

News, Travel & Events

Tonga Humpback Whale Expedition on Nai'a, September 02-12, 2011.



Award-winning photographers Mark Strickland and Douglas Hoffman are hosting a special 10 day humpback whale expedition in Tonga aboard the renowned, newly refurbished live-aboard vessel, Nai'a. This special trip will be dedicated to observing, photographing and especially swimming with the large population of Humpback Whales that visit these islands every year to mate and give birth. Swimming with these magnificent animals truly is an experience of a lifetime, and spaces are limited... don't miss this opportunity!

To reserve your spot, please mention Mark or Douglas when you contact the Nai'a office at explore@naia.com.fj Cost: US\$4986 p/p, plus fuel surcharge.

<http://tinyurl.com/28le25v>

Doug and Mieke Hoffman received Eastman Kodak Awards

Maui based photographers Doug and Mieke Hoffman received Eastman Kodak Awards for Photographic Excellence yesterday at the 2010 Professional Photographers of Hawaii annual banquet. This is a national award from Kodak given to select professionals.

Doug's image was a B&W portrait of a Humpback Whale and Mieke's was a digital painting of a lion fish. This is the first time that a husband and wife received the award as well as the first time the awards were for underwater photography. The portraits will join other Kodak award winners in a special exhibition at the National Professional Photographers of America convention in January. In Jan 2012 Douglas will receive the associations Masters of Photography.

Douglas and Mieke have worked in Manado, Ambon, Palau, Yap, and Hawaii as dive instructors, and since 1998 have owned Maui Photography Inc. The company offers on location portraiture in Hawaii, landscape, portraiture, and underwater photography workshops in Maui. Two or three times a year Douglas leads a group to photograph sharks and colorful reefs in Fiji, and Southern Hemisphere Humpback whales in Tonga.

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British Underwater Image Festival Competition 2011

Deadline: 7th January 2011

The British Underwater Image Festival (BUIF) competition is in its sixth consecutive year and is free to enter. Video and stills are represented in the entry categories, with specific classes for images shot in the UK. Sponsors have offered thousands of pounds worth of prizes across the stills and video categories.



The finalists will be showcased at The Big Scuba Show at Olympia, London on 19–20 February 2011. A dedicated image theatre will host the video and visitors will be able to view the stills images at the show.

Award-winning photographer Alex Mustard, British Society of Underwater Photographers cofounder Colin Doeg, renowned British photographer Charles Hood and DIVE editor Simon Rogerson are judging the stills competition. The DVDs will be judged by BBC natural history film-maker Peter Scoones, Colin Doeg and Simon Rogerson.

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Our World Underwater Photo and Video Competition
Deadline: 17th January, 2011

Underwater photographers of all levels, from novice to professionals, are invited to compete in what has become the “Superbowl” of international underwater imagery events, for over \$75,000 of world-class prizes! Additionally, Best of Show will receive an additional cash prize of \$1,000!

The Our World Underwater international underwater photography and video competition has become one of the biggest and most prestigious in the world. The competition celebrates and highlights the art of underwater photography as well as the beauty of the ocean. Underwater photographers and videographers have become the unsung heroes of the most important ecosystem on earth. During a time when the oceans are in crisis, a growing global community of scuba divers and photographers have become the eyes and ears of the ocean, helping to educate and inspire the rest of the world.

<http://underwatercompetition.com>

Whale sharks of Utila

1st-9th April 2011

Leader: Steve Fox and the staff of Deep Blue resort



Photo by Wally Deihl

Steve Fox and the staff of Deep Blue Resort will be your hosts for the week as you seek out Whale Sharks.

March and April are peak times for sightings so during this time you can expect to be joined by a number of researchers who often hold talks and presentations in the evenings as they are keen to share their knowledge and findings with you.

You too can take part in the research project simply by photographing as many individuals as you can! You don't need to be an expert photographer; all you need to achieve is clear images of the sharks. The main area to aim for is the animal's natural spot patterning behind the gills on the left side (primary patterning) and right side

(secondary patterning). From the photographs, these spots are mapped into the Ecocean database and pattern-recognition software scans for matches to previously identified animals. This data can be collected from a safe distance and without any harm to the shark. More importantly, photo-identification data is valuable far beyond the very limited timeframe of conventional plastic tagging. The data you collect will help build 'life histories' for each animal, and with an estimated life span for Whale Sharks of 60+ years, your data will have a long-term impact on global whale shark research and conservation.

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13th CMAS World Underwater Photography Championship

Bodrum, Turkey

26 - 31 May 2011

13th CMAS World Underwater Photography Championship will be held in a small port town Bodrum that located in the Aegean Sea coast of Turkey in 26-31 May 2011. Today, it is an international center of tourism, yachting and diving. Underwater of Bodrum includes so many ancient artifacts, plenty marine life and amazing geographical structures. All in all, it presents so many colorful materials for the underwater photographers. During 2011 Championship, thanks to Championship Committee by Turkish Underwater Sports Federation, all participants will have the opportunity to experience famous Turkish hospitality and as well as enjoy flawless organization.

The last day of application for the Championship hosted by Turkish Underwater Sports Federation (TSSF)

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is determined as February 25, 2011.

The championships will take place in a single event spread over a period of 4 days, divided as follows one day for practice, two days of competition, and one day for judging.

Judgments will be based on all those categories; fish, close-up, close up with a theme, wide angle without a model, wide angle with model. The jury is composed of 7 members from different nationalities. Finalist photos will be selected by closed session and will be submitted to public vote in 1500 seater amphitheater of historical The Bodrum Castle of The Knights of St.John. The Public voting, carried out by special software will determine the winners.

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Alexanderia the Great

World record underwater escapologist

I have always been interested in magic, especially escapes since I was a little girl. I was always trying to beat the boys in whatever they did. I always had the attitude, “anything you can do, I can do better”. Whether it was rope climbing or breath holds in the pool, I was always competitive.

In high school, I saw an old Tony Curtis film where he portrayed the great Houdini. I was mesmerized. To see what the Master of Escape did to challenge himself exhilarated me. The way Houdini captivated audiences worldwide with his daring feats really inspired me.

I immediately began trying to re-enact some of his escapes. Of course if you know me you know that simply duplicating Harry's escapes was not enough. I needed to surpass the master. So in my training, I have worked on increasing my strength, breath hold times and the ability to deal with



more pain. Now for instance I can escape from twice as much weight as Houdini did in his underwater escapes.

My first practices began with simple rope escapes in my pool, which proved successful. I felt the need to move on to shackles and chains like the great Houdini but wanted to surmount his previous stunts. Ironically enough, I later found out that Houdini refused to use rope in underwater escapes as he said it was too unpredictable.



Funny, as I love the challenge and ropes are still my favorite escapes to do. Just call me the Queen of Extreme.

Once I mastered escaping from rope underwater, I graduated to chains, then shackles. I am learning to master the art of lock picking. I just set a new world record for the fastest extreme straitjacket escape. My regulation strait jacket was secured by 50 feet of chain and 10 padlocks. I escaped in 2mins 37 secs.

I am currently looking for sponsors to help me with my next death defying escape show.

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