

My Shot

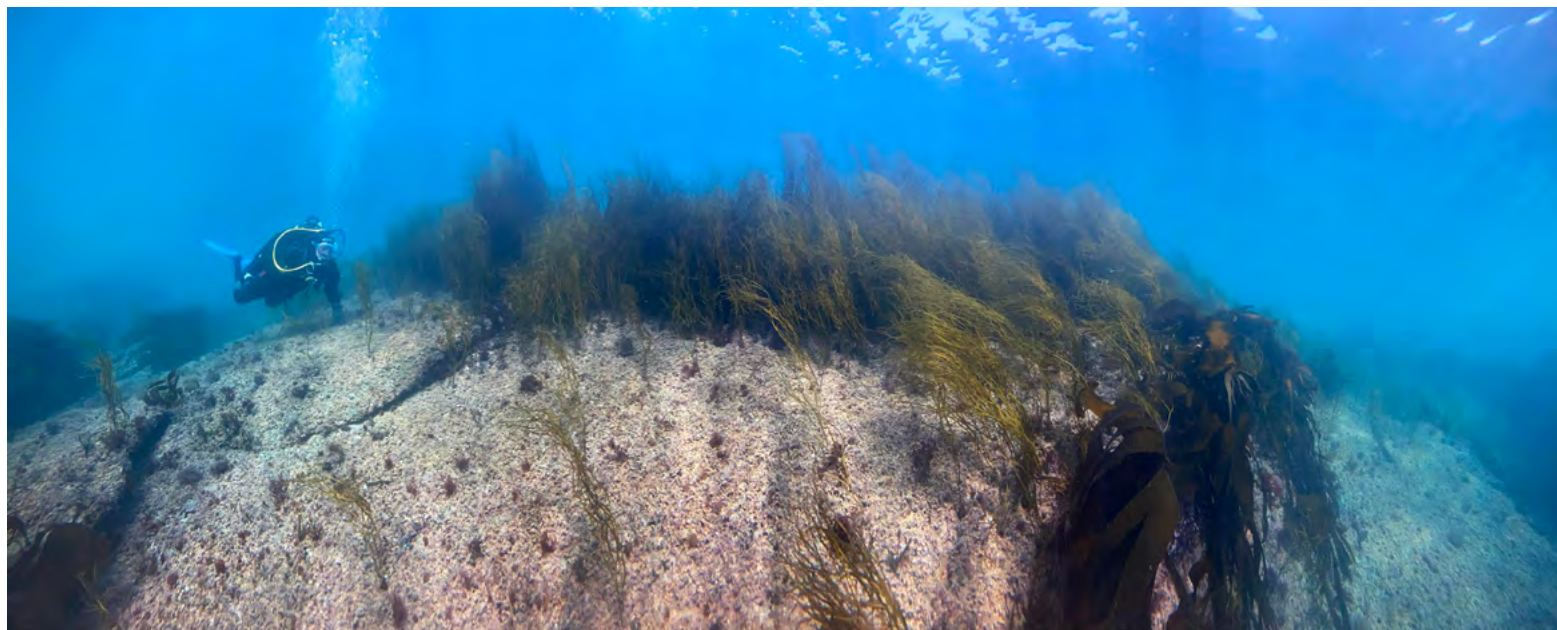
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Hi again. It's me because no 'My Shot' shots have been sent in for this issue :-)

I've always been a fan of the Smartphone and the iPhone in particular not just for shooting quality stills and video but also to produce panoramas; achieved by panning the camera from left to right and then the camera software stitches the images together to create a seamless image.

It doesn't always get it right, especially underwater where there are very few straight lines but it's a simple job to reshoot from a slightly different angle and see how it gets on. The real beauty is that you can see the image 'developing' as you pan.

Clear and blue are not two adjectives which usually appear in the same sentence as UK diving but if you get the right conditions, sun direction and a good model (thanks Peter Rustage) then you are in with a chance. It also helps to use



iPhone 'Pano' in Divevolk housing with dome port. Plymouth, UK.

a GreenWater Magic Filter, but then I would say that, wouldn't I!

From an underwater point of view, the Pano feature allows you to create an almost unique feeling of space, left to right, which is even wider than your own eyes can see and this works especially well in limited visibility and, because you are working with available light, the camera rig can

be simple and light without any arms and strobes.

The files sizes can end up quite big (for an iPhone) and they retain plenty of detail. This image came out of the iPhone at 9234 x 3764 pixels which is 325.76cm x 132.79m so should print up to an impressive size.

The Pano feature is not available in most underwater housings because

they are controlled by an app which does not allow access but the Divevolk housing, with its unique membrane screen allows you to use the iPhone just as you would on land.

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Do you have a favourite shot or an image/s which made a dive special?

E mail yours with some text to

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and yours could be the next My Shot/s

(It's very easy. Images can be any size bigger than 20cm (horizontal or vertical) @ 150dpi saved as jpeg format and about 500 - 750 words would be fine.)