

News, Travel & Events

Gt White Sharks and Kelp Forests with Maria Munn

10-20 September 2009



Maria has been following her passion for photographing whales, dolphins and sharks for 11 years, with 8 years experience in underwater photography in Belize, Alaska, Mexico, Costa Rica, Thailand, Hawaii, The Cayman Islands and The Philippines to name but a few. She is passionate about sharing the wealth of her knowledge and experience with her guests in making the most of their digital compact cameras. She is the first person to design structured tailor-made courses for both beginners and advanced guests with digital compact cameras and launched the first PADI Digital Underwater Photo Speciality Course in Egypt.

Her overseas courses are tailor-made and specifically structured to help guests, particularly beginners,

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to become really creative with their image making, whatever their level of experience or make of camera. Individual requirements and goals are carefully considered. Personal one-to-one dives are included, as well as daily individual sessions and group feedback throughout the duration of the course.

Guests are asked to attend one of Maria's courses first to help them make the most of the forthcoming trips. Please visit www.oceanvisions.co.uk for full details.

Guadalupe Island lies 354 kilometres to the south of San Diego, California, off the coast of Baja California, and is Mexican territory. The island is home to colonies of Northern Elephant Seals, California Sealions and endemic Guadalupe Fur

Seals.

Nautilus Explorer has four large cages which were professionally designed and built with full engineering certification. Two cages are 3 metres in length and rectangular in shape. The other two are square, 1.8 metres on each side. Each cage offers space for 3 divers. Each cage has wraparound bi-level viewing ports set up to allow photographers unobstructed views (without corner posts) while either standing up or kneeling on the cage bottom. Two cages will float behind the boat and two will be attached to booms on either side of the boat offering 360° views of the shark action. An unlimited supply of surface air is available (by hookah system) which means that you don't have to be a certified diver to enjoy the shark encounters!

www.oceanvisions.co.uk
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Beneath Cornish Seas by Mark Webster



This is a new book by Mark Webster to be published in February 2009.

It will be predominantly a pictorial presentation of the colourful and varied marine life to be found below the temperate waters surrounding the south western peninsula of Cornwall in the United Kingdom. The book will be of interest to snorkellers, divers, underwater photographers and anyone with a passion for marine life and natural history. Price only £10.95

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Dive Nomad Marion Reef 2009



In June 2009 Queensland based liveaboard Dive Nomad will launch the Ultimate in Adventure Diving at Marion Reef in the outer Coral Sea. Dive Nomad has spent the last 2 years exploring the Coral Sea in search of some of the most extraordinary reef systems available. From 2009 Dive Nomad will be able to share one of these amazing destinations with those seeking a new and exhilarating dive location.

Marion Reef was once the most popular of the Coral Sea reefs in the 70s and 80s, but for the last two decades has rarely been visited by divers due to limited access. Dive Nomad's vessel 'Odyssey' is the

only dive liveaboard purpose built to access this remote location. Using floatplanes, divers can enjoy an easy 1_ hour plane ride to the outer reaches of Australia's territorial waters – a much more comfortable way to travel than the 30 or more hours required to get there by boat!

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SDUPS Festival and Competition



The San Diego Underwater Photographic Society (SDUPS) is proud to announce that its 40th Annual Film Festival will be held April 25, 2009 in San Diego, CA.

This year's film festival will feature a "headliner" film from Steve Drogin as well as a worldwide contest. The winner of the film contest, as determined by the audience, will be awarded a cash prize of \$500. Additionally, there will be a reception honoring many of San Diego scuba diving pioneers with a special emphasis for those that lead the way in underwater photography and cinematography.

This competition is open to any underwater film maker. The winner will be determined by audience vote on April 25, 2009 during SDUPS's 40th Film Festival. The event will be held in San Diego, California at Qualcomm Hall which features a state-of-the-art high definition projection system.

The films are limited in time to 5 minutes and must contain at least 70% underwater content.

Deadline for entries is February 13, 2009.

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British Underwater Image Festival 2009



The British Underwater Image Festival (BUIF) 2009 sponsored by Canon and Cameras Underwater is now officially open to entries from underwater photographers and film-makers throughout the world.

Thousands of pounds worth of prizes will be available to winners and runners-up across the underwater stills and video photography categories. For the first time, the prestigious competition has introduced a stills and video category dedicated to British waters. DIVE editor Simon Rogerson said: 'It is only right that

BUIF should have a dedicated section for underwater photography taken in British waters. Last year, we received a lot of high-quality entries taken in Britain, so creating a special section of the festival was a natural step.'

All shortlisted images and videos will be showcased at the DIVE FEST in Cornwall on 15-17 May 2009, while prints will go on a month-long public display at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth in the summer. Confirmed prize sponsors include Mares, Apeks, Sea & Sea, Scuba Travel and PADI.

The 2009 BUIF competition will also include another first: an on-the-day shootout in the waters of Cornwall. Underwater photographers from across the UK will be battling it out to be named the British Underwater Image Festival Splash-In Champion at the UK's new dive beach festival in May 2009. Hundreds of pounds' worth of prizes will be up for grabs to winners of the shootout in the three categories of Wide-angle, Macro and Fish Portrait.

The deadline for entries for BUIF 2009 is 31 March 2009.

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