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Around & About…

"Nine of Cups" – October 2008

Bahia de Caraquez, Ecuador is a great place to wait out the hot, rainy season in Panama, jump off for a Pacific crossing, head south to Peru and/or Chile or just hang out. It is, without a doubt, one of the most social anchorages we've ever visited. We were amazed at the number of SSCA burgees flying. Some members we knew, many we didn't, but getting to know everyone was a quick process.

There was no formal social schedule…things just popped up and midst trying to replace fuel tanks and get some varnishing done, we managed to attend most everything. A pig roast at Joe's, movies and theme dinners at Puerto Amistad, swap meets, a progressive cocktail party in the anchorage, a trip to the museum, a beach day at Canoa with kite flying, SSCA presentations on Peru, Chile and underwater photography…rarely did a day go by when there was nothing "doing".

We enjoyed the company of SSCA'ers aboard "Nakia", "Encore", "Iwa", "Diesel Duck", "Blew Moon" and "Revenir". We recommended new Commodores aboard "Hello World" and "Yohelah". (If we left anyone out, we apologize profusely). We hadn't met so many SSCA members in one place since attending our last gam! Despite ongoing issues in Ecuador regarding immigration and Customs and some local political problems mainly centered on the building of a bridge, the cruising community managed to enjoy Bahia and themselves immensely and we were glad to be a part of it.

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Swap meet at Joe's

Anchorage in Rio Chone