very few boats in the direct vicinity, most of them are anchored on the east end of the bay, close to the resorts, where the atlantic swell is less noticeable. But we like our current spot better because the beach is close and very clean and there is comparative privacy because of the few boats, and less traffic. And fortunately Gudrun V doesn't rock as much as other monohulls, and Liz doesn't mind the movement. And through a lucky incident we even have internet on the boat now! After returning from Saba yesterday I had a coffee at a little cafe next to the ferry terminal while waiting for Liz to get the Dinghy from the Dinghy dock (she's an expert dinghy driver now). The unsuspecting lady at the cafe gave me her internet access code for the network of the local resort. Not knowing that I can pick it up from the boat as well with the help of the awesome Wirie, incidentally manufactured and sold by above mentioned Marc. The trip to Saba island yesterday was wonderful. The ride with the catamaran ferry wasn't very gentle but fast, and it covered the 45km in a little less than an hour. At the dock we were picked up by Mike, who is probably the oldest dive guide in the Caribbean. And damn cool, a real character. We did two dives, and as you can see from the pictures we had a wonderful time. Because we will be here a little while longer I decided that I might as well use the time and advance my dive knowledge. Especially since Liz took to liking diving too, and I want to make sure I can support her underwater as well as on the boat. So today I signed up for a Rescue Diver class with Ocean Explorers. Luciana and Jeff, who own the dive shop, are very nice. Jeff is also a enthusiastic photographer and keeps a weekly video dive blog on his website.

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