

Report – Bequia database workshop, 10-11 September 2013

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Location: Bequia Community High School

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9 September

Herman and I visited the school to check the facilities and review the workshop programme. We met the principal, Mr. Martin, and several of the teachers. We checked the the overhead projector would work with my laptop and how the class room would be set up.

It turned out that only about 9 of the approximately 20 computers were useable. This was mainly caused by a problem with the electrical circuits in the room so we would also not be able to add laptops to gain more stations.

10 September

The first day there were nine participants – 5 teachers from Bequia Community High School, 2 from Bequia Seventh Day Adventist Secondary School, Herman Belmar and Tracy Simmons. Tracy recently completed teacher training and is hoping for a job at one of these 2 schools. She has Sandwatch experience as a student and will help out particularly with Seventh Day Adventist Secondary. There is a list of the participants at the end of this report.

We first went through several of the chapters looking at Long Bay. The participants followed along logging in as “guest”. They were able to get a feel of the app and also see the restrictions when accessing as “guest”.

After this each teacher added data to a set of demo beaches I had set up for them. I think they are comfortable with this and will be able to help their students where needed in the future. We added textual and numeric data and photos, imported profile files and looked at generated graphs and spreadsheets.

We then discussed how the groups would be set up. Since the teachers are sharing beaches and students we cannot have 1 group per class. We decided 2 groups is best for now with 1 for the Community High School and 1 for Seventh Day Adventist Secondary. The former will have 7 beaches and the latter 3. They selected group leaders which I added. Then the group leaders started adding the group members. Michelle Stowe will be the group leader for the Community High School and Janeal Ollivierre will be the group leader for Seventh Day Adventist Secondary.

11 September

This day was a bit more of a challenge. By the time we got all the students into the room we could barely move and it would have been impossible to work with all the students trying to do data entry even if they shared machines.

We started with the Seventh Day Adventist Secondary students. They were not involved with the summer training so Herman gave them a short intro to what Sandwatch is all about and related it to some past Sandwatch accomplishments on Bequia.

Before morning break I used the Long Bay beach and showed all the students what we had worked through the day before. Then we split into 3 groups - Seventh Day Adventist Secondary, 1/2 Community High School, other 1/2 Community High School. We worked with 1 group at a time and were able to set up beaches, assign editors, add basic descriptive information, set map parameters, import old PRF files and add pictures (which for now they Googled from the internet - pictures were available for all beaches - these will be replaced with their pictures later).

We did not have time to work with Profile and add new profiles to the old PRF files. If we had this would also have meant we had updated PRFs of a variety of computers. The group has adequate experience with Profile. They have the responsibility to get the students using it and adding the new profiles using the dedicated Sandwatch computers and backing up the revised PRFs.

They will also work on adding sketches, water quality and other data.

Participants

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Ashanda McKree
Sue-Ann Miller
Jadeja Ollivierre
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