

News, Travel & Events

Dominica 17th Dive Fest July 9-18th 2010

Dominica and the Dominica Watersports Association, promise to deliver an action-packed program over ten days focused on scuba diving during its 17th annual Dive Fest July 9 - 18, 2010.

As Dive Fest was established to showcase the renowned marine environment of Dominica to visitors and residents, this year's event will provide an amazing dive experience and more for all those who participate.

In honor of the longest running Dive Festival in the Caribbean, Dominica hotels and tour operators are offering a variety of dive packages, just in time for Dive Fest.

For more information on Dive Fest and to view their full schedule of events, visit their website.

www.dominica.dm/site/divefest.cfm

AquaMarine Dive Safaris 2010



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To cater to a growing demand by travelling divers, AquaMarine Diving – Bali has introduced 3 dive Safaris that cover Bali's best dive sites. The Safaris have fixed departure dates, and are guaranteed with just two divers booked and no more than 12 per trip.

The programme comprises three itineraries of 7, 8, and 12 nights. The Safaris include accommodation, diving, all land and boat transport, airport transfers, breakfast every day, and lunch on dive days, plus some land tours to experience Bali's enchanting culture and breathtaking scenery.

The first Safari departs on April 4, 2010, with the final trip being scheduled to leave on December 12.

www.aquamarinediving.com

www.greatsampleresume.com

Sandra White runs a resume writing guide and career website which provides free career information and sample resumes for students and Job seekers.

She has recently created a Photographer Career section which provides useful information to photographers seeking employment and for young people aspiring to pursue a career in photography including job outlook, education and training requirements, job description, salary benefits, job responsibilities and job duties.

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PAF Tachov 2010

As every year, this year on 21st-23rd May a show will take place in Tachov, during which we can take a look under the sea, rivers and lakes of five world continents thanks to participation of authors from all over the world.

You will have a chance to meet famous people from diving life, talk to people with the same hobby and get inspired not only for photography and film making but also for your future diving activities.

What else is prepared for you? Fair exhibition of diving techniques, exhibition of photos, exhibition of children's art work and the atmosphere will be completed with author's display of photographs of the Czech underwater photograph Pavel Bohonůk.

Detailed program, rules and festival information including photos from the last year as well as winning photos are available on the web site:

www.paftachov.cz



PAF TACHOV - 32nd year of the International Festival of Underwater Photography Films and Children's Artwork

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The poster features several underwater photographs of marine life, including a large fish, a squid, and coral. It also includes a stylized drawing of a mermaid holding a film reel with 'PAF TACHOV' written on it. The logo of The Czech Diving Association is in the bottom left corner.

Red Sea Schooling Fish safari

4th-11th July 2010



Red Sea Snapper Safaris and Adam Hanlon have teamed up to offer a unique photographic experience in the Northern Red Sea this July. In the early part of the month, large schools of fish congregate at Fisherman's Shoal, off Ras Mohammed and then move closer on shore to present one of the most amazing spectacles in the Red Sea

The aim of this trip is to follow these schools. Unlike most liveaboard diving trips though, there is no set itinerary, so the charter we will go where the action is! This flexibility builds in the best possible chance of achieving photographic goals. If a particular site is good, there will be the option of staying, rather than having to move on to the next site on the "list" At this time of year it is also possible that it may also find pelagic Black Tip sharks.

The boat is MV Orchid,



nominally with 16 berths, although the plan is to only fill 10 of them. Uniquely, the boat will have camera tables and rinse tanks installed. There will also be computer equipment available for use. Departure and return is via the popular resort of Sharm el Sheikh and the dates are 4th-11th July 2010. Spaces are strictly limited! The plan is to run these annually so if this year fills, feel free to book for next!

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a cosy living room with large TV and DVD player, dining room and Lembeh's only indoor camera rooms for photographers. Meals are prepared by a personal chef offering an array of mouth-watering menus.

Gary Ball from the UK stayed in the cottages recently and had this to say, "...simply fantastic! The standard would put some European hotels to shame...after diving it's wonderful to return for a hot shower and home cooked fresh food. Seeing the true Indonesia from outside of a manicured resort is a must! Simply 5 star service from start to finish."

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Reef and Wrecks in the Red Sea

UW Photo Workshop with Mark Webster

1-8 October 2010



Mark Webster will be hosting a photo workshop on board the MY Blue Planet 1 in the northern Red Sea departing Hurghada 1 October 2010.

The schedule will include the famous wreck graveyard reef of Abu Nuhas at the southern end of the Gulf of Suez. After exploring the big name wrecks of the SS Carnatic, Giannis D and Krisoula K we will visit some of the other classic sites - Ras Mohammed with its spectacular walls, soft corals and pelagic fish action, Small Passage, Shag Rock

and the wreck of the Kingston, the Alternatives etc. These areas all offer excellent photographic opportunities.

The workshop will include daily presentations from Mark, the opportunity to ask questions throughout the day and fun a competition to find the best image of the week.

Please see Oonasdivers or Mark's website for details:

www.oonasdivers.com
www.photec.co.uk



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Cenotes of the Yucatan Photoquest

4th June - 12th June 2011
with Martin and Sylvia Edge

The Yucatan Peninsula is steeped in the history of the ancient Mayans, famed for their pyramids and stone settlements, now preserved as ruins for visitors to explore and admire. Whilst the best 'big animal' diving in Mexico can be found in Baja California, or amongst the Revillagigedo Islands, what is special about a dive trip to the Yucatan is the opportunity to dive the famous 'cenotes' (pronounced 'seh-no-tehs') or underground caves and wells. Most of the best sites are dotted along the Riviera Maya, the stretch of land running from Cancun in the north to the coastal ruins of Tulum further south. These picturesque limestone caverns are known as some of the best in the world for their accessibility and geological splendour.

Most of these freshwater sink-holes are inland, accessible by road followed by a short stroll down a board walk and then splash – into the hole you drop! Some cenotes open up into underground flooded caverns with enough room to surface, while others extend into narrow water-filled passages and yet others extend far underground and back out into the



sea! These cenotes were the key to existence for the Mayan population as they provided seemingly endless supplies of fresh water, particularly during periodic droughts. Accommodation will be in the very comfortable, beachside Omni Hotel & Beach Resort in Puerto Aventuras. The hotel comprises 30 rooms, all with en-suite facilities and television, mini-bar, safe, air-conditioning and coffee making facilities. The rooms all have queen-sized beds and are very spacious so there will be lots of room to spread your camera gear out! Hotel facilities include two swimming pools and a Jacuzzi, a tennis court and a 9 hole golf course.

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BLUE 2010

August 24-29th
Monterey



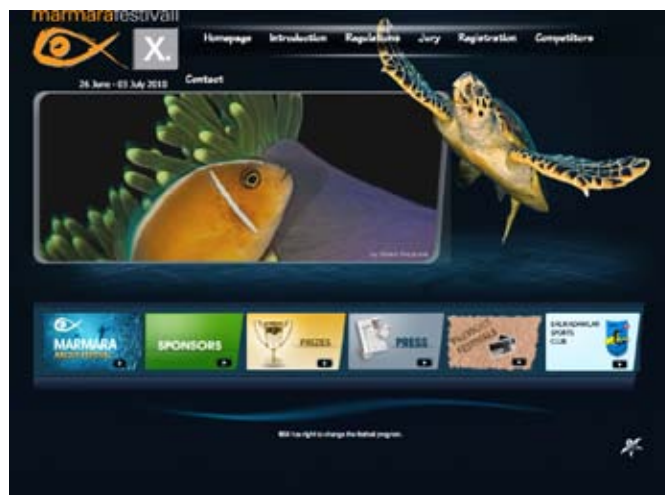
The BLUE Ocean Film Festival & Conservation Summit (BLUE) which had its debut in June 2009 to international acclaim is recognized as a ground-breaking ocean focused event which combines great films, photography, conservation outreach and policy discussions in an engaging & entertaining forum.

This year BLUE'S festivities include:
Screening of 60+ Award Winning Ocean Films
Filmmaker "Behind the Scenes" & "The Making Of" Discussions
Photography exhibits including some of the world's premier underwater photographers
Enlightening Key Note Presentations & Conservation Seminars

www.bluefilmfest.com

10th Marmara Underwater Festival

Istanbul,
26 June - 03 July 2010



We are pleased to welcome you all to the 10th MARMARA UNDERWATER FESTIVAL held by Scuba Divers Sports Club (BSK), Istanbul, Turkey between 26 June - 03 July 2010.

The aim of this festival is to unite international and local underwater photographers and videographers, both professionals & amateurs, through whose productions an awareness of the underwater world could be spread to many people.

The Marmara Festival consists of two contests:
10th International Underwater Photo & Video Contest (requires older photos & videos)

17th "The Living Marmara" Photo & Video Contest (requires on the spot dives on 27 June 2010)

www.marmarafestival.org

Epson Red Sea 2010 Competition

Want to be invited to the Epson Red Sea 2010 Competition FREE OF CHARGE? The compete for the title "Photographer of the Year"!

Between the months of April and August, the Epson Red Sea 2010 online competition will take place. Each month during the competition, amateur and professional photographers from all over the world are invited to submit a portfolio of 3 digital photos. By the end of each month, 3 photographers will be announced as the winners of that particular month, chosen both by the public and by a panel of 5 international judges.

An online competition among all the monthly winners (15 photographers) will then begin on September 1st, 2010. Online voters and a panel of 5 international judges will eventually select one of the competitors as the Photographer of the Year.

The prize: flights, accommodation (BB) and diving costs of the Photographer of the Year will all be covered, in order to enable this winner to participate at the Epson Red Sea 2010 shoot-out in Eilat.

The 6th annual Epson Red Sea competition will be held on November 8-13, 2010 in Eilat. A wide variety of innovative categories and worthy prizes are included this year, which makes it very much worthwhile to be elected as the Photographer of the Year.

www.eilatredsea.com

David Doubilet to speak at WildPhotos 2010

22nd & 23rd October
London

October 2010 sees the return of WildPhotos, the UK's largest photography symposium 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 22 and Saturday 23 October 2010, at the prestigious Royal Geographical Society in London.

World-renowned underwater photographer David Doubilet (<http://www.daviddoubilet.com>) leads the line-up of speakers. Also presenting their work will be winners from the Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition owned by the Natural History Museum, London, and BBC Wildlife Magazine. Winners of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition will be announced the day before WildPhotos.



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

The event is programmed by Rosamund Kidman Cox, journalist and former editor of BBC Wildlife, and judge of the Veolia Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition.

Online delegate registration will open at www.wildphotos.org.uk in early June 2010. Further details of speakers will be announced in the coming months.

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Icebox Gallery presents Beneath the Surface

by Rhea Pappas

Minneapolis, May 15 - July 3rd



Rhea Pappas gently submerges the viewer into a quiet world that seems beautifully alien and dream like. Her female models float gracefully without any resistance, others appear engulfed in bubbles as if they fell into a dream by surprise. Rhea photographs underwater in the clean clear water of a swimming pool. Her models look through the water with open eyes and are captured in poses resembling sculptures or angels.

In December 2008 Rhea Pappas, at 22, graduated from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. While in school she received many awards including the Scholastics Portfolio

Scholarship and Advertising Photographers of America best of students first place. While in college she also started assistant teaching at a local high school, community ed programs, and Independent Film Projects.

Icebox Gallery is pleased to begin our 23rd season featuring new photographic work by this promising young photographer. Rhea's fresh dynamic photographs emit energy and emotion. Rhea Pappas has the kind of talent that we enjoy and want to promote at Icebox Gallery.

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