

News, Travel & Events

Tiger Beach, Bahamas Shark Trips:

Two exciting cruises in 2019

Underwater at Tiger Beach, Bahamas several large tiger sharks cruise in a pattern while lemon sharks mingle with graceful Caribbean reef shark. Diving without a cage among these large sharks allows you to get up close and personal for a thrilling adventure full of action. Seeing this many species of sharks is an opportunity to appreciate and value their role in our oceans.

Our combined 9 day Tiger Shark and Hammerhead Trip March 2019 is in prime season for hammerheads. Tiger Beach is also active for Tigers and other sharks, and displayed good frequency of hammerheads the past few years. If we are not finding hammerheads, we head down to Bimini Island for a few days to look for them.

October 12 – 18 2019 is our 7 day Tiger Sharks at Tiger Beach Charter. Hammerheads are not in season so that action is all Tigers and other sharks.

Photographers will enjoy the clear water and bright sand bottom and taking images of sharks over the green



sea grass or reefs. The hammerheads and tigers come close to divers creating opportunities for beautifully detailed video or stills.

Divers must be experienced: these are long and multiple dives with no cages and filled with the consuming action of sharks swirling around you.

We depart/return to West Palm, Beach Florida making for easy flight connections to any southeast Florida airport.

Our boat is the MV Dolphin Dream, a 86' expedition charter yacht with 5 shared cabins and diving platform. It holds 10 guests plus crew and is very stable and comfortable to

ride through the Caribbean waters.

Underwater photographer host Gregory Sweeney is your host and is available to offer photography help and tips during the trip and while preparing for travel.

A few spaces remain on these popular trips

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2:1 Dive Guide Ratio
Since 2014

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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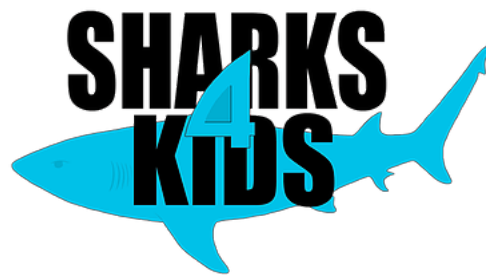


In 2008, after developing curriculum for other organizations and doing classroom visits for friends, I decided to create my own shark education program.

In 2012 I got serious about it and Sharks4Kids was born. After a year of developing content with Duncan Brake and Dr. Derek Burkholder, we launched our first website on November 7, 2013.

The goal was to provide free online educational materials for teachers and students to help them bring sharks into the classroom. This has evolved tremendously in a short amount of time and we are now offering in person visits, full educational tours, snorkeling trips and shark tagging expeditions.

Our team has expanded and our reach continues to grow. We've connected with over 60,000 students in



44 countries and 48 US States through our in person visits, Skype Lessons and Google Hangouts.

We are partnering with research groups, conservation organizations and aquariums around the world to create new materials and provide even more opportunities for students. This has been an incredible journey and we are excited for the future. Please feel free to reach out with ideas, comments, suggestions or thoughts.

Jillian Morris-Founder & President

www.sharks4kids.com

Underwater Photography courses with Barry Neal



Underwater photography is one of the most popular diving specialties, and the rise of digital photography has made it easier and more fun than ever.

Underwater Photography courses are run by Barry Neal, a London based professional underwater photographer who has travelled the world putting his skills to good use. He has extensive experience of taking underwater photos and has travelled the world doing so. Our underwater photography course provides a thorough foundation in underwater photography. He has been a professional photographer for over 10 years and has visited destinations such as Azores, Bali, Java, Komodo, Bohol Philippines and Thailand. He'll take a look at your current knowledge and fit the course around you and you taking great underwater images.

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Reef Check Malaysia releases 2017 survey report; urges local management

Reef Check Malaysia today published its 2017 report on the health of coral reefs around Malaysia. While overall coral reef health is still good, there are disturbing signs of decline that need to be addressed urgently.

The report states that over the 227 reefs surveyed, the average live coral cover is relatively high at 42%. While this compares favourably on a regional level, this figure has been declining for four years, and over that period it has lost over five percentage points. Coupled with this, low numbers of fish and increasing amounts of negative indicators such as algae, give significant cause for concern.

Julian Hyde, General Manager of Reef Check Malaysia, commented that: "Although the headline figures show we still have some healthy reefs, the average masks some disturbing trends. Chief among the negative signs are indicators that suggest pressure from tourism is growing, which could have serious long term implications."

Coral reefs are important ecosystems. Lau Chai Ming, Programme Manager and co-author of the report, explains: "Coral reefs are ecologically important as a key



link in marine food chains. They are also economically important as a key attraction to tourists visiting Malaysia. Losing our coral reefs has implications for both food security and livelihoods. We need to manage them better"

This is the first time in eleven years of monitoring Malaysia's coral reefs that Reef Check Malaysia has issued such clear warnings. Hyde says: "This comes at a time of change in Malaysia, and we hope the new government's commitment to protecting the environment will be reflected in its response to this report."

www.reefcheck.org.my



Saeed Rashid workshop 6 - 16 July 2019



Reef Photo and Video Lembah Workshop October 04-14, 2019

We are very excited to offer this 10 night trip to Indonesia to participate in a one of our photography workshops.

Price includes transfer from Manado to the resort, nitrox, and 26 daytime boat dives. This resort offers a 2:1 diver to guide ratio + Reef Photo staff will be there too for photo support and expert guidance.

Dive packages include full board (3 meals per day), hot drinks and water, evening dinner on the day of arrival, and breakfast on the day of departure. The dives stated in the package are day boat dives only. Dives are non-transferrable and unused dives non-refundable. Package and room rates are based on double occupancy. There will be a single supplement option for this trip.

The resort does offer specialty dives for those that are interested: night dives, mandarin fish dives, and black-water dives for an additional fee. Minimum of 2 divers to book.

NAD-Lembah Resort and the Lembah Strait

are famous all over the world for the peerless macro and muck diving.

NAD is also owner-operated, almost all year Simon and Zee are present on site. If they aren't at the resort, they are off on a photographic adventure or diving. They have 15 full-time guides who between them have over 100 years of diving experience in Lembah.

Standard Beachfront Rooms are at ground level with 2 steps (we can add ramps for wheelchairs). The Bungalows are up approximately a dozen steps (New steps June 2015). All the rooms have air conditioning and hot water. Best flights to choose are Silk Air from Singapore to Manado; and lots of airlines fly from the USA to Singapore.

\$1850 Per Person, Beachfront Room, Double Occupancy

\$2095 Per Person, Deluxe Seaview Bungalow, Double Occupancy.

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Get ready for a Special Siren Trip featuring Saeed Rashid of 'Focus Visuals'! We are excited to welcome Saeed on board the Philippine Siren, where he will host an exclusive photography workshop starting 6 July 2019.

Saeed is a seasoned diver and an award winning, published photographer, both above and below the water. He is a lecturer at Bournemouth University and a popular speaker at UK dive shows, but above all an energetic and enthusiastic teacher who is committed to helping you get the most out of your camera and pass on some 'tricks of the trade'.

Saeed will guide you in his relaxed and easy manner through the underwater photography process from start to finish.

Over the course of this 10 night liveaboard holiday, there is plenty of time to learn new skills and the stunning corals and marine life in the Visayas provide the perfect environment to practice those skills!

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**Shark Quest with
Mario Vitalini
22-29 Nov 2018**



Shark Quest is all about diving the southern Red Sea at its seasonal best and spending more time on fewer, carefully selected dive sites. We trust the local knowledge and experience of our dive teams.

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Mikes Cameras Kit Photo Pro Mario Vitalini is on board.

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**2018 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year winner
Nature 1st Place - and Grand Prize winner
Photo and Caption by
Reiko Takahashi / National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year Contest | MERMAID**

Reiko Takahashi's image of a humpback whale calf's tail has been named Grand Prize winner of this year's National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year contest. Her caption for the photo reads:

"I was fortunate to have encountered a humpback whale with her calf on my first day snorkeling near Japan's Kumejima Island. Most of the time, the calf stayed close to her mom. At one point, the calf began jumping and tapping its tail on the water near us—it was very friendly and curious. Finally, the mother, who was watching nearby, came to pick up the calf and swim away. I fell in love completely with the calf and it's very energetic, large and beautiful tail."

Winners in three categories have also been chosen, from over 13,000 total entries. Takahashi's photo, titled Mermaid, also took first place in the Nature category – Cities and People



round out the categories.

Take a look through the winning images above and see more outstanding photos from the weeks leading up to this announcement at National Geographic's website.

<http://travel.nationalgeographic.com/photographer-of-the-year-2018/gallery/winners-all/1/>

Sea Shepherd Operation Sola Stella

After a total of twelve months of patrols and twelve arrests, Operation Sola Stella has resulted in a dramatic drop in incidents of illegal fishing and the return of fish populations in formerly over-exploited coastal waters. Operation Sola Stella was Sea Shepherd's second joint operation with the Liberian Ministry of National Defense to tackle illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Republic of Liberia, West Africa.

Early in 2017, working with the Liberian government, the M/V Bob Barker patrolled the waters with ten Liberian Coast Guard sailors and two Israeli maritime advisors and conservationists. Three months of at-sea patrols resulted in the arrest of five vessels associated with IUU fishing, with over 50 violations of Liberian law. In the last month of patrolling, Sea Shepherd did not encounter any illegal vessels, indicating that law enforcement at sea had a deterrent effect.

Later in the year, after Sea



Shepherd had left, local fishermen reported that the illegal vessels had returned. Sea Shepherd headed back to Liberia with the vessel the M/V Sam Simon. Following that return, they arrested seven vessels.

They also helped to intercept a trawler as it attempted to flee detention in Liberia. The arrested vessels include the F/V Labiko II, found on three international blacklists, and the F/V Hai Lung, an infamous fishing vessel that is blacklisted by several regional fisheries management organizations. On the Labiko II a shark liver oil production facility was discovered on board. Based on the amount of shark liver oil they were producing, the Labiko II was conservatively killing up to half a million sharks per year!

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British & Irish Underwater Photography Competition 2018

This competition engages the British and Irish underwater photography community in a one day competition shoot out. It is accessible to people who live and dive at different locations around Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Northern Ireland and England.

A 1st September on-the-day multi-location competition format reduces the travel and cost burden for competitors, whilst at the same time encouraging a level of participation commensurate with a true championship.

Photographers will compete for five awards and associated prizes, foremost being a trophy in memory of one of BSoUP's co-founders, the late Peter Scoones, and the title British & Irish Underwater Photography Champion 2018

Images can be taken and submitted electronically from anywhere within the championship geographic boundary from 10pm Friday 31st August to 10pm Saturday 1st September 2018. The competition is open to all underwater photographers of all nations, with contestants demonstrating the underwater photographic and post-production skills to produce high



impact British and Irish images within a limited time frame. Images can be from any body of salt or fresh water in the seas, rivers, streams and lakes of our islands.

BSoUP will convene a panel of three judges (to be announced) during the week following the competition. The results will be announced week commencing 10th September and the awards presented in London on 18th December 2018.

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Philippine Department of Tourism announces 2018 Anilao Shootout

The Philippine Department of Tourism Office of Product and Market Development - Dive, in cooperation with DOT Regional Office IV-A and the Resort Owners Association of Mabini (ROAM) will be holding the 6th Anilao Underwater Shootout on November 27 to December 1, 2018 in Anilao, Mabini, Batangas.

The event is an international competition which aims to reinforce the Philippines' standing as Asia's premiere UW photography destination with the richest marine biodiversity in the world. Now on its sixth (6th) year, it has been dubbed by UW photography enthusiasts as "The World Cup of Photo Competitions".

This year, we are expecting to attract some 200 participants (UW photographers and fun divers) from North America, Europe, and Asia. Five world-renowned underwater photographers will also grace the event as judges for the competition.

Competition Classes

Open Class - Open to all participants.

Compact Class - The Compact Class is exclusive for participants using cameras without interchangeable lenses.

Categories



Macro/Supramacro - Any close-up photograph of small subjects and marine life

Marine Behavior - Photographs that feature any display of marine behavior such as feeding, breeding, etc.

Nudibranch - Nudibranchs should be the main subject of the photograph.

Fish Portrait - Photographs that prominently feature fish. Can be a face or full body shot.

Cephalopod - Photographs that feature squid, octopus, cuttlefish and similar animals.

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Sea Shepherd Operation Jairo

Sea Turtles are some of the oldest living creatures on earth, having shared the earth with the dinosaurs. The oceans are in peril and all sea creatures need our help. Of the seven species of sea turtles, six are currently on the red list of endangered species.

Operation Jairo is in its third season and honors the life and work of Jairo Mora Sandoval, who lived and died protecting sea turtles from poachers.

All seven species of marine turtles are currently listed as threatened or endangered. Sea turtles have called our oceans "home," for over 500 million years.

Sea Shepherd is partnering with researchers from the Antigua Sea Turtle Project (ASTP) to conduct surveys and conservation patrols of key sea turtle nesting sites in Antigua and Barbuda.

The remote beaches provide nesting grounds for three species of endangered marine turtles, including the hawksbill, green and leatherback.



<https://youtu.be/TvknI3Vuo2k>

All species face significant threats including poaching of nesting adults and eggs, sand mining, by-catch and coastal development.

The crew of the M/V Brigitte Bardot will partner with scientists who are conducting research to help identify key marine turtle nesting grounds and to implement surveys, which can yield critical information on sea turtle population trends, as well as patterns of habitat use and quality.

With your help, we can provide over a month of patrols, protection and research to ensure that these amazing creatures that have roamed the planet for more than 150 million years will continue to do so

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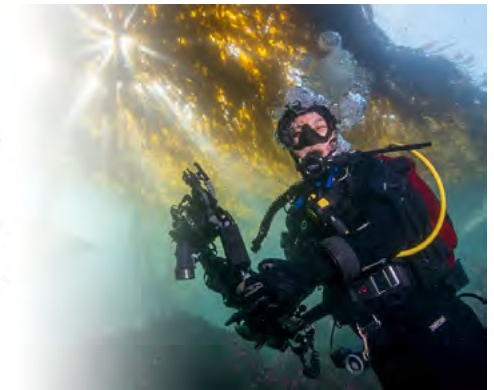
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Monterey diving is second to none when the conditions are right. We can help you find good dive boats, great dives, and places to stay during your visit.

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