

# News, Travel & Events

## Need your help to stop needless shark killing here in Palm Beach, Florida!

Good Morning Friends,

I need your help please! I am trying to stop the needless shark killing here in my home town Palm Beach. Although this has happened many times at this marina, it was the first time I was in town to catch it, thank god!

Please vote for the video above so this needless killing of an endangered scalloped hammerhead shark will have more impact! If enough people vote it may go to national news which means more support for stopping the needless slaughter of these beautiful creatures that are so vital to the health of our oceans! Feel free to post this everywhere! Below is the actual story with images! Thank you for your help!

At this moment I am very sad to say that the fisherman that did this will not be penalized in anyway, because of a interpretation of the law that makes no sense to me what so ever! If you need to reach me, email is best! Many of you know me very well and know that because I live at sea, swimming with these beautiful creatures everyday year round, I see this horrific act the same way most people would look at your pet dog, left on a cart to die and bake in the sun, as if no one gives a damn! I do give a dam and I hope you do to! Please

### GREEN | AUGUST 24, 2010 | 42 COMMENTS Shark Death: A Waste of Life



On the Shark Task Force, we witness amazing life underwater around the world. When we face the death of something so incredible, the impact is deep.

[http://current.com/green/92627366\\_shark-death-a-waste-of-life.htm](http://current.com/green/92627366_shark-death-a-waste-of-life.htm)



make this count and make a difference! This type of behavior infuriates me and needs to be stopped! Thanks so much for your help!

Save The Sharks.



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# World Festival of underwater pictures

27-31 October 2010

Palais du Pharo, Marseille, France

The World Festival of Underwater Pictures will take place for the second successive year at the Palais du Pharo in Marseille, from 27 to 31 October 2010.

Jean-Michel Cousteau will be the honorary president of the 37th World Festival of Underwater Pictures. We will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of his father, Jacques-Yves Cousteau, in presence of those who took part in the Calypso odyssey.

Entries for the 2010 competition are now open. This year a new category will be introduced: the "Photo-Trio". This competition asks photographers to enter three digital photographs without any limitations on style. It's open to everyone, professionals and amateurs, as are all the Festival competitions, but it is aimed more specifically at amateur participants who don't have the possibility of entering a series of ten images each year, as required by the Portfolio category.

The 37th edition of the World



Festival of Underwater Pictures looks promising and its organisation in Marseille is well appreciated by the majority of people. You will find on our site a list of hotels which have agreed special rates for festival goers.

[www.underwater-festival.com](http://www.underwater-festival.com)



## Epson Red Sea Full HD Live Underwater Broadcasts at the Photokina 2010 Fair!



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3WJkVMsv2M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3WJkVMsv2M)

On July 28th, Epson Red Sea has carried out the first full HD underwater live broadcast from the bottom of the Red Sea in Eilat, Israel. It took a whole week to establish the setting, a crew of over 25 professional divers and technicians, 300 meters of High Definition cables and full commitment to an adventurous experience. Once the show was on air, the excitement was indescribable. The first underwater live broadcast testing, in preparation for the upcoming live broadcasts planned at the Photokina 2010 Fair in Cologne, Germany this

September, was successful.

David Pilosof, producer of the Epson Red Sea event, an annual and international underwater photography competition held in Eilat, Israel for six years in a row now, is known for his tendency to come up with surprising, unique and creative ideas, which initially seem almost unrealistic. However, this time he really did it.

[www.eilatredsea.com](http://www.eilatredsea.com)

## Basking Sharks of Cornwall, England- with Mauricio Handler

June 2nd-7th 2011



Photographer, expedition leader and long time National Geographic underwater team member Mauricio Handler will be leading a group of photographers on a 5 nights/ 4 days photo week in search of Basking Sharks off the coast of Cornwall, England. -

British B&B hospitality, a private boat with up to 8hrs on the water each day and Mauricio's technical and creative input should help guarantee a great time and some spectacular encounters and images.-

Cornwall in June is the best place to see the gathering of these giants! Space limited to 5 guests! Non photographers welcome.-

For complete details and bookings contact Mauricio Handler-

[www.hanfdlerphoto.com](http://www.hanfdlerphoto.com)

## GOLDEN TRIDENT 2010 The Nobel of the Sea to the Swiss photographer Jean-Claude Uldry

Jean-Claude Uldry, photographer, videomaker, project author and developer, who lives in Italy, has been awarded the prestigious prize 'Golden Trident 2010' in the sector Technical and Technological Activities on occasion of the 50th anniversary of the International Academy of Underwater Sciences and Technologies. The prize-giving ceremony has been held in Anzio (Rome).

Unanimously considered as the 'Nobel of the underwater activities', this prize stands as the highest recognition of worldwide excellence and is assigned every year to internationally outstanding personalities, institutions and associations.

In the golden book, his name will appear



besides legends such as Jacques-Yves Cousteau, Jacques Piccard jr, Hannes Keller, Raimondo Bucher, Scott Carpenter, Jacques Mayol, and also Walt Disney.

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## Brighton Pier with Maria Munn

23rd & 24th October 2010

Frogfish Photography is delighted to announce that underwater photographer Maria Munn will be joining the final Visions in the Sea Summer Series event in October.

The weekend will be tailored to suit underwater photographers who use compact cameras and Maria will be on hand to give advice and tips to improve your photography. We will be diving Brighton Pier, which is packed with underwater wildlife for macro work as well as excellent wide angle opportunities for those with wet lenses on their compact setups.

Maria Munn has just published "Underwater Photography for Compact Camera Users" and her enthusiasm shines through in her tuition, photography and writing. We will certainly be finishing off the Summer Series with a bang in Brighton.

The Summer Series has been a huge success with divers getting tuition and experience diving all over the UK. We have visited Capernwray to photograph wrecks with Charlie



Caroline Robertson 2008  
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Hood in Lancashire, seen Seals with Duxy in the Farne Islands, studied Blennies under Swanage Pier in Dorset, Basking Sharks in Cornwall, competed in the NUPG Splash-In in Anglesey, North Wales and just have Brighton to go.

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## 2011 Raja Ampat Entrance Tag Design Contest

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Wetpixel is proud to announce the 2011 Raja Ampat Entrance Tag Design Contest. Enter your best images or graphic designs and have your image printed on the 5,000 park tags that will be attached to the BCDs of visiting divers. The author of the winning design also wins an all-inclusive 10-day dive holiday to Raja Ampat, Indonesia, for two!

The submission deadline is Monday, September 6, 2010. Public voting on finalist images will commence shortly after and end on October 11, 2010. There is no need to wait—enter today!

<http://wetpixel.com/raja>

## A Ray of Hope for Manta Rays in Brazil



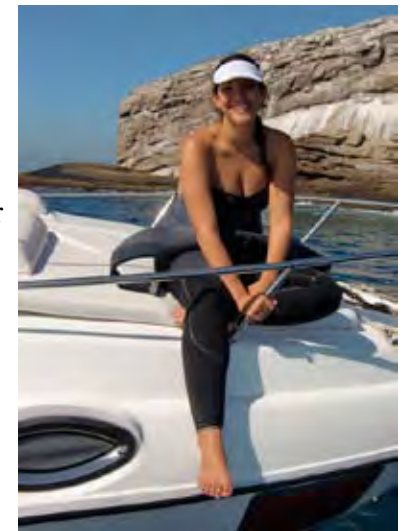
Dr Andrea Marshall, also known as Queen of the Mantas from the BBC's 2009 documentary film, has attached a satellite tag to a giant 4meter manta ray off the coast of South America. This ambassador for Brazilian manta ray conservation is the first manta ray in the Southern Atlantic Ocean to be satellite tagged and another first for Andrea, who originally discovered and tagged this second species of manta ray, *Manta birostris*, in 2009 in Mozambique.

The tagging is a fundamental part of a comparative worldwide research campaign called 'Ray of Hope' funded by the Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF) and conducted by the Marine Megafauna Foundation (MMF), which is investigating the behaviour and movement patterns

of the newly-described giant manta ray. Andrea and colleagues Dr. Simon Pierce and Dr. Juerg Brunnschweiler are travelling to several locations across the globe, teaming up with local researchers or dive operators along the way to locate these mysterious and severely understudied mantas. In Brazil Andrea is collaborating with the Laje Viva Institute and researchers from their 'Mantas of Brazil' project.

The tag was deployed last week on a large mature male at Laje de Santos, the largest documented aggregation site for the *Manta birostris* species in the Southern Atlantic Ocean, and is programmed to stay on the manta ray for 180 days. For the next six months the tag will accompany the manta on its journey through the oceans, functioning like a mini-lab and storing data critical to the investigation. As well as recording the water temperature through which the manta swims and the depths the animal reaches, it also records the light levels and its GPS position every time it breaks the surface, information used in determining the individual's actual track.

The research is funded through the Save Our Seas Foundation (SOSF).



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There are over \$62,000 worth of prizes including over 25 liveaboard and resort packages, dive equipment and much more. Special prizes are 12 days on the Arenui boutique liveaboard, 9 days on the Solmar V liveaboard, 18 nights in Papua New Guinea including a stay on the Febrina liveaboard, a trip for 2 on the SMY Ondina, and a 9 day trip on the Manthiri Maldives. This is one of the largest underwater photography competitions ever to be held in terms of prizes.

The competition has 11 categories, including a Novice dSLR category, and 3 compact camera categories – giving photographers of all levels a chance to win a great prize. Unique categories include Sharks, Nudibranchs, and Divers /

Fashion – a category that will allow pool shots. Other categories include Wide-angle, Macro, Supermacro and Marine Life Behavior.

1st, 2nd and some 3rd place winners from each category will win a fantastic resort or liveaboard package. Winners will be able to choose their own prize, which means they are more likely to end up with a prize that they want.

Judges include world-renowned underwater photographers Martin Edge, Marty Snyderman, Chris Newbert, and Bonnie Pelnar.

Photos must be submitted before the November 14th 2010 deadline.

[www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photo-contest](http://www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photo-contest)

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## Waterworld Images Dominica Sperm whale trips 6-13 and 13-20 of November 2011

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Arrival on Saturday with first day optional diving, followed by 5 days of whale action with in water encounters / snorkeling only. The possibility of replacing the diving day with a whale day exists. Accommodation at 4 Star Fort Young Hotel 7 nights included.

As whale encounter permits in Dominica are issued primarily for research, participants will be requested to provide photographs that document these in-water encounters in accordance with a research protocol presently submitted to the Division of Fisheries in Dominica. These images are 100% for non-commercial



purposes.

Approximate cost \$3000 -\$3700 depending on room single / double occupancy and room upgrades. This does not include airfare.

As we are operating at fairly short notice, 50% deposit will be required initially with Name and Passport information as each individual must be recorded on the permit.

Full payment by October 15th.

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## MacGillivray Freeman Films Launches “One World Ocean”



MacGillivray Freeman Films is launching One World Ocean, the largest global media campaign of its kind that will literally crisscross all five of the world's oceans to produce an epic multi-platform series designed for giant-screen IMAX, 3D, 2D & 3D television, theatrical 3D release, digital online media, companion books and other media all designed to reach hundreds of millions of viewers when released in 2015.

Over a span of four years, the \$25-million One World Ocean production will collect amazing images and stories of marine wildlife and mankind's relation to the sea in forty locations around the

world using today's most advanced 3D camera system technologies.

The monumental project will offer spectacular entertainment in the award-winning tradition of best-selling giant-screen filmmakers MacGillivray Freeman Films and producer/director Greg MacGillivray, who has produced or directed 36 educational giant-screen IMAX films over a filmmaking career that spans more

than 40 years. A longtime advocate of ocean conservation, MacGillivray has already produced and directed three blockbuster ocean films including two nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Short Subject (The Living Sea and Dolphins).

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ocean life below the normal limits of scuba.

“If we don't shake people up now with what's happening to our oceans, we're not going to have the same magical oceans left in forty years,” said Greg MacGillivray. “Marine scientists predict that by 2050 there will be no more large fish left in the ocean if we don't change our relationship with the sea. I want One World Ocean to be a major vehicle for that kind of change. For that reason, I feel more passionate about this project than any others I have ever worked on.”

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Maybe you are a beginner with a relatively modest camera system, alternatively you could be a pro-am with the latest digital SLR complete with custom housing, or maybe you are somewhere in between. You may have already completed an underwater photographic course having gained all the theory and completed a week's shoot in warm waters. You may have got some great pictures and now you want to try your hand at capturing the ultimate image – a great white shark portrait. Let the lessons begin.

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.

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.

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# President José Ramos-Horta announces the inaugural International Dive Photo Contest of Timor-Leste

October 9 -15th 2010



President of Timor-Leste and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, José Ramos-Horta, has announced the inaugural International Dive Photo Contest of Timor-Leste. The event will run from the 9th till the 15th of October, 2010 and is a unique 4 day photography competition, which has a lucrative prize pool of USD\$ 30 000. Professional scuba divers and photographers from around the world are being invited to participate by President Ramos-Horta.

The objectives of this initiative include showcasing Timor-Leste's tremendous scuba diving potential and to promote its marine-based tourism to the region and beyond. The contest



will also serve as a mechanism to provide education on the environment, bio diversity and many marine based opportunities that the pristine waters of Timor can offer the people of Timor-Leste.

H.E. Dr. J. Ramos-Horta will act as patron of this event as well as being one of the judges on the contest's panel. President Ramos-Horta said of the event, "It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome participants to our first underwater photography

contest. Timor-Leste is blessed with some of the richest and most unexplored waters in the world. I hope that this event will draw attention to our great marine biodiversity, our tremendous potential for scuba diving and also the development of diving as a tourism industry here in Timor-Leste. Most importantly this initiative will help us protect our precious seas, reefs and their inhabitants for our future generations."

The President's initiative was launched by the event's director, Mr. Sean Ferguson-Borrell at the Asian Diver Expo in Singapore on Friday the 9th of April.

"ADEX is the largest scuba diving expo in the region" Mr. Ferguson-Borrell said, "this event is a fantastic opportunity for us to launch our website, [www.underwatertimorleste.com](http://www.underwatertimorleste.com) and for Timor-Leste to draw attention to its phenomenal aquatic life – this is why we have used the words; untouched, unexplored and unbelievable to describe the underwater environment of Timor-Leste."

Asian Diver Magazine has also come onboard as the Official Event

Media Partner of the Dive Photo Contest and as a result many scuba diving communities around the world will learn about Timor-Leste and its tremendous marine resources. In conjunction with this initiative the organizers will also produce "The Underwater World of Timor-Leste", a multi media exhibition for the people of Timor-Leste.

The exhibition will feature multi lingual explanations on marine ecology, habitats and the animals that dwell in and around them. With visual aids ranging from locally produced artistic renditions, high resolution panel printing, projections/film areas (with appropriate subtitling) and even small aquariums the exhibition will allow interaction in ways never achieved before in educational platforms here in Timor-Leste. It is planned that school groups will be able to visit the exhibition, which will open on September the 9th of 2010.

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