

News, Travel & Events



Alex Mustard's Cayman Workshop

Understanding, capturing and controlling light

17th-24th January 2009.

Join Alex Mustard's Digital Underwater Photography workshop at Ocean Frontiers, Grand Cayman in January 2009. The focus on this workshop is lighting: understanding, capturing and controlling both strobe and available light.

We'll dive on Cayman's dramatic walls, East End's atmospheric caverns, fishy shallow reefs and Stingray City. There will be the traditional dawn stingray trip, where there is the chance to photograph the unique stingray schooling behaviour in golden sunlight.

The trip is limited to just 12

people, which provides plenty of time for 1:1 image critique and also a 1:1 pool photo tune-up session. The course also includes photo lectures, interactive seminars, group image review and photographic diving.

The workshop costs \$2,165 USD (excluding flights) for 7 nights accommodation at the luxurious Compass Point Resort, 6 days of diving, social evenings, rental car and high speed Wi-Fi.

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Papua New Guinea Photo Trip

2 Spots Left

September 18 - 27, 2008

Papua New Guinea is one of the most exotic places on earth! Both above the water and below you'll discover new adventures you cannot find anywhere else, making this place very popular among photographers.

Join us aboard the live-aboard Spirit of Niugini for a digital photo workshop. Your hosts will be Donna Lattin from South Pacific Island Travel and me, Bonnie Pelnar, author of "The Digital Workflow for Underwater Photographers".

This workshop is designed to show you how to get the best shots when shooting underwater with a digital camera. The workshop is for all skill levels.

New Guinea offers some amazing macro opportunities and the wide angle is also spectacular. We'll show you what you need to know to get some great photos during this trip. In addition to shooting tips and techniques, you'll also learn all about how to improve the images you've captured using Adobe Photoshop or Adobe Elements.

www.theunderwaterphotographer.com



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The Seatoool SR11/SR12 underwater housing for the Sony HDV Handycam HDR-SR11/SR12 is one of the smallest, lightest underwater video housings ever produced.

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The housing utilizes a flip out mirror & lcd reversing circuit, allowing the user to take advantage of the camera's LCD Screen for composition. Optional 3" external monitor now available.

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Beneath the Sea 2009

Beneath the Sea 2009 is pleased to invite Photographers and Videographers from around the world to enter the Beneath the Sea International Imaging competition.

In addition to a surprise of prizes, including a trip aboard the renowned liveaboard Nai'a diving the amazing reefs of Fiji, competition in each category will be for individual recognition from the Grandmaster of that field: Underwater photographers will compete for the coveted David Doubilet award for excellence in underwater photography. Underwater Videographers will compete for the distinguished Stan Waterman award for excellence in underwater video. Underwater Photographic Artists compete for the celebrated Jim Church award for excellence in creative underwater photography.

Wherever you live in this wide world, accept the challenge, and submit your underwater photographic work to the Beneath the Sea International Imaging Competition. The contest deadline is December 31st, 2008

The winners of the Beneath the Sea International Imaging Competition will be announced at the Saturday Night Film Festival the weekend of Beneath the Sea's Ocean Adventure Exposition and Dive Travel Show, March 27th, 28th, and 29th, 2009, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey. In addition to the awards that the Grand Prize winners of each category will receive, there will be prizes for all First, Second, and Third place winners.

www.Beneaththesea.org

Elysium 2010

A team comprising of the world's best nature conservation photographers, film makers, artists, musicians and scientists will embark on an imaging epic from the Weddell Sea of Antarctic Peninsula to South Georgia. The team will be documenting the life above and below the ice, more or less following the trail of the 1914 Endurance Expedition by Sir Ernest Shackleton and his crew of 28. It was the greatest true adventure story of the last century.

The explorers comprise of David Doubilet, Jennifer Hayes, Wyland, Amos Nachoum, Heather Angel, Leandro Blanco, Álvaro de Marichalar, Michael AW and Jamie Watt will be producing a book, a movie but most importantly to curate a visual index database for climate change references of the Antarctic Peninsula and South Georgia. This 2010 expedition is billed to be the greatest photographic epic of the 21st century. If you wish to contribute or participate in this epic of a colossal scale email

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Eco Divers Digital Photo Shoot-out 2008

Kungkungan Bay Resort, North Sulawesi, is proud to have been selected by Scuba Diver Australasia Magazine as host resort for its Digital Download photo shoot-out event 2008.

The shoot-out is in a 5-night format between 26 November and 01 December. All are welcome to join irrespective of level of experience, with the emphasis firmly on having fun and learning. There is no entrance fee to pay – all you need to do to join this exciting event is make a normal booking on those dates and let Eco Divers know you would like to join

the event.

Prizes will be in three categories: Macro Behaviour, Portrait and Portfolio. The first prize in each category is a Canon EOS 450D camera!

Judging the event will be three very well known personalities from the world of scuba diving and underwater photography; David Espinosa, editor of Scuba Diver Australasia, Simon Buxton and Mike Veitch.

www.eco-divers.com

Sandisk Red Sea 2008

The competition will be held this year, for the fourth time in a row, on the 10th to 15th of November, 2008 at the Isrotel Yam Suf hotel, Eilat.

This year we've several categories, such as: The best 5 Images, The best color print, Humor, Ecology & Nature care, Wrecks, Video Clip and a category for beginners.

The Eilat competition is open to all underwater photographers, amateur and professional. This year we have more than \$80,000 prizes, diving trips to exotics dive sites around the world and cashmoney prizes. The first prize this year is 10,000\$, and a trip for two, to Papua New Guinea.

www.sandiskredsea.com



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NYUPS website

To celebrate the one year anniversary of The New York Underwater Photographic Society, the group has launched a new website.

Over 200 NYUPS participants have enjoyed some of the featured events in the last year, which have included presentations from legendary underwater photographer David Doubilet, virtuoso Howard Schatz, as well as pro photographers such as Ethan Gordon, Doug Sloss, Jason Heller, and others. NYUPS events are held in a theatre setting with open bars and networking opportunities for the dynamic growing community of underwater photographers & videographers from NY, NJ, CT, PA and beyond.

The new website, www.nyups.org, is built on a social network platform and provides an opportunity for those residing outside



of the local region to participate as well. Photographers & videographers are invited to create profiles and become members of NYUPS through the new website.

Membership and all NYUPS events are free of charge and supported by DivePhotoGuide and a handful of gracious sponsors such as H2O Photo Pros, Archipelago Fleet and PADI.

www.nyups.org

Div'Ocean Bonaire

On 21 May 2008, Div'Ocean, the newest dive school in Bonaire, opened its doors. Instructors Chris Verstappen en Paulien Wijnvoord teach PADI, SSI, IDD, SDI, IAHD and WOSD dive courses. Dutch, English and German are spoken. Courses in Spanish are available on request.

Boatdives, guided dives, guided night dives and East Side dives are organised. Also, rental and service of equipment are provided as well as “air (also Nitrox) and weights only”.

www.divocean-bonaire.com

www.uwpmag.com



18-24 Ağustos 2008
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www.marmarafestival.org

Marmara Festival

8th International Underwater Photo & Video Festival

18-24 August 2008

Istanbul, Turkey

The festival is being hosted by the Caddebostan Scuba Divers' Sports Club in Istanbul. It is the 8th International and 15th National Underwater Festival.

The festival consists of two different contests:

8th Underwater Photo and Videos Contest and the 15th 'The

Living Marmara' Photo and Video Contest (requires on the spot dives on 23rd August 2008)

Deadline for registration and dispatch: 01st August 2008

www.marmarafestival.org

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DivePhotoGuide.com



'Getting Creative With Your Compact Camera' Course

10th August - Oxford

17th August - Action Underwater Studios, Essex



Maria Munn of Ocean Visions is continuing her successful one day beginner's courses for divers with compact cameras in Oxford and at Action Underwater Studios in Essex.

The new 'Get Creative With Your Compact Camera Course' focuses on how to make the most of a digital compact camera which has control of Aperture Priority as well as Shutter Speed. The day is spent trying out different effects with both Macro and Wide-Angle Lenses as well as the opportunity to try out underwater flashguns. All of the demo equipment

provided is made by Inon, renowned for its ability to make your compact camera take award-winning shots which are indistinguishable from the same subject taken with an SLR camera. Composition skills are closely developed before an extensive pool session to fine-tune newly learnt skills.

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Puri Jati Retreat

A private oceanfront villa perfectly situated on the north coast of Bali, with vineyards & mountains on one side and the beach & Bali Sea on the other.

The main villa has 2 levels, can accommodate 6 people and boasts ocean views from every room. It is arranged around an 11 meter (36 ft) private pool. The villa also has maid service and 24-hour security.

Breakfast is included in the nightly price, lunch & dinner can be provided at the villa for an additional charge or guests can dine in one of Lovina's restaurants. A selection of soft drinks, beer & wine is available at the villa at reasonable prices.

Diving: we are only a couple of miles from Bali's latest hotspot for muck diving: Puri Jati (PJ's), an hour to Bali's only national park & Menjangan Island and 1.5 hours to Tulamben. Karl & Linda are both PADI instructors and offer a number of one-on-one courses, including underwater photography with digital camera rental.

Other activities can be arranged, such as horseback riding & bird watching in the national park, your



own private mineral pool & massage at the hot springs, tours to Bali's mountains & lakes, waterfalls, botanical gardens and local markets.

It's also a great place to relax: read a book in the Bale and listen to the ocean or walk on the beach and meet the locals. Have a swim in the pool or enjoy a massage and experience the quieter side of Bali. Sunrises and sunsets are exceptional here, not to mention the starry nights.

We are a 3 hour drive from the airport, half of it through some of Bali's most stunning rice terraces and authentic villages, 1 hour from Bedugal and 15 minutes from Lovina.

Our focus is on customized trips & personal service. We will only accept one booking at a time, based on a minimum of 2 people.

For further information contact lindadiverjohnston@hotmail.com



Hawaii's Kona Coast

Photographers and photojournalists Jeremy and Amanda Cuff have published a new PDF feature about Hawaii's Kona Coast which describes in words and images the experiences of diving this unique coastline.

Jeremy said, "We had a really good time diving Hawaii's Kona Coast, and we've enjoyed putting together this feature as a comprehensive overview of the trip. There's really nothing better than the incredible manta ray night dives."

The Hawaii Kona Coast feature can be viewed/downloaded from Jeremy and Amanda's website. Go to the "text" section, choose "Hawaii" and then scroll to the bottom of the page to find the link.

The website features a wide selection of photography and articles with particular emphasis on scuba diving and travel, although other topics such as abstracts and black and white photography are also included.

www.ja-universe.com

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SLR-DC Housings

The Ikelite SLR-DC housing takes full advantage of the digital SLR camera's innovative features. The housing is injection molded of clear, lightweight polycarbonate for strength, visual access to the camera, LCD screens and camera controls. The housing provides controls for most camera functions. Most Ikelite SLR-DC housings include conversion circuitry that provide TTL compatibility with the latest Ikelite DS Substrobes. Many housings also include a Flash Compensation Module which provides over and under-exposure compensation in the TTL mode and easily allow you to switch to Manual Exposure Mode which provides eight power settings. All exposure compensation is done on the back of the housing. There is no need to access complicated camera menus.

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New Products

Ikelite SubStrobe DS-160



The SubStrobe DS-160 is compatible with all Ikelite TTL systems and current digital cameras, as well as all older TTL film cameras including the Nikonos system. A variety of sync cords, sensors, and TTL adapters are available to connect to almost any camera system currently on the market.

The SubStrobe DS-160 recycles virtually instantaneously when fired at a fractional power -- whether in TTL or manual mode -- and still in a quick 1.5 sec from full discharge. Use a compatible TTL system and enjoy perfect automatic exposure and an increased number of flashes per full charge. When used in manual settings, the DS-160 offers 10



powers in half-stop increments for precise control over your exposure.

A super-bright built-in 5-watt LED modeling light is perfect for focusing or night diving-- all with minimal drain on the strobe's battery. The beam is even, concentrated, and automatically turns off and on when the strobe fires.

The #4060 DS-160 includes interchangeable rechargeable NiMH battery pack, flash diffuser, and standard mount with through-bolt. The NiMH battery pack requires #4066.1 Smart Charger, not included. An optional #9571.4 mount with 1" (2.5cm) diameter ball allows you to build a custom arm or attach the strobe to TLC or Ultralight arm systems.

Energy Rating 160 wat-sec

Recycle Time 1.5 sec

Angle of Coverage 90 degrees/100 degrees with diffuser

Guide # (ISO 100) feet 76 surface

38 underwater

Guide # meters 24 surface 12 underwater

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The SEALUX HSD9 housing offers the compact high-definition SD camcorder from Panasonic a safe and special-designed housing up to 90 m depth. There are no moveable parts, neither in the camcorder nor in the housing making it especially suitable for the tough underwater video use.



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