

News, Travel & Events

Oceans Expo 2005

Oceans Expo 2005 has been able to gather six different visions, six particular techniques and perspectives of the submarine world and its inhabitants. The work of these photographers has been compiled with the single intention to present the wonderful world that hides under the different oceans from our planet.

Convinced that the image captives, involves and transmits, we have chosen for Oceans Expo 2005 idyllic images of the submarine world, images that, obtained with equipment and very sophisticated techniques, manage to bring the spectator closer to the real dimension of what, without a doubt, it is the main ecosystem of our planet.

Oceans Expo 2005 is the first effort of The Living Oceans, an organization without profit aims that was conceived with the only interest to promote the care of the oceans and its inhabitants through the photography. The Living Oceans looks to be a photographic crusade endorsed by the main creators of submarine images of the world.

Oceans Expo 2005 was unveiled at El Centro de la Fotografia in Peru on April 14th. This Expo was showed



in Lima until May 24th. After its presentation in Lima the exhibition will travel around some Peruvian provinces and some countries of South America. At the same time Oceans Expo 2005 will be presented in Singapore from 3 - 5 of June as part of Celebrate the Sea festival the most important event of the sea in the Asian Pacific Region

This was the first time an exhibition of underwater photography is presented in Peru. The event was a great success and the media welcome the event so much that the Expo has to be retained in Lima for 15 days more.



For more information
www.thelivingoceans.com

Travel Photographer of the Year 2005

Entries are now open for the 2005 international Travel Photographer of the Year (TPOTY) competition, which once again boasts an outstanding line-up of travel and photography prizes worth over £60,000 – including the most valuable prize package for the overall winner yet offered by TPOTY. Amongst this year's stunning prizes is Hasselblad's H1 medium format camera – the first time that this camera has been offered as a prize in any competition.

Open to amateur and professional photographers, it features four portfolio categories covering every aspect of travel photography, a Single Image category, and a special Young Travel Photographer competition for those aged 16 and under.

In addition to receiving superb prizes, the winners will see their images showcased in 'Journey Two', the second TPOTY portfolio book, which will be published in December 2005, and at TPOTY exhibitions during 2006.

www.tpoty.com

Sport Diver Magazine Launches 'Continue the Adventure Dive Trips'



Sport Diver magazine launches unique, fresh brand of dive adventure trips: Continue the Adventure. Participants will be able to complete PADI specialties and advanced certifications, and fully immerse themselves into blue worlds — from the Caribbean to the Pacific to the Antarctic. To kick off these one-of-a-kind experiences with a bang, Sport Diver's editor, Ty Sawyer and world-famous underwater photographer, David Doubilet, will take a group of readers on an actual feature story assignment to Curacao. If you've ever opened the pages of Sport Diver and wondered what the life of an underwater photojournalist is really like; or thought that you could write and shoot for the magazine, then this is the trip for you. One person on this trip will get their story published in Sport Diver. Guaranteed. Yes,



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We'll be there from September 5-11. During the week, Sawyer will dispense advice on how to take readers on an inspiring adventure, and Doubilet will give tips and techniques on capturing the pulse and essence of a destination with your images. You'll do everything as if the assignment is yours and will have incredible access to the best of Curacao's diving and topside experiences. We'll be staying at Breezes Superclubs and diving with PADI Gold Palm Resort Ocean Encounters while diving the sites near the bustling, photogenic and historic town of Willemsted; and with Sunset Water and diving with PADI dive resort Sunset Divers on the remote west end.

www.sportdiver.com/adventures.

The Los Angeles Underwater Photo Society Announces the 2005 43rd Annual International LAUPS Competition

The Los Angeles Underwater Photo Society is pleased to announce that the 43rd annual International Competition



is open for entries. Photographers will compete for outstanding prizes, including liveaboard and land-based dive vacations, diving equipment, and photo gear. This year, for the first time, the competition will be accepting digital files in addition to prints, slides, and video. Entry categories include macro, wide angle, west coast cold water, marine related, creative freestyle, raw (unedited) video and open video. Please refer to the entry form for details on entry formats and categories.

Last year's competition drew entries from 17 countries and 23 states.

The deadline for entries is September 23, 2005.

Rules and entry form are available at www.laups.org

ScubaPOP



A team of Bay Area PADI scuba instructors from the California Dive Center is volunteering their time and service to provide diving certification courses to survivors of a tsunami-devastated village of in southwest Sri Lanka. The project, affectionately known as ScubaPOP, is designed to give inhabitants of the former fishing village of Madiha (just outside Polhena) the necessary tools and skills to sustain themselves safely as they rebuild their futures.

While there, the ScubaPOP delegation will survey and document the damage done to the area's coral reefs, to begin the process of understanding and eventually re-propagating these precious ecosystems. You can learn more about the project by visiting www.scubasf.com



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Raja Ampat Dive/Photo Trips Oct 20-31 & Nov 3-14 2005



Join Deb Fugitt on a diving holiday in Raja Ampat aboard one of two special charters organized specifically for underwater photographers. There are two back to back charters, each 11 nights / 12 days in length or you may combine them and join both at a discounted price. These are the 8th and 9th trips Deb has organized to the area.

Trips are limited to 12 guests each and include up to 7 dives per day, special guides and services, specifically planned menus for each trip and services above SMY Ondina's usual superb service and beautiful ship which won the 2004 Poseidon award for "Best Liveaboard Diving Cruise".

These cruises will visit only the best dive sites in the area for photography.

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Lembeh Resort with Denise & Larry Tackett 06 Nov-12 Nov 2005



Larry & Denise have spent many years exploring the Lembeh straits of Indonesia. They have mastered the art of finding and photographing the amazing critters to be found in this region of Indonesia.

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New UK management for Tasik Ria Resort, Manado

Jim and Cary Yany, owners of Eco Divers, have appointed Steve and Janet Prior to manage Tasik Ria Resort in order to allow themselves more time to focus on Tasik Ria Resort, Kungkungan Bay Resort and imminent plans for expansion, more of which in a later press release. Steve and Janet have worked with Eco Divers before and are just the right people to take on the management of TRR, under the guidance of Jim and Cary. It also means that Eco Divers can finally offer IDCs on demand in North Sulawesi.

Steve and Janet Prior, Course Director and Staff Instructor respectively, have been involved in the diving industry for over 18 years. For the past four years, they have been conducting Instructor Development courses for UK dive centres as well as teaching instructor level training in Specialties and Emergency First Response.

As founder of Chelmsford-based Adventures in Diving, which Steve took to a five star IDC centre, and as manager of Emperor Divers in Hurghada, Steve is highly qualified to understand, and deliver, just what a diver wants from their holiday.

"Janet and I work well as a team and our satisfaction comes from being good at what we do. Dive centres find our enthusiasm for the sport is



infectious and leaves divers with a real feel-good factor," said Steve.

The couple are passionate about their sport and thoroughly enjoy teaching and guiding all levels of diver and educating them to enjoy and respect what nature has provided with Speciality Courses being a particular interest.

"What we do well is observe and instil excitement about the fascinating, and often strange, habits of the fish that are right in front of us on every dive. Whilst we take our role as instructors seriously, we are always light-hearted and enthusiastic about our diving," explained Janet.

Their philosophy can be summed up by Steve's favourite Latin phrase, 'docendo discimus', which means 'by teaching, we learn'!

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The Seychelles Whale Shark Special with John Boyle 10th - 17th October 2005

The Seychelles Archipelago is one of the most beautiful places on the planet. In Seychelles you really will find vanilla sand beaches with waving palm trees and crystal clear, vivid blue waters sparkling under a warm golden sun at this time of the year. These islands are amongst the most romantic islands on earth. It is also one of the best places in the world to have a good chance of seeing and swimming with the greatest fish in the ocean: the Whale Shark.

We will go out every afternoon to wherever there have been reported sightings, in the hope of tagging and swimming with the Whale Sharks. There should be great photo and film opportunities. Sightings come from many sources and there is a great collaboration to support the project. Even the local helicopter company radio in any sightings to help to direct the boat to the sharks. And the project has its own micro-light spotter plane which flies whenever conditions allow.

The boat takes a maximum of 16 people which comprises 2 groups of 7 snorkelers, plus the MCSS researchers.

After two years of exploration, we've refined our trip schedule to the primo photographic sites. We have two back-to-back cruises focusing on the rich photographic regions of Komodo & Rinca.... macro heaven and manta alley! We've also kept our holiday timing as it has produced amazing visibility and more comfortable topside temperatures.

Cruise One: Bali to Bima, Nov 28 - Dec 10. Cruise Two: Bima to Bali, Dec 11 - Dec 23

Each trip will focus on advanced shooting and Photoshop processing techniques. This doesn't mean you need to be a digital guru or dive like Aquaman to join us... We just want to insure the groups potential by asking that all seminar guests have familiarity with the basic diving and computer skills listed below. If you're new or rusty, consider attending a few of our pre-trip sessions to qualify or to maximize your trip experience.

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