

News, Travel & Events

North Carolina Wreck & Shark Shootout with Mike Gerken May 30 - June 3, 2023

After two years of Covid cancellations, the NC Wreck & Shark Shootout for 2022 was a huge success and so much so that 2023's event is already sold at half capacity.

The Shootout runs for five days ending on Saturday June 3. There is an optional post-Shootout dive on Sunday June 4. Contact us as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

The NC Coast is famous for their numerous shipwrecks that are home to the prolific sand tiger shark; *Carcharias taurus*, cousin to the great white shark. The wrecks are also host to a myriad of marine species from up and down the food chain. Large numbers of jacks, barracudas, tunas, spade fish, cobia, giant stingrays, sea turtles and. Join Mike for an amazing week which includes photo workshops, presentations, social gatherings and the awards dinner on Saturday night.

Both of Olympus Dive Centers USCG certified dive vessels will be utilized for the event; the 65' M/V Olympus and the 48' M/V Midnight Express. Max number of divers is 43.



These boats are spacious, fast and most importantly, safe. Mike was for 6 seasons captain of the Midnight Express, knows the boats well and entrusts them to transport divers to the wrecks.

Contact Mike to receive your application via email.

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UPY entry date closing soon (7th Jan!)

UPY - the Underwater Photographer of the Year 2023 contest is open for entries and closes very soon on 7th January 2023.

The contest is widely regarded as the world's leading underwater photography competition, attracting thousands of entries, with the winners showcased around the world in the mainstream media.

This year UPY has its biggest prize pool ever (12 of which are cash



prizes). UPY is grateful to its prize sponsors including the Save Our Seas Foundation, Marelux, The Crown Estate, Nauticam, Backscatter, Scuba Travel, Fourth Element, Retra and many, many more. Look out for the winners in the next issue of UwP.

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2023 Digital Shootout In Little Cayman June 10-24, 2023



Take it seriously or take it slow, the Digital Shootout is an underwater photography/videography vacation designed to take the shooter in the group to the next level. If you're a new or an intermediate shooter, the Digital Shootout is our fast-track to better underwater imaging.

In six days of seminars and diving, the Digital Shootout team will help dial in your underwater system and shooting techniques.

Each afternoon we offer professionally produced seminars on basic and advanced photo and video techniques. Just learning how to assemble your camera for the first time? Looking for the secrets of

exposure and strobe placement? Our seminars are world renowned for their simple delivery of complex topics and will take you to the next level.

The workshops and experts assembled at this event will whisk you along the learning curve of underwater photography. By the end of the week, you will be shooting well enough to enter our friendly competition. The best images shot during the week will be awarded over \$30,000 in prizes.

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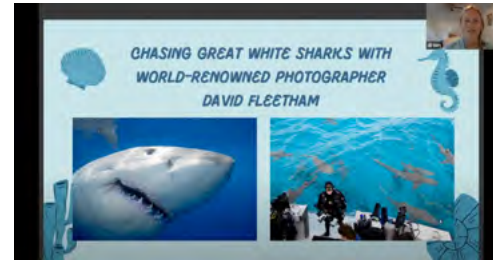
“Photographing Great White Sharks” by David Fleetham

For most ocean goers, coming across a great white shark would probably spark fear. But for underwater photographer and former National Geographic assignment photographer David Fleetham, these sharks sparked fascination and sent him on a journey around the world to photograph them and dispel the fear that comes with sharks.

The public is invited to learn more about these animals and Fleetham’s journeys in this free presentation, “Photographing Great White Sharks – A journey to Australia, South Africa, Guadalupe Island Mexico and back to Hawaii.” This presentation is part of Maui Nui Marine Resource Council’s monthly Know Your Ocean Speaker Series, sponsored by the County of Maui.

Fleetham will share stories and photographs from his 30-year-long mission to learn more about great white sharks and nail down an iconic image of a misunderstood myth.

“For me, the path to good photos of great white sharks has been one with many twists and turns,” said Fleetham. “In terms of perceptions, cage diving with the sharks has become an industry in many parts of the world and has changed our view of these impressive fish.”



Born in Vancouver, Canada in 1958, he began diving and photographing underwater in 1976 and has lived in Hawaii since 1986. For the first ten years he photographed in the cold, rich waters of British Columbia, Canada, and worked as a PADI Instructor and USCG Certified boat captain in various dive businesses in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii. From Hawaii, David has been on assignments to Indonesia, the Galapagos Islands, South Africa, the Bahamas, Micronesia, Australia, Sri Lanka, the Sea of Cortez, China, the Red Sea, the Socorro Islands, numerous locations in the South

Pacific and Caribbean, and back to the cold waters of British Columbia.

“Sharks are vital for ocean ecosystems, including coral reefs, where they help maintain a sound balance in the food web,” said Meredith Beeson, Project and Research Coordinator at Maui Nui Marine Resource Council. “Changing public perception and protecting these animals is crucial if we want to continue to enjoy the reefs around Maui Nui, and we’re excited to hear what David has to share from his experience working on this.”

www.davidfleetham.com

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San Diego Underwater Photographic Society (SDUPS)

The San Diego Underwater Photographic Society (SDUPS), was formed in 1961. SDUPS is a social club whose members join together to promote the sport and pastime of underwater photography and videography.

SDUPS meets at 7:00 PM on the fourth Thursday of each month, with the exception of November (3rd Thursday) and December (annual holiday party). Please see the Meetings tab for details. The meeting typically consists of the monthly competition and two or more presentations by members or outside experts.

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Single membership \$35
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Student membership (21 and under) \$15

Next meeting January 26, 2023 - 7 pm

Due to scheduling changes with the Sumner Auditorium on the SIO campus, our meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice.

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