



Newsletter

“Here’s your captain speaking”

Did you know:

- Part of the foundation's Propeller Guard Pilot Project is sponsored by the British Embassy?
- Ninety propeller guards are being made at the moment and will be installed in early spring?
- Turtle-safe boats will be indicated with special banners and that TANTUR will priority use these boats?
- The public will be informed about all projects by tri-lingual brochures?

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Looking back at 2011

Dear Friends,

On the verge of leaving for South Africa, I would first of all like to wish you all the best for 2012. I am very grateful for the wonderful support you have given us so far and hope to see you all back later this year.

Despite our “winter recess” many things have happened since you received our first Newsletter. Apart from the already announced £4500 grant from the British Government for our propeller guard project, we have received €5000 sponsoring for an educational

awareness program from TUI/ Futouris. See page 2. Thanks to a forwarded Newsletter, we also had a very inspiring meeting with two TANTUR officials, and discussed plans for their new tourist season (See page 2 for details.)

Over the Christmas holidays we were surprised by a totally unexpected €1250 donation by DTP@Work. This privately owned Dutch ICT company had chosen our propeller caging project as their good cause of the year 2011 (See page 4).

The donation, which is to be solely spent on propeller guards, is a wonderful boost to our project! We hope that by the end of the year some 200 boats will be prop-protected.

Where we have had quite some positive experiences over the past few months, there was upsetting news as well. We were distressed to hear of the unexpected death of our volunteer Liz Chapple, who also helped me with my book manuscript.

June Haimoff

Remembering Liz

One of our volunteers -Liz Chapple- passed away quite unexpectedly of a heart attack only one week after we had come together for the first volunteers' meeting to prepare for next season. Liz was a very committed woman, who always wanted to make an effort to improve things she thought worthwhile fighting for, both community-

wise and environment-wise and will be remembered as such. Amongst others she was the coordinator of the Foreign Residents' Human Interest Working Group of the Dalyan Kent Konseyi in 2009. She was also a great help to June, typing and editing her new book manuscript.

The last months of her life

were tough on Liz because of the fatal illness of her husband John Hyatt, who died only a few months before she herself passed away.

We were all distressed by her unexpected death and many of the foreign residents of Dalyan attended her funeral in the serenity of the cemetery under the rock tombs.

KJF and DEKAMER

two organisations with different approaches

After an enthusiastic start together the two entities have now nearly completely separated. Obviously our objectives are different; DEKAMER is rehabilitating injured turtles where we are trying to protect them and their environment. Nevertheless we have much in common, mostly the welfare of

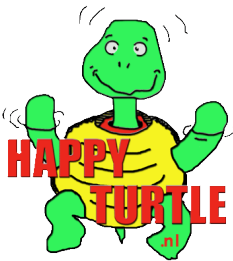
turtles and it would have been nicer and much more effective to cooperate.

We do honour the successful works being done in the rehab centre, but could not condone the very personal and public way in which some disputes have been carried out by Prof.

Kaska, the director of DEKAMER, who is also one of the founders of KJF. Therefore, by decision of the foundation's General Assembly, he has received an official reprimand and has been warned to stop the libellous and slanderous behaviour we had to endure over last summer.



We are delighted that TANTUR will from now on only use boats fitted with propeller guards and will not offer any Turtle Watching Tours as part of their Dalyan excursion program.



**İngiltere
Büyükelçiliği
Ankara**

YES to propeller guards, NO to turtle feeding!

On 23 November Kaptan June and fellow board member Sue Taylor met with TANTUR (the biggest Turkish Tour company totally owned by TUI Germany) to discuss ideas for next year.

The company had had a survey from their customers relating to their *Dalyan Turtle Watch Tour*, which clearly indicated that their guests do **NOT** appreciate watching turtles being fed at the Boğaz end of the beach and are very aware of the dangers turtles face from blows by unguarded propellers. When TANTUR Manager Ahmet Varımlı and Sarıgerme Branch Manager Gökay Yenidoğan received a copy of our Newsletter forwarded to them by the Dutch TUI branch, they were very

impressed with our propeller guard pilot project and decided to contact the foundation regarding ideas.

During this meeting Ahmet Varımlı assured us that TANTUR will be joining the Annual Meeting of the Dalyan Boat Co-operative to clearly state that TANTUR will only use boats fitted with propeller guards and will no longer take part in any Turtle Watching Tours in the delta.

Instead, they will have a bus-painted green- with the logos of our Foundation and that of Dekamer and turtles painted all over it. They will take people directly to Iztuzu Beach to visit Kaptan June's hut and the Dekamer turtle rehab.

Like so many other people, Ahmet Varımlı was confused

about the goals of the two entities and the relation between them and asked for a clarification. Thus, he learned about the Foundation's vision and ethics on conservation, preservation and education, and about the scientific work done by Dekamer. He and his partner Gökay Yenidoğan expressed their appreciation for the Foundation's vision and mission.

The Foundation is absolutely thrilled that this huge touristic company has approached us and made these offers of their own volition. It's a real feather in our cap to know we are reaching the public and the people who really count in changing Dalyan tourism into 'Sustainable Tourism'.

Ninety propeller guards to be mounted over winter

On November 26th 2011, "Kaptan June" and company had a get-together with metal worker Faruk Cihan who had made prototypes for the new propeller guard. A comparison of the three designs had shown that Will's universal design would be more cost-effective than former designs. Thus it would allow us to have as many as ninety propeller guards made over winter.

The specific features and the purchasing conditions were elaborately discussed in the field, looking at different boat types and boat sizes. It was amazing to see that Will and Faruk shared the common language of global craftsmen. Although we had brought an interpreter for the occasion, they managed quite well without Serpil's help.

We also thank Mr. Atilla

Gültekin, Chairman of the Dalyan Boat Cooperative and the Çandır Boat Cooperative and their members for their keen interest in the pilot project and their will to protect turtles.

Our Propeller Guard Pilot Project is a nice symbol for the cooperation between volunteers, civil organisations, private donors and official sponsors.

Support from the British Embassy in Ankara for our "Propeller Guard Pilot Project"

We thank the British Embassy for their support. With their help we are able to fulfil our objective of 90-100 propeller guards for 2012. The pilot project is backed up by educational material and

public relations will be helped along by brochures and posters. The participating boats will be marked with banners and tourists will know that they have chosen a turtle friendly boat.

We hope that even at the end of next summer the number of slashed turtles will have decreased.

TUI/ FUTOURIS sponsoring KJF's Education and Awareness Building Project



TUI / Futouris has accepted our project application to produce informative education and awareness building material. Futouris sponsors our plans to design trilingual brochures and educational material for children. We are also designing posters and other awareness raising material for the new season.



The Dalyan X-mas and New Year's Fair

On December 10th Dalyan's first X-mas and New Year's fair was organised by Dalyan Dernek, the oldest of the local charity organisations. DD wanted to do a charity to support Coşku Special Education and Rehabilitation School in Ortaca, a school for students with physical and/or mental disabilities. The school has plans for a workshop to teach their students skills that will help them create their own income, e.g. by making marbled writing paper, lampshades and umbrella stands. A wonderful goal, certainly worth supporting!



X-mas and New Year's Charity to support Coşku Special School

All the charity associations in Dalyan had been invited to participate and our foundation gladly accepted the offer to have a stand at the Fair.



Would you believe Christmas trees and Carol singing in Dalyan?

All the participants to the Fair, whether charity or commercial, supported Coşku school by gifts for the Father X-mas bag, home-cooked delicacies, stall rent and/or donations. Apart from that the charities had the opportunity of presenting themselves side-by-side in a really nice ambience without rivalry, while supporting different charity goals.

Where we have been very active at the beach this year, this was in fact the first time that we presented ourselves to a wider public in Dalyan itself. The lovely weather on market day helped to make the Fair a great success, both publicity-wise and for raising funds. The day showed that the Dalyan associations can

work together. We ourselves were particularly pleased to welcome some new Friends and volunteers to support our foundation. The day showed that the Dalyan associations can work together. We ourselves were particularly pleased to welcome some new Friends and volunteers to support our foundation. Dalyan Dernek's initiative certainly deserves a follow-up!



The foundation's stand at the Fair

**WONDERFUL
X-MAS SURPRISE**

*Dutch ICT
company
DTP@work
has chosen our
propeller guard
pilot project as
their good cause
of the year.*

*Thanks to their
generosity, we
can order sixteen
more propeller
guards on top
of the ninety that
had already
been ordered !*



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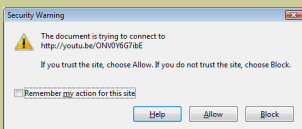


OUR RECENT VIDEOS

Kaptan June's propeller guard project ctd: a new prototype



1. Click the photos



2. Allow to connect to play the videos

All that is vulnerable needs to be protected

OUR VISION AND MISSION

*We see healthy Sea Turtles with no injuries or illnesses,
roaming the Mediterranean Seas freely during their long lives,
coming to Iztuzu Beach to peacefully lay their eggs and visit the delta,
their young hatchlings undisturbed,
growing up strongly to see the beach again
that once captured Kaptan June,
who out of love and respect for its beauty
strived to protect it and the turtles- and we with her!*



Generous sponsoring by Dutch ICT company

Just before Christmas we were approached by Mat Maas of DTP@work. This Dutch company, which specializes in Detachment of ICT Professionals, Near shoring and Project Management Support, sponsors a good cause every year. This year our Foundation receives sponsoring to boost our propeller caging project.

Mat Maas, who has a holiday villa in Dalyan, visited Kaptan June's Hut with his relatives in October and was moved by the Foundation's determination to try and stop turtle injuries by propeller strikes.

He believes that progress should never happen at the expense of nature or the environment and hopes that Dalyan will preserve its small-scale charm.

A ceremonial handing of the check will take place at the start of the tourist season, when Mat and his family will be coming to Dalyan for a spring holiday.

As a foundation we are very grateful for this wonderful support by DTP@work.



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Who wants to be a volunteer?

This year we were very happy with the team of loyal volunteers that helped to make our maiden year such a success. Nevertheless we would be glad with enthusiastic newcomers who want to join this group, because we expect the coming year to be even busier than this one.

Although most of our current team live in or near Dalyan the year round, they take holidays as well ...

Meaning we're sometimes at a loss how to cope with all the tasks that have to be done. We would like to have at least two, preferably three volunteers per day. Knowledge of English is essential, skills at every other language very helpful.

We do have Turkish volunteers, but really need more. The Foundation is not meant to be a foreigners' affair!

There are several ways which you could help: as a volunteer at our gift shop and PR and information centre at June's Hut or in our education and awareness campaign. This could even be part of your holidays ...

We are looking for people who like to take the challenge of addressing visitors of different nationalities.

Would that be you????

**Would YOU like to be volunteer or do you know someone else who would ...
PLEASE contact us by [e-mail](mailto:kaptanjuneseaturtlefoundation@gmail.com) with further details.**