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As many of you know, Beneath the Sea 2003 added this year a digital category in addition to the David Doubilet Award for excellence in underwater photography and the Stan Waterman Award for excellence in underwater videography.

As many of you also know, Jim was a long

time supporter of Beneath the Sea. His workshops were always among the most popular and his presence enhanced the entire weekend.

In honor of Jim's memory, BTS is proud to name its newest underwater photography Award after him. The award will be presented at the Undersea Film Festival (Saturday, March 29, 2003 8:00 to 10:00 pm). The Film Festival will be MC'd by Phil Nuytten and special guest Al Giddings.

For more information www.beneaththesea.org

Mozambique

**18th May - 27th May 2003
with Gavin Anderson and Trevor Krull**

Mozambique is a place where one can find world class diving along a seemingly endless coastline, flanked by beautiful white sandy beaches and coconut palms. Much of the diving potential of Mozambique's waters remains to be discovered and the more adventurous traveller will be rewarded with some truly unforgettable experiences.

Diving off Inhambane is rated as the best in Mozambique. From a kaleidoscope of multicoloured anthias, corals and anemones, to the great plankton-feeding Manta Rays and Whale Sharks, each dive site offers something special.

Accommodations will be at Guinjata Bay Lodge and Pomene Bay Lodge. Pomene Bay lodge is known for its friendly atmosphere and good home cooking and Guinjata for its great bar! Both are located amongst coconut groves next to pristine white beaches and overlooking the warm waters of the Indian Ocean.

This will be Gavin Anderson's fourth trip to Mozambique, and although no formal underwater photography teaching will be available, Gavin will certainly have his camera with him and is always happy to pass on tips of the trade or discuss any photography problems. Trevor Krull now lives in South Africa, but he lived in Mozambique for two years while he operated a dive centre and pioneered much of the diving in the areas we will visit.

For further details please contact Divequest www.divequest.co.uk

Michael AW's Diving Tour 2003

**Lembah Strait July 2003
Galapagos October 2003
Antarctica November 2003**

Michael AW & ONE expeditions cater exclusively for wildlife enthusiasts and underwater photographers. 90 percent of dive sites are thoroughly surveyed and proven popular with photographers and bio-diversity scientists. Because you will wish to be familiar with the animals and learn more about their behavior, some sites are dived 2 ñ 3 times. Photographers will have plenty of opportunities to reload film and change lenses. Our land visits during our Galapagos expedition are at least 3 hours.

We restrict our numbers, which improves the quality of your marine life experience ñ animals are less likely to be frightened away. Photographers will have ample space for the optimum photo opportunities. Because we want you to enjoy the experience both underwater and above, we only select first class operations for accommodation, dive operations and live-aboards. However some of the best diving is in remote corners of the world, the operation may not be 5-star, but the service and diving will be.

To book on any of the tours email one@michaelaw.com or one@michaelaw.com for application form.

Isla de El Hierro competition

The 7th Open Internacional Fotosub Isla de El Hierro will take place on 26th - 29th of March 2003.

This is an annual international open competition which started in 1996 in the Marine Reserve located in the small island of El Hierro (Canary Islands), one of the most appreciated diving zones for European divers.

It is organised by the Tourist Board of El Hierro Island and Carlos Minguell (twice World Champion of Underwater Photography) is in charge of the Technical Direction.

The Open Internacional Fotosub Isla de El Hierro consists of two days of competition, with a total of 4 dives in the best dive sites. A collection of six slides (freely selected by the participant, without any obligatory categories) is presented by each participant. A Jury composed by prestigious and experienced underwater photographers announce the results on the last day.

There are big prizes for the best entries and also other special prizes for spectacular images depicting the uniqueness of the El Hierro waters

and marine life.

This year there will be a total of 18000 Euros of cash prizes.

Entrants must register by 3rd of February, but bear in mind that the number of participants is limited to 24. For any enquiries about the competition, please, write to the Technical Direction Department

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For more information visit

<http://www.openfotosub.com>

The Sardine Run - South Africa

6th-12th June 2003

As seen on Blue Planet and National Geographic. Photographer's paradise! A must for all adventurers, divers & snorkellers.

Accommodation:

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Research websites:

http://www.biganimals.com/sardine_run.htm

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