

News, Travel & Events

Macro to Megafauna: The Ultimate Philippines Underwater Photography Workshop with Andy Deitsch & Byron Conroy February 14 – 26, 2028

Join Inside Scuba for an immersive 12-night underwater photography expedition led by Inside Scuba founders Byron Conroy and Andy Deitsch. We begin with 5 nights at the luxurious Atlantis Dumaguete—world-renowned for its “muck diving” and macro wonders—before boarding the Atlantis Infiniti for a 7-night liveaboard safari targeting the magnificent thresher sharks of Malapascua and the vibrant reefs of the Visayas.

With this workshop we aim to provide you with the very best macro, wide-angle and big animal photographic opportunities

This workshop destination has been chosen to offer the ultimate teaching conditions for underwater photography. The first 5 days will focus entirely on macro, as Dumaguete is home to some of the best macro shooting opportunities in the world, especially for cephalopod action. During this time, we will hold

lectures on all types of macro photography, and you will have the chance to repeat-dive the best sites with the guidance needed to bring your creative visions to reality. Each day includes a live image review where we will critique your work in a non-competitive environment, allowing us to learn from and be inspired by one another. During these sessions, we will also conduct live editing demonstrations for the group.

After 5 nights at the resort, we will board the Atlantis Infiniti directly from the resort beachfront, ensuring no break in the diving action. To provide the very best possible conditions, we are running the boat at 20% under capacity, ensuring fewer divers in the water and more room for cameras,

equipment, and lectures. Once on board, we will shift our focus to wide-angle photography. Lectures will cover composition, storytelling, and lighting techniques designed to take your wide-angle images to the next level.

The primary focus during these 7 nights will be wide-angle reef scenes, fish portraits, and our thresher shark experience. Because we are stationed on a liveaboard, we will have the opportunity to be the first in the water

with these incredible sharks, avoiding the long journeys required by shore-based day boats.

As important as great technique is, we also understand the value of post-processing. Each day, we will offer a Lightroom and Photoshop clinic where you can drop in to discuss your workflow and see how we can help you prepare your images for the evening review.



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NEWS

Keep up to date with everything that matters to underwater photographers, from the latest gear and gadgets to the newest developments in marine research

TECHNIQUES

Learn the fundamentals of underwater photography and progress to the latest, most innovative techniques taught by the top pros in the industry

ARTICLES

Discover the world of underwater imaging through compelling features from photographers, filmmakers, ocean scientists, industry experts, and more

TRAVEL

Read about the experiences of accomplished shooters as they visit the world's most iconic dive spots, and get inside tips on maximizing your dive vacation

EQUIPMENT

Use our comprehensive underwater photography and videography gear guide to find the best camera, lenses, housing, lighting, and accessories for you

CONTESTS

Submit your best underwater images and short films to our annual contests, including the prestigious DPG Masters Underwater Imaging Competition

DIVE PHOTO GUIDE

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Nauticam Workshop - Bristol, UK

Fri, 8 May, 1:30am - 6pm BST

Join us for an afternoon with Nauticam, and Underwater Visions, to learn more about the new Nauticam Optics, and the creative minds that swear by Nauticam equipment. There will be opportunities to get up-close and interactive with Nauticam gear, ask questions and network with fellow underwater enthusiasts.

Talks will include:

Edward Lai, Founder and Managing Director of Nauticam
 “My Journey in Optics” will detail Edward’s fascination and passion for revolutionising the optical experience in Underwater image making. He will share the design process from conception to realisation, both from a theoretical and a practical, real-world

perspective.

Dr Alex Mustard MBE, Award-winning Underwater Photographer and Marine Biologist

“Nauticam optics in the field” will discuss the practical application of the Nauticam range of optics in Alex’s professional practice.

Richard Fitzpatrick - “Nauticam optics in Wildlife Filmmaking”

£20 per person Refreshments included. Spaces are limited to get your ticket now!

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Hints and advice with Andy and Allison Sallmon

Long Beach Scuba Show on 30-31 May



Andy Sallmon and Allison Vitsky Sallmon are a photography/writing team that has been working together since 2010, and they'll be offering some inspiring hints and advice to underwater photographers at the Long Beach Scuba Show on 30-31 May.

Individually and together, their work has been recognized in dozens of international underwater and nature photography competitions, graced the walls of aquariums and museums, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Smithsonian Institute, and extensively published in magazines and books on diving, nature, and photography.

Individually, Andy is the sales manager for Marelux USA as well as an independent sales representative for Kraken Sports. Allison is the founder and president of Dive into the Pink, a non-profit organization that mobilizes the diving community to join the fight against cancer, and she is a proud member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame.

Andy and Allison will be doing two presentations over the weekend:

The California Shooter's Ultimate Guide to Wide Angle
Remarkable Reef Imagery

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ABOFA

Aqaba Blue Ocean Future in Action



9 - 12 September 2026

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ABOFA- Aqaba Blue Ocean Future in action 2026 is a comprehensive international exhibition and experience platform dedicated to Diving, Marine Technology, Water Sports, Adventure Tourism, and Ocean Lifestyle.

Taking place in the heart of the Red Sea, ABOFA aims to transform Aqaba into the region's leading hub for diving, marine innovation, and coastal adventure industries.

The event brings together global brands, innovators, researchers, divers, investors, and marine professionals to connect, collaborate, showcase technology, conduct demonstrations, and engage in B2B and B2C experiences.

TARGET SECTOR



Diving and Underwater sector



Marine Technology & Innovation



Water Sports & Adventure



Boats & Marine Equipment



Tourism & lifestyle



Education & training workshops & Startups



Underwater Photography & Gaming



B2B Professional Sector

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SHOW SUMMARY

80+ Exhibitors

20+ Workshops / day

50+ Speakers

4000+ visitors

EXHIBITOR CATEGORY

- Marine technology companies
- Diving equipment distributors
- Ports, marinas, shipyards
- Government institutions
- Environmental agencies
- Tourism boards
- Yacht operators
- Dive centers & instructors

SHOW BRIEF



B2B - Trade & Industry

- Manufacturers & suppliers
- Boat & yacht builders
- Marine technology providers
- Distributors, agents & retailers
- Investors & developers



B2G - Government & Institutions

- Tourism, investment & sports authorities
- Maritime regulators & ports
- Environmental & conservation agencies
- Universities & research institutions



B2C - Consumers & Lifestyle

- Divers & water sports enthusiasts
- Boat & yacht buyers
- Adventure travelers & families
- Youth & lifestyle communities

FLOOR PLAN



Diving Zone



Adventure Water Sports Zone



B2B Business & Hosted Buyer Lounge



Marine Innovation & Technology Zone



Tourism & Lifestyle Zone



Workshop & Knowledge Hub



Entertainment & Stimulation Experience Zone

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Bimini Shark Sanctuary with Simon Rogerson December 2026

Develop your underwater photography skills and hone your technique to capture that perfect Bimini shark shot, all under the expert guidance of award-winning photographer Simon Rogerson, Editor of UK Scuba Magazine.

Bimini has a knack for inspiring anyone who sets foot on its sandy shores, and is world-famous for its incredible marine life encounters.

This trip coincides with the start of Bimini's great hammerhead season and some of the year's best bull shark action. The itinerary is designed to maximise the exceptional diversity of shark encounters available in the warm, clear Bahamian waters. The undisputed stars are the great hammerheads, which migrate to the shallow, sandy flats off South Bimini from December.

At the 'Hammerhead Grounds', divers can observe these elegant creatures in just six to nine metres of water. Another highlight is the renowned 'Bimini Bull Run' site, which offers remarkable opportunities to observe bull sharks.

In addition to the headline hammerheads, nurse sharks are often spotted resting on the seabed, alongside regular sightings of lemon, Caribbean reef and even



tiger sharks. There are also chances to snorkel with wild dolphins and stingrays, offering further exceptional moments for underwater photography in Bimini.

Diving conditions in the Bahamas are very favourable in December. Water temperatures settle at a pleasant 25°C, and visibility often extends to 30 metres. A 5mm wetsuit is advised for comfort.



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Photo Workshop - Paradise Taveuni - Fiji

August 4-15, 2026



Improve your underwater photography skills with Backscatter photo James Emery at Paradise Taveuni, Fiji.

Known as the Soft Coral Capital of the World, Taveuni is home to the legendary Rainbow Reef, with one of the Top 10 Dive Sites in the World, The Great White Wall, which is diveable only when conditions are right. We planned our trip dates specifically at the best time to be there!

The Somosomo Strait (Fijian for 'good water') has strong tidal currents, which provide a constant flow of nutrients and are idyllic for soft coral growth and diverse fish life.

Paradise Taveuni Resort is located in the southwest of Taveuni Island, one of the island's most beautiful areas. Set on 5 acres of elevated oceanfront land, Paradise offers impressive sea and sunset views and many strategically placed hammocks and sun lounges from which to enjoy them.

Paradise has a dedicated Camera Room for underwater photographers, an ideal location for rinsing, cleaning, and charging.

Who should attend the workshop?

Beginner and intermediate underwater photographers who are looking to improve their UW images. If you have a new camera or are just starting out, this course will cover all the basics. If you have been shooting for a while but aren't happy with the results, we can help. Do you struggle with focus or exposure? Composition? Strobe position? Isolating your subject from the background? Then this is the course for you.

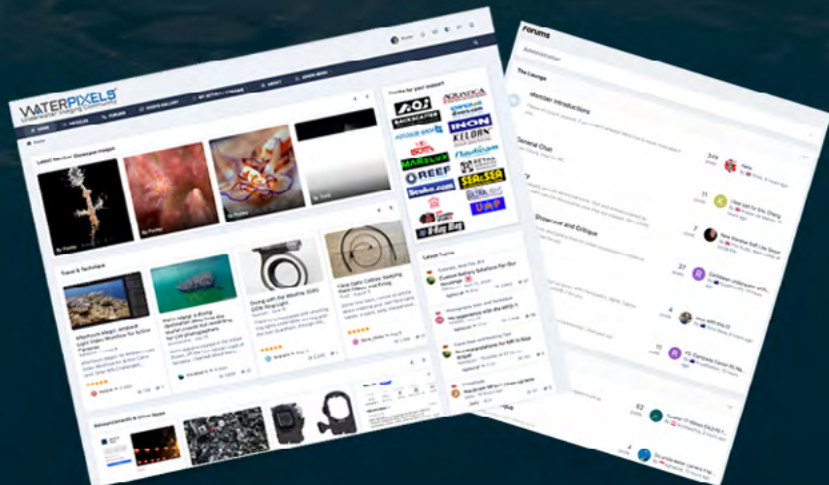
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Setup in late 2023, Waterpixels is a thriving online community for underwater image makers.

With over a 1000 members, the forum is run by a small, dedicated team of individuals who share a passion for underwater photography and who want to support the underwater imaging community.

Our objective is to provide members with a free community website and share advice, experience, knowledge and ideas that can enhance skills and creativity.

To support our commitment to keeping Waterpixels accessible to everyone, there is no charge for membership. We aim to cover running costs through sales of Waterpixels merchandise, donations from our community members, and, perhaps in time to come, carefully selected advertising partnerships. We do not sell or pass on data.

By joining Waterpixels, you become part of a vibrant community that is driven by a common love for underwater imaging. Whether you're a seasoned professional or just starting your journey, whether you use a large mirrorless or DSLR system, a GoPro or a compact, we welcome you to explore our platform, engage with fellow members, and take advantage of the wealth of resources available to you.

www.waterpixels.net

Reef Photo Grand Cayman workshops

May 30-June 4, 2026

Sep 5-12, 2026



Dive, shoot, relax and learn alongside our Photo Pros in some world class dive destinations. Elevate your imaging with hands-on guidance at these expert-led workshops. Whether you just got your first system, recently upgraded or are an experienced shooter, our underwater workshops are the best way to improve your imaging in some of the world's best dive destinations.

Sunset House offers Oceanview & Courtyard Rooms, accommodating double and single occupancy.

5-night packages include four days of morning 2-tank boat dives, with unlimited shore diving on the diving days. All packages include airport transfers, a daily made-to-order breakfast, a welcome cocktail, a gift from us, and tax and service charges. Please note that the dive packages include tanks, weights, and weight belts; no other gear is provided.

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Antarctica's Whales Under Threat

Dear Peter,

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Every year, fleets of massive industrial trawlers descend on Antarctic waters and haul in staggering amounts of krill, billions of these tiny crustaceans that whales, penguins, seals, and seabirds depend on for survival. In fact, this year's haul was one of the largest ever recorded.



Krill are the foundation of the Antarctic food web. Remove them, and entire ecosystems collapse. For whales in particular, krill mean life itself.

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Uw Photography Workshops with Martin Stevens, Cornwall UK

13-14 June 2026

4-5 July 2026

Enjoy beautiful Cornish diving while learning key techniques for underwater photography in these two-day workshops.

They are open to all experience levels especially beginner to intermediate, will cover how to capture and edit compelling underwater images. It will include techniques and theory for creating stunning photographs including macro, super macro, wide angle, and more creative approaches. Sessions will include approaches to lighting (natural, strobes, continuous lights), key diving skills (e.g. buoyancy control), and how to edit and process images after capture. We will also cover simple techniques for video capture and editing. The course is designed for a small group experience with no more than six participants on any one workshop.

Dives will be relatively shallow (10m or less). Each day will start with an introduction to key concepts, and sessions will also include time in the dive centre pool to practice techniques, provide feedback, review



and discuss images, techniques and theory.

DiveUK is based in Falmouth, Cornwall and Martin Stevens is an award-winning underwater photographer, with images awarded multiple times in competitions such as Underwater Photographer of the Year, British Wildlife Photography Awards, and various others. He has been exploring the local Cornwall and Falmouth environment and taking photos here for more than 10 years.

Cost: £600 per person, including dive kit rental.

See a selection of Martin's images at

www.wildlifevision.com

www.diveuk.uk

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