

News, Travel & Events

South Florida UPS

The South Florida Underwater Photography Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of underwater photography through its membership. The South Florida Underwater Photography Society was created in 1980. SFUPS was created as a means and place for fellow underwater photographers to meet and talk with other underwater photographers to exchange and share ideas by discussing them. They would listen to lectures from professional underwater photographers, organize interesting dives with photographic opportunities and promote the sport in general. At the time, there were only a few books on the subject so people were learning about underwater photography by trial and lots of errors. It was and still is word of mouth that has allowed SFUPS grow into what it is today.

SFUPS has been meeting at its current location for 10 years now which has grown into a monthly meeting place where all who share the common interest of underwater photography are exploring and learning from one another for the sake of capturing better underwater images.

Monthly meetings consist of

guest speakers; slide presentations, intra-club slide competitions and exchanges of information relating to scuba diving and all aspects of underwater imaging. Each month a colorful newsletter is sent out by email, which provides articles and photos of the previous month's intra-club contest winners. We also organize dive trips both local and exotic with the photographer in mind. At year's end at our holiday party, the person with the highest points accumulated from the contests and club participation is awarded as our photographer of the year.

Everyone is invited to attend the meetings to learn more about underwater photography and to meet others who share the same interest.

SFUPS meets the second Tuesday of Each Month, except December, at the Holiday Inn at Calder Racetrack/Pro Player Stadium 21486 NW 27th Avenue Just South of the Broward/Dade County Line 7:30pm

Why did SFUPS get such a large feature? They printed off our flyer to promote UwP! See our web site for details.

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Special Expedition to Wolf & Darwin, Galapagos Islands 16th-27th November 2004

Scuba Safaris are pleased to announce that they have chartered the Galapagos Aggressor for a 7-night cruise to Wolf & Darwin Island in November 2004.

Because they have chartered the entire vessel a very generous discount is available to all who join this trip.

The cost is £2695 per person in twin share which includes return economy class airfares from London to Galapagos Islands. All transfers. 2 nights' hotel accommodation at the Four Points Sheraton on a bed & breakfast basis, 7 nights twin share cabin aboard Galapagos Aggressor including all meals & drinks (except dinner on the final night of the cruise) 5 days unlimited diving, tanks, weights & airfills.

For further details visit
www.scuba-safaris.com



2 Week Wreckfest at Bikini Atoll May 6th-25th 2006

Always fancied doing TWO weeks at Bikini Atoll? Well, now's your chance! Scuba Safaris are arranging a two week special trip in May 2006 that will allow 24 dives on Bikini's fabulous wrecks.

The cost is £4455 per person in twin share which includes all airfares in economy class. All transfers. 2 nights Honolulu & 1 night Majuro hotel accommodation on a room only basis. All meals at Bikini Atoll. 24 decompression dives at Bikini Atoll. Tanks, weights, airfills, Nitrox deco mix & divemaster services.

For further details visit
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BLUE SHARKS AND KELP FORESTS

The Channel Islands of Southern
California with Charles Hood

**Saturday 11th September - Sunday
19th 2004 (9 days)**

Charles Hood, the accomplished underwater photographer and journalist, will return to the Channel Islands to lead this tour, which is his choice for the most unusual photographic opportunities and exciting shark encounters. Charles will be on hand for informal photographic discussion and critique, but non-photographers are equally welcome. Not only is this unique trip almost impossible to arrange on an individual basis, but travelling with Charles means that the group is completely in control of its own diving management and will certainly benefit from Charles's knowledge and experience.

The trip consists of 6 days diving including both boat diving around Catalina itself and all day shark diving trips out into the Pacific Ocean. Night diving will be available (at extra cost). Nitrox, both 32% and 36%, is available for a supplementary charge, payable locally.

The cost is £1863. For more details visit www.divequest.co.uk



WAKATOBI PHOTOQUEST

6th October - 20th October 2004

Leader: Martin Edge

Martin Edge is widely acknowledged as one of our leading underwater photographers and is probably the finest teacher of underwater photography skills.

Martin's expeditions combine the stimulus of diving with a group of like-minded people with continuous input from Martin himself in superb diving locations.

During the trip, under the experienced leadership of Martin and with the support of Sylvia, you can expect to learn both macro and wide-angle techniques including working with shallow water and sunlight, framing the shot, composition and indeed any topic that turns up.

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Celebrate the Sea Marine Imagery Festival

29 July - 1 August, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Calling all underwater image makers - send in your entries to Asia Pacific's most prestigious underwater imaging competitions.

Cash and Product prizes from EPSON, NIKON, SEACAM, SONY, IKELITE, OceanNEnvironment, DIVE GEAR USA, ECO-SYS, Minahasa Lagoon Resort, Murex Resort, Lembah Resort, Pulau Sipadan Resort, Lankayan Resort, Redang Kalong Resort, Seraya Resort, Yos Diving Bali, Berjaya Resorts, Berjaya Time Square.

Deadline Registration: 1 July 2004

The Premier Awards

David Doubilet - Award of Excellence

Stan Waterman - Award of Excellence

Celebrate the Sea Underwater Image Maker Scholarship

Celebrate the Sea Underwater Image Maker Photographer of the Year

OceanNEnvironment's / Asian Geographic Environment Award

Check at www.celebratethesea.com or email cts@oneocean.com for an application form.

CELEBRATE THE SEA & WETPIXEL.COM DIGITAL PORTFOLIO Competition

Underwater photographers - novice or professionals: this is the chance to enter the most prestigious underwater DIGITAL imagery competition in the world. Held in association with the Antibes Festival Mondial de l'Image Sous Marine, WETPIXEL.Com and Celebrate the Sea Imagery Festival Kuala Lumpur 2004, the cash, equipment and holiday prizes are value to over USD \$60,000.

Winning entries may also be selected as front cover photo for Scuba Diver Australasia. The results will be announced at a GALA AWARD Ceremony on 31 July 2004 in Kuala Lumpur.

Entry is easy Email: digital@oneocean.com for entry form. Or download entry form at www.Celebratethesea.com or www.Wetpixel.com



CELEBRATE THE SEA - Beneath Southeast Asian Shoot-Out Competition

The Shoot-Out competition is now in its second year and is the richest of its kind in the world, with prizes totalling over USD 60 000 in cash, equipment and holidays. Images must be captured between 1 January and 2 July 2004 at one of the participating resorts in South East Asia.

Check at www.celebratethesea.com for information.



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8th Open Internacional Fotosub Isla de El Hierro

Next 27th October – 1st November will be celebrated the 8th edition of the underwater photography competition “**Open Internacional Fotosub Isla de El Hierro**”.

This is an international open competition that celebrates since 1996 in the Marine Reserve located in the small island of El Hierro (Canary Islands), one of the most appreciated diving zones for European divers.

It is organised by the Tourist Board of El Hierro Island and Carlos Minguell (twice World Champion of Underwater Photography) is in charge of the Technical Direction since 1998.

The “**Open Internacional Fotosub Isla de El Hierro**” consists of two days of competition, with a total of 4 dives in the best diving points. A collection of six slides (freely selected by the participant, without any obligatory categories) is presented by each participant. A Jury composed by prestigious and experienced underwater photographers gives the results on the last day. There are big prizes for the best collections and also other special prizes to spectacular images representatives of the uniqueness of the El Hierro waters and marine life. This year there will be a total of



18000 Euros of cash prizes.

The number of participants is limited to 28. For any enquiries about the competition, please, write to the Technical Direction Department: openfotosub@ocean-photos.com. The information about the 8th **Open Internacional Fotosub Isla de El Hierro** is available at <http://www.openfotosub.com>.

The Blue Dolphin of Malta 2004

International Underwater Photographic Competition

The Federation of Underwater Activities – Malta (F.U.A.M) welcomes you to the Maltese Islands and invites you to participate in the 11th edition of the Blue Dolphin of Malta international underwater photographic competition. This edition is being held on the beautiful sister island of Gozo from the 9th to 14th November 2004.

For five days, competitors and their models, judges and journalists from various countries, are meeting to respectively share and exchange, the pleasures and knowledge of capturing the beauty and wonders of the Mediterranean Sea. All will once again dive into Maltese Islands' clear blue waters and shoot on film – to capture not to kill - the beauty, colour and grace of the blue!

The Blue Dolphin of Malta became, and still is a very important and renowned event throughout the international diving community.

The Blue Dolphin of Malta is an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty of the Mediterranean Sea and the marine environment in general. The waters around Gozo are famous for their clear blue waters, cave and

deep diving.

Each competitor will compete over two days (six hours), to present a set of three slides. The slides must include one macro or close up (all subjects except fish), one fish (macro or close up) and one wide angle (ambient).

A Disposable Camera competition is being included again to attract more divers to this speciality and encourage them to discover underwater photography. Finally, for the first time, a Digital underwater photography competition is being organized for all those digital enthusiasts.

The 11th Blue Dolphin of Malta International Underwater Photographic Competition is organised by FUAM in collaboration with Malta Tourism Authority (MTA), Malta Olympic Committee, our official carrier Air Malta, Malta Maritime Authority (MMA), FUJI and St Andrews Dive Cove. Many thanks to all the other sponsors and other partners; without them there will be no Blue Dolphin of Malta.

For further information please visit our website www.fuam.org or contact FUAM on fuam@digigate.net or tel. 00356 99424275 or fax 00356 21578167

Digital Shootout Fiji 2004

Around 50 people attended this years shootout in Taveuni, Fiji from May 6th to 15th sponsored by Wetpixel, Backscatter, Light & Motion, Adobe and Optiquatics and hosted at the Garden Island Resort.

There was a competition at the end of the trip and the standard of images was very high.

The " traditional " categories allow for the adjustment of brightness, contrast, color, and sharpness. Cropping, cloning, and other digital manipulation is not allowed in the traditional categories. This restriction on digital manipulation will enable folks who aren't as savvy at digital manipulation to compete on more-or-less even ground with those who are more experienced. " Unrestricted " categories have no such rules regarding manipulation.

Backscatter, Light & Motion, Adobe, and the Garden Island Resort here in Fiji all donated significant prizes, including copies of Adobe Photoshop CS and Premiere Pro, gift certificates for credit at Backscatter, Light & Motion housings for Olympus and Nikon cameras, and a 7-day trip for two back to the Garden Island Resort!

Details of all the entrants are at <http://wetpixel.com/module-pagesetter-viewpub-tid-1-pid-52-page-8.phtml>



Best of show - Greg Bang



Traditional Macro - 1st Place: Ken Bailey



Unrestricted Macro - 1st Place: Marc Hannigan



Unrestricted Wide - 1st Place: Peter Mooney



Traditional Wide - 1st Place: Ken Bailey

Digital SLR Housings



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Digital SLR Housing

To extend the capabilities of the digital SLR cameras Ikelite has designed a new underwater housing. This housing is injection molded of clear polycarbonate for strength, visual access to the camera, lcd screens and camera controls. The ergonomic design places camera functionality at your fingertips for the ultimate in creative control. The interchangeable port system accommodates a wide variety of lenses from super-wide angle to super-macro. The rubber handles offer excellent grip and a quick release system for Ikelite's new SA-100 Arm system. An external Ikelite connector is provided to connect single or dual Ikelite Substrobes.

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Ikelite supports their underwater digital housings with a full line of accessories. Choose from trays with single or dual handle and quick release of strobes. The DS50 Substrobe is ideal for cameras with zoom lenses or choose the DS125 for use with wide-angle lenses. Many Nikon and Olympus models offer true TTL lighting exposure, or use our EV-Controller that gives 10 power settings in 1/2 stop increments for complete manual lighting control. Ikelite also offers a choice in versatile arm systems to meet your needs and budget.

New digital cameras are being introduced at a rapid pace. For the latest information on new digital housing models visit our web site.

