

News, Travel & Events

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I would like to call your attention to our new travel portal

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Our guide works like a Wiki, so every user that has a login can write articles in a growing number of categories and add these articles (we call them "Spots") to an interactive world map and upload pictures for that Spot.

The Category "Scuba Dive Site" describes interesting locations to dive.

At the moment we have only a few but the list is growing.

Maybe our site is interesting for readers of your mag and we would welcome their contributions..

Kind Regards

Thorsten Roellich

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Eco Divers Underwater Photo Seminars

Kevin Haigh, owner of Red Sea Images, the Red Sea's largest dedicated underwater photography centre, will be running photo seminars this November with Eco Divers in North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Kevin, one of the dive industry's established names, opened the first PADI dive centre in London in 1986 and the first dedicated underwater photo/video centre in the Red Sea in 1993. A PADI Master Instructor who wrote his own Photo Specialty, Kevin graduated in his native England in consultant design engineering. He now specialises in teaching beginners and professionals alike on how to get the best from their photography.

This year's seminars will be held at Tasik Ria Resort, 19 to 26 November, and at Kungkungan Bay Resort, 28 November to 05 December. The format will be relaxed with Kevin offering advice and presentations each day, followed by discussions, image adjustments and Kevin's nightly PhotoShop Tip. Beginners are welcome to join the seminars, as



entry-level topics will include camera basics, light and use of strobes and techniques.

Presentation topics include composition arrangements such as knowing your environment; where creatures live and how to find them; a fun look at fish; macro mania with a different slant; using and working with models underwater; wrecks which were sunk just for photographers; night critters and more.

Kevin says about underwater photography "Everybody has a personal goal and so therefore competes with oneself. When we think we are there, we change the goal and the cycle begins again".

www.eco-divers.com

Upcoming International Photo & Video Competitions

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DivePhotoGuide.com

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

July 15

2006 National Wildlife
Photography Award Competition
www.nwf.org (USA)

Aug 10

6th Marmara Festival
Underwater Photo and Film
Competition
www.marmarafestival.org
(Turkey)

Aug 15

The 7th Annual San Diego
UnderSea Film Exhibition
<http://sdufex.com> (USA)

Aug 30

The Santa Barbara Ocean Film
Festival
www.ocean.com (USA)

www.DivePhotoGuide.com



Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival deadline 31st Aug 2006

The Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival, SBOFF, a filmmaking event developed to bring the finest ocean films from around the world to Santa Barbara for screenings wants your films!

The Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival is open to all professional and amateur filmmakers, and will accept submissions in the following categories:

Ocean Adrenaline - Heart-pounding films of ocean adventures, close calls with nature, ocean sports, amazing encounters, or anything that will get your adrenaline pumping

Marine Conservation and Natural History - Educational or inspiring films of underwater wonders, environmental imagery, new discoveries, or historical treasures

Ocean Travel - Films from marine expeditions, amazing journeys, and anything that will lead viewers into the ocean world

At its core, the festival is a visually stunning event, capturing the beauty, the power and the grace of the sea and its inhabitants. Adrenaline junkies, SCUBA divers, sailors, fishermen — are all encouraged to submit to this year's Santa Barbara Ocean Film Festival.

SBOFF encourages you to submit short narratives (under twenty minutes in length) or broadcast length films. There is even a category for your best short. The deadline for entry is August 31, 2006.

All proceeds from the event will support The Environmental Defense Council, a nonprofit law firm working with citizen groups on environmental issues protecting our ocean, air and water quality, preserving open spaces, saving species from extinction and guarding public health.

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**Mauricio Handler
Sipadan UW Photo
Workshop
Oct 12-29 2006**

This years annual housed-systems workshop will be held at Sipadan Water Village in Borneo, Oct 12-19.

This is an amazing place for such a week of learning. As many of you may know, I conduct one of the most intense workshops in the business. At the end of this week, you will walk out as a thinking photogrpaher with new tools to carry you through years to come.

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air. I have excellent prices on air as well. Contact me asap if interested.

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adventureh2o Papua and Togian trips



Adventure H2O have put together some most creative and exciting itineraries for 2007 / 2008. One of the first will be a voyage to the Triton / Etna Bay region off the coast of Papua.

Joining us on this exploratory voyage to the land of the Kamoros Coastal People will be Dr. Kal Muller as guest lecturer. Also, Burt Jones & Maurine Shimlock will be with us on assignment for major dive magazines.

In June '07 we are heading to the Togian Islands via Halmahera and all the way up to Sangihe/Talaud of North Sulawesi.

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Red Sea experience joins Eco Divers, Manado

Bjorn Ramoult and Caroline Gerresch will join owners, Jim & Cary Yanny, in the management of its centre at Tasik Ria Resort from June 2006.

Bjorn and Caroline have a long and successful track record in the diving industry, having recently managed the PADI 5 Star IDC Centre for Emperor Divers at the Millennium Coral Beach Diving Hotel, Marsa Alam, in the Red Sea.

They have many years of instruction and management under their belts, including extensive liveaboard experience and will further strengthen Eco Divers' seasoned team of Steve and Miranda Coverdale, Kungkungan Bay Resort managers, and Jim & Cary Yanny, owners of Eco Divers.

Bjorn is a PADI Course Director and Caroline a PADI IDC Staff Instructor. In 2002, they were awarded the PADI Certificate of Recognition for Excellence in Conducting Scuba



Courses.

"Eco Divers has long been involved in conservation projects," says Jim Yanny, "and Caroline and Bjorn are the perfect ambassadors to carry forward our environmental philosophy. Plus they also come with some additional useful skills with Caroline being a graduate in medicine and Bjorn a graduate in electro-mechanics!"

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Wetpixel/DiveFilm podCasts



Wetpixel is proud to announce a partnership with DiveFilm.com, a website dedicated to showcasing underwater video. DiveFilm features underwater filmmakers and offers high quality video podcasts about the underwater world, available through a free iTunes subscription and other podcast subscription mechanisms. Contrary to the name, video podcasts do not require a video iPod, and you can watch the broadcasted video right on your computer monitor.

DiveFilm has broadcasted video by numerous Wetpixel members, including Mary Lynn Price, Paul Wags, Eric Hanauer, Steve Douglas, and more!

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