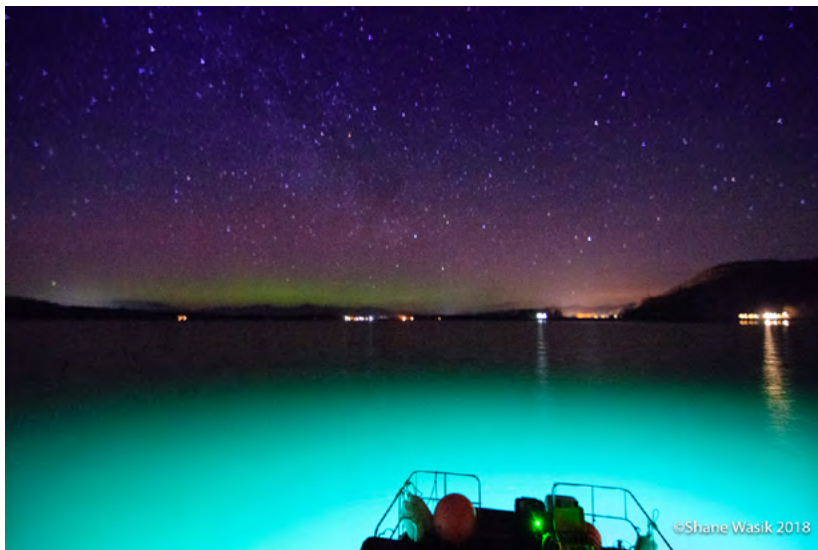


News, Travel & Events

Oban Blackwater dives, Scotland



Basking Shark Scotland (who are also known as Dive Oban & Argyll) have successfully completed highly successful trials of their new lighting system. They have invested in Orcalight technology, a surface based umbilical light system which puts out around 85,000 lumens of light in our cooler water temperatures.

During late winter, many night diving trips have been run where the lights hang a few metres above the deck of the S.S Breda, a popular wreck lying close to their base in Oban. Divers were very impressed by the ethereal conditions by lighting up the wreck, making an interesting new way of photographing the wreck. With the deck in around 12m it's a perfect depth for such an undertaking at night.

Previously using battery based lights, they have been running blacro / blackwater night dives with a variety of new and interesting beasties to capture hanging over the nearby deep water of around 220m.

This spring they will be continuing with blacro divers and also a trial with school sharks. During summer they also plan to test the system in the Hebrides with larger species such as basking sharks & minke whales during their tours. However, in September when the dark nights start to creep back in, a larger programme will be organised for floodlight & blackwater diving.

Trips can be booked by individuals on their scheduled dates or specifically by interested groups.

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NAD-Lembah Resort is a small, owner-operated, photography-oriented dive resort in the Lembah Strait.

Situated in a private bay on Lembah Island, you can enjoy being away from the hustle and bustle of the mainland.

Guaranteed 2:1 guest to guide ratio as standard, which makes for a private dive experience and lots of time to take pictures.

NAD is often the choice of film crews and production companies. We also offer Blackwater Night and Mandarin Fish Dives if you would like to try something different!

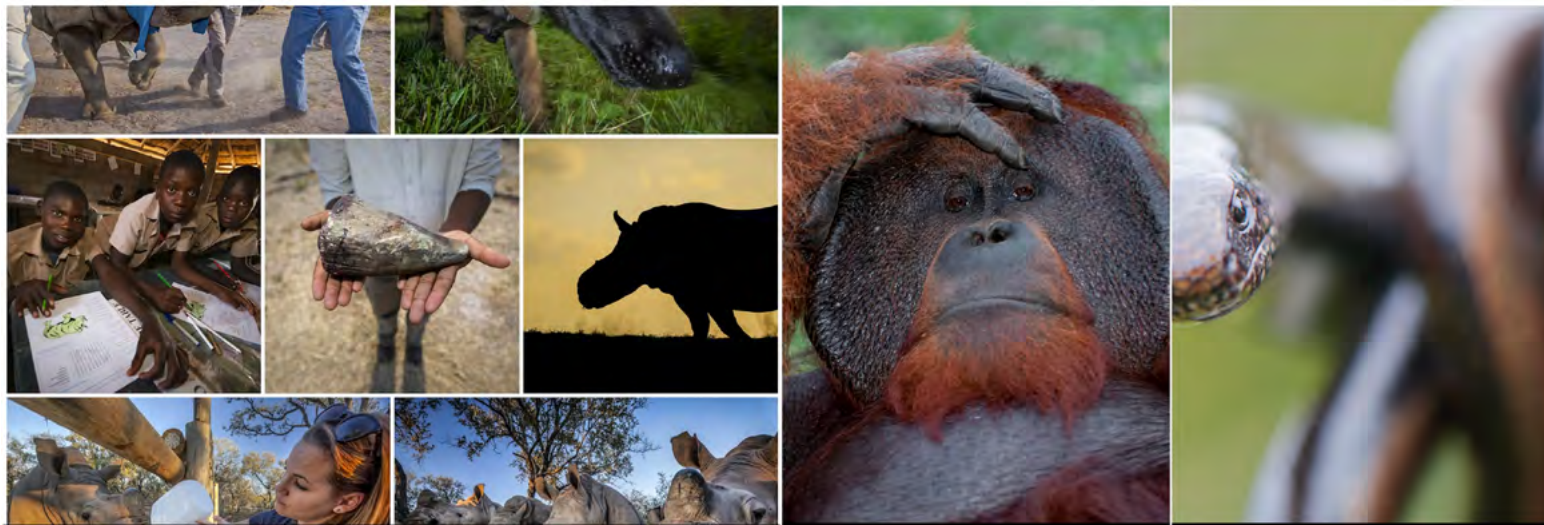


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Wildscreen Photo Story Panda Award 2018



For the first time in its 36 year history, the 2018 Wildscreen Panda Awards, widely regarded as the most prestigious accolade in the wildlife film and TV genre, will recognise the craft of wildlife photography, with the introduction of the Wildscreen Photo Story Panda Award.

The Panda Awards ceremony is the flagship event of the Wildscreen Festival, the world's biggest global gathering and celebration of screen-based natural history storytelling. The photo award is being launched to further cement the conservation charity's commitment to and belief in photography as a powerful and impactful tool for raising awareness about and protecting the natural world across society. It will celebrate

and recognise the very best in photographic narrative, uniting it alongside the world's very best natural world film talent.

Announcing the award, Wildscreen's Director, Lucie Muir, said: "As we approach CBD 2020, in Beijing, it is essential for the future of our planet that everyone understands the critical importance of biodiversity and the responsibility we all have to protect it. Therefore, there is no better time for Wildscreen to recognise the craft of wildlife and environmental photographers in telling nature's stories, side by side and united with the world's best filmmakers."

Entrants have between the 18 April to 8 June 2018 to submit photo stories comprising of between six to

ten images that have an aspect of the natural world as a central focus, with a clear and powerful narrative weaved between the images.

The competition is open to professional and amateur photographers worldwide, over 18 years. The judges will also be looking for exceptional emerging talent photographers, under the age of 30, which will be considered for an 'Emerging Talent Photo Story Panda Award'.

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Alor Indonesia Pindito July 23 - Aug 4, 2018

Join Berkley White and Erin Quigley on a special trip to Alor aboard Pindito, the only liveaboard dive boat in Indonesia with over 25 years of experience! In continuous operation since 1992 under owner Edi Frommenwiler, the MV Pindito's crew is unmatched for its diving knowledge and experience in Indonesia.

TRIP 1: Bali to Komodo –
Pindito July 9-21, 2018

TRIP 2: Alor – Pindito July 23-
Aug. 4, 2018

This trip will start in Maumere on Flores Island and head east to explore the archipelago of Alor. With it's incredible mixture of both wide angle and macro photo opportunities you'll never be at a loss for something to shoot.



One of the most beloved and longest running liveaboards in all of Southeast Asia the MV Pindito's crew is unmatched for its diving knowledge and experience in Indonesia.

It is very important to the Pindito to offer the best possible itinerary for their guests. Planning the route includes taking in account many different factors, most important the weather. Since storms can be encountered in the tropics even during the best travel time of the year, the Pindito takes the right to alter the cruise itinerary on short notice if necessary.

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Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop June 28 - July 1, 2018

Take advantage of one of the finest macro sites in the world, our own Blue Heron Bridge, located in West Palm Beach, FL.

This 3 day clinic focuses on macro photography, and there may not be a better setting anywhere in the world to hold this kind of class.

From composition to exposure to achieving that critical focus, this class with help you dial in your macro skills.

We'll dive each of the 3 days, and given the shallow depth, you can expect to be able to dive for upwards of 2 hours depending your air consumption. We'll do classroom before and after the dives, and we'll do daily critiques.

Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
dive approximately 08:30 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
dive approximately 09:30 AM
Sunday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
dive approximately 10:00 AM

This class is intended for beginner to intermediate shooters, and all types of underwater camera systems are welcome.

An orientation session will be held Thursday evening at the



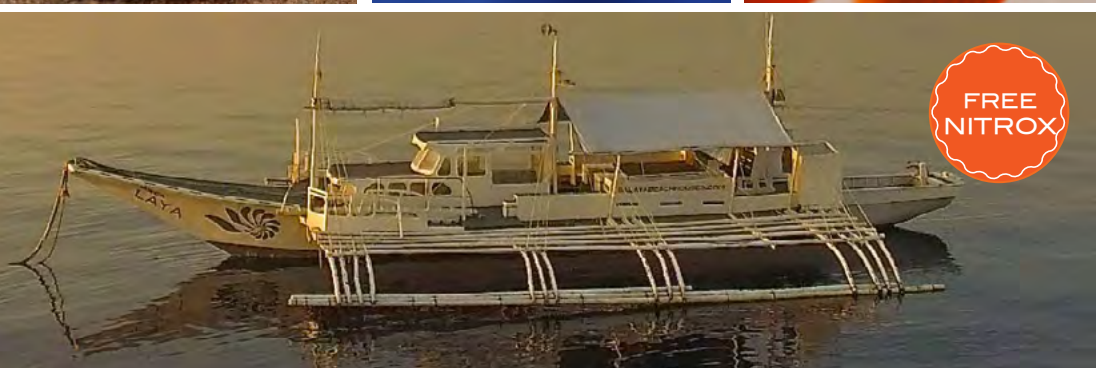
Reef Photo & Video Underwater Photography showroom in Fort Lauderdale.

All other classroom sessions will be held close to the dive site.

To provide you with the best experience, this schedule may be modified due to weather, ocean conditions, or other factors.

All divers will be required to carry a fishing line cutting device while diving.

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Single use plastic free by the end of 2019

The global alliance of Siren Fleet, Master Liveaboards, The Junk and blue o two is very pleased to announce that as part of their expanding environmental policy they are aiming to be completely single use plastic free by the end of 2019.

Working together as part of the global alliance with Siren Fleet, The Junk "June Hong Chian Lee" and blue o two, Master Liveaboards will be working with local organisations in destinations, suppliers, NGO's, government organisations, and many others in order to reach our goal across all vessels, local offices, and head offices.

This is of course an enormous project and the banning of straws recently across all alliance vessels was only the first tiny step in this process.

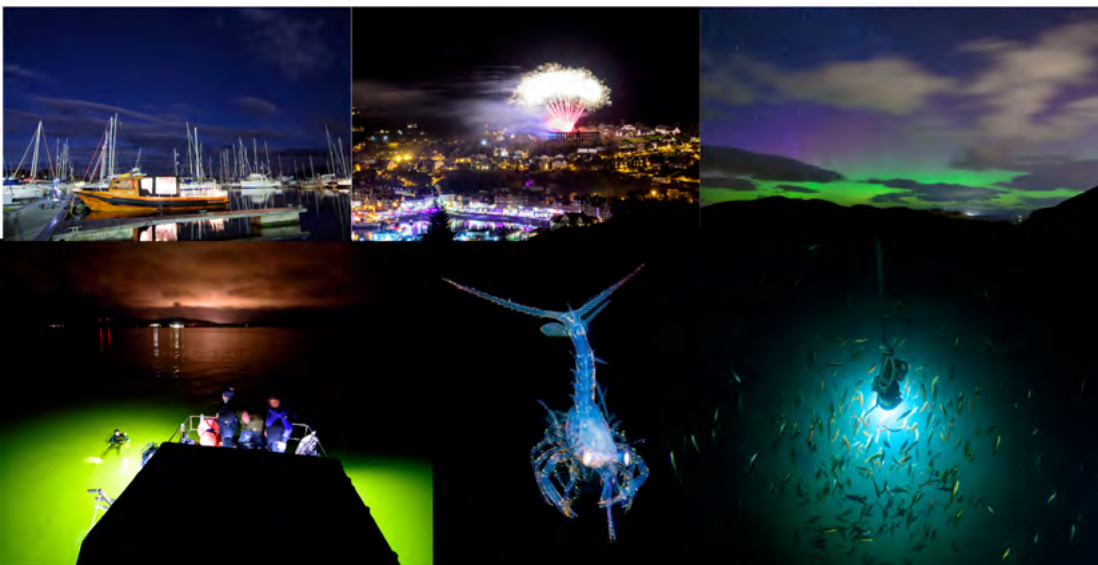
Updates on both our successes and challenges will be made regularly as the alliance moves forwards.

As an alliance, we lead the way in the diving liveaboard industry to a cleaner environment for everyone.

Basking Shark spaces



Due to some group booking drop outs we now have some spaces come up on our premium basking shark and adventure photo weeks. Running Saturday to Saturday, they are the best dates in the calendar and have a 100% previous success rate for interactions and are usually where the award winning basking shark images come from. Week tours also include grey & common seals, whales & dolphins, fangal's cave, evening photography dives, puffins & seabirds, sea-eagles, along with some land based wildlife such as otters. Accommodation options include self catering houses, B&B or Hotels. Week tour £990 + accommodation, cost depending on choice.



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LAMAVE re-joins Philippine Siren

Siren Fleet proudly announces a second 'Special Siren Trip' on 9-19 January 2019 in cooperation with LAMAVE. Dive some of the best sites in the Philippines and assist LAMAVE with their invaluable research to whale sharks, manta rays and turtles!

On this Philippine Siren special itinerary: Southern Leyte and Bohol, you are invited to join in for exploratory dives to deploy or retrieve acoustic receivers at multiple sites along the route of the trip, including Cabilao, Balicasag, and Pamilacan.

This trip, Gonzalo Araujo from LAMAVE will be on board and will give several presentations explaining LAMAVE's research and how it can lead to conservation. He is an expert on whale shark research and conservation across different locations in the Philippines.

Siren Fleet embraces LAMAVE's work and objectives and we will donate a portion of all income of this cruise to them. Sign up for this Special Siren Trip, so you can participate and contribute on multiple levels to help this NGO continue their valuable work!

2,700 kg of trash, mainly plastic, collected from Malaysia's beaches

Analysis of data collected during a clean-up on 3rd March reveals that nearly 2,700 kg of trash was cleared from Malaysia's beaches. Plastic bottles and other plastic items accounted for a significant proportion of the trash collected, providing further evidence that urgent action is needed to address plastic pollution in our seas.

The clean-up was conducted at 16 locations around Malaysia and involved over 500 people from 20 organisations. Together they cleaned trash from 15km of coastline.

The trash collected included 15,874 plastic beverage bottles, 6,884 plastic bags, 2,368 cigarette butts... and 203 diapers.

The clean-up is the first in a series of activities celebrating the International year of the Reef 2018 (IYOR 2018), and will hopefully raise awareness of the problem of marine debris, and plastic in particular. The hope is to persuade government and other stakeholders to take action. Possible solutions include: deposit scheme for plastic drinks bottles; improved recycling schemes;

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Splash-In Photography competition

Torbay, Devon

7th July 2018



The Torbay Branch of BSAC will hold a "Splash In" underwater photography competition on Saturday 7 July 2018. The competition was held last year and the club hopes that building on its success, it will become an annual event.

Competition entrants will be able to dive from various sites throughout Torbay.

The categories will be: -

Wide angle

Close up and macro

Compact cameras - Wide angle, close up and macro.

Prizes for the winning entry in each group will be presented at a supper to be held at "Living Coasts", Torquay on the evening of 7 July.

Peter Rowlands will be amongst the Judges and Dr. Alex Tattersall has kindly agreed to give a talk at the presentation event.

Torbay BSAC will be pleased to receive sponsorship in the form of prizes for the winning entries.

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DPG Expedition: Search for the Loch Ness Monster



DPG is proud to announce the world's first underwater expedition to photograph the famed Loch Ness Monster in the Scottish Highlands. Last year produced a record number of sightings for Nessie (Nessiteras rhombopteryz) in the famed Scottish lagoon, so there's never been a better time to strap on a tank to make history. The goal is simple: To capture the first underwater images of the most legendary underwater subject.

DPG is partnering with local dive experts and Loch Ness experts to maximize the chances of experiencing the Loch Ness ledged up and close. Because Loch Ness averages a depth

of 433 feet (132 meters), we will also be using a homemade deep-sea submarine to explore past the limits of recreational diving.

"We've offered a lot of pioneering underwater expeditions in the past but this is absolutely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," says DPG Editor Joe Tepper. "If you want an underwater image that no one else has, then you must join this expedition."

DPG's "Search for the Loch Ness Monster" expedition takes place February 29-March 6, 2019.

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