

News, Travel & Events

2010 Calendars from Jeremy & Amanda Cuff

Photographers and photojournalists Jeremy and Amanda Cuff have published a pair of 2010 Calendars titled "Diving Dreams" and "Sensational Socorros".

Jeremy said, "The Diving Dreams 2010 Calendar features a variety of images, mostly from our dive travels over the last three years, and includes destinations such as Hawaii, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Egypt."

"The Sensational Socorros 2010 Calendar features a collection of images from Mexico's remote Socorro Islands, with all images captured during an excellent week aboard the Solmar V liveaboard."

Both of the 2010 Calendars can be obtained from Jeremy & Amanda at a cost of £7.25 each including postage.

For further information, please visit Jeremy & Amanda's website .



www.ja-universe.com

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Dive Fest 2010

30 APRIL - 3 MAY 2010
PENTEWAN SANDS HOLIDAY PARK
CORNWALL



HOME TICKETS WHAT'S ON DIVING CONTACTS

Dive Fest 2010 takes place over the May bank holiday weekend from 6pm on Friday 30th April to 5pm on Monday 3 May 2010 and is set to be even bigger and better than this year's festival – for a start the event is a day longer!

Dive Fest is the UK's biggest diving festival and takes place at Pentewan Sands Holiday Park in

Cornwall. The idea is that divers from all over the UK get together for a huge party, complete with live music, food, events and equipment stalls. The first such event took place in May 2009 and was a massive success, with more than 1,000 divers attending.

www.divefest.co.uk

Shark Diving Expedition In the Bahamas on a Live Aboard



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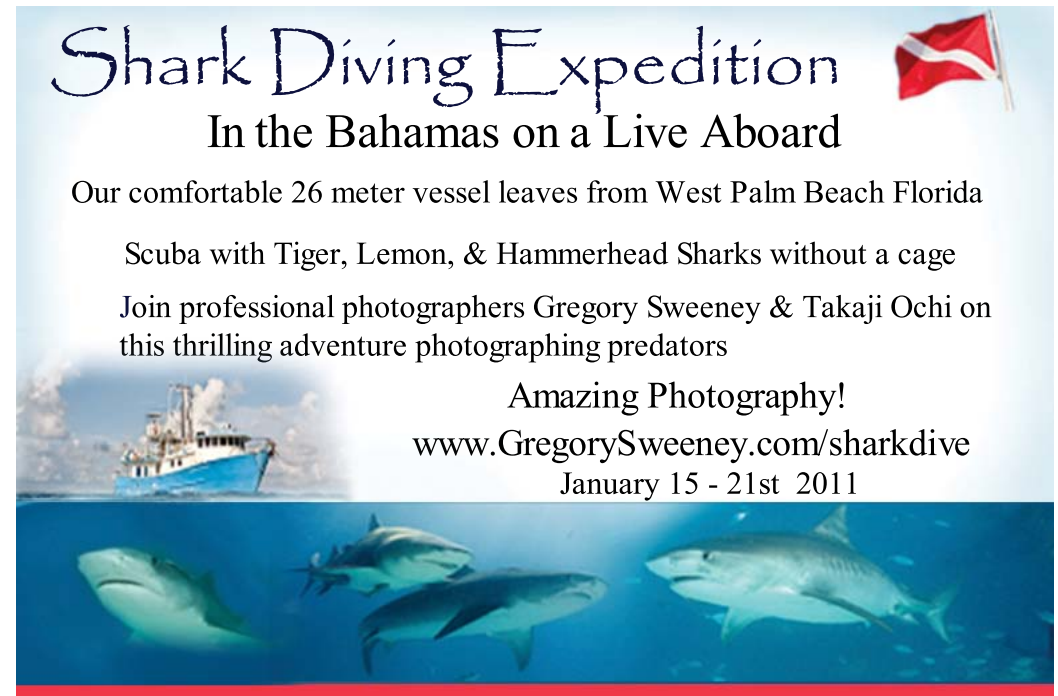
Scuba with Tiger, Lemon, & Hammerhead Sharks without a cage

Join professional photographers Gregory Sweeney & Takaji Ochi on this thrilling adventure photographing predators

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www.GregorySweeney.com/sharkdive

January 15 - 21st 2011



Cageless Shark Diving on MV Dolphin Dream

January 15th-21st 2011



Get up close to shark species with a captain who has been in the shark and dolphin encounter business for 25 years. For 5 days our crew uses their extensive knowledge of the waters of the Bahamas to find the best areas to bait the sharks. The crew maintains safe conditions while guests experience uncaged encounters with tiger, lemon, great hammerhead, bull, nurse, and reef sharks. Your hosts Takaji Ochi and Gregory Sweeney are professional underwater photographers who want to share the thrill and magic of these threatened species with like minded divers and photographers.

This is a photographer's dream: different (and sometimes rare) species of sharks circle above you and pass right in front of you. The waters of the Bahamas are well known for its clear visibility and bright sand bottom. The 86' vessel is both comfortable



and built for safety and has plenty of room for camera equipment to be properly handled. You hosts Ochi and Sweeney both have traveled the world photographing underwater species such as whales, dolphins, seals, sharks, and manatees. There individual works have appeared in magazines, books, and art galleries.

Guests must have dive experience in a variety of situations ideally including some deep diving and diving in currents. Water temperature and the frequency of our dives will require a wetsuit of at least 5mm. All black or mostly uniform colored equipment is recommended: you want the sharks to concentrate on the chum, not your colored dive gear.

The trip costs \$3,000 USD and is limited to 10 experienced scuba divers only.

www.gregorysweeney.com/sharkdive

Digital Centre North Sulawesi

Opening in April 2010, the Digital Photo & Video Centre will be the only dedicated centre in North Sulawesi for all things photography and videography.

This comfortable facility, based at Kima Bajo Resort & Spa, is built by photographers for photographers and will be fully equipped with state-of-the-art hardware and software, providing an enormous range of photo, video, editing & printing services.

www.eco-divers.com



They come in **breath-catching colours**; in **shifting shapes**; in **astonishing disguises**; **tinchy tiny** or really **rather grand...** and always there is more to **dive** and to **enchant**



Dive North Sulawesi – Bunaken, Bangka & Lembeh

Kima Bajo Resort & Spa is an idyllic setting with a range of villas to suit most budgets. Eco Divers' large, comfortable, fast boats take you to over 30 dive sites with special trips to Lembeh & Bangka also in the frame!

Small dive groups, big experience, warm welcome

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Guadalupe
Great white shark photography workshop
with Charles Hood
22nd - 29th September 2011



Over the past 30 years Charles Hood has captured on film most of the worlds big sharks, whether it be from a cage or free-swimming. Sometimes he only had a few days to get a result, so planning and pre-setup are essential. Of course, nowadays, with the advent of digital technology, we can review the images we have taken after each dive, but understanding the characteristics of the picture is vital.

Charles, an accomplished underwater photographer and journalist, will make yet another 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.

Although Solmar V can take up to 22 passengers, a maximum of 16 are taken to Guadalupe to allow for maximum cage time. Solmar V operates 2 four man cages using a proprietary swivel system which hooks to the swim platform making it very easy and safe to get in and out of our cages even in rough weather. The submersible cage allows us to descend a little further into the realm of the Great White Shark. Although the submersible cage lowers to only about 6 meters below the surface of the water, it provides a completely different perspective to your shark diving experience.

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Photo: Shannon Conway

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Alex Mustard Underwater Photography Workshop

Red Sea. 27th June to 4th July 2010
£1125. London to London - full package price

Join underwater photographer Alex Mustard in June 2010, for his popular underwater photography workshop in the northern Red Sea. As in previous years, this workshop is scheduled specifically to coincide with the aggregations of snappers, emperors, trevallies, batfish, barracuda and unicornfish at Ras Mohammed. But we will also dedicate time to photographing the photogenic wrecks and reefs that characterise this region.

The workshop is aimed at experienced photographers and is designed to help you progress from taking images that come out to photos that really stand out. The workshop will focus on various wide angle techniques, but will also cover fish portraiture and composition. The talks are given in as short lectures during the day, before the dives, leaving the evenings free for reviewing the day's images.



For several years, Alex has been running his workshops on MY Whirlwind, winner of Liveaboard of the Year in the 2008 Diver Awards and operated by Tornado Marine Fleet. She has been especially chosen for this trip because of her underwater photographer-friendly design, great hospitality and the diving freedom essential for producing stunning images.

The workshop is also available without flights, Sharm to Sharm for £925.

For more details please contact Alex at

alex@amustard.com



DPG Relaunch Guide

This new website represents a new era for DPG ... and for the underwater photography and video communities, and the industry.

We have added some powerful new features and figured that it would be a good idea to give you some pointers on how the new website might be most useful to you. So whether you're a long time DPG'er or this is your first time on the site, this guide should be a great way to get to know the new DivePhotoGuide.

If you are a member of the "old" site, your profile will have transferred over. If you are not a member yet, then the best first step is to register for a free membership. While you can access a lot of the site without registering, becoming a member will greatly enhance your DivePhotoGuide experience, as it will allow you to participate as part of the community. As they say, membership has its privileges. You will be able to upload galleries, comment on articles and photos, review equipment, participate in photo contests, and gain first access to DPG Expeditions.

www.divephotoguide.com



Peter Scoones
Masterclass
February 6th 2010



is uniquely matched by his technical skill to literally build from scratch the camera and optical technology to make that imagined shot reality. From 70mm stereo NDT systems for oil rig platform inspections, to the live broadcast underwater cameras he developed for the BBC's "Reefwatch" to today's High Definition television cameras, Peter's technical abilities remain unchallenged.

Peter Scoones continues to be at the cutting edge of underwater photography and remains one of the most in demand working underwater cameraman in the business, which is why Optics is so grateful to Peter for taking time out of his busy filming schedule to offer this masterclass.

Peter is renowned for his generosity in sharing his years of pioneering and hard won underwater photography expertise with others. He's contributed thousands of words of advice through books and magazine columns and co founded, with Colin Doeg, the British Society of Underwater Photographers.

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn firsthand from an underwater imaging master craftsman with an incredible track record. Don't miss it!

For bookings call Mark or Steve. Tickets are just £69.00.

www.oceanoptics.co.uk

Ocean Optics is honoured to have Peter Scoones providing an exclusive one day presentation of underwater photography technology, techniques and tips. This is a very special opportunity to raise your underwater photography skills to a higher level: The information Peter will share with you is based on fifty years of setting the gold standard in underwater imaging.

Peter Scoones has the rare ability, even with so many successes already behind him, to keep coming up with new innovations to capture the underwater world in ways that haven't been seen before. His imagination for creating an image in his minds eye

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New Products

Nauticam NA-7D housing for Canon EOS 7D

Nauticam USA proudly announces the manufacturing of an underwater housing accommodating the groundbreaking Canon EOS 7D Digital SLR Camera.

Nauticam engineers have incorporated design suggestions from top Canon shooters worldwide in an effort to build a 7D housing that is a completely logical extension of the camera making no ergonomic compromises. The resulting design is small, light weight, attractively styled, and provides effortless camera control.

Video enthusiasts will appreciate the special attention given to the video/still photo mode and video start/stop button and their convenient proximity to the right grip. Nauticam shooters can switch from still photo to video shooting, and start recording a video clip without removing their right hand from the handle. No awkward camera shake inducing reach is required!

An underwater photographer should not have to remove their hands



from the housing handles. Every control placement decision made during the design of the housing was based on this principal.

Fingertip access to Shutter Release, Main Control Dial, Quick Control Dial, AF-ON, Still Photo/Video Mode, Video Start/Stop, Star, AF Point Selection, and Set are all offered from the soft rubber overmolded right grip. AF-On, Still Photo/Video Mode, and Video Start/Stop are operated by ergonomic thumb levers. Star, AF Point Selection, and Set are accessed by “piano key” controls built into the backplate of the housing, and easily reached from the right grip.

All eight control directions and center push are offered by the innovative Nauticam Multi-Selector joystick control pad. The multi selector is an extremely important control for Canon shooters, allowing quick changes to focus point, camera menu settings, and the quick control menu.



Zoom/Focus knob, Power Switch, and pushbutton operation of Quick Control, Menu, Picture Style, Info, Playback, and Erase are all easily accessed from the left grip. All pushbuttons are angled toward the handle to provide comfortable access.

Depth Rating: 100m.

Dimensions: 350mm (193 mm without handles) x 183mm x 137mm

USA Retail Price, \$2800

www.nauticamusa.com

Kastesa UHC-LD4 for Leica D-Lux4/ Panasonic LX-3



The Kastesa UHC-LD4 housing for Leica D-Lux4/Panasonic LX-3 is made from solid aluminium and weighs 700g on land (without camera)/100g underwater (with camera and is depth rated to 45m.

The important joystick function on the camera is controlled by levers rather than push buttons and a Nikonos 5 pin bulkhead is fitted to fire external strobes.

The housing retails for \$1335.

www.scubasympphony.com