

# My Shot

by David Haintz

The Bluering Octopus is such an amazing creature to find. I managed to come across this one while we were diving off our local dive site, Mornington pier, Victoria, Australia. If it wasn't for my dive buddies I would swam straight past it. It was so well camouflaged i did not notice it until i was right in front of it, while my buddies were pointing at it. It size was no bigger than 50mm.

Mornington pier is 75km from Melbourne CBD just over an hours drive. Entry to the site is from the pier (shore Dive). depth statrs from 3m out to 12m west of the pier. Water temperature can range from 10degrees C in winter to 21 degrees in summer. Visibilty at this site gets no more 15m, The ideal wind direction is a South Easterly, or gentle westerly and North wind.

Ideal times to dive this site is early mornings or late afternoon with incoming tide. Or a complete night dive. Generally have more of a chance to find Bluering Octopus out hunting. You can also find Pale Octopus, PotBelly Seahorses, Cuttlefish at various times of the year.

Also note this site has some boat traffic and a lot of fisherman, so towing a dive flag is ideal.

Some of my favourite subjects that I always enjoy photographing are Octopus, Cuttlefish, Weedy Seadragons.

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*Canon 5D MKii, 16-35mm lens, Nimar Housing, and video lighting. Camera settings. ISO-400, f/9, 1/200s @35mm*

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