

Parting Shot

by David Fleetham

From my observations, it appears that anemonefish do not venture too far from the protection of their home anemone so I always wondered if they ever were hosts to the many parasites that are found on other reef fish.

I was on the island of Yap for MantaFest 2023 and spent quite a while on one dive letting a group of common anemonefish, *Amphiprion perideraion*, get used to my presence for some portraits.

After a while a juvenile wrasse joined the scene and the anemonefish would take turns getting a close inspection.

The anemonefish would hover and spread their fins to expose any little crevice where a tiny parasite might be hiding. So it turns out that if you can't make it to the cleaning station down the reef, then the cleaner will come and make house calls.

This species of anemonefish is most often found associated with the anemone, *Heteractis magnifica*, as pictured here, Yap, Micronesia.

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Canon EOS R5 mirrorless in an Ikelite dry-lock housing with a Canon RF 100mm macro lens, 1/125 sec, F29, ISO 160, with two Ikelite 230 strobes on TTL.

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