

Editorial

Nikon D70

The imminent arrival of the Nikon D70 digital SLR is a significant event in the world of underwater photography. Its sub \$1000 price tag will offer an attractive proposition for Nikon SLR film users who are considering a move into the digital world.

Nikon SLR cameras are the most widely used housed cameras underwater. This is due mainly to the TTL flash compatibility with Nikonos strobes which many underwater photographers already had in their armoury.

For those Nikon film users, the new D70 can use their existing lenses albeit with a 50% increase in focal length to produce image quality which is knocking on the door of a direct replacement for film.

The long term savings on film and processing will pay for itself after just a few trips abroad and the pure enjoyment of digital simplicity and immediacy of results is very exciting indeed.

I feel sure that cameras like the D70 will open up digital photography underwater to a much wider audience and this can only be good for underwater photography.

Rugby World Cup

I know this has got nothing whatsoever to do with underwater photography but I prey your indulgence because it does explain, in part, why this issue of UwP is a bit late.

Firstly, to all our Australian readers, thanks to your great country for hosting such a fantastic Rugby World Cup and secondly commiserations on the outcome. No one likes to lose (especially to the Poms, I guess) but the finale of the tournament was as exciting a game as we are likely to see for a long time. Two great teams locked head to head for 100 minutes divided by one last minute moment of elation for the English and despair for the Australians.

The other reason for mentioning the Rugby World Cup is that it explains why this issue of UwP is a tad late. Add a trip to Manado around the time when UwP16 should have been finalised and you have both of my excuses.

I promise it won't happen again for another four years!

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