

Digital Shootout 2024 report

by The Backscatter Team

In its 21st year, the Digital Shootout is the pinnacle of underwater photography workshops. For two weeks, underwater photographers from Baby Boomers to Gen Z unite to scuba dive, improve their in-camera shooting skills and editing skills, try the latest in underwater imaging equipment and have the most fun anyone can have during a working vacation. Dive. Shoot. Learn. Repeat.

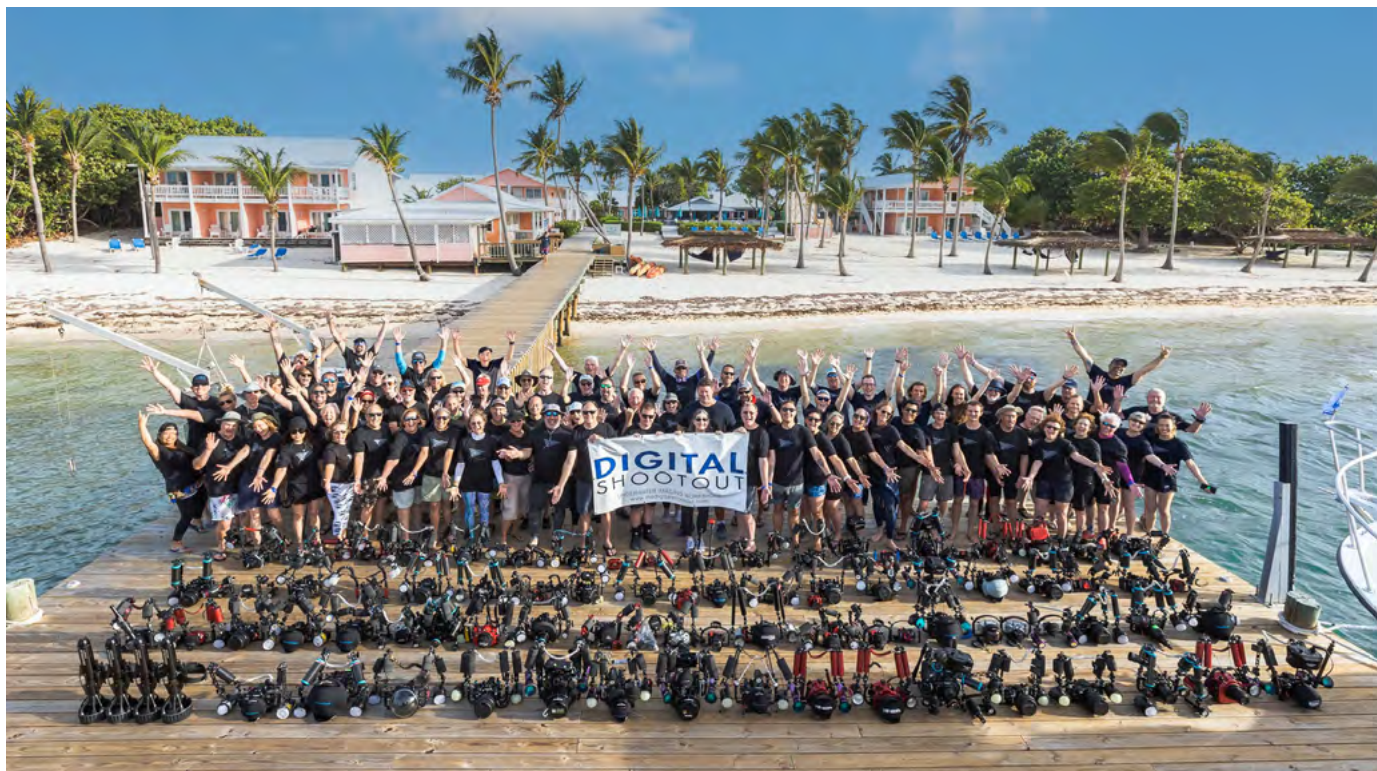
With some of the most talented underwater photographers in the industry on the Shootout staff, the sharing of their knowledge is unsurpassed in the 25 unique seminars offered. A guest to staff ratio of 4:1 provides learning not only in the classroom, but also on the boats, during meals, by the pool and in the Creative Cave, the drop-in help center.

With 25 unique, professionally presented seminars, the teaching pros at The Digital Shootout share their wealth of knowledge in shooting techniques, editing techniques and creative endeavors in the classroom.

Additionally, the Creative Cave offers drop-in assistance in a small group or one-on-one setting. Q&A sprout up organically during meals, on the boats, at the pool and around the bar! Always learning, always fun!

It wouldn't be the Digital Shootout without a friendly competition at the end of the two-week bootcamp where the best underwater stills and videos captured during the event are awarded AMAZING prizes.

While the Shootout is a learning event with emphasis on improving underwater shooting and editing techniques, the event organizers, Backscatter Underwater Video & Photo and Under





Exposures, manage to gather some very cool prizes to give away in the friendly competition.

Regardless of whether or not your images won a prize, congratulations to all of this year's participants for your hard work and improvement shown during the Shootout!

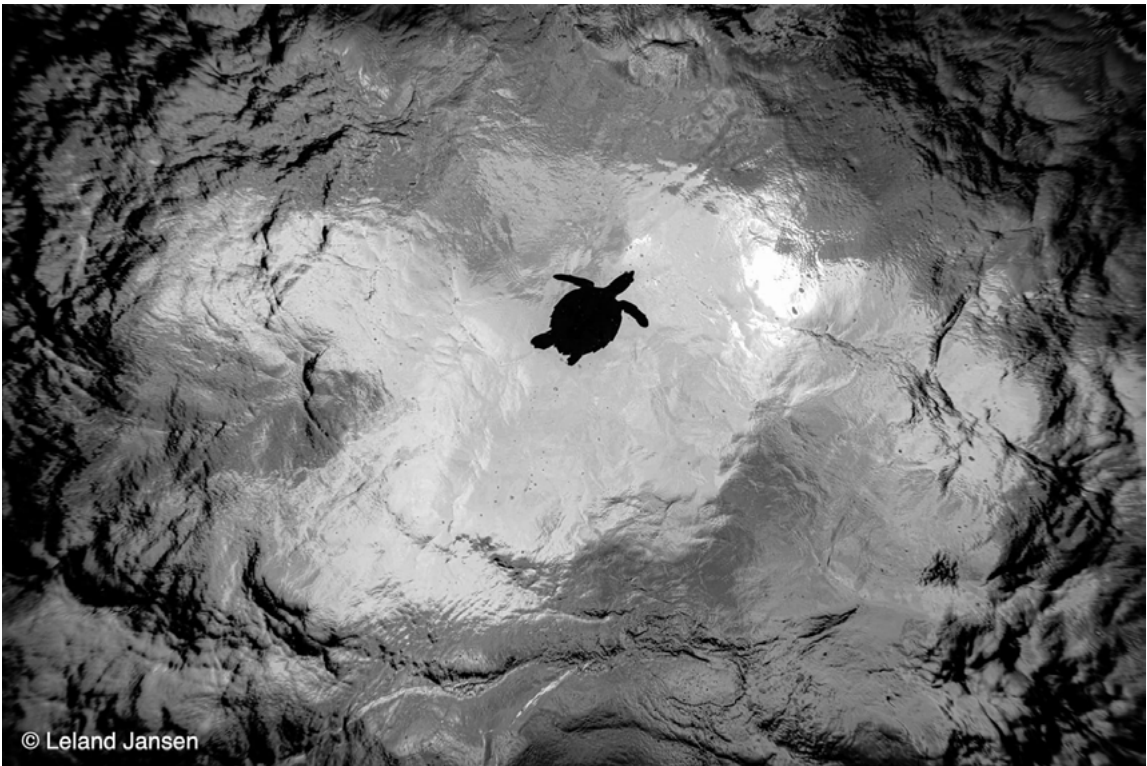
Each of you created captivating, artistic ocean images to be proud of, and you are all winners!

The late Jim Watt was more than a friend to the Shootout. He was a living example of our mission statement. Jim was one of the first professional underwater photographers to adopt digital photography and was thrilled to share all his shooting secrets with first time shooters or fellow professional photographers. His passion and skill in creating new images was infectious and inspired hundreds of Digital Shootout guests over the years.

Our Best of Show image by Leland Jansen is honored with the Jim Watt Award of excellence.

Why not join us in 2025 in Bonaire?!

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June 14th to 28th