

Editorial

PhotoRescue to the rescue

We all know the amazing capability of digital cameras but there is one thing we perhaps overlook until it happens to us.

Just as digital is so instant at producing results so too can the process work the other way i.e. results can be erased just as quickly! I first learnt this when I used my Nikon D100 to take photos at my wedding. After about 30 shots the LCD screen started flashing "Err" and wouldn't take any more photos.

When I tried to download the images to my computer a message came up "Disk not found". Sweat broke out on my forehead as I thought I would have no images of our joyous day. Nothing I could do would make the disk mount.

Panicking slightly I did a search on the internet and came up with PhotoRescue (www.datarescue.com) and it did just that!

This inexpensive software searched the problem disk and rescued all of the images.

As a result, I never travel anywhere without PhotoRescue!

Housing arrivals

Traditionally housing manufacturers have to wait until they can get their hands on a camera before they can start work designing and producing housings.

Imaging my surprise when I heard that Alex Mustard had taken delivery of his housing for a Nikon D2x a day before the camera was released in the UK!

The reason for this is because Nikon had used the identical camera chassis from a previous digital SLR for which Subal had already made a housing. The result was a manufacturers and underwater photographers dream - a housing being available as soon as the camera hits the market.

It makes great financial sense for Nikon to use an existing chassis while upgrading the sensor chip and electronics. This saves R&D time and expense and Canon have also done this with some of their high end DSLRs.

This new development helps both the camera and housing manufacturers as well as underwater photographers.

Maybe the digital age is slowing down afterall!

Readers lives

UwP covers

Pete - Greetings from the Old Sod
- Can I just say - you have produced consistant stunning covers for the mag - Outstanding and original image concepts - Great work - well done
- Loving it. - Nigel.

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Please note: Unprompted E mails like this will always get published. Ed.

Photo piracy

Dear fellow divers and u/w photographers.

Recently, the lark struck me and I typed in my name in the google.com search engine. Imagine my astonishment when a picture of mine popped up on a web site yet they had neither asked me for permission to use one of my pictures, nor provided any credit whatsoever.

In contrast, when the British Society of Underwater Photographers" announced that issue

no. 11 of UwP (with my coverphoto on aquarium photography) was available, they correctly displayed the copyright symbol and named me as the photographer.

As an amateur u/w photographer, I probably would have been tickled had they just asked me - perhaps in exchange for a future free dive. But now, instead of tickled, I am ticked off. Nobody can just 'borrow' (i.e., steal) my - and your - pictures without permission.

May I suggest that you type in your name in a search engine as well, and that you send an equally unequivocal message to whoever may have 'borrowed' your pictures.

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Peter - just to update you on the copyright story. The dive resort owner and the web master both now have apologized, and we have come to an agreement. So, to calm the waters, perhaps you can publish my letter but without naming the outfit by name. There is no need to publicly embarrass them while still raising the issue for other (amateur, semi-pro, or full-time pro) photographers to look into.

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