

News, Travel & Events



Galapagos with Jason and Wendy Heller and Michael Field September 8th - 15th 2008

This 7 day expedition will begin in by flying into San Cristobal. The primary objective is to dive the sites with the highest concentration of the dramatic marine life that is the Galapagos Islands - Sea Lions, Whale Sharks, Hammerheads, Dolphins, Turtles, Manta Rays, schooling fish by the thousands, and more.

During the week, we will stop for at least three land excursions on various islands, including a stop at the infamous Darwin Station. You will have a chance to see the giant Galapagos Tortoises that can live over 150 years, the endemic Marine Iguanas found nowhere else on earth, Blue Footed Boobies, and other rare



and exciting wildlife. However, the focus of the expedition is diving the northern most islands of Wolf and Darwin, home to a plethora of marine life that can boggle one's mind

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Upcoming International Photo & Video Competitions

May and June seem to be big months for underwater photo competitions. With 6 competitions across 4 countries, you have more chances of walking away with prizes and the glory of a placing in an international competition. Good luck!

May 4th

PAF Tachov (Czech Republic)

May 12th

Under the Blue :: SCUBA Show 2007 (USA)

May 26th

California Beach Dive Photo Competition (USA)

June 5th

Terengganu ShutterSeaBug - X'plore 2007 (Malaysia)

June 29th

2007 Malaysia International Dive Expo Photo Contest (Malaysia)

June 30th

3rd Annual Underwater.com.au Photo Competition 06/07 (Australia)





In conjunction with the Island of Bonaire's "Dive Into Summer" promotion, five businesses located adjacent to the world famous Bari Reef are joining together to offer a month long program for digital underwater photography and videography during July 2007.

Digital Summer Camp 2007 is one month of digital underwater photography and video activities on Bonaire organized by Fish-Eye

Photo. Activities are seminars on how to improve your photo/video skills, guided photo/video dives, navigation and camera buoyancy skill activities, photo/video contests with great prizes, photo/video editing support and an evening entertainment program with slide and video presentations, happy hours, BBQ's. Food and drink coupons are also included.

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6th International Kemer Underwater Days
17 - 20 MAY 2007

International Kemer Underwater Days (IKUD) is a week of activities organized jointly by the Underwater Archeological Research Association (AASAM) and the Foundation for the Promotion of Kemer (KETAV), whose goal is to introduce to the world the natural and the archeological beauties of the deep waters of Kemer - Antalya (Turkey) in the Mediterranean.

International Kemer Underwater Days contains many activities on underwater imaging and underwater archaeology. It also contains underwater photography and videography competitions which happen in the crystal waters of Kemer on May 18, 2007.

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Solomon Islands Expedition
September 11-25, 2007
M/V Bilikiki

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Celebrate the Sea

16th - 23rd Sept 2007
Manila

OceanNEEnvironment Australia is pleased to announce the collaboration with Department of Tourism (DOT) and Philippine Commission on Sports Scuba Diving (PCSSD) to present; 'Celebrate the Sea Marine Imagery Festival Philippines 2007'.

Celebrate the Sea Marine Imagery Festival is the biggest imaging event of the sea staged in the Asia Pacific. Since 2002 the annual festival held in Singapore and Malaysia have attracted entries from over 38 countries. The festival is scheduled for 21 to 23 September in Manila and international and local photographers will compete in a shoot out competition at five resorts on 16 - 20 September.

Held in association with the World Festival of Underwater Pictures, Antibes, the presenters proposed to bring Celebrate the Sea to Manila in 2007 with intent to make the city the permanent home for the festival for three years. This will position Manila as the capital of underwater imagery in the Asia Pacific.

Now in its sixth year, Celebrate the Sea Festival promote the beauty of our ocean to not only entertain

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and inspire, but more importantly to motivate people to take action to preserve our natural environment. The 'Oscars' of underwater imagery is the highlight of Celebrate the Sea – the winners of the CTS International Underwater Imagery Competition and the Philippines Shoot Out competition will be revealed during a gala award ceremony on 22 September. Along with medals, cash and holiday prizes, the most coveted title for 2007 is the 'President Grand Award of Highest Achievement 2007' (US\$2000 cash prize).

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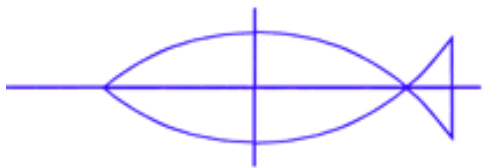
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BSOUP Splash-In Championship Plymouth, Devon July 7th 2007

The British Society of Underwater Photographers has teamed up with the National Marine Aquarium to stage the first British Splash-In Championship. The event is being held on Saturday July 7, 2007 in Plymouth and the overall winner will be jetting off to the Red Sea to enjoy the top prize of a one week liveaboard diving trip.

This year's event is a development of the Society's highly successful annual underwater photography Splash-Ins first held in the late 1960's, which established the format for similar events that now take place around the world.

All underwater photographers, including the winners of all the splash-ins that took place in the UK during 2006, are being invited to participate in this new event to find the UK's best underwater photographer.



2006 winning entry by Alan James

During the evening of the event the audience at the National Marine Aquarium will be invited to vote for their favourite images from those taken on the day. An independent panel of judges will then choose the best of those images to decide who will win the top prize of the live-aboard holiday, which has been generously donated by Tony Backhurst Scuba Travel.

In addition to the Splash-In, a Print Competition is being held. The entries will be displayed at the National Marine Aquarium

where thousands of visitors will be invited to vote for their favourite pictures. To encourage the many new photographers using compact digital cameras separate categories have been introduced so that they do not have to compete with established winners of underwater photography competitions.

Full details of both events can be found on BSoUP's web site: <http://www.bsoup.org/splash>.

Closing date for submitting entries for the print competition is Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

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Marine Wildlife Photo Agency



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Marine Wildlife is a specialist image library which provides images of marine wildlife species, marine and coastal habitats, coastal scenes, usage of the sea and coast, marine pollution and other marine-related issues in both temperate and tropical seas.

Marine Wildlife was established in 1990 by temperate underwater photographer Paul Kay, and is now expanding - by both extending its geographical coverage of the images and by representing other photographers too.

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Sex on the reefs with Emperor Divers

28 June - 5 July 2007



Photo by Peter Bergquist
www.pedda.com

Learn all about corals and reef ecology, fish and fish ecology, sex on the reefs, sharks and reef conservation. Emperor Divers has launched a new Eco-dive safari, which will teach guests the fundamentals of underwater ecosystems and why marine life behaves the way it does.

Leading the trips will be Bent Christensen, an associate professor at the University of Umeå, Sweden. He has a PhD in fish ecology and is also involved in research projects in Sabah, Borneo.

A typical Eco-safari day includes an introductory-level lecture, three dives focused on the subject of the day and an informal evening de-brief and picture show. The pace of dives

will be relaxed and at moderate depths to allow guests time to study, enjoy and photograph their subjects; ideal for learning about eco-systems and photo techniques.

Dive sites include Marsa Abu Dabab (for dugong), Elphinstone (for sharks), Shaab Sataya (for dolphins), Shaab Claude, El Malahi, Umm Aruk and Abu Ralahib (St John's Caves).

All Eco-safaris sail on Emperor Fleet liveaboard, Emperor Asmaa, offering air-con ensuite cabins and salon, a large dive deck and sun deck plus lighter luggage as each guest receives two towels and a bathrobe!

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Dominica July 6th - 15th 2007

Dive Fest is an annual event, now in its 14th year, organised by the Dominica Watersports Association (DWA) to focus attention the sport of diving, to educate the public about scuba diving as a tourism product and possible career path, and to raise awareness about Dominica's stunning and unique marine environment.

Along with our major sponsor, Cable and Wireless, who provide great prizes and support for the event, this year Dive Training Magazine, Oceanic and Sealife will be adding to the weeks festivities.

Oceanic will be introducing their newest "Datamask" heads up display where you can read your dive profile right in the mask, including your air pressure! The masks will be available for anyone to try.

Sealife cameras will bring their new cameras down and divers will

have the chance to test them out and to take part in photo shoots and a "Best of week" competition.

Dive Training will be sending down two photographers Barry and Ruth Guimbellot who will be putting on seminars and workshops on both underwater and waterfall photography!

Along with these events for divers, there is also excitement for non divers too! Wine and Cheese Sunset Cruises, Happy Hour dances, Traditional Boat Races and whale watching to name a few.

The Dominica Watersports Association will be putting together great packages for the summer that will make Dive Fest a great time to visit Dominica. Great diving, discounted packages, the newest hi tech cameras and equipment to try, photography seminars and workshops and some great prizes! Including cases of Kubuli (our international prize winning beer), to phones from Cable and Wireless, along with other great prizes from Oceanic and Sealife.

www.discoverdominica.com

'Muck, Macro & Wall'

with Tony White

North Sulawesi is where the world's top underwater photographers regularly go to capture the kaleidoscope of colours and weird and wonderful creatures on both film and digital photography.

Tony White, acclaimed underwater photographer journalist, will be sharing his vast experience at a Photo Workshop with Eco Divers in North Sulawesi from 21 September to 6 October, where guests can learn and improve their shots and techniques.

"The courses are aimed at all levels as we can all learn from each other. The emphasis is on flexibility and encouragement whilst capturing great shots of the stunning underwater vistas of Bunaken's 'wall and wreck diving delights' and Lembeh's 'magical macro muck diving'," says Tony.

The diving is at a comfortable 10-15m and the sites are within an easy boat ride from both of Eco Divers' dive centres at Tasik Ria Resort for Bunaken National Park and Kungkungan Bay Resort for Lembeh Straits.

Each day consists of two dives with the chance for night dives as required and Tony will be offering



advice on all photo mediums, including E6 processing for those using film.

This is a great opportunity to dive one or both resorts and experience two very different worlds of diving in Bunaken and the Lembeh Strait with the expertise of a fabulous photographer.

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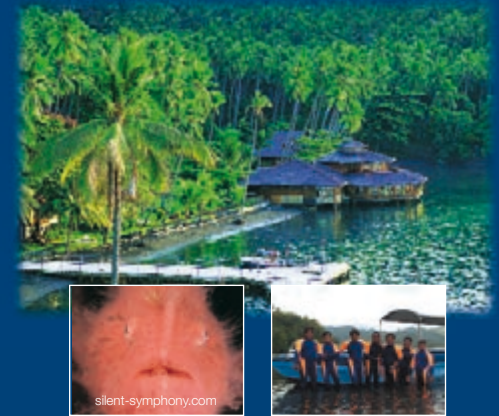
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Island Sun Splash '07 June 10-16 2007

Warm water and warm hearts are to welcome water-lovers at Island Sun Splash '07, slated for Sunday, June 10, through Saturday, June 16.

Organized by the Upper Keys Association of Dive and Snorkel Operators, the event includes activities for everyone from experienced diving experts to families visiting North America's only living coral barrier reef for the first time.

Underwater photography and video seminars are to be accompanied by photo and video contests, with separate divisions for kids and adults. World-renowned underwater photographers Tom and Therisa Stack and Emmy-winning videographer Frazier Nivens are to present "how to" seminars and direct the contests.

The Reef Environmental Education Foundation is to conduct its popular fish ID classes so no introductions will be necessary when snorkelers and divers come nose to snout with the local underwater inhabitants.

For extremely experienced

divers, seminars are to focus on deep technical diving. One of the week's anticipated highlights is a trip to the new Florida Keys History of Diving Museum, which houses an unparalleled collection of historic dive gear. The museum features a special collection dedicated to Art McKee, a treasure diver from Islamorada regarded as the "father of recreational diving."

Drs. Joe and Sally Bauer, founders of the museum, are to offer seminars on the history of diving and show how recreational diving actually got its start in the waters off Islamorada.

Modern treasure hunter Carl Fisser is to conduct two seminars on the 1733 Spanish Fleet that was forced onto Keys reefs by a powerful hurricane. Fisser plans to lead tours to local wreck sites after each session.

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Komodo Underwater Photography Expedition with Mauricio Handler October 5-16, 2008

This unique ten day photography expedition will include The Komodo National Marine Park which was officially declared a World Heritage Site in 1991.

I will be offering technical and creative support as well as photography guidance on equipment trouble shooting and maintenance, image composition, multiple light sources, macro, extreme macro photography and much more.

In addition I will give several presentations on "shooting a story" as well as "managing your digital image library".

For those that want to go even further, I will be reviewing images daily in personal one on one critiques and guidance.

www.handlerphoto.com

Socorro with Cheng and Mustard Feb 2nd-10th 2008



Join photographers Eric Cheng and Dr. Alexander Mustard on an expedition aboard the M/V Solmar V to the Revillagigedos Islands (also known as the Socorro Islands), 250 miles south of the southern tip of Baja California, Mexico.

Manta rays are there to be cleaned by clarion angelfish, and are what the islands are best known for.

Our trip dates in early February also present us with the highest chance for encounters with humpback whales. In years past, the Solmar V has had excellent encounters with a mother and calf pair. Note that while humpbacks will most likely be in the area, encounters (as with all wildlife encounters) are not guaranteed!

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Photographers will compete in four still image categories, including a category for images that focus on California’s unique and beautiful underwater environment, and one video category. Winners will share in more than \$20,000 in prizes, including premium dive travel, underwater photography and diving equipment! Travel prizes include trips to some of the top photo destinations in the world including Fiji, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Australia.

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Eilat Shoot-out competition SanDisk Red Sea November 12th - 17th 2007

The SanDisk Red Sea 2007 - World of Underwater images is sponsored by the international SanDisk corporation; “YAM”, the Israeli diving magazine; Isrotel hotel chain .The Israeli Ministry of Tourism encourages the competition and assistance is kindly provided by Manta Diving Club in Eilat

The motivating spirit behind the competition is David Pilosof (Pilo), a veteran underwater photographer and creator of the renowned photo album, “Samantha”. Pilo has participated in many underwater photography competitions himself, and shaped the genre of underwater fashion and nude photography.

“I took part in many photography competitions, and it was very nice to win a few trophies and medals”, says Pilosof. “But I always felt that something was missing – some sort of financial reward, a prize that could help and encourage photographers to continue joining those competitions and adventures. SanDisk, the

international flashcard manufacturer, rose to the challenge, and allows us to offer you, the participating underwater photographers, the chance to win that cash prize. I am proud to invite you all to Eilat, to take part in the competition and perhaps win the jackpot.

Remember: we’ll meet on November 17, 2007 20:30 at Isrotel’s Ambassador Hotel lawn, and one of you will go back home with a check in the amount of \$10,000.”

Online competition:

An online contest between all former winners (of months March-August) will begin in September. Surfers and judges will choose one of the winners as the best photographer, who’ll be invited to join our SanDisk Red Sea 2007 Competition in Eilat, Israel.

The prize include: flights, Half-Board based accommodations and diving during the competition in Eilat.

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OWUSS Australia



Jim Corry, OWUS President from USA, Mathew Kertesz and Richard de Leyser, Rolex Australia

For the past 32 years the Our World-Underwater Scholarship Society (OWUSS) has offered scholarships in the USA and more recently Europe. In April 2006 the Our World – Underwater Scholarship Society with the support of Rolex, expanded its outreach to offer an Australasian Scholarship.

For Australasia’s first year there was an impressive list of entries. It was a difficult choice getting to the two finalists, for which a panel interview was run to decide the winner.

After a tough decision the first Australasian scholarship was awarded unanimously to Mathew Kertesz.

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