

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.**

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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.

Parting Shot

Being a keen diver with particular love for underwater photography, I never dive without my camera. Between dives I enjoy snorkelling and of course as you might have guessed already, the camera is with me then as well.

My wife and I were having a lovely vacation on Perhentian Island, Malaysia in April 2006, me diving, she mostly relaxing on the beach, when the following occurred.

My wife is not a diver, in fact she is not that keen on snorkelling either. Mostly because she doesn't feel comfortable in the water. All marine animals and strange creatures scares her, that is evident by the frequent screams coming from her.

In any case this lovely sunny afternoon, exploring a snorkelling site I believed was called the shark point, due to the alleged frequent sightings of black tip reef sharks. I managed to convince my wife that sharks are not really dangerous, just curious.

Anyway, while snorkelling I heard her scream but didn't really react since she does that all the time. Too my big surprise, though, she was 20 meters or so away from me. A distance she reached in a few seconds only, since I knew she was at my side only moments ago. She is waiving frantically and pointing at something.

I turn around and what do I see? A huge monster coming straight towards me, my first thought was: "Oh my good it's a crocodile, a huge one"! Then I realized that I'd never heard of crocodiles in Malaysia. The monster came closer and then I saw that it was not a crocodile after all, it was something else equally frightening.

A big lizard was heading straight towards me. I quickly estimated the length to approx. 2,5 meters. Its front legs were the size of my thighs. While this enormous creature was heading towards me I noticed that it was actually not swimming straight towards me as I initially thought.

Too my great relief, the lizard passed me on a distance of approx 2 meters, swimming towards the open sea. Apparently totally oblivious of me, what a relief. While the shock by then had lost at least part of its grip on me, I suddenly remembered that I had my camera with me. I managed to squeeze off two quick shoots, no time for fiddling around with the camera settings.

As the lizard disappeared into haze, I thought for a second about trying to swim after it to get a better shot. After reasoning with my better judgment for a split second, I decided it was for the better not to try anything foolish like that.

Instead I moved to take care of my panic-stricken wife. To be honest I was a bit shaken myself about the experience.

I later checked with the locals about my encounter and I was informed that the lizard was probably a monitor lizard, apparently belonging to the same species as the infamous Comodo-Varan and that specimens up to 3 meters in length were known to exist on the island. The lizards are so called opportunist, they eat basically anything they can get. They are known to dig up human corpses, but are normally no threat to people even though they can easily run faster than a human. They are also known for their nasty bites as their mouths are so full of bacteria that a bite from them are potentially lethal.



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**Do you have a nice shot with a short story
behind it?
If so e mail me and yours could be the next
"Parting shot".**

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