

News, Travel & Events

British Underwater Image Festival 2007

March 16-18th 2007

Following the enormous success of the first ever British Underwater Image Festival (BUIF) in 2006, images are now being accepted for the 2007 event which promises to be even bigger and better. BUIF is to be held on the 16-18 March next year at the Birmingham NEC as part of the Go Diving! show.

The competition has been designed to apply across a range of abilities, from professional television documentary makers to first-time photographers. Finalists will be exhibited and shown at the NEC during the Outdoors Show in an event that will mirror the much-celebrated Antibes underwater imaging festival held in the South of France.

Thousands of pounds worth of prizes are on offer to the winners, and will be announced in the coming months. The best 50 prints from the Open Category, ten from the Portfolio Category and ten from the Digital Compact Category will be displayed on the walls outside the DIVE theatre, while six finalists in the film



categories will be shown throughout the show on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

'Last year's inaugural BUIF showed just how much talent there is out there and this year we want to uncover even more so we've raised the stakes,' said DIVE editor Simon Rogerson. 'It will be another magnificent showcase of new and existing talent in underwater imaging.'

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Upcoming International Photo & Video Competitions

DivePhotoGuide.com

November and December international photo competition deadlines, brought to you by DivePhotoGuide.com. Some competitions are open to all photographers, while others are only open to amateurs. Remember, always make sure that you note the specific usage rights secured by the competition before submitting any images or videos.

Good luck!

Nov 15

International Underwater Film Festival Belgrade (Serbia)

<http://www.kpa.co.yu>

Nov 30

Nikon Photo Contest International (USA)

<http://nikonimaging.com/global/activity/npci/npci2006-2007/overview.htm>

Dec 10

Moscow International Diving Festival "Golden Dolphin" (Russia)

http://english.mosfest.ru/cgi-bin/show_photo.pl?lang=eng

Dec 31

Beneath The Sea 2007 (USA)

www.beneaththesea.org

Dec 31

Photoshop User Awards (USA)

<https://www.photoshopuserawards.com/index.php>

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The 2nd Annual Wetpixel.com and DivePhotoGuide.com International Photo & Video Competition ... in association with Our World-Underwater

Wetpixel.com and DivePhotoGuide.com have teamed up again in association with Our World Underwater to celebrate the beauty and delicacy of the marine environment with the 2nd annual international underwater photography and video competition.

Photographers will compete in six still image categories plus one video category, to win more than \$35,000 in prizes, including premium dive travel, underwater photography equipment, and more! Dive packages include trips to some of the top photo destinations in the world: South Africa, Socoros Islands, Raja Empat, Komodo, Grand Cayman, the Galapagos Islands, Bora Bora, the Solomon Islands, Manado, Lembeh Strait, Yap, Cocos (Keeling) Island and the Bahamas! Other prizes include camera housings, strobes, lighting systems, and other valuable items.

The competition includes a category for images that focus on conservation and the marine environment, and one specifically for entries taken by compact digital cameras. All compact category entrants will receive one free online lesson from TheUnderwaterPhotographer.com

Our panel of celebrity judges will select winners after the 11:59PM (Pacific Time), Jan 7, 2007 deadline. Winners will be announced on stage at the 2007 Our World-Underwater film festival in Chicago, Illinois (February 9-11, 2007), and will be published by our supporting media partners worldwide
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Galapagos with Mauricio Handler

11 - 28 June 2007



The Galapagos Islands continue to be the holy grail for the land and underwater adventurer and at some point in one's life a journey there is a must.

Mauricio will be leading this 10 day Photo Expedition to once again explore this land of close wildlife encounters. Known for the approachability of all its land animals including Sea Lions, Boobie Colonies, Albatros Colonies, Land and Marine Iguanas to name just a few. Galapagos is as exciting on land as it is underwater where we will be searching for Penguins, Schooling Hammerhead Sharks, Sea Lions, Turtles, Golden Sting Ray encounters and a myriad of unique marine life some found only there. We will be onboard the state of

the art air conditioned 100 foot Peter Hughes "Sky Dancer". We will be diving most of the Islands including Darwin and Wolfe.

Having been there before for a total of 10 weeks including a 6 week expedition with National Geographic, Mauricio will offer his technical and creative advice and photography expertise on how to get the most out of this expedition.

Space is open to all underwater photographers including non-photographer divers.

For complete details and to answer any questions you may have on this expedition, please contact Mauricio Directly.

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Cool Waters, Emerald Seas

by John Collins



It is a common misconception to think that the cool waters between the tropics and polar regions are barren and forbidding.

John Collins takes us on a marine adventure within the oceans that lap many of our most populated shores, from the north Atlantic around western Europe, to the chilly Pacific of North America and South Africa.

His portrait of a little explored part of our ocean world is the culmination of twenty years of diving the seas around Ireland, Scotland, Canada, South Africa and Tasmania.

From his voyages he brings us 120 photographs illustrating the colourful and bizarre life below while also conveying the mood of exploration.

Cool Waters, Emerald Seas:
Diving Temperate Waters (ISBN 095353538X, Hardback, 250 x 250mm 200 pp, €29.95, £19.95).
www.corkuniversitypress.com

Beneath North SulaweSea

by Michael Aw



This book encapsulates the splendour and richness of Nature's richest realm - North Sulawesi. The region is the most diverse marine ecological empire of our ocean planet. Though the imagery is not shot over the course of a 24 hours period, they are however captured at the time of the day indicated. The pictorial documentary reveals the behavior and nuances of life in a day 'Beneath North SulaweSea'. The moving pictures DVD edition is composed of 698 still images and video scenes artistically weave into a special presentation with original music score

specially written by award winning music of the sea composer Eric Bettens.

'Beneath North SulaweSea' is the long overdue update to "Beneath Bunaken (1993)", the award winning almanac that was selected as the Presidential Gift for the Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation conference in 1994. Its true intent, 'Beneath North Sulawesi' is to evolve as an accolade for the luxuriant marine biodiversity of North Sulawesi found nowhere else in the world.

www.michaelaw.com

Japan's Killing Fleet



Photo Mark Votier

In December 2006 & January 2007, the Japanese whaling fleet will begin to illegally kill 1,000 whales in the Antarctic Whale Sanctuary. Fifty of these whales will be endangered humpbacks and another fifty will be endangered fin whales. Although the Japanese claim research as their motivation, the only research they are undertaking is product development and marketing of whale meat – to turn their illicit whale flesh into dog food, cosmetics, and sushi dishes for profit.

The killing of these whales is a gross violation of numerous international treaties and regulations including the U.N. World Charter for Nature and the Antarctic Territorial Treaty – commercial whaling is outlawed and it is illegal to hunt endangered species in an international whale sanctuary.

It is more important than ever that we act now.

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Operation Leviathan: The Plan for 2006

Sea Shepherd Conservation Society has embarked on Operation Leviathan: a campaign to raise funds for a new vessel to return to Antarctica in December to defend the whales. In order for us to be effective, we must have a ship that can match the speed of the Japanese whaling fleet and enforce international conservation law.

Our goal for this effort is \$3 million to be raised in cash and pledges so that we can purchase a ship similar to the one pictured above. This is a huge undertaking for us considering our annual budget (\$1.4M) and our time constraints - but one that will meet with great success if we all participate.

We are more determined than ever to defend these whales which deserve to live their lives wild and free. We believe that the heritage of future generations should include the magnificent and intelligent whales and that the delicately balanced ecosystems that we enjoy are preserved for future generations.

The whales are counting on us for protection . . . We are counting on you to get us there.

www.seashepherd.org

Iceland Murders Its First Endangered Whale

“I view the taking of a whale’s life in the same manner I would view the taking of a human life. It is murder, and it is a crime to slaughter such socially complex intelligent and sensitive sentient beings. The method of killing is torturous and grossly inhumane. We would never tolerate a domestic animal to suffer such a long and painful death. Every person who regards themselves as civilized must express their disgust and their revulsion against the whale killing atrocities of Iceland, Norway, the Faeroes, and Japan. These people who practice this horrific serial killing of whales are the most barbarous representatives of humanity upon this planet and cast shame upon their nations.”

Captain Paul Watson
Founder and
President of Sea Shepherd

Iceland killed an endangered fin whale yesterday. This is the first illegal murder of a whale since Iceland announced their intention to violate the global moratorium on commercial whaling.

The whale was swimming happily along some two hundred

miles off the coast of Iceland when some Nordic nimrod cowardly slammed an exploding harpoon into its backside.

The whale struggled in incredible pain for a long time before losing strength and finally drowned after an agonizing period when its lungs ruptured and its heart burst from the strain of oxygen deprivation.

There are some who will take offense at our use of the word “murder.” We make no apologies.

Whales are highly intelligent, long lived, socially complex, sensitive sentient beings. It is a crime against nature and humanity to cruelly snuff out the life of even one of these great creatures.

What Iceland did is unforgivable and tragic, and leaves us with a deep resentment and anger towards Iceland.

Sea Shepherd is calling for a total boycott of all Icelandic products and tourism to Iceland and the Society is already planning a campaign to confront Icelandic whale killers in Icelandic waters in 2007.

“We are recruiting crew and we are organizing a plan to go to Iceland and it will be a priority following our campaign beginning December 1st to oppose the illegal whaling activities of the Japanese whaling fleet in the Antarctic Whale Sanctuary.

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