

News, Travel & Events

New Photo Website from Sea&Sea featuring Users Community



Sea&Sea are launching a new photographic website featuring on-line sales of SLR housings, strobes and accessories along with a Community section for all users of Sea&Sea equipment. Compact cameras will be listed for information purposes but will not be available on-line. These can be purchased through our dealer network and a Stockists page will be included on the site.

The Product section is designed to be user-friendly and help guide visitors logically through the options when putting together underwater photo systems and Product Support is featured to help owners get the most

out of their kit.

The Community section will host forums as well as allowing members to upload and share their portfolios and a light-hearted monthly photo competition will also be introduced soon. Other member benefits will include access to photo courses and photo orientated dives. This is a way for Sea&Sea to be more involved with customers and offers a place for everyone to share their experiences of the pleasures (and frustrations) of underwater photography.

www.sea-sea.net

www.uwpmag.com

The Fashion & Nudity Category In memory of Mike Portelly



Mike Portelly, one of the most talented and famous creators in the underwater photography community, passed away about a year ago, leaving many of his worshippers still with a taste for more. David Pilosof, publisher of the “Yam” magazine, creator of the Aphrodite Cyprus Experience competition and a close friend of Portelly’s, felt that his name should be perpetuated, positive that his work will serve as a great source of inspiration for young photographers and creators.

“Portelly’s photograph was the one to appear on the first “Yam” magazine cover, 24 years ago”, says Pilosof. “It was only natural that on the upcoming Aphrodite Cyprus Experience Competition we will create a category to perpetuate his name and wonderful art”.

“Many photographers, including myself, were very much inspired by Portelly’s work throughout the years

and I have no doubt that wherever he is watching us from, he will be delighted to see many new and young photographers competing in a category named after him”, says Pilosof.

The category consists of 5 best underwater fashion images, while at least one of them has to feature elements of nudity. The winner will be granted with no less than 4000 Euro in cash and a three weeks diving trip to Papua New Guinea, including airfare, a prize worth \$20,000 all together.

Looking to the ongoing success of this exciting category in memory of Portelly, next year Pilosof plans to also involve leading fashion houses and the FTV fashion channel, providing photographers participating in the competition with an opportunity to accomplish worldwide exposure and fulfill their dreams.

www.aphroditecyprus.com



WildPhotos 2009

23rd & 24th October 2009

October 2009 sees the return of WildPhotos, the UK's largest event dedicated to exploring the power of nature photography, organised by Wildscreen.

The world's finest wildlife photographers and industry experts, along with host Chris Packham, will inspire and enthuse anyone with a passion for wildlife imagery, whether amateur or professional.

WildPhotos will take place on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th October 2009, and will return to the prestigious Royal Geographical Society in London.

World-renowned National Geographic photographer, Michael "Nick" Nichols, leads the line-up of speakers and also presenting their work will be winners from the Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition, the results

of which will be announced shortly before WildPhotos.

WildPhotos will bring together many other inspirational wildlife and landscape photographers plus leading photographic agents, librarians and publishers to offer insights, tips and visions of appeal.

The event is programmed by Rosamund Kidman Cox, journalist and former editor of BBC Wildlife Magazine, and a judge of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition since 1981, launching it in its current form.

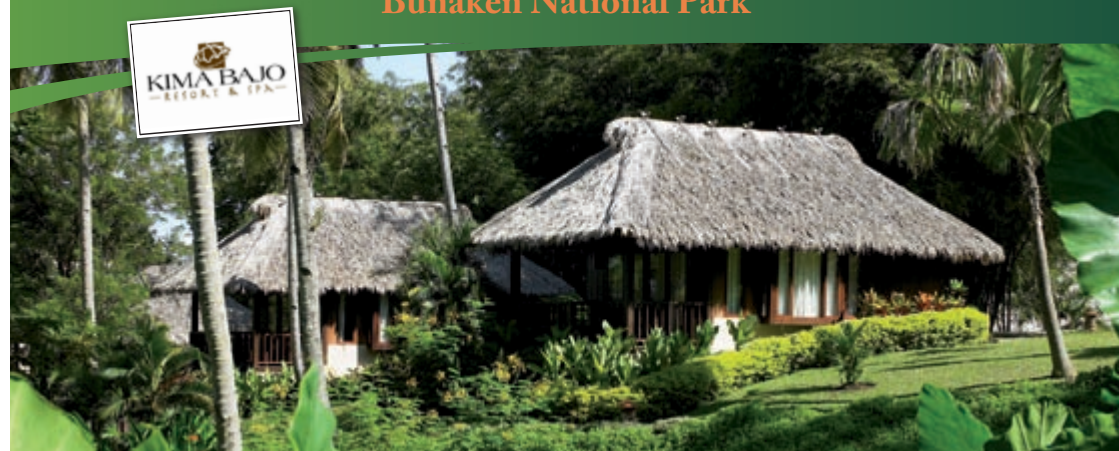
Online delegate registration will open at <http://www.wildphotos.org.uk> in early June 2009. Further details of speakers will be announced in the coming months.

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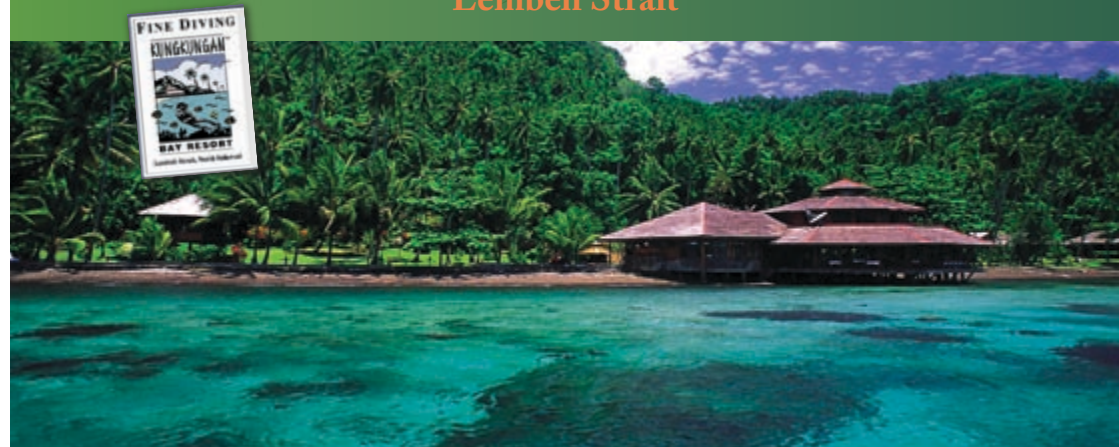
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BSoUP/Diver print competition winner



American photographer Marc Montocchio will be jetting-off to the Red Sea, courtesy of Oonasdivers, after his picture was chosen as best of the show at the new British Society of Underwater Photographers / Diver Magazine print competition.

A jury comprised of BAFTA-winning cameraman Peter Scoones, Diver publisher Nigel Eaton, Sea Life London Aquarium's Jamie Oliver and Alison Rider of Oonasdivers chose Montocchio's image of a hunting sailfish from among several outstanding entries. Said Peter Scoones: "The marlin picture was technically excellent and told a story. It was well composed and had all the right elements for the observer. There

was no question of why it was taken! Further, it easily fitted my definition of a good picture: I would like to have produced it myself!"

Nearly 160 underwater photographs had been entered in the competition, 80 of which were shortlisted and displayed at the London International Dive Show on 28-29 March. The exhibition will now go on display at the newly refurbished Sea Life London Aquarium before going on tour to the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth, and then the Birmingham Dive Show.

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BSoUP Splash-In

July 4th 2009

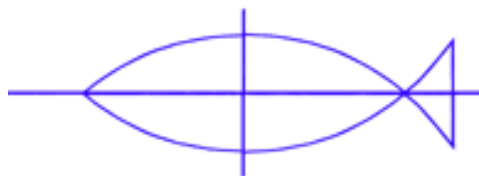
The British Splash-In Championship - 2009, organised by the British Society of Underwater Photographers (BSoUP) in association with the National Marine Aquarium, will take place on Saturday 4 July at Mount Batten and the National Marine Aquarium, Plymouth, Devon. All underwater photographers are invited to participate, whether they are members of BSoUP or not.

Prizes, trophies and individual awards will be presented for winning images in each category as judged by the audience present (see below for full details). In addition, a grand prize will be awarded by an independent panel of judges for the image selected as the best taken in local waters.

Viewing and judging of the images entered will take place at the National Marine Aquarium in Plymouth on the Saturday night.

If you want to participate in the BBQ on Saturday evening please register your intention to attend by Wednesday 24 June latest (sooner if possible). If you have not registered in advance we cannot guarantee BBQ tickets.

If you want to take part in the Splash-In, but do not want the BBQ, you may register on 3 or 4 July, although we would prefer you to



register in advance.

Please register by one of the following methods:
registering online
emailing martha@mtressler.com
with a completed entry form
sending an entry form by post to Martha Tressler at the address on the entry form

SPLASH-IN CATEGORIES

There are four categories; Close-Up, Wide-Angle, Animal Portrait and Humorous.

A maximum of four images per entrant, two in any one category for the first three categories are allowed. In addition, each photographer may enter one image for the Humorous category.

Images entered in the Close-Up, Wide-Angle and Animal Portrait categories will also be entered in the overall competition for the grand prize to be chosen by a panel of judges.

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