

News, Travel & Events

'The Red Sea in focus'



Scuba diving tour operator blue o two and specialist photography retailer Cameras Underwater have teamed up to provide week long photography workshops in the Red Sea... 'The Red Sea in focus'.

blue o two will be hosting the trips on their fleet of luxury liveaboards and Cameras Underwater will be onboard to run the photography workshops. The focus will be on compact camera photography and will be open to all regardless of standard and experience; there will even be cameras to rent if you don't have your own!

Operations Manager of Cameras Underwater, Dave Glanfield said; "More and more divers are taking up

underwater photography and we are always on the lookout for new ways to help them learn and improve. Joining forces with blue o two gives us the opportunity to run our workshops over an extended period and add a more practical element; the warm waters of the Red Sea also provide the perfect practice environment."

The itinerary will follow a Northern Red Sea route, allowing divers the opportunity to capture a wide variety of subjects, including reefs, wrecks, corals and marine species. The Northern region is also known for more favourable weather conditions, beneficial for successful photography.

Company Director of blue o

two, Jason Strickland commented; "Being able to offer our clients the expert knowledge of Cameras Underwater onboard our vessels is fantastic. Cameras Underwater are the best in the industry and I think this partnership has all the right elements to be a great success!"

If you are interested in beginning or extending your skills in underwater photography, blue o two and Cameras Underwater currently have two trips scheduled for 2010 with more to be announced.

02 - 09 JULY 2010: M/Y blue Melody - £1049.00

19 - 26 NOVEMBER 2010: M/Y blue Horizon - £1149.00

You can call the blue o two sales team on 01752 480808 or visit their website. Bookings can also be made through Cameras Underwater.

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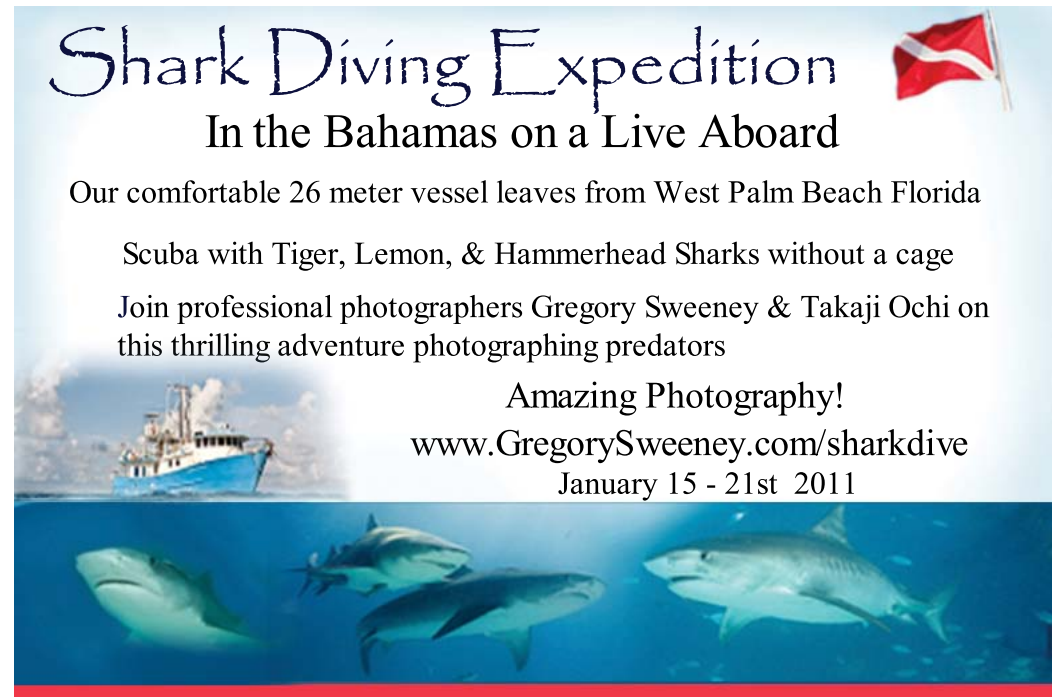
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In 2010 we are hosting an amazing six underwater photography workshops / expeditions.

Most workshops are for ten nights in length, however we also have two five night workshops. The trips are open to both complete beginners and those with more

experience and even those who regard themselves as established. The professionals leading the workshop are eager to pass on their knowledge in a fun and relaxed manner in a backdrop of amazing diving in South East Asia.

Whether using a compact digital camera or a high end SLR in a similar high end housing the trips are open to all. With numbers reduced from the normal 16 guests to 12 or 14, you are sure to gain much from any of the workshops.

ANDY SALLMON - 31st May to 10th June 2010 - South Visayas
AARON WONG - 14th - 19th July 2010 & 19th - 24th July 2010 South Visayas
GERALD NOWAK - 7th to 17th Sept 2010 - South Visayas
GERALD RAMBERT & KITTY JEMPSON - 29th Sept to 9th Oct 2010
KEES OPSTAL - 21st to 31st Dec 2010 - Borocay to Coron
FRANCO BANFI - 30th Aug to 9th Sept 2011 - Komodo

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Amazing Seas Book Event



The Amazing Seas Book Event is a unique festival spanning the globe for underwater photographers. The idea is simple; we get together with good friends, travel to the best SCUBA diving destinations in the world, stay at exotic resorts, dive amazing reefs and photograph the definitive hard cover, coffee table book for that area.

Using your best images, we will be working with a professional publisher for layout, design and printing of the book and everybody gets a copy. We take care of the complete production and shipping,

The first book will be photographed at Sipadan & Mabul Borneo Oct 15 - 22, Oct 22 -29 and Oct 29 - Nov 5 2011. We have

reserved the best critter finding divemasters and private boats. All the details are taken care of. Just show up for the fun and adventure.

During the week, you are invited to shoot and learn with world renowned underwater photographers including Mauricio Handler whose work has been featured by National Geographic (www.handlerphoto.com). We get together every night to have fun, share our shots and on Friday have a competition for the book cover! On publishing, we will be presenting the book, as a gift, to the Prime Minister of Malaysia.

Don't miss the fun and hope to see you in the book!

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Komodo and Rinca with Alex Mustard

17th September - 2nd October 2011

The exotic islands of Komodo and Rinca offer some of the world's most spectacular underwater sights, in a remote region of Indonesia where the words, sometimes printed on ancient maps, 'Here Be Dragons' really are appropriate! We will make a land excursion to see the famous and impressive Komodo Dragons at this World Heritage Site, but the focus of our trip will of course be underwater.

We have selected the luxury liveaboard boat, Siren, that specializes in trips for underwater photographers. Siren provides superb accommodation and diving management along with excellent facilities for the underwater photographer, such as dedicated preparation areas, plenty of charge points, storage areas, dedicated rinse tanks, computers in every cabin to allow you to download and edit your day's work and a large plasma screen in the saloon to view and share your days pictures with your fellow underwater photographers. Our 12 nights charter has been designed to meet the needs of this specific group and will visit dive sites not available on standard Komodo cruises.

Underwater photographer and marine biologist, Dr Alex Mustard will lead this trip, drawing on his



Bargibanti seahorse (Alex Mustard)

extensive experience across Indonesia. There will be no formal photographic teaching during this trip, but Alex will always be on hand to give informal advice on underwater photography techniques and information on the marine life.

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Underwater Images 2010 Entries now being accepted!

April 1, 2010 is the deadline for entries in the 13th annual Underwater Images Photo/Video Competition. The competition is open internationally to amateur

underwater photographers and videographers. Prizes include worldwide dive travel, dive equipment, and much more.

Contest Categories for 2010

1. Conservation-Videos
2. Video
3. Shipwrecks
4. Wide Angle (Novice)
5. Wide Angle (Open)
6. Macro/Close Up (Novice)
7. Macro/Close Up (Open)
8. Majestic
9. Togetherness
10. Divers and Marine Life

The Underwater Images competition is a non-profit corporation registered in the State of Ohio, U.S.A., with all proceeds from this competition going to marine conservation, educational, and scholarship purposes.



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DivePhotoGuide Tutorials



DivePhotoGuide.com has launched a highly anticipated free series of comprehensive underwater photography tutorials and guides to help the world learn underwater photography.

Never before has there been such a growing interest in underwater photography. Affordable digital cameras have made underwater photography more accessible, and social media has made it easier than ever to share photos with your friends, family and the world.

The tutorials are written by professional underwater photographer Jason Heller and DivePhotoGuide.com editor Matt Weiss, along with contributions from several world renowned professional and award winning underwater photographers, such as National Geographic photographer David Doubilet, Martin Edge, and Alex Mustard. Each tutorial includes beautiful underwater photos and equipment set-up shots that illustrate each technique.

www.divephotoguide.com



UWPhotographyGuide.com The first free online guide

UWPhotographyGuide.com is proud to be the first free comprehensive online guide to underwater photography to assist divers and photographers in learning this difficult art.

UWPhotographyGuide.com has been in beta for several months already, with articles on theory, technique and equipment being added every week. Many award-winning amateur and professional underwater photographers worldwide have contributed to the Underwater Photography Guide. Reaction to this resource by industry professionals has been overwhelmingly positive.

Well-known professional underwater photographer Alex Mustard says "The Underwater Photography Guide is an excellent and free resource that every underwater photographer who wants to improve their photos should bookmark".

Owner and Editor of UWPhotographyGuide.com Scott

Gietler says "Underwater photography can be very daunting the first time it is attempted. After 1,000 dives with a camera, I am still learning. My passion is not just photography, but sharing with others how to get more out of it. And at the end of the day, if more people are taking photos that they want to share, it's going to also drive interest in scuba diving and preserving our world's oceans."

In addition to photography theory and technique, the Underwater Photography Guide also has articles on the natural history and behavior of marine life, and unbiased, informative articles about dive destinations around the world that offer underwater photography opportunities.

www.UWPhotographyGuide.com

New underwater category for Environmental Photographer of the Year 2010

CIWEM's Environmental Photographer of the Year is calling for entries that deal with some of the most important issues of our time.

Now in its fourth year, CIWEM's Environmental Photographer of the Year is one of the fastest growing photographic competitions in the world, with 2,500 pictures entered in 2009 from over 60 countries.

EPOTY is open to international photographers of any age and encourages entries that are

contemporary, creative, resonant, original and beautiful. This year's categories are Mott MacDonald's Changing Climates; The Natural World; Quality of Life; Innovation in the Environment (New for 2010); The Underwater World (New for 2010); A View From the Western World (New for 2010); and CIWEM's Young Environmental Photographer of the Year (Under 16 & Under 21).

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Papua New Guinea: Underwater Photo & Video Festival 2010

October 3 - 24, 2010

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This adventure to Papua New Guinea will focus on getting you to some of the richest coral reefs in the world. If you've never been on a DPG Expedition, our trips are well organized, laid back and enjoyable, and designed to help you progress your photography and video by immersing you among other photographers in productive destinations. If requested, Jason often provides mini-workshops and is always on hand to help answer

questions about equipment or techniques.

We have set-up the logistics of the trip in a modular fashion, so you can combine the benefits of both liveaboard and resort diving. Additionally, we have scheduled the expedition to coincide with the Morobe Show, a gathering that unites a variety of different tribes and clans together into an exciting cultural event. You can participate on one leg or all three components of the expedition.

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Weight..... 1.3 kg (2.75 lb)
Size..... 9.6 cm dia x 17.9 cm
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Depth Rating..... 90m - 300 feet

Strobe

Energy Rating..... 160 watt-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
Color Temperature..... 4800 degrees Kelvin
Full Power Flashes..... 225 flashes per full charge
Firing Modes..... TTL, Full, 9 fractional powers

Movie

Movie Light..... 15-watt LED
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Brightness..... 500 lumens
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