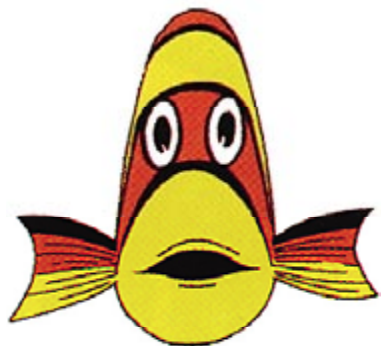


News, Travel & Events

Antibes Film Festival 2006



We would like to inform you that the 33rd World Festival of Underwater Pictures will take place at the end of October 2006 in the Acropolis Centre of Nice (France).

Daniel Mercier, Philippe Vallette and the usual team of the Festival will be pleased to welcome you during this 33rd edition, under the usual festive atmosphere, but with more space: 3,200 places, 2,000 m2 for exhibition.

The honorary guest of the 2006 Festival is Papua New Guinea, well known in the dive world.

You will find soon all the information on our web site:

www.underwater-festival.com

The logo for Findmee, featuring the word "Findmee" in white, bold, sans-serif font on a blue rectangular background with a subtle gradient.

The aim of this site is to give 'buddyless' divers a chance to find a buddy when travelling the UK on business trips, on holiday or on even if they fancy a dive locally and their usual buddy is unavailable.

Having looked at numerous web forums I have repeatedly viewed numerous divers trying last ditch attempts to locate a buddy to dive with in the evening or at weekends etc.

Because of this I have set up a

website to assist divers in locating a willing buddy for the location they wish to dive in. The site is very clean and basic, so fast to navigate, load and view.

It will give the UK diving community the chance to contact either by phone or email divers that are available and share similar levels of certification, diving interests and experiences to go diving with.

www.findmee.co.uk



My name is Dan and I'm the developer of a program called Flash Renamer. I think your readers would be interested to learn about my program, since it's a great time saver for digital photographers and other people who handle a lot of files.

Flash Renamer is used to rename many files at once. For example, if your camera produces images named IMG001, IMG002 and so on, you probably want to change all of them to something more meaningful. With Flash Renamer this can be done in a matter of seconds!

Besides basic functions like replace, add, remove, set casing, counters and set dates, Flash Renamer also contains many specialized features, such as extracting width/height and Exif information from images and adding it to the filename.

There you can also download a fully functional trial version. Flash Renamer is shareware and only costs \$19.95 to register.

www.rlvision.com

Upcoming International Photo & Video Competitions

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The logo for DivePhotoGuide.com, with "Dive" in blue, "Photo" in green, and "Guide.com" in blue, all in a bold, sans-serif font.

Welcome to a new feature of UwP, brought to you by our friends at Divephotoguide.com.

The Following dates are the deadlines for imminent competitions. Good luck!

March 31

Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition (UK)

Asian Diver & ADEX 2006 Ocean Odyssey II (Singapore)

April 1

Celebrate the Sea 2006 (Singapore)

April 3

SanDisk Red Sea 2006 (Israel)

April 21

Hawaii Photoquest with Martin Edge

23rd Sept - 1st Oct 2006



Martin wanted something 'completely different' this year, so we came up with the idea of chartering a liveaboard boat which sails from Big Island (Kona), Hawaii! Hawaii is situated in mid-Pacific, between California and the Philippines, and the Kona Aggressor, has been chartered exclusively for our use. Lava tubes, maybe some fabulous pelagic encounters and fascinating macro life will be the subjects for our group of aspiring underwater photographers.

Why take a trip with Martin Edge when you could go it alone? Firstly, he has no photo secrets at all. Everything he knows he shares with others, whoever they may be. Secondly, he dives and takes pictures

with you, side by side. Where he goes, you go. What you shoot, he shoots. He will show you how to look for macro and wide-angle opportunities: how to use your eyes, mind, memory and imagination to enable you to 'see in pictures' and 'see in your mind's eye what the lens may see'. Limiting the trip to only 12 divers means that everyone gets plenty of 'Edge-time'. All this combined with a superb, dedicated dive boat all to yourselves. Imagine relaxing in the hot tub with a cool beer and chatting about the images you have taken and those you are yet to shoot.

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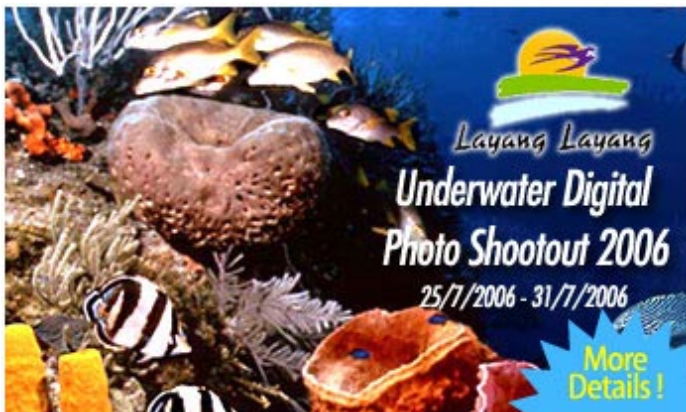
Layang Layang Underwater Digital Photo Shootout 2006

In conjunction with the resort's 10th anniversary celebration, Layang-Layang announces the date for its first International Underwater Photography Competition to celebrate the beauty and delicacy of its marine environment.

For this inaugural event, only digital entries will be accepted and photographers will compete from 25th - 31st July 2006 in two categories; Macro and Wide Angle. Renowned photographers, Rod Klein, William Tan and Stephen Wong will be judging the competition and the event is expected to attract participants from 8 different countries.

To add prestige to the event, Omega will be offering the latest Seamaster Planet Ocean timepieces as grand prizes.

Registrations are being accepted now and bookings can be made through your local dive travel operator or log on to www.layanglayang.com. This is an excellent opportunity for budding photographers to showcase their underwater shots and eventually, recognition in the field of underwater



photography. All winning participants will have their pictures published in the post event write up in all major dive magazines. In addition, they will also stand a chance to win prizes worth USD15,000 from Omega Seamaster Planet Ocean timepieces to dive trips to exotic locations.

To add to the growing list of supporters, the event will be endorsed by NAUI Worldwide, Malaysian Sport Diving Association, Sabah Tourism and Tourism Malaysia.

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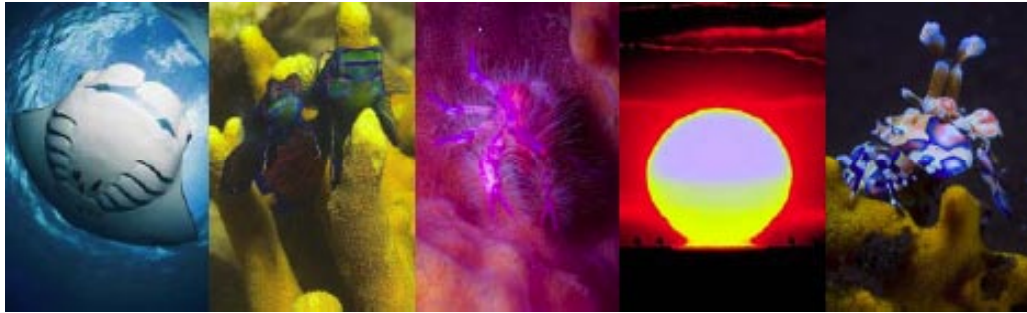
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Mike Veitch and Tim Rock workshops

Yap July 06 & Bali Oct 06



Mike Veitch and Tim Rock are presenting two outstanding digital photography workshops in 2006. The first takes place in Yap, Micronesia from July 12-19th, 2006 with the second on the beautiful island of Bali from October 8-14th, 2006

The workshops will include daily presentations on the ins and outs of underwater photography from the most-published photo pros in the Western Pacific. Courses include the basics of lighting to advanced composition and, of course, how to use Photoshop CS2 and create multi media presentations. Our seminars are organized for maximum underwater time to help put new skills to use. In the evenings, the pros will present multi-media slideshows and videos and continue to talk about photography around the bar!

Bill Acker's Manta Ray Bay Hotel and Yap Divers have created a Special Workshop Package. Bill will

join the group on several dives and give his special insights into manta behaviour and Yap's marine world.

Scuba Seraya in Tulamben, Bali is located away from the crowds on its own grounds with an amazing house reef. The Tulamben area is a haven for the wonderful macro/muck diving that has made Indonesia a Mecca for underwater photographers. As an added bonus, we have scheduled this trip in October to optimize our chances to see the mysterious molamola or sunfish. These giant fish make a yearly appearance in the area at cleaning stations. The resident mola expert, Michael Cortenbach of Bali Hai Diving Adventures, will be on hand to give a presentation on these largest of the pufferfish and make dives with the guests.

For complete information and bookings please visit:

www.shootunderwater.com



Photographers and photojournalists Jeremy and Amanda Cuff have recently completed a brand new website www.ja-universe.com to illustrate their work.

The compilation of the site began back in the early summer of 2005 followed by the actual construction of the site over the late summer and autumn. The website went live on November 1st last year.

It features a selection of photography and articles with particular emphasis on scuba diving and travel, although other topics such as abstracts, motorsport and black and white photography are also included.

Photographer and writer Jeremy Cuff said, "Our photography and writing has grown organically, starting as a simple desire to record our travels and experiences which, over time, grew into a more organised and focused pursuit whereby photography and feature writing is often the main reason for a trip."

"So far, we've developed to the stage where we're having work regularly published, but now we are seeking more regular and extensive working partnerships with publishers of magazines, newspapers, websites, image banks and books."

www.ja-universe.com



Rod Klein Digital Workshops onboard Nai'a February 2007

Rod Klein is hosting back to back digital workshops on the fabulous Nai'a Liveaboard in Fiji in February 2007. The Nai'a has a reputation as one of the world's finest liveaboards and it provides an ideal setting to conduct liveaboard workshops.

In the workshops he will help you overhaul your workflow and take your underwater digital images to the next level and beyond. Learn all the techniques and secrets that you always wanted to know including, Color Management, monitor calibration, Raw Processing in Nikon Capture & ACR, Special Photoshop techniques using Adjustment Layers & Layer Masks, Image Upsizing for large prints, and Special Sharpening Techniques using Photo Kit



Sharpener.

These special workshops will be held on back to back charters: 1 x 7 day & and 1 x 10 day. You can join us for either one or both. Each workshop will be geared to each diver's individual needs. There will be sessions for beginners, intermediate and advanced shooters. Whether you are using a fixed lens digital camera or a digital SLR the workshop will attend to your special needs. Want to know more about Photoshop CS2? He'll teach you some great tips and tricks. Scared of using RAW files...no problem, he'll get you shooting and processing raw the first day. Good at macro but having problems with wide angle....he'll fix that!

www.rhkuw.com

Great Britain to Join the "Save the Seals"

For those of us who wish to stop the obscene, cruel, and ecologically-destructive slaughter of seals on the East coast of Canada, we have just acquired a powerful new ally.



The British government is preparing to join Greenland, Denmark, and Italy in the campaign to ban seal products from Canada.

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society welcomes the support of Britain. The late British Labour Minister and member of Parliament Tony Banks was an ardent supporter of the seals and his party is rallying around his last wish to take action to end the horrific slaughter of seals in Canada each year.

The Canadian government has not yet set a quota or set an opening date for the seal slaughter. The seals are also threatened this year by the effects of global warming which has left the Gulf of St. Lawrence free of ice. The harp seals are dependent upon ice to give birth to their pups.

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