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Dive Into Adventure Bonaire June 18-22

This digital photo contest is open to everyone, novice to expert. All digital camera systems will be allowed, both compact and SLR's and rental cameras are available (underwater) if needed.

The main goal is having fun!

However we are also striving for an educational part during the contest. Photo Pro's will be available at your host resort to provide you with tips and information, and guide you on your way to shoot great pictures. Photos must be taken between June 18 & 22 on Bonaire.

Images can be submitted digitally at your host resort or at Fish-Eye Photo on cd-rom, USB drive or can be downloaded on computer

The entry deadline is Thursday 5:00 pm, June 22nd

A \$5 entry fee per image will be submitted

www.fisheyephoto.com



Dive Fest Key Largo June 12-16



School will be out. The water's warm. The sun's shining. Mix in an adventurous crowd of snorkelers and scuba divers, and the result is Island Sun Splash '06 -- offering in-, on- and underwater fun June 12-16 in Key Largo and Islamorada.

Daily dives are scheduled to artificial reefs on the Upper Keys' amazing "shipwreck trail," including the Spiegel Grove, twin Coast Guard cutters Bibb and Duane, Eagle, Benwood and City of Washington.

Emmy-Award-winning videographer Frazier Nivens is set to lead seminars on shooting and editing underwater video.

Renowned underwater photographer Steve Frink is to host a seminar on digital photography, and acclaimed photographer Tom Stack is to host a seminar on capturing the reef by camera.

For a list of participating dive shops, lodgings, restaurants and businesses offering discounts, visit

www.divecapital.org

Upcoming International Photo & Video Competitions

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This latest photo competition news is brought to you by our friends at Divephotoguide.com.

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

May 20

Dive In 2006 Photo Contest (USA)

June 9

BP Kongsberg Underwater Image Competition 2006 (UK)

June 30

2nd Annual underwater.com.au Photo Competition (Australia)

www.DivePhotoGuide.com



September 16-23

Digital Madness is an important new digital underwater photography event designed to help photographers improve their images, learn new techniques and try new equipment, while at the same time having a great time and getting the chance to win fantastic prizes.

Digital Madness is brought to you by a special collaboration between Scuba Diving Magazine (USA), the Cayman Islands Dept. of Tourism and Cayman Airways. This event, being staged on Grand Cayman in September, will take place simultaneously at four different dive centres – Ocean Frontiers, Dive Tech, Sunset House and Don Fosters – with resident photo-pros at each location. Hosting the event is Stephen Frink of Scuba Diving Magazine who will be making guest appearances at each of the resorts.

UWP readers will be interested to learn that regular contributor and co-administrator of Wetpixel.com

Alex Mustard is running the event at Ocean Frontiers at the East End of the island. The other resident photo-pros are Courtney Platt at Dive Tech, Cathy Church at Sunset House, and Mike Nelson at Don Fosters.

Alex told UWP “This is going to be a great week and there are a number of manufacturers supporting it too – so expect lots of special treats. Grand Cayman’s waters are ideal for underwater photography because they are warm, calm and clear, making it easier to get great images. Also, from the outset I was very insistent that the diving must be organized specifically for photographers – which makes such a difference. Last time I was involved in a similar event, my group won 6 of the 7 categories in the competition. I’d like to claim that was my teaching, but it was probably because the East End of the island has the best diving!”

www.caymandigitalmadness.com

Rod Klein Wakatobi & Pelagian Digital Workshops

April - May 2007



Both the Pelagian Liveaboard & Wakatobi offer an incredible diving experience combined with unmatched comfort and convenience. Why not combine another great dive trip with a chance to learn proper digital photography from one of the masters of this new medium?

Formerly the digital editor for Fathoms Magazine, Rod is currently the contributing editor for Scuba Diving Australasia and a regular contributor to Scuba Diving Magazine and presenter at dive and photo festivals.

These special workshops will be held on two Pelagian charters and also during 10 days on land at Wakatobi Resort. The landbased portion of the workshops is sponsored by Dolphin Scuba. You can visit Rod’s website

www.rhkuw.com



**Compact digital workshops
with Maria Munn
June 15-22 & 22-29
Nov 24 - Dec 1**

Join photo professional, Maria Munn, for an unforgettable week that will improve your picture taking in a fun, friendly and relaxed environment.

These photo workshops are a fun, friendly and relaxed way to learn about, and improve, your underwater photographic skills with the personal touch. Accessories will be onboard to try out at a small charge, as well as an onboard digital lab for downloading photographs and instant feedback, combined with evening slideshows of guest’s pictures – all set to music.

Divers will have the chance to photograph some of the Red Sea’s famous sites, learn how to develop photography skills and shoot beautiful underwater images.

The Photo Workshop is just 175 Euros per person (approx £119 depending on exchange rates). And you can also take the PADI Digital Underwater Photography Specialty course whilst on the trip at an extra cost.

www.emperordivers.com

www.uwpmag.com

California Beach Dive Photo Comp June 10-11, 2006

The 25th annual California Beach Dive Photo Comp will take place in Monterey on June 10 & 11, 2006. All contestants must dive from the beach, no boats allowed!

Great prizes, including dive trips, dive and photo gear, and other goodies will be awarded to the winners.

The competition starts with registration on Saturday morning. Everyone spends the day shooting images. Images must be turned in at Backscatter Saturday afternoon. Everyone gathers for dinner and a show on Saturday evening. The judges select the winners Sunday and the winners are announced and prizes awarded Sunday afternoon.

The entry fee is \$60 if postmarked on or before June 2, 2006, \$75 thereafter. Registration on Saturday is allowed until 9 am. The entry fee includes a t-shirt and a ticket to the dinner/show. Nonparticipants may also enjoy the dinner and show for \$5.

This event is presented by the Northern California Underwater Photographic Society.

www.ncups.org

www.uwpmag.com

BSoUP Splash In July 1st 2007

For the first time in its 40 year history, digital and film photographers will go head-to-head in the British Society of Underwater Photographers annual one-day shoot-out for a major prize.

The prize for the image selected by an independent panel of judges as the best taken in Plymouth waters on Saturday, July 1, will be a fabulous one-week liveaboard holiday in the Red Sea generously donated by Tony Backhurst Scuba.

Another innovation is that the Society has teamed up with Plymouth's National Marine Aquarium to stage a major, five-week exhibition and print competition, opening on 10 June. Prints of various categories of underwater subjects will be judged by the thousands of people who visit the aquarium during the period until 1 July.

Full details of both the Splash-In and the print competition can be found on BSoUP's web site:

www.bsoup.org

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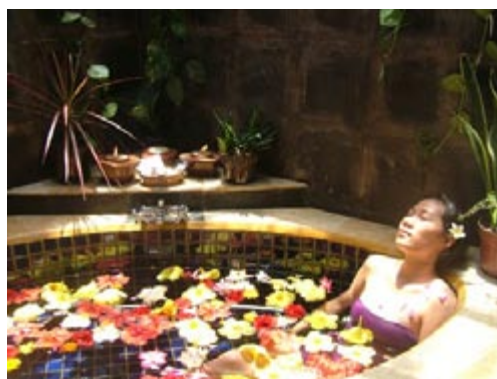
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Eco Divers has raised its standard of service even higher than ever before with the recently completed upgrade of its three day boats to a new level not previously seen in Indonesia.

New features include two heads (which are always better than one!) now situated on the dive deck and away from the salon, personal bins above each dive station, even more camera racks and a shiny new hardwood salon floor, seats and tables. All that in addition to each boat having individual seated dive stations with 'Roll Control' tank rack system, shaded salon and dining area, large sundeck, buffet lunch, complimentary hot drinks and biscuits, twin dive ladders, camera rinse tank and even personal beach towels for each guest.

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Nai'a Fiji Digital Workshops

Feb 3-10, 2007

Feb 10-20, 2007

The Nai'a Fiji is excited to announce two digital workshops with megapixel master Rod Klein in 2007.

Each workshop will be geared to participants' individual needs. There will be sessions for beginning, 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? We'll teach you some great tips and tricks. Scared of using RAW files...no problem, we'll get you shooting and processing raw the first day. Good at macro but having problems with wide angle.... we'll fix that!

These two charters are not exclusive to the workshops; they are open to anyone even if you don't participate in the workshops (which cost an additional \$250).

www.rhkuw.com

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For those professionals wanting to capture that special image on film the only real way to get the most from any dive trip is to take a private charter with your own personal guide to arrange everything just the way you like it!

Joining a normal charter is often very difficult for professionals or keen marine life enthusiasts to get to dive that great site at the best time or over and over again to see how it changes over the day, days or even weeks.

After working on just about all the liveaboard vessels operating in Indonesia I have seen many frustrated photographers, videographers and even more so photojournalists who need certain images to sell their story. Many often wish they had a more time on those unique dive sites that make each region special. Diving the best sites on the right tides also helps to make your filming requirements easier!

We can arrange all the logistics for your needs, even all that overweight dive and photographic gear, we make sure it will arrive, we have ways to ensure it gets there.

www.diving4images.com

Peter Scoones "Making of Planet Earth" Presentation A Great Success.



More than one hundred divers and underwater photographers attended an evening presentation on the making of "Planet Earth", the new BBC natural history blockbuster.

Peter Scoones, the Emmy award winning underwater cinematographer regaled the capacity audience for 90 minutes. Working with two screens, Peter combined footage from the show with stills taken on location. It was a fascinating insight into the trials and tribulations of the life of a professional natural history filmmaker.

The event is one of a series of



A packed audience meets the master underwater cameraman and innovator, Peter Scoones. The event was sold out a week in advance so book early for the next monthly presentation from Ocean Optics

monthly presentations hosted by Ocean Optics and Mavericks Diving.

Future speakers include Simon Rogerson, editor of "Dive Magazine", Leigh Bishop, the renowned deep wreck photographer, Mark Ellyat, author of "Ocean Gladiator" and veteran 300 metre diver and Alex Mustard and Nick Hanna, the photographer/writer duo behind "The Art of Diving".

Places at these talks are limited – Ocean Optics/Mavericks Diving stopped taking bookings for Peter Scoones' event a week before the talk. To get onto their mailing list e mail

optics@oceanoptics.co.uk

Andaman Sea with Mark Strickland Jan 16-25 2007



Enjoy magnificent scenery, widely varied underwater terrain, vibrant soft corals, diverse and colorful fish life, and a wide range of interesting critters diving in the Andaman Sea with Mark Strickland. The Ocean Rover sets out on January 16 - 25, 2007 to explore the Andaman Sea, Thailand and Burma/Myanmar.

Special highlights include friendly zebra sharks, mating cuttlefish, curious mantis shrimp, and more scorpionfish and lionfish than you can count. There's also a good chance of unusual creatures like ornate ghost pipefish, harlequin shrimp, and bright yellow sea horses.

And, there's always the possibility of big animals like turtles, mantas and whale sharks. An added bonus is to visit not one, but two countries on this cruise: Thailand and Burma/Myanmar. While the marine



environments of these neighboring countries are similar in many ways, there are also noticeable differences, resulting in a perfect balance of spectacular seascapes and diverse marine life.



Mark Strickland's life-long interest in the sea has included over 10,000 dives. His passion for underwater photography has led him to many top dive destinations, including Thailand, where he spent 17 years as Cruise Director / Photo-Pro on a series of live-aboard vessels operated by Fantasea Divers, including the state-of-the-art Ocean Rover.

Join us on the trip of a lifetime as Mark revisits some of his all-time favorite dive sites in the region he knows so well.

www.reefrainforest.com

Emperor penguins with Amos Nachoum



Join Amos in October and be the first to photograph the magnificent Emperor Penguins on the remote Snow Hill Island, Antarctica.

Imagine yourself on board a Russian icebreaker plowing through the thick ice, then lifted by a helicopter, landing on the ice and marching toward a recently discovered colony of over 4,000 Emperor Penguins!

Read about this voyage of discovery and make your reservation now ... only a few spaces remain. For more information, go to his website

www.biganimals.com

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DIVE RESORT

**Digital Workshops 2007
with Rod Klein**

Pelagian Liveaboard	Wakatobi Resort
April 20 - May 1	May 1 - May 11
May 11 - May 18	Hosted by Dolphin Scuba

PADI DUP Course with Lars Kirchhoff and Andi Voeltz June 15-22 & July 11-18 2006



In January 2006 PADI introduced the new course for Digital Underwater Photography. It is finally a course that is especially tailored to the needs of the digital underwater photographer.

Could you imagine taking exactly that course directed by one of the co-developers aboard the supreme-service King Snefro III, while photographing the world famous reefs of the Marine National Parks in the Red Sea? If that is "yes" – you will have your chance this summer. Marine wildlife photographers and creators of the world-famous DIGIDEEP.com website Lars Kirchhoff and Andi Voeltz are leading two exclusive trips to share all their digital know-how with you. Take the perfect digital plunge this summer!

www.digideep.com

www.uwpmag.com

Seaplane Dive Adventures

Seaplane Dive Adventures are organising two tours in the Fijian Archipelago using seaplanes to offer easy access across thousands of square miles of coral reef to some of the most spectacular and remote dive sites in the world.

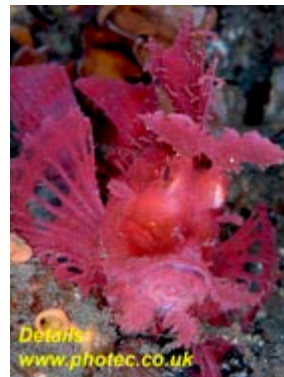


We will visit a different diving region each day, seeking out exceptional encounters with mega fauna such as whales, dolphins and manta rays, before returning to enjoy the many land based attractions Fiji is famous for.

For the first time it will be possible to dive the remote atolls and celebrated marine reserves, visit Humpback whale calving sites and Manta cleaning stations, take part in Tiger and Bull shark feeding in the rim of a submerged volcano and experience the richest of soft coral reefs in the shortest time period imaginable.

www.seaplane-diving.com

Lembah Straits Photo Workshop with Mark Webster 24-31 March 2007



Lembah Straits is now known to most underwater photographers as the muck diving capital of the world.

Mark's workshop

will combine this with the luxurious accommodation of the Lembah

Resort, just minutes away from more than 40 dive sites. If you need the variety then Lembah also has some excellent reef diving on offer and even some shipwrecks. The dive centre has remarkable guides that know all the secrets of Lembah and will even help you search for a specific critter to complete your portfolio.

The workshop will be suitable for both digital and film users. Mark will be on hand to help and advise on the best techniques and solutions whatever equipment you choose to use and make a number of themed presentations on techniques to ensure successful results.

www.photec.co.uk

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