

Book Reviews

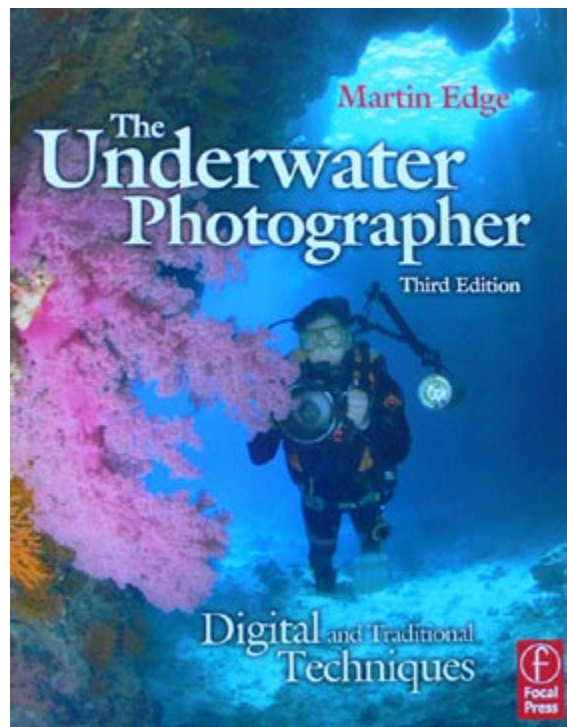
The Underwater Photographer 3rd Edition

by Martin Edge

A new book on underwater photography is always a welcome arrival especially in this digital era when new technology starts the learning curve all over again.

The previous two editions of The Underwater Photographer have earned Martin Edge an international reputation as an excellent tutor and his books have been a major influence on newcomers. This latest edition, whilst still bearing the same name, has been completely rebuilt and expanded to include digital photography underwater. As a result it will cater to film and digital enthusiasts alike.

Unlike other technical books on underwater photography Martin's approach is very personal and he imparts decades of knowledge and experience throughout the book which is well illustrated and attractively laid out. His explanations of the thought process behind many of the shots are



much more enlightening than mere camera settings and it is this kind of delivery which sets Martin's book apart from the rest.

In a fast changing world capable of producing instant results it still pays to understand the basics in order to maximise the quality of your shots. The Underwater Photographer provides all the technical knowledge you need and explains it in an easy to understand manner.

Many books on underwater photography tell you the facts and leave you to get on with it. Martin not only tells you the facts but encourages you to develop your images and

your thought processes in a way no other books do. This makes it the perfect companion for those entering the hobby as well as for the more experienced who are looking for new ways to improve their images.

The Underwater Photographer is a very comprehensive book and I believe it will prove a valuable reference work for many years to come.

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Diving the World by Beth & Shaun Tierney

This an ambitious title to live up to but in just over 350 pages the authors have managed to cram in a wealth of useful facts and make this a good reference book for anyone visiting a new place for the first time.

Each location is well described with itemised maps and local information not just about diving but also about getting there, language, laws, safety, health and costs together with some useful contact numbers.

The book is well illustrated with a good variety of consistent surface and underwater shots and is attractively laid out with bullet style boxes. There are descriptions of over 220 dive sites from 19 countries to



give you a flavour of what's in store for you when you arrive at your chosen destination.

With such a wide area to cover there must inevitably be some gaps - for example the Caribbean is represented by Belize and Honduras but if you are interested in visiting any of the areas covered in this book it will provide a valuable reference source to make the most out of your visit.

Diving the World is very good value at just £19.95 or \$29.95

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Guidelines for contributors

The response to UwP has been nothing short of fantastic. We are looking for interesting, well illustrated articles about underwater photography. We are looking for work from existing names but would also like to discover some of the new talent out there and that could be you! UwP is the perfect publication for you to increase your profile in the underwater photography community.

The type of articles we're looking for fall into five main categories:

Uw photo techniques - Balanced light, composition, etc

Locations - Photo friendly dive sites, countries or liveaboards

Subjects - Anything from whale sharks to nudibranchs in full detail

Equipment reviews - Detailed appraisals of the latest equipment

Personalities - Interviews/features about leading underwater photographers

**If you have an idea for an article,
contact me first before putting pen to paper.**

E mail peter@uwpmag.com

How to submit articles

To keep UwP simple and financially viable, we can only accept submissions by e mail and they need to be done in the following way:

1. The text should be saved as a TEXT file and attached to the e mail

2. Images must be attached to the e mail and they need to be 144dpi

Size - Maximum length 15cm i.e. horizontal pictures would be 15 cm wide and verticals would be 15cm.

File type - Save your image as a JPG file and set the compression to "Medium" quality. This should result in images no larger than about 120k which can be transmitted quickly. If we want larger sizes we will contact you.

3. Captions - **Each and every image MUST have full photographic details** including camera, housing, lens, lighting, film, aperture, shutter speed and exposure mode. These must also be copied and pasted into the body of the e mail.

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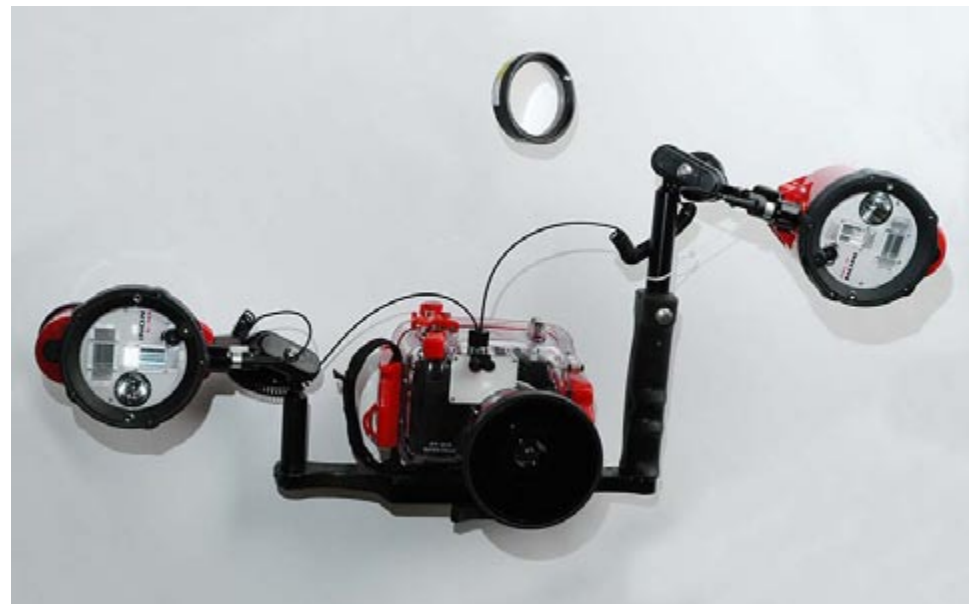
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