

# News, Travel & Events

**Marelux - sponsors the UPY Wide Angle and Macro categories**

**£1000 to each Category Winner,**

**£600 to each runner up and £400 to both third place entries**



Marelux Precision Inc. is headquartered in California USA. Marelux is a dynamic technology company that develops innovative and exciting underwater photography products. Marelux strives to build new underwater products with various new technologies that can make the underwater photography a safer, more user-friendly and smarter experience.

“We are so proud to be a part of UPY because we believe you have done a great work to establish this prestigious professional platform for underwater photography community. With high standard of both technical and artistic judgements, UPY has been continuously selecting brilliant and deserving underwater photographers

around the world as award winners year after year.

The winning images from UPY are seen by millions of people across the world, through widespread coverage from leading media outlets and celebrated by the underwater photography community as the strongest set of underwater photos in any contest. It has undoubtedly encouraged more people to participate underwater photography and inspired many more to love the beauty of ocean. Marelux’s slogan is to “Make a Difference” so we want to join UPY to make a bigger impact in this journey too.”

*Jun Ouyang, Founder Marelux*

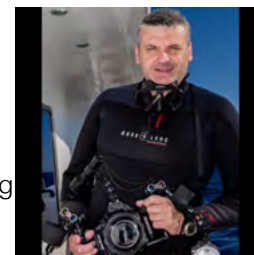
“The Underwater Photographer of the Year is delighted to welcome Marelux as a double category sponsor. Marelux housings have quickly forged a strong reputation, which has seen prominent photographers around the world switching to their system. Category sponsorship allows UPY to offer increased cash prizes to our winners and helps the contest devote more time to promoting your work. We are certain that by sponsoring two of our most popular categories, Wide Angle and Macro, more and more photographers will be considering Marelux when it is time to upgrade.”

*Alex Mustard, Chair of UPY Jury*

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Join photo pro, Paul Duxfield this October on his ‘Best Of North Sulawesi photo workshop’ covering Lembah and Bunaken!



To find out more contact  
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## Kamma Sail Komodo



We specialize in 5 star private cruises in Komodo National Park on our private boats from 1 to 2 weeks, for couples, families or friends.

6 crew members will pamper you including a private chef and a captain.

We have availability for the periods of June, July, August or September.

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## RAID releases Action Camera course

Lights! Camera! Action! Dive training agency RAID has teamed up with award-winning film-maker Jeff Goodman to create their new Action Camera course.

The new course is suitable for everyone, whether you are completely new to underwater cameras, or an aspiring pro with your own YouTube Channel. Goodman says the RAID course will 'give you the help, information and coaching to move your results up to the next level... and more'.

The course gives clear, concise guidance on how to get the very best results from your action camera. The rapid advances in technology for diving, as well as underwater camera equipment and lighting, mean that traditional photography courses don't hit the mark.

Goodman's content is lively, up-to-date, detailed, thorough, and easy to follow. Moreover, his creativity and understanding of the challenges a diver faces to capture the perfect image – still or moving – make this programme unique and relevant for today's diver using today's equipment.



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P. J. Prinsloo, RAID's VP of Training, adds, "Jeff shows how versatile action cameras can actually be, and that as a product class, they have traveled light years away from the earlier versions with regard to capabilities, function, and quality."

<https://www.diveraid.com/content.asp?LJCdwdPeNCeTK3ZH4BoLrHFMNw>

## 'Best Of Indonesia' Photography Workshop 2022 with Paul 'Duxy' Duxfield 3rd - 15th October 2022

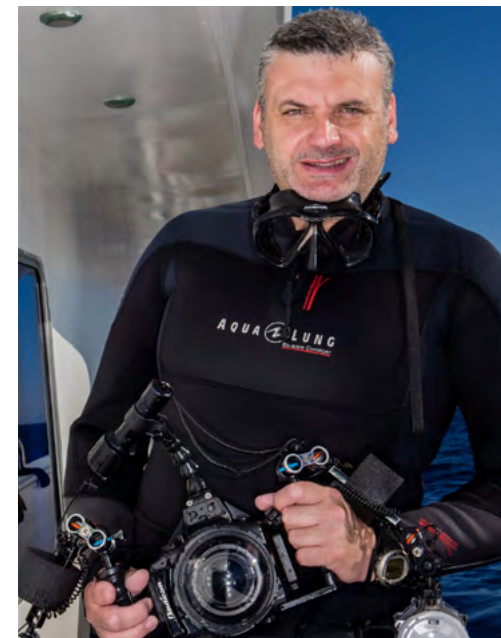
Join our professional underwater cameraman 'Duxy' on this 10-day adventure to Lembeh Island and Bunaken. 5 Nights At NAD Lembeh Resort And 5 Nights At Bunaken Oasis

This two-centre holiday allows you to experience some of the best dive sites that Indonesia has to offer.

Located in the middle of the "coral triangle" this underwater adventure holiday will include wall dives, macro and muck dives and pristine coral reefs.

Paul 'Duxy' Duxfield. As well as being a really nice chap, he is an accomplished expedition diver, one of the best known underwater photography trainers in the UK, and often has his photos published in the UK dive magazines.

He runs underwater photography workshop holidays around the world, and this is your chance to spend 10 becoming an accomplished photographer.



The exact price will be dependent on the cost of flights once they are published. We estimate that the price will be £4,515pp and includes return economy flights from London. A minimum of 7 people are required for Duxy to travel with the group.

[www.bunakenoasis.com/best-of-indonesia-photography-workshop-2022](http://www.bunakenoasis.com/best-of-indonesia-photography-workshop-2022)

GregorySweeney.com Photography Adventures

Baja, Mexico  
*Striped Marlin*

Isla Mujeres, Mexico  
*Whale Sharks*

Magdalena Bay, La Paz, and Cabo Pulmo Park

November 2022 July 2022



**Learn Underwater Photography**  
with the ultimate online course!

**SIGN UP NOW**

★★★★★

The course was exactly what I was looking for! Now I feel so much more confident with my camera underwater!

Cynthia R.



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## Kinlochbervie Underwater Photography Workshop 2nd - 7th October 2022



We are running an underwater photography workshop including five days diving out of Kinlochbervie in Northern Scotland on North East Dive's boat and five nights accommodation. There will be underwater photography presentations each day, as well as time to get advice from the two of us and some opportunity to try different equipment. Dive site choices will be aimed at giving the best photography opportunities and will usually let you choose your depth, depending on weather conditions.

Kinlochbervie is one of the top places to dive in the UK with stunning scenic dives and lots of macro stuff to photograph as well. Each day's diving includes two dives and single cylinder

air fills. Twinset fills are available for an extra £25/week.

Accommodation is self catering and based on two people sharing each room (two rooms can take 3 people if required). There are two bathrooms shared between up to 10 guests in the lodge, a kitchen/diner and a large lounge.

Total cost is £625 (transport to KLB is not included in this, but the lodge has plenty of parking). A deposit of £175 is required as soon as possible to secure your space. Message us or email for more information or to book spaces. For more info about the diving etc checkout

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## World Shootout 2022



***1st Place 2021: Hannah Le Leu,  
Australia***

Are you this year's winner?  
Submit your best and most  
impressive underwater images, taken  
anywhere between January 1st, 2022  
to November 1st, 2022

### TIME TABLE

- Deadline - November 1st, 2022  
for registration and uploading  
Images and Video clips.
- Semifinals - December 5th, 2022  
Initial selection of 50 nominees  
will be carried out by the jury panel.  
Names of photographers reaching the  
semifinals will be published on the  
competition website by December 5th.

These photographers will be  
contacted by e-mail and will be  
requested to provide original image  
files in RAW and JPEG and/or HD  
video files using any of the online  
transfer services.

- 5 Finals and Best Picture of the  
Year – January 5th, 2023

5 nominees who have reached  
the finals in each category will be  
announced on the competition website

by January 5th, 2023.

At this point, our jury panel  
will also select the 10 best and most  
outstanding images submitted to any  
of World ShootOut 2022 categories.

These images will be nominated  
to the Best Picture of the Year prize.  
Prior to the winning ceremony,  
Director of boot Dusseldorf, Mr.  
Petros Michelidakis, will select  
the winning images out of these 10  
nominees.

- Award Winning Ceremony – January  
29th, 2023

Announcing the winners live at  
boot Dusseldorf show at Water Pixel  
Stage, starting 16.30

[www.worldshootout.org](http://www.worldshootout.org)

## Wakatobi - As Great As It's Always Been



That's what our guests are  
saying about their recent trips to  
Wakatobi. The resort's signature  
guest flights from Bali resumed for  
our full reopening in the first week of  
June, bringing guests who had waited  
patiently for a return to normal, and a  
chance to visit or revisit us once more.

After pandemic restrictions  
caused Umesh and Eishi De Silva to  
twice postpone a pre-marital vacation  
to Wakatobi, the couple finally arrived  
at the resort in June of this year to  
enjoy a belated honeymoon. "The  
reefs were mesmerizing," Umesh  
said. "I could be underwater all  
day marveling at the marine life."  
"Wakatobi is a true relaxing holiday,"  
Eishi said. "Everything was arranged  
in the most thoughtful manner."

In contrast to the newlyweds,  
guests Liz and Loren Yerks came to

Wakatobi in June to celebrate their  
50th wedding anniversary. Loren  
has been diving for 52 years and Liz  
for 37 years. "The staff are always  
smiling and very happy in their job,"  
said Liz. "We've dived all around the  
world" Loren said. "We keep coming  
back to Wakatobi - it's our favorite  
destination."

Guests were delighted to  
discover that Wakatobi's highly  
praised cuisines were as delicious  
as ever. "Chef Wayan and I spent  
time at the resort at the end of last  
year creating new dishes and making  
some updates to the menu," says  
restaurant manager Tafik Ibram. It has  
been wonderful to see my coworkers  
and to work together again, and it is  
a pleasure to once again serve our  
guests."

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## North East Dive in Kinlochbervie, Scotland

Chris & Cathy started up North East Dive around 18 years ago, both keen members of BSAC, we enjoyed numerous dives around Scotland & Northern England.

Chris is BSAC Advanced Diver & Instructor, PADI Open Water instructor & PSA Explorer advanced rebreather instructor. Cathy is BSAC Sports Diver & PSA Explorer advanced rebreather diver. Both are RYA Advanced Powerboat skippers with commercial endorsement, Chris is also an RYA powerboat instructor.

We have amassed over 100 dive sites around Kinlochbervie alone, all within a few miles.

We are also very lucky to have been welcomed by the locals who know the area so well and are a continual wealth of knowledge.

Kinlochbervie is known for its rich marine life, clear Atlantic water and dramatic scenery both above and below the water. We have a large number of stunning sites, ranging from big gullies to narrow, sheer walls and pinnacles to stunning rocky slopes with striking white sand. Caves, swim throughs and the Blow hole at Am Balg. The gulleys, walls and channels are lined with a colourful profusion



of life. From multi-coloured jewel anemones, bright sponges, tunicates, hydroids, bryozoans, the list goes on. The conditions provide a fairly constant flow of water, allowing such organisms to flourish. And if the weather is not so favourable we have numerous sea lochs we can access which also offer some excellent dive sites.

So if you havnt booked a trip this year, we do have a few spaces available on some of our scheduled trips and a couple of weekends available for charter. We are also taking bookings for 2022 so please feel free to get in touch with your requirements and we look forward to sharing some amazing diving with you.

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