

News, Travel & Events

AquaMarine Bali Prizes at Dive 2005 Birmingham Oct 29/30th 2005

AquaMarine Diving are at Booth 316 Asia-Pacific Pavilion for Dive 2005.

For those visiting the stand they have 3 prize draws.

Prize Draw One: 5days/4nights Diving/Accommodation Package: Value for one person is US\$853

Prize Draw Two: "2 Faces of Bali" 2person package from Alila Hotels. Value US\$580 + 21% tax/ service charge

Prize Draw Three: A wide variety of products featured on www. AquaStuff.net

In addition if you book at DIVE 2005 to do the PADI Open Water, Advanced or Rescue course - receive a FREE PADI Specialty OR EFR course!

Finally visitors to AquaMarine Diving – Bali's booth 316 in the Asia-Pacific Pavilion - are eligible for a 10% DISCOUNT on trips booked by 30.06.06

www.AquaMarineDiving.com

Swedish shootout 22-25th Sept 2005



Digideep.com, the largest online directory for underwater imaging invites all European underwater photographers for the first digital & analogue shootout held in Sweden. The Weather Islands in the Skaggerak Sea have their peek season during September with water temperatures ranging from 17 to 23 degree Celsius and more than 20 metres visibility.

Your hosts and contest jurors will be Alex Dawson, Lars Kirkegard, Tom Leys, Ingvar Eliasson, Lars Kirchhoff (Administrator & Co-founder of digideep.com) and Andreas Voeltz (Chief Editor & Co-founder of digideep.com).

For joining this event or more questions please email:

trips@digideep.com

Save \$975. Be quick!! Great White Shark trip to Guadalupe, Sept 9-13th 05



This trip, led by Mauricio Handler, leaves San Diego on Sept 9-13 to join MV Searcher a 92 footer.

There are two cages (4 people per cage) and a third cage (20 feet under the boat) two divers only- 20 minute shifts.

You are guaranteed 4-5 hours underwater action per day.

The regular price is \$2475 USD but the last two spaces are available for \$1500 USD per person.

He obviously needs to know immediately if there is anyone interested.

Please note his free phone number for the UK below.

Mauricio Handler

www.handlerphoto.com

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US 18669784511 Toll free

NCUPS Competition

The Northern California Underwater Photographic Society announces the 41st Annual International Underwater Photographic Competition.

SEA 2005 is a "mail-in" competition open to amateur photographers and videographers around the world. This year's competition features Novice and Open skill levels, competing in Macro, Wide Angle, and Underwater California categories. Entrants may enter up to 5 images in each of the categories in each media; 35 mm Slides, Digital Still, Prints and Creative Prints. The videography competition features Novice and Open skill levels competing with short underwater videos.

Entries must be postmarked or received through email by October 7, 2005 or may be hand carried to the NCUPS Membership Meeting on October 14, 2005, in Millbrae, California. Winning entries and prizes will be announced on the NCUPS website in November.

For more detail visit

www.ncups.org

Golden Dolphin Competition, Moscow



The V Moscow International Diving Festival "Golden Dolphin" will take place in February 2006.

We invite you to participate in the festival which gathers the best films and photos every year. The festival is a place where famous filmmakers, photographers, journalists, sportsmen and everybody who likes diving can meet each other. It's a place where people get new ideas and share their latest experience. During the festival there are always exhibitions of diving equipment and everything for sport life.

The prize fund of the festival is \$10.000 with \$500 for 2nd & 3rd. The contest is open to all participants. No registration Fee! Deadline for registration and dispatch: 25 December 2005.

For further details visit

www.mosfest.ru

Fotosub Isla de El Hierro



The 9th underwater photography competition "Open International Fotosub Isla de El Hierro" takes place on October 11-16th 2005.

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

The "Open International Fotosub Isla de El Hierro" consists of two days of competition, with a total of 4 dives in the best dive sites. 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 (more than 22000 USD) of cash prizes.

The number of participants is limited to 28.

For further details visit

www.openfotosub.com

Beneath the Sea 2006

Wherever you live in this wide world, submit your underwater photographic entry to the Beneath the Sea 2006 Worldwide Photo/Video Competition. The contest deadline is December 31st, 2005.

The winners of the Beneath the Sea 2006 Worldwide Photo/Video Competition will be announced at the Saturday Film Festival the weekend of Beneath the Sea's Dive and Travel Exposition, March 24th, 25th, and 26th, 2006, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey. In addition to the awards that the Grand Prize winners of each category will receive, there will be prizes for all First, Second and Third place winners.

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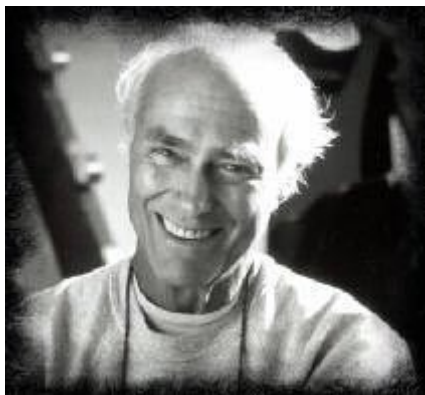
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Bilikiki trip with Stan Waterman

29 Jun - 11 Jul 2006



Join Stan Waterman for a trip aboard the M.V. Bilikiki. Hone your shutterbug skills with a legend in underwater photography.

All of this and Stan Waterman's nightly Bijou entertainment, too! Stan Waterman has been at the forefront of scuba diving since its inception as a recreational sport both in this country and throughout the world.

Bilikiki, sister ship to Spirit of Solomons, is 125-foot long, 24-foot wide stable luxury vessel with ten double and twin fully air-conditioned staterooms each with its own private bathroom. Taking twenty passengers, Bilikiki pioneered liveaboard diving in the Solomon Islands and has a reputation as being among the best in the world.

Bilikiki is a fully-equipped deluxe dive boat with E-6 processing,



a separate photo room, a multi-format video system, and unparalleled space and comfort in the lounge and on the sun decks with plenty of covering for shade.

There is ample opportunity to see sharks, mantas, dolphins, turtles and barracudas in deep water, and cuttlefish, octopus, lionfish, anemones, and colorful corals in shallow water. Exciting wreck and night dives and village visits complete a trip to this fascinating scuba diving destination.

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Jan Back at Yap Divers!!

Divers repeating a trip to Yap or those who are world travelers will recognize a familiar face greeting them at



the Yap Divers door. Jan Sledsens and his partner Melo Verbeurgt are back in Yap at the Manta Ray Bay Hotel/Yap Divers for a new stint as shop manager and divemaster at Yap Divers.

Big changes at the dive shop physically and organizationally have lured Jan back. He was in Yap in 2002 and 2003. He took a job in the wild of Kenya last year but the Pacific called and he has returned.

Jan can certify students from basic open water all the way up to divemaster rating. He is also a PADI Nitrox instructor. This is fortuitous because Yap Divers now has a new, state-of-the-art NRC Nitrox Membrane filling station that offers free Nitrox to all guests.

Jan is an avid athlete who enjoys a run or bike in the mornings before work. And, he is fluent in many languages including French, Dutch, German, English and even speaks some Swahili and Divehi.

But the main language he talks is diving. Come around to the Yap Divers new dive shop and say hi to Jan and let him tell you about the waters of Yap.

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Bahamas Shark Expedition Digital Photo Seminar May 2006

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We've reduced the group size to maximize your bottom time and boat comfort. We feel it's well worth it... max 6 guests per trip!

Domestic departure is from West Palm Beach which is easy to get to and only a short 5 hour run out to the islands. Our schedule easily allows you to fly in and out without the need for a overnight stay on land. Guests staying on for the second round will have one overnight stay on land between trips.

May 13-19, 2006

May 20-26, 2006

Sign-up for one or both trips. Each trip will focus on sharks, but we will certainly make time for friendly dolphins if they pass our course.



Berkley and Jim will present lectures or critique group shows each evening. Each trip offers five days of diving and all the shark bait you can eat.

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Whale Sharks and Manta Rays dreams

15-28th Jan 2005

This trip is ideal for the experienced diver who has the spirit of adventure with a heart felt desire and passion to swim and dive with big animals.

Our base will be Tofu, a small coastal village about 20 mins drive from Inhambane airport. All the diving will be done from an 8-metre RIB, which we will all help launch from the shore. A moderate level of agility is required to hoist oneself into the boat and the ride over the surf zone can be bumpy. Once through the waves and out into the open ocean our search begins and we will travel to one of the 9 main dive sites. The morning dives will usually be a 2-tank dive, on air, using the surface interval time between the dives to eat lunch and cruise the channel looking for Whale Sharks on the surface. After returning to shore we will have a single tank dive in the afternoon.

The water temperature is usually 24-28°C so a 5 mm wet suit is recommended. Visibility will be between 10 to 15 metres as the water is nutrient rich, and consequently the Whale Sharks and Manta Rays are here. Our aim is to have as many long lasting encounters and dives

with Whale Sharks and Manta Rays as possible so we have structured the trip to have a degree of flexibility, and we will use the local knowledge of our excellent guides to give us the best chance of fulfilling our aim. This Big Fish Extravaganza offers you the chance to experience the ultimate in diving with these extraordinary animals!

Cuba Bull Sharks, wrecks and salsa 11 - 26 November 2006 with Gavin Parsons

This will be a full 2 weeks all inclusive trip and should be very good value at around £1800 with some great wrecks, good reefs and Bull Sharks. The trip will tour the entire island and includes a lot of travel but also 2 dives per day and optional night diving at additional cost on most days.

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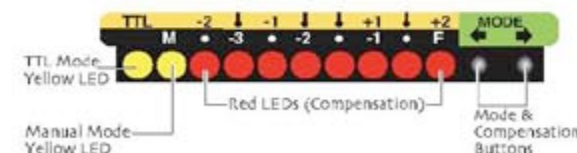
The Ikelite SLR-DC housings for Canon and Nikon also include a Flash Compensation Module which provides over and under-exposure compensation in the TTL mode.

At the push of a button, switch to Manual Exposure Mode which provides eight power settings in one-half stop increments. All exposure compensation is done with 2 buttons on the back of the housing, no accessing complicated camera menus.



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The Ikelite SLR-DC housings for Olympus have conversion circuitry and provide real Olympus TTL when used with Ikelite DS Substrobes but do not include the Flash Compensation Module.