

News, Travel & Events

Guadalupe Gt White Sharks

with Charles Hood

16-24th September 2008

Maybe you are a beginner with a relatively modest camera system, alternatively you could be a pro-am with the latest digital SLR complete with custom housing, or maybe you are somewhere in between. You may have already completed an underwater photographic course having gained all the theory and completed a week's shoot in warm waters. You may have got some great pictures and now you want to try your hand at capturing the ultimate image – a great white shark portrait. Let the lessons begin.

Charles Hood, the accomplished underwater photographer and journalist, will make his second visit to Guadalupe Island to lead this tour, which is his choice for the most photographic and exciting shark encounter on earth. Charles will be on hand for informal photographic discussion and critique. Underwater photographers of all levels will certainly benefit from Charles's knowledge and experience.

We will be visiting Guadalupe



Great White Shark (Rico Oldfield)

Island on Nautilus Explorer is an owner-operated, 35-metre purpose built dive vessel, built to the highest standards of safety and comfort. She was launched in 2000. The staff and crew pride themselves on matching each charter to the individual needs of the divers on board. In their own words: "As an owner operated long range luxury dive boat, we strive to offer a unique combination of professionalism, warmth, adventure and some terrific diving".

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2007
26 - 27 October

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**Royal Geographical Society,
Kensington, London**



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Chris Packham*

Find out how to take, improve, publish, earn a living from, and make a difference with nature photographs at WildPhotos 2007.

The two-day event brings together many of the world's best wildlife and landscape photographers plus leading photographic agents and publishers to offer insights, tips and visions to appeal to everyone with an interest in nature imagery.

Featuring the work, wit and wisdom of Doug Allan, Karl Ammann, Colin Baxter, Gary Braasch, Peter Cairns, Mark Carwardine, Chris Dickie, Mark



*Frans Lanting
presenting 'Life - A
journey through
time'*



*Karl Ammann
talking about
photography for
conservation*

Edwards, Eddie Ephraums, Pål Hermansen, Laurent Geslin, Robert Glenn Ketchum, Tim Laman, Frans Lanting, and Cristina Mittermeier, among others.

Also presenting their work and skills will be winners from this year's Shell Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, the results of which will be announced the day before WildPhotos.

www.wildphotos.org.uk

34th World Festival of Underwater Pictures

Antibes - France

October 24th to 28 th 2007



The 34th World Festival of Underwater Pictures will be held in Antibes – France, at the marine mammal park MARINELAND from October 24th to 28 th 2007

2007, it's AQUA LUNG's 60th birthday. The 34th edition of the Festival will widely take part in the celebration of this jubilee.

Many celebrities practise scuba diving. Claire KEIM, a French actress and singer with a brilliant career, has

dived since her childhood. She will be the honorary guest for the 34th edition of the Festival.

In the new spaces placed at our disposal by the marine theme park MARINELAND, the Festival will spread over another dimension. All festival-goers and participants will can attend the shows offered by MARINELAND.

The opening-ceremony will be held round the orcas' basin, with more than 4.000 seats. This evening will include an Orcas show and the screening of a film chosen among the films in competition. A cocktail will close the evening.

During the Festival, the competitors' films, slides and slides-show will be screened into two rooms (1.000 and 300 seats). An huge car park, with thousands spaces will provide our visitors with more comfort. Three restaurants will receive the festival participants inside the MARINELAND Park.

The giving-prize ceremony will be held round the Orcas' basin. During the ceremony, all the Festival participants will be able to attend the showing of the awarded films in the two viewing rooms.

www.underwater-festival.com

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Upcoming International Photo & Video Competitions

July 14th

Tioman Mega Dive (Malaysia)

www.tiomanmegadive.com

Aug 1st

Scuba Diver Australasia 2007 Photo Comp

www.scubadiveraustralasia.com/competition.html

Aug 1st

Pix Digital Imaging Contest No.13 (US)

www.pixdigitalimagingcontest.com/

Aug 21st

Photo District News World in Focus Contest (US)

www.worldinfocuscontest.com





Eco Divers to host Asian Diver magazine's Ocean Odyssey Digital Photo Shoot out

26th Nov - 5th Dec 2007

Following on from the success of the Asian Diver Magazine's Shoot-Out hosted by Eco Divers in 2005, Eco Divers at Kungkungan Bay Resort and Tasik Ria Resort has been chosen to host the "Ocean Odyssey Digital Shoot-out" Competition.

All are welcome to enter, whatever the ability, with the emphasis on having fun and learning, including free advice and tips from Eco Divers' resident photo pros, Cary Yanny and Steve Coverdale.

Guests will also have the rare opportunity to meet and dive with five of the most renowned underwater photographers on the planet, who will hold seminars and judge the entries: They are Rod Klein, USA, Mathieu Meur, Mauritius, Wolfgang Pölzer, Austria, Stephen Wong, Hong Kong and Takako Uno, Japan

The Tasik Ria Resort shoot-out takes places from 26 – 01 December with prizes ranging from a South

Pacific Aggressor Fleet liveaboard trip to a Mares Proton Regulator, Citizen Pro Master Dive watch and more. From 30 November - 5 December, the event at Kungkungan Bay Resort offers prizes from an Emperor Divers' Red Sea luxury liveaboard trip, Mares Proton 42 Metal Regulator, Citizen Pro Master Dive watch and an overall Best Portfolio prize of a Nikon D80 camera kit and Ikelite housing.

As well as giving you the chance to make your mark in the world of underwater photography, this is also a great opportunity to dive one or both resorts and experience two very different worlds of diving in Bunaken and the Lembeh Strait.

www.eco-divers.com

DivePhotoGuide / Wakatobi Underwater Photo & Video Festival

March 28 - April 11, 2008



Wakatobi is truly a slice of paradise with exceptional diving and endless photo and video opportunities. So where better to hold an underwater photo and video festival!

You can choose to spend a week on board the Pelagian or a week at Wakatobi resort - or both! There's plenty of opportunity to participate and hone your underwater photo or video skills among some of the healthiest reefs in the world.

While at the resort, photographers and videographers will be able to focus on wide angle and macro all day long, both on scheduled boat dives or on the world famous house reef, consistently referred to as the best house reef in the world.

Guests aboard the Pelagian will dive further into the archipelago, including a recently discovered muck site.



Most evenings will be set aside for reviews and screenings of the day's images. Three workshops will be held for novice to intermediate shooters who wish to polish up on some of the essential skills.

H2O Photo Pros will be on site both weeks with the latest underwater photo & video gear available for in-water demos, and will be providing underwater video workshops.

Both weeks will culminate in a contest where each participant can enter their best images and videos from the week for a chance to win over \$10,000 in prizes! The "shootout" format will be split into "open" and "novice" categories.

Winning images to appear in Sport Diver Magazine!

www.divephotoguide.com/wakatobi_festival_2008.php

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Southern Hemisphere Humpback whales

September 2007



I am a Hawaii based portrait and wedding photographer who once a year organizes a photography expedition to exotic locations.

This year I have organized a small boat that takes 3 people to photograph whales above and below the sea. As a result of a cancelation, I am looking for two people to join the expedition.

The boat is reserved for 5 days from September 12th, but because of the remote location and flight schedules the adventure will require 8 days. The expedition including boat, fuel, and captain will cost \$1,500 per person. Interested people need to be able to snorkel. The boat takes only a few people so everyone gets the most opportunities.

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North Sulawesi Photo Trip

September 15-22, 2007

Joe Wysocki of Optiquatics will be leading a special trip to North Sulawesi, Indonesia, on the Sulawesi Aggressor. This is one of the most fabulous dive destinations on the planet, with muck diving, reef diving, tiny macro critters, and big animals. The North Sulawesi Aggressor is a beautiful 107-foot dive boat, with excellent accommodations, great food, and fantastic diving support, including nitrox!

And, because this is an Optiquatics trip, you will get the personalized attention and service that you get nowhere else. Joe will have photographic equipment and guidance so even an beginning photographer will be taking home great shots. More advanced image makers can try out new equipment, and everyone will get great diving!

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Anmdaman Islands with Barefoot Traveller



Barefoot Traveller is a small independent company, specialising in tailor made holidays to exotic destinations with spectacular diving, and as much to offer above the water as below.

The Andamans, 362 lush green islands, scattered in the Bay of Bengal, some 900 kms from India are gratefully unaffected by mass tourism. These islands really are the perfect place for nature lovers, offering extraordinary beauty, tranquillity, tropical rainforests, exotic birds, empty unspoilt beaches, clear waters and magnificent reefs.

The dive sites are suitable for all interests and experience levels, and are totally undamaged by human activity, boasting some of the largest variety of coral and fish life anywhere. Is there little wonder the Rough Guide to India describes them as 'perfect for snorkelling and scuba diving'.

Barefoot Traveller has linked up with the eco-retreat of Barefoot at Havelock, on Havelock Island, which has a fully serviced PADI dive centre, but also offers other activities including kayaking, nature walks, yoga and even swimming with elephants.

www.barefoot-traveller.com



Ocean Geographic magazine

Ocean Geographic explores the dynamics of our ocean – the source and cradle of all life on Earth, occupying nearly 70.98 per cent of our planet's surface and provides 99 per cent of the Earth's living space.

Since most life on Earth is aquatic, in terms of both diversity and biomass, Ocean Geographic focuses on getting to know who's who in the sea, allowing readers to appreciate the complexity of the oceanic life forms that make up the vast biospheres, as well as understanding the environmental influences and climatic conditions that make this water planet a hospitable place.

Ocean Geographic also looks at the cultures which have historically been dependent on the sea, and delves into the navigation and migration of early civilizations. Ocean Geographic promotes awareness, beauty and the importance of preserving the health of our ocean environment through the



latest scientific knowledge, illustrated by the imagery from the world's leading underwater artists and photographers.

Each edition of Ocean Geographic is a visual adventure of discoveries, exploration and dives into provoking issues that guarantee to inform, inspire and invigorate.

Ocean geographic is published quarterly. The subscription rates are Australia and Singapore A/\$50 per year or International: USD\$68/A\$83 (airmail)

www.ogsociety.org

Turks & Caicos UW Photo Competition

With a track record of successes in 2005 and 2006, the Turks & Caicos Tourist Board announces the Third Annual "Turks & Caicos Underwater Photographic Competition" to be held in the Turks & Caicos Islands, British West Indies from June 1st through September 31st, 2007.

Along with \$25,000 in cash and subsidiary prizes, the Prize Winners will have their photographs published by the Government of the Turks & Caicos Islands as a set of commemorative postage stamps, each bearing a winning photograph and the photographer's name and country of origin.

Winning photographs and those awarded "Honourable Mention" will also be included in the annual Turks & Caicos "Out Of The Blue" calendar.

www.underwaterphoto.tc

www.uwpmag.com

Fathoms Expedition Solomon Islands

9th - 23rd October 2007



We've chartered the Bilikiki during one of the best times of the year for both settled weather and diving conditions. For photographers, it's one of the best venues in the world! The well-appointed, 120-foot vessel is fully air conditioned with private double cabins and each with its own head and shower.

The Solomons are one of the top two regions in the world for coral, fish, pelagics, macro subjects, and breathtaking tropical scenery. Sharks, rays, endless coral reefs and some fascinating World War II wrecks highlight the diving. This is a chance to log over 45 dives with visibility up to 200 feet in warm water teeming with life.

You'll be able to take a break from the underwater world to experience the cultures and topside

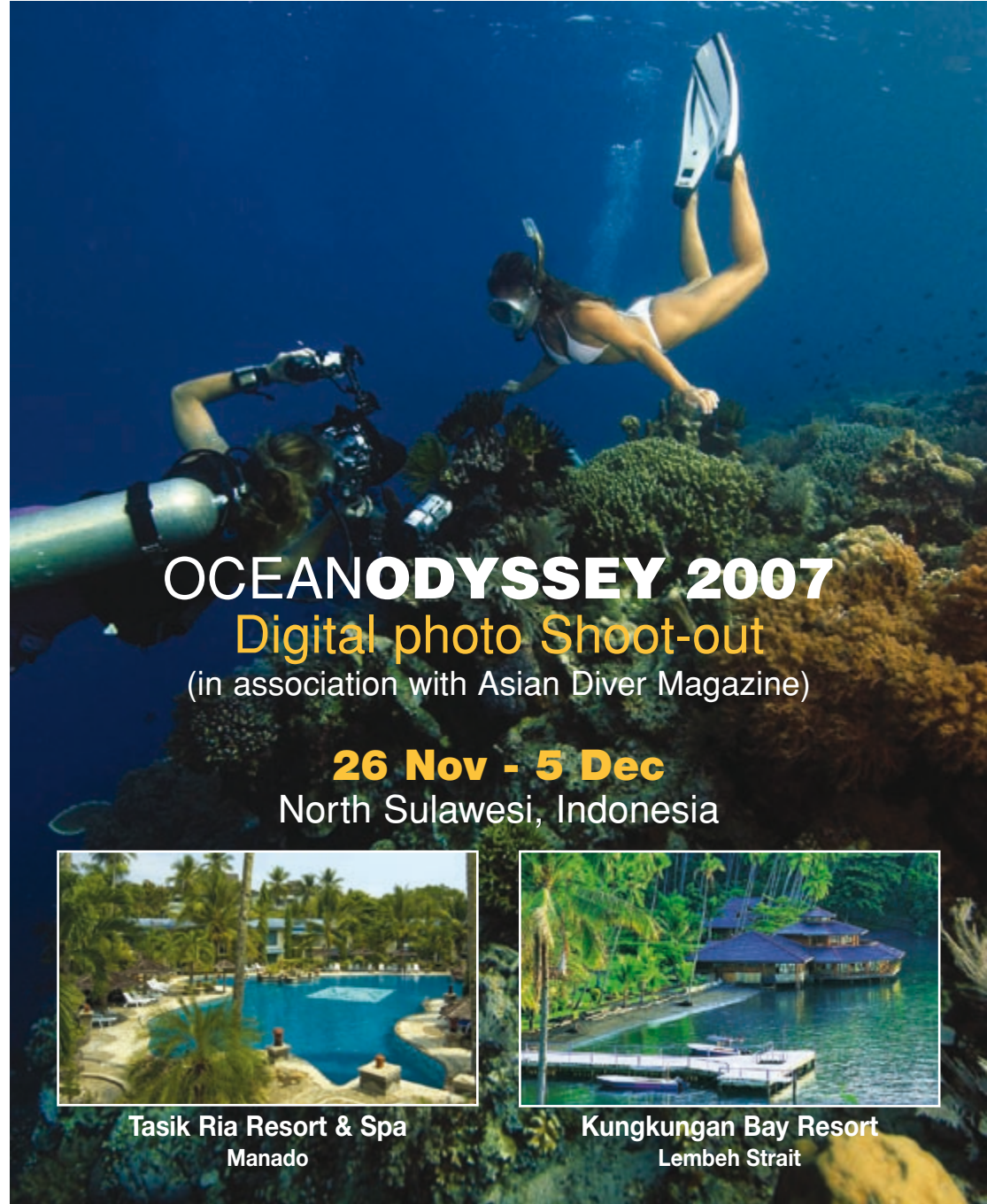


Photo by Burt Jones

wonders of these islands. The villagers are friendly and there will be plenty of opportunity to interact with the islanders while anchored near some of the dive sites. Burt Jones, renowned underwater photographer and pioneer diver, will be leading the 2006 adventures. This trip is suitable for all levels of experience so come join the Fathoms group for an unforgettable trip.

www.reefrainforest.com

www.uwpmag.com



OCEANODYSSEY 2007

Digital photo Shoot-out

(in association with Asian Diver Magazine)

26 Nov - 5 Dec
North Sulawesi, Indonesia



Tasik Ria Resort & Spa
Manado



Kungkungan Bay Resort
Lembah Strait

Check out www.eco-divers.com/ocean-odyssey to find out how you can be a part of this exciting event!

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Brothers, Daedulus & Elphinstone
Photography Workshop on board MV Kawarty II
Escorted by JP Trenque & Jane Morgan
21st - 28th September 2007



2 digital photography workshops are planned to help underwater photographers with all levels of experience. Whether you have just purchased a new camera, have just “gone digital” or have been using your DSLR for some time and just want to shoot to your heart’s content, these workshops will benefit you.

The theory sessions will concentrate on your photography technique. At the end of this workshop, you will be familiar with concepts such as speed, aperture and depth of field. You will also learn to make the most out of your camera’s manual settings to take underwater pictures rather than holiday snaps.

Evening sessions will cover image optimisation using Photoshop.



If you are already familiar with your equipment, the advanced workshop will help you make pictures rather than take them. This workshop will be based on practical exercises on composition and light.

Evening Photoshop sessions will concentrate on advanced manipulation techniques.

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

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Whale Shark & Manta Photo Safari

with Anne-Marie Kitchen-Wheeler

27th Oct - 9th November 2007



Ocean Optics has organised a Maldives liveaboard charter to photograph and video the world's largest shark and largest ray.

To maximise the opportunities for shooting professional standard portfolios and video sequences, we've engaged leading manta ray researcher and celebrated Maldives dive guide Anne – Marie Kitchen – Wheeler to lead this safari.

Anne – Marie's extensive field experience of finding and interacting with these creatures will assure you of the best possible chance of getting stunning results from this safari.

Anne Marie is promising some fascinating evening presentations to enrich your safari experience. Anne – Marie is also a UK champion freediver and an accomplished underwater photographer.

The liveaboard Sea Queen will be our base of operations. She is one of the best known boats in the

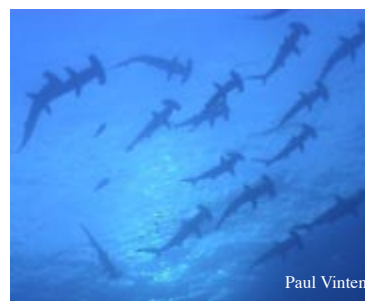
Islands and a long term favourite with underwater photographers. Her usual complement is twelve passengers, but on our private charter only eight guest places are offered. By limiting numbers, we will greatly increase your personal photo opportunities. Only a small number of places still remain.

Mark Koekemoer will be on board to represent Ocean Optics. Mark will be able to help with photography and equipment questions and will have some back up equipment on hand for emergencies.

This twelve-night voyage is going to be something very special. It is all about aiming high to capture on camera the beauty of the Maldivian reefs and the majesty of two of the seas most mystical creatures.

www.oceanoptics.co.uk

New overnight Hammerhead Shark trip from Sharm



This is the ideal way to stand a good chance of diving with hammerheads! Cruise to Tiran for your first dive and then, when the day boats have left, your second dive is at Jackson Reef in search of Hammerheads.

The boat overnights at Laguna where you can do a night dive returning to Jackson Reef early in the morning for your first dive at about 05.30. Then to make the most of quiet waters, it's breakfast and another dive at around 07.30 before the day boats start to return.

This itinerary is ideal for giving you a much stronger chance of seeing hammerheads when there are fewer boats and divers about. And Emperor is the only dive centre offering this one-day safari trip so book your place now.

www.emperordivers.com

Solomons with Fred Dion

Nov 13-27th 2007



Join Fred Dion of Underwater Photo-Tech for a fantastic two-week photo dive trip aboard the MV Spirit operated by Bilikki Cruises November 13-27, 2007.

Fred will be available for help with any photo question whether it be as simple as, how to set-up your camera system, to explaining complex lighting techniques for improving image quality. There will be plenty of time for one on one consultation to keep your trip a vacation and not a photo competition. Demo equipment will be available for use from point and shoot digital systems to advance DSLR outfits.

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TECH-TALK NEWSLETTER

the e-news for underwater photography enthusiasts

In this issue of URPRO's Tech-Talk News Letter, we'd like to cover 7 different topics including achieving better colors on your images by improving the performance of the filters, facilitating communications, and expediting URPRO filter orders.

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