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July 5-12, 2025

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Could You Be Underwater Photographer of the Year 2025?

The search is on for the world's best underwater photographs. UPY - the Underwater Photographer of the Year 2025 contest opens for entries on 1st November 2024 closes on 4th January 2025. The contest is widely regarded as the world's leading underwater photography competition, attracting thousands of entries. The winners are announced at a prestigious award ceremony in Mayfair, London, and showcased around the world in the mainstream media.

Chair of the judges, Alex Mustard said "UPY is the most important contest for underwater photographers, and is always packed with astonishing images being revealed for the first time. 2025 marks 60 years since Phil Smith was first awarded the title Underwater Photographer of the Year.

Today the contest is truly international with winning images coming from across the globe. Our last three overall winners were taken under ice in the Arctic Ocean, in the tannin-stained waters of the Amazon



River, and at night close to the equator in the Maldives. ”

A new addition to the contest for 2025 is a category dedicated to coral reefs. This habitat arguably has the most colourful and highest concentrations of life on our planet, yet is also existing on the knife edge of the climate crisis. UPY invites any style of underwater photography linked to coral reefs for this important category.

UPY also welcomes PADI (Professional Association of Diving Instructors) as a new category sponsor, who are linking up with UPY's highly prized Up & Coming category which celebrates new talent. PADI's Dave Murray said ““As the world's largest purpose-driven diving organisation, PADI is committed to making the underwater world accessible for all and creating positive ocean change. Sponsoring the 'Up & Coming' category in the Underwater Photographer of the Year 2025 competition aligns with our mission

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to inspire ocean exploration and conservation.”

UPY is also very happy to be continuing our relationship with existing category sponsors The Crown Estate and the Save Our Seas Foundation, as well as all our prize sponsors, which include many of the leading brands in diving.

UPY is an annual competition, that celebrates photography beneath the surface. The competition is truly international and has 13 categories that test photographers with themes

such as Macro, Wide Angle, Behaviour, Wreck and Conservation photography, as well as three categories for photos taken specifically in British waters.

The contest incorporates a bespoke results system, providing feedback to the photographers on how far through the contest every single image has progressed, so every entrant benefits from taking part. Our experienced judging panel consists of photographers Peter Rowlands, Tobias Friedrich and Alex Mustard.

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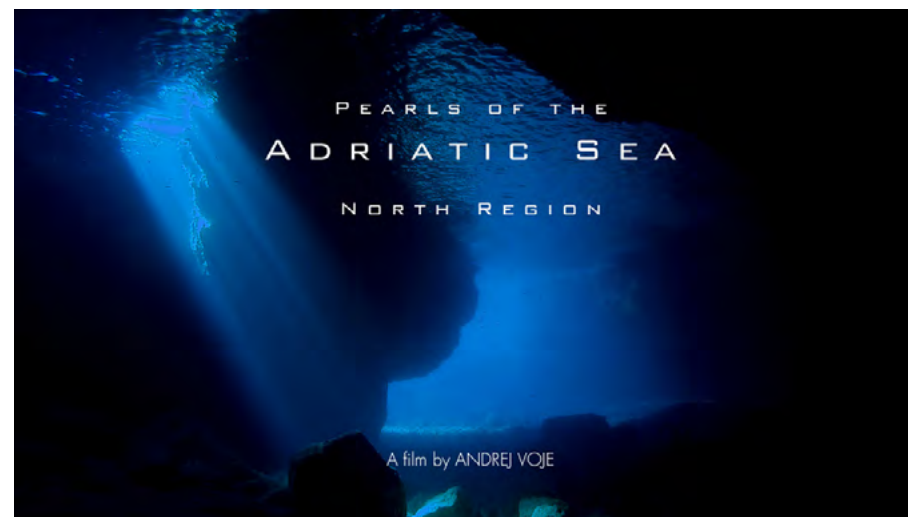
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Pearls Of The Adriatic Sea - North Adriatic



I would like to share with you the trailer for my first underwater documentary Pearls Of The Adriatic Sea - North Adriatic! With more than 30 years of experience as a diver, underwater photographer and videographer, I have captured the stunning beauty of the Northern Adriatic showing its fascinating marine life and hidden treasures. This is the first film in the series Pearls of the Adriatic Sea, which consists of 4 films. Later, the films Central Region, South Region and Underwater archaeological excavations on the island of Mljet will follow.

I have dedicated a considerable part of my life to exploring the

underwater world. I have experienced many beautiful and extraordinary moments beneath the sea surface, so I feel the duty to share all these stories told by creatures from the underwater world with a wider audience. Until now, I have shared these stories through reports in magazines and newspapers, with contributions for TV shows and with lectures in schools, libraries and cultural centers. The audience was always impressed by the pictures, films and stories shown. This gave me the impetus to take the next step.

Now the time has come for these stories to be connected and presented in a documentary film.

<https://vimeo.com/1012775010>
www.pearls-of-the-adriatic-sea.com

www.uwpmag.com

Reef Check Citizen Science Expedition

Red Sea

July 5 - July 12, 2025

Embark on an extraordinary adventure aboard the My Turquoise boat, exploring the mesmerizing underwater world of the Red Sea. This trip isn't just about diving — it's about making a difference.

Partnering with Reef Check, a renowned non-profit organization dedicated to ocean conservation, we offer a unique blend of top-notch dive travel and citizen science. Contribute to vital ocean science efforts while experiencing some of the best diving the Red Sea has to offer.

- Expert Guidance: Learn from and work alongside accomplished marine biologist Dr. Ahmed Shawky PhD during the entire trip.
- Impactful Storytelling: Dive and connect with Linden Wolbert, Justin Lutsky and Abbey Blake who will be documenting your citizen science training, exploration and accomplishments throughout the voyage.
- Reef Check EcoDiver Certification: Learn to identify key indicators of fish, invertebrates, and substrates to assess coral reef health by collecting data and become a fully certified Reef Check EcoDiver.
- CoralWatch Training: Learn to quantify coral health and bleaching



using the CoralWatch Health Chart.

- Marine Mammal Observation: Learn to professionally monitor whales, dolphins, and other marine mammals to help reduce the negative impact of operations on marine wildlife.
- Underwater Laser Photogrammetry: Learn about this unique tool to measure the body length of marine megafauna without disturbing the animals.
- Citizen Science: Participate in meaningful conservation work with Reef Check.

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BENEATH THE SEA's 46th annual Oceans Exposition and Dive Travel Show

March 28, 29 and 30, 2025

BENEATH THE SEA's 46th annual Oceans Exposition and Dive Travel Show will once again be at the New Jersey's Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey March 28, 29 and 30, 2025

This year BENEATH THE SEA will have almost 200 exhibitors from all corners of the world, 50 plus seminars and workshops presented by specialists and experts in their field, exotic destinations,

social events, and leaders from every segment of the dive industry, to entertain, inform and excite the experienced diver, new diver, and non-diver equally. These exhibitors represent the training agencies for scuba diving, manufacturers of scuba equipment and accessories are here at BENEATH THE SEA so that you may see, touch, and discuss what is new in scuba diving products. If you are a Dive Traveler, BENEATH THE SEA is filled with dive destinations, liveboard dive boats, resorts, and airlines that will take you to those far-away places. If it is a new technique you want to learn -- be it digitally editing video, digitally manipulating your underwater slides, catching up to all that flash and dash on the Internet, finding out how you can save a life, or discovering the latest in mixed-gas diving, BENEATH THE SEA will have over 50 seminars, exhibits, and workshops explaining the latest from the fields of scuba diving, oceanography, Northeast diving, wrecks, rescue, and all kinds of underwater photography. While at the show, stop by the Woman Divers Hall of Fame booth and meet these stars of our diving world.



When business is done: PARTY ON!!! BENEATH THE SEA is a great place to meet and socialize with other divers, talk to the experts, and find that special buddy you've been looking for on every dive boat from New Haven to Papua New Guinea. Saturday is the busiest day at BENEATH THE SEA. Still, there is time for the V.I.P. awards dinner with its presentation of the annual Divers of the Year awards. Sunday



the excitement continues with the Ocean Pals Sea of Sweets party and special events program for children and their families – children accompanied by adults admitted free.

And we're still making plans, keep an eye on our website:

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