

News, Travel & Events

Shark Fin Possession Bill Made Law in Guam



Guam became the third place in the world to ban the possession and sale of shark fins and ray parts today as Guam Governor Eddie Calvo Jr. signed the legislation into law. Guam joins the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and Hawaii as places that discourage and outlaw shark fin commerce.

After a lot of emotional testimony from fishermen, school students, shark lovers and an amazing show of support from an international community of ocean loving concerned citizens from well over 100 countries, Guam's legislators passed Bill 44-31 unanimously. The bill is intended to

curb the trade of shark fins in the US Territory of Guam.

The bill is an act to prohibit the possession, selling, offering for sale, trading or distribution of shark fins and ray parts.

The shark fin trade is a wasteful industry that fins sharks for use in shark fin soup. This is considered a Chinese delicacy that must be served at Chinese weddings. The practice is roughly 6 decades old. 73 million sharks are killed only for the fins every year with the body being discarded.

Story & Photos by Tim Rock

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The Sardine Run with Mauricio Handler

June 11-17, 2011

June 19-25, 2011

Join Mauricio Handler on this one of a kind live-aboard photography expedition to the Sardine Run off of South Africa.

Two back to back expeditions aboard 153' Snow Petrel.

A few berths still available.

June 11-17, 2011 (3 spaces)

June 19-25, 2011 (2 spaces)

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Canadian photographer unveils u/w portraits

An underwater art project had been on Rodney S. Braun's white board for 7 years. The Winnipeg, Canada portrait photographer finally embarked on the project in the summer of 2010 and unveiled it this March. Entitled, "H2Oohhh",

The project was a collaboration with local Winnipeggers (who ended up being women), some of whom were dancers. There were about 20 different sessions in all, mostly outdoor, as well as several Manitoba locations. The project was shot with



a Canon EOS Rebel T2i and a B&H housing. Lighting was a mix of natural available light, on-camera flash and off-camera flash.

A 50-image exhibit and a 96-page book were created.

www.rodneysbraun.com

Estonian U/w photo Exhibition



Have you heard about an underwater photo exhibition? Not just an exhibition of underwater images, but a photo exhibition under the water?

Five years ago award winning Estonian photographer Kaido Haagen opened his first underwater exhibition WET EYES in Tallinn's KalevSPA swimming pool. "If you want the visitor to get a great but also a real experience, you have to put him in an environment similar to the one where the photos were taken"

Haagen explained the unusual choice of the exhibition hall. In

the end of last year he started a travelling exhibition WET EYES II. It differs from the first one in many ways. Apart from being a traveling exhibition, that has been up in more than 20 different swimming pools all over Estonia, the photos of WET EYES II are all taken in Estonian waters and shot on digital camera, as opposed to the first WET EYES exhibition, where all photos were taken in tropical waters and shot on film.

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Zeeuws and Dutch Open Championship 15th May 2011 and 26th June 2011.

Underwater photography is extremely popular these days and more and more divers are taking underwater pictures. Do you also take underwater pictures? We would very much appreciate if you will join us on (one of) our competition days in 2011.

Zeeuws Championship

Don't think "I just started" or "I am not good enough yet". The Zeeuws Championship is a perfect competition for all starter underwater photographers. There is nothing to lose, only to win. If you are not a winner of one of the beautiful prizes there is to win, then at least you will have the experience of competition in the beautiful waters of Zeeland where the competition takes place every year. Let the competition inspire you to make more beautiful pictures and learn by having contact with the other competitors. If you see beautiful pictures of top photographers in the magazines, just realise that they also had to start somewhere too.

The Dutch Open Championship

Apart from the beginners there is a wide variety of photographers that already have some more experience right up to top photographers whose



photographs regularly appear in magazines.

How do you organize a competition that is approachable to everyone, but also has enough of a challenge for the very best national and international photographers?

The organising committee Aquashot succeeded in having the right formula by having different opportunities to join the competitions.

- You are free to join the competition in one or more categories.
- You are free to participate on one or both competition days.

Also in this competition there are very nice prizes to be won. We hope to see many international competitors during the competition in Zeeland this year.

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The Raja Ampat Photoquest with Martin and Sylvia Edge 2nd - 18th November 2012

Martin Edge considers the underwater photography potential at Misool Eco Resort to be the very best in the world, so one cannot have a higher recommendation than that!

The reefs of the Raja Ampat are the richest reefs on earth, with more coral, fish and invertebrate species having been recorded here than anywhere else on our planet. Pelagic fish have not been fished out and still hunt these reefs in numbers. The condition of the coral is magnificent, the reefs pristine, the diving spectacular. Most dives are close to the resort, though some day trips to more far-flung dive sites may be offered. The house reef is there 'at your door step', quite literally.

Combine the quality of the teaching and photo support, the dive management, the comfort of the resort, the sheer exotic nature of this location and its unsurpassed marine life and you will know why you should be part of the UK's first underwater photography expedition to this area.



Misool Eco Resort offers a choice between Water Cottages and luxury villas. Water Cottages have the advantage of air-conditioning, are close to the dive centre and restaurant and are actually built over the resort's house reef. Step off your veranda and land in the epicentre of biodiversity!

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Photographing Marine Animals

South East Group MCS
with Paul Naylor



Photo: Gerry Casey

The aim of the course is to show those new to underwater photography how to start taking successful photographs/images and help existing photographers who are not having the success they had hoped for improve their technique.

Paul Naylor, author of three underwater guides to marine species of Britain, will lead you through when and how to use the types of equipment available to the underwater photographer.

The course will take place at Leeson House, Swanage, Dorset
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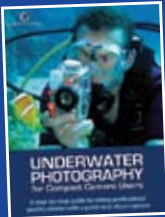
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Maluku Divers, Ambon, Indonesia

September 21-28, 2011

Hosted by Ryan Canon



Got some new gear? This is the perfect spot to figure it all out. Located on the best muck diving site in Ambon, Maluku Divers offers action packed critter diving without the crowds! Home to



the now famous psychedelic frogfish, rhinopias, and more! Our package includes diving, accommodations, and meals for only \$1550!

Misool Eco Resort Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Sept 29 - Oct 6, 2011

Join us in Raja Ampat for some of the lushest coral reefs and densest fish populations in the world. Misool Eco Resort pioneered a 1,220 square km no take area around the resort with the cooperation of local fishermen, protecting this pristine environment for years to come. Accommodation is provided in spacious and beautiful over the water cottages just a short distance from the house reef.

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Maria Munn uw photo workshop with Eco Divers

27 Nov to 9 Dec 2011

Thanks to Maria Munn's innovative and inspiring approach to teaching underwater photography, she is celebrating five years of helping more than 10 guests win prizes with their compact cameras by running a special 12-night underwater photography workshop with Eco Divers from 27 November to 9 December in the Lembeh Straits and Bunaken Marine Park, Manado, North Sulawesi. Maria will also be celebrating her recent award for her book, "Underwater Photography for Compact Camera Users".

Staying at Lembeh Cottages Resort & Spa for the first seven nights, Maria will help beginners and more advanced compact camera users master the art of capturing magical macro subjects with daily informal presentations to help make the most of the photographic opportunities in this world famous area. Slideshows of guest's photos will be shown nightly in the lounge as well as help with both Lightroom and PhotoShop techniques.

Moving on to Kima Bajo Resort & Spa for five nights, guests take



in the spectacular walls and marine life of Bunaken Marine Park. Wide-angle techniques and lighting will be explored to take compact camera skills to a high level and help to develop techniques to capture a wide range of subjects.

Package price of \$2,745 includes:

- * 7 nights at Lembeh Cottages in air-conditioned room
- * 5 nights at Kima Bajo Resort & Spa, in air-conditioned Kimez Studio Room
- * 10 days diving (6 in Lembeh, 4 in Manado), with up to 3 guided day-dives per day, by boat, with cylinders & weights
- * Breakfast, lunch & dinner
- * Free airport transfers and resort-resort transfer
- * Hotel tax & service; Diving tax

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1st SNUPS Philippine Competition - SPLASH-NUDI Underwater Photo Shootout



Dive and shoot in the Philippines at Anilao – May 20-24, Dauin – May 27-31 and Cebu – June 3-7, 2011 to win over US\$15,000 worth of Digital SLR housing, Strobes, Accessories and much, much more!

SNUPS is a yearly underwater photo and video competition where on its first year, it will take place in three unique locations around the Philippines, namely: Anilao (Batangas), known globally for having one of the most diverse species of nudibranchs and macro life; Dauin (Negros Oriental), known for the marine sanctuary of Apo Island; and Cebu, home of the thresher sharks (Malapascua, Moalboal & Tingo) and the sardine run (Moalboal).

It is the intention of SNUPS to be the anchor event for Philippine underwater imaging competitions where set standards on diver shooting

etiquettes, pre & post dive proper handling of imaging gear by dive staff and photo-video diver friendly dive resorts. The results of the competition will showcase the splendor of our oceans, which will provide the opportunity for other divers and non-divers alike to gain awareness on the importance of environmental conservation.

SNUPS is a yearly underwater photo and video competition organized by Splash Underwater Imaging, Inc. The event is done in cooperation with the Network of Underwater Digital Imagers (NUDI), an underwater photography club based in Manila.

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Shannon has chosen the infamous Galapagos Islands of Ecuador for his next Art of Underwater Photography expedition. The photographic potential here is immense, however it is for the experienced diver and photographer only! Because of the nature of Galapagos diving, and the prevalence of swift currents, Shannon will not be conducting a formal workshop as he usually might. It is simply not possible to dive and shoot the way he might usually where conditions are



calmer. Shannon will be available and willing to critique and evaluate your work in the evenings. He will also give talks and host discussions on some evenings.

www.divequest.co.uk

Frogfish workshop in Sorido Bay Resort, Raja Ampat in 2012

either 15th -22nd April 2012 or 22nd-29th April 2012.

Limited places are now available for all level of underwater photographers, from enthusiastic beginner to budding professional, Compact Camera and SLR users are welcome to join us on this fantastic underwater photography expedition.

Raja Ampat has everything for the underwater photographer. You will be diving in small groups, with a relaxed and casual atmosphere. In the evenings you will be able to attend interactive workshops. This trip is open to all levels of diver and you will be able to discuss the type of diving



you are comfortable with before each day is planned.

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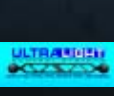
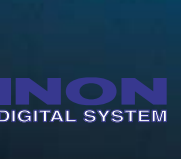
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New UK photo friendly dive charter

UwP editor Peter Rowlands is now offering uw photo friendly dive charters out of Plymouth in Devon.

MV Magic is an 8.2 metre Botnia Targa which has a cruising speed of 20 knots and a very soft riding, planing hull. She has a walkaround design so there's lots of working space both fore and aft as well as comfortable seating.

Magic Charters limits the number of places available to five so that everyone will have plenty of space and there are tables available to work on equipment in between dives. With work spaces both fore and aft, kitting up needn't be a scramble

Magic Charters is hoping to appeal to small groups of underwater photographers who appreciate being able to concentrate on their hobby without a boatful of other divers. Being able to cruise at 20 knots gives quick access to offshore sites such as the Eddystone and Hand Deep's reefs as well as wrecks like the James Egan Layne and the Scylla. The style of diving is obviously the choice of the group but Peter has several shallow sites where it is possible to anchor up and dive as much as you like. This gives you maximum time underwater with the freedom to return to the boat whenever you want to change lenses.

The central cabin is heated and there is plenty of solar gain through the 360° windows so you'll be



able to get out of the wind and warm up in between dives (once you've taken your dry suit off outside!).

A 240 volt power supply is available in the cabin for powering battery chargers and laptops so you can check the results from your first dive before going in again or top up your strobe batteries.

MV Magic is based at Dry Stack Marina on the east side of Plymouth and there's plenty of free parking all day.

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