

News, Travel & Events

SY Oriental Siren Workshop

with Don Silcock

23rd Aug to 2nd Sept 2012

Don Silcock, renowned underwater photographer and diving journalist, will be joining SY Oriental Siren for her third trip in Timor-Leste in 2012 to host a photography workshop. Don will be onboard to assist divers with camera set up, composition, lighting and photo editing.

As well as giving presentations on underwater photography, Don will give one-to-one tuition both on the boat and underwater, working to individual needs so that you get the best results from your camera.

The 34 metre SY Oriental Siren is built from the finest Asian teak and ironwood. She is a traditional twin mast junk, rigged with traditional style sails that are both functional and beautiful. Thus she has been custom-



made with all the luxury facilities for the modern diver. For our 10 night trip to East Timor we welcome 14 guests aboard the Oriental Siren- this ensures abundant space for all. This trip will be a true dive adventure led by Don Silcock and will include complimentary photo workshops.

Trip runs from 23rd August to 2nd September 2012, priced at 2600 Euro per person.

www.worldwidediveandsail.com/liveboard-diving/timor-leste.html
www.equatordiving.com/east_timor_trip.html



Oceanz Dive Conference & Exhibition 2011

12/13th November

Tauranga, New Zealand

New Zealand's biggest dive show & photo competition is coming to Tauranga. Resurrected from the highly popular events of old, the event, sponsored by TDI/SDI and New Zealand Underwater Association, will celebrate the New Zealand diving industry and unique marine environment. The event will comprise of a large exhibition featuring equipment manufacturers, government bodies, underwater photography, personalities, education, travel and training agencies. There will be larger outdoor displays with a working recompression chamber on site and an area for wet demonstrations. Guest speakers will give presentations on a variety of topics from marine reserves to cave diving, wreck surveys

to what the police dive unit do for day job. The highlight will be the national underwater photography competition covering a variety of categories and the selected top images will be displayed at the entrance to the event centre. The current prize pool is worth over \$11,000 and with images restricted to being taken in NZ territory (not just to NZ residents), a great outcome will be the promotion of NZ's marine environment to the general public. The winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner, where there will be further presentations and entertainment.

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Closed Circuit Rebreather

April 11th - 23rd 2012

This is a very special trip we organized with our friends on the Odyssey liveaboard and at Blue Lagoon Dive resort. If you have been longing to dive the Ghost Fleet of Truk Lagoon and spend as much time as you want exploring and filming the wrecks then this trip is for you!

This trip itinerary has been customized for extended bottom time and rebreather safety. While open circuit divers are welcome, we are prioritizing spaces for rebreather users and our diving schedule will be based on extended profiles. Spaces are limited to 11 divers.

Russ Sanoian is the product manager at Backscatter and a freelance underwater and nature videographer based in Monterey, California. Russ will be offering personalized pre-trip consultations and on-site assistance for this unique adventure. Russ is well known in the diving industry as a great educator

and mentor of new photographers and technical divers.

We will arrive at Blue Lagoon Dive resort on April 12th and will dive from the Land Based resort for 4 days to get all our gear sorted out and dialed in. Some of the deeper wrecks like the Japanese destroyer "Oite" and "Katsuragisan Maru" will be options for those divers that want to do some deeper dives or the Japanese "I-169" is a shallow wreck and very unique being the only Submarine in Truk.

We will then board the live aboard Odyssey on April 15th in the evening and will have our choice of wrecks to dive for an entire week and can spend the whole day on one wreck if the group so chooses.

All Backscatter trips are educational experiences, but this trip is best suited for intermediate to advanced technical divers.

www.backscatter.com

Reef Photo Key Largo Weekend Workshop

2011-09-16 thru 2011-09-18



Join us for an information packed weekend of diving and learning about underwater still photography. This class is perfect for beginner to intermediate underwater photographers and is designed to take your imaging skills to the next level. All different camera systems are welcome, from point&shoot compacts to mid-range interchangeable lens cameras to SLRs. Don't have a system yet? No problem, rental camera rigs for entire weekend will be available at nominal charge. Boat diving on the beautiful Key Largo reefs and wrecks

is included for all three days.

\$565 includes the seminars and instruction, 2 tank boat diving each day with divemaster and photo instructor, tanks, weights, free use of demo gear on selected dives, working lunch (Friday), and daily critique sessions.

We'll cover a wide range of underwater photo topics, starting with some easy techniques to quickly elevate your game. We'll cover a bit of theory, and some basic topics like composition, exposure, and focus. We'll talk about strobe positioning



and how we can use strobes effectively. Gear will be covered as well, both from the standpoint of what is available these days and how it fits into your shooting style. We'll talk about basic housing/gear maintenance. Last but not least we'll cover post processing workflow and how to turn the images on your SD card into an

easy to use catalog of images you can use in many different ways.

What to bring: Your dive gear. Air tanks and weights are included. Your scuba certification card. Your camera with housing. Some demo camera systems will be available on individual dives. Your laptop computer if you have one. Mac or PC, no problem. If you have Lightroom, great, that's the main tool we'll use.

Sessions will be held at the Holiday Inn, Key Largo, at Mile Marker 100. We can offer a special \$129/night rate at the hotel.

www.reefphoto.com

Manatee Photography Workshop

22 -28th January 2012 Crystal River, FL

Hosted by Photographer Gregory Sweeney



visit www.GregorySweeney.com for more details

Exploring the True Behaviour of Crocs Okavango Delta July 2012

I've just returned from two weeks on a Nile croc scouting expedition in Botswana. Brad Bestelink is an extraordinary filmmaker and was my guide on the expedition. Together we've launched the world's first croc expedition worthy of real adventurers. This is the 'first expedition of its kind' anywhere in the world.

The initial departure, during the third week of July 2012, will be seven days of croc encounters for just two diver/photographers. The second departure, during the last week of July 2012, will combine five days of croc expedition with an eight-day Big Cat Safari (encountering lions, cheetah and leopards), and is also for only two diver/photographers.

Contact Amos Nachoum because these spots will fill up fast.

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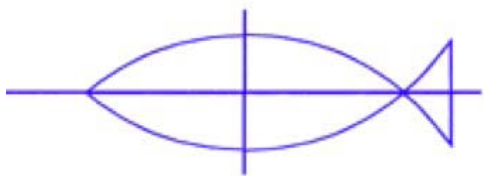
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BSoUP / DIVER Print Competition 2011

Deadline: Saturday 1st October 2011

The annual BSoUP / DIVER Print Competition is scheduled to take place at the DIVE Show National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham over the weekend of 22-23 October 2011.

There is a total of 4 trophies and 10 individual awards. Oonasdivers have generously donated a holiday at Marsa Shagra to be taken by 23 October 2012, which includes flights, transfers, 7 nights full board in a tent (upgrades available) and 5 days unlimited shore diving for the overall winner.

Further prizes will be announced as and when they are confirmed.

www.bsoup.org

"The Techniques of Underwater Photography"

by Alex Mustard

GDT Festival, Germany

October 28-30th 2011

Dr. Alex Mustard, 32, is an award-winning marine biologist and is worldwide considered to be one of the most inventive and creative underwater photographers. He authors numerous specialist books, which have been translated in various languages.

Alex writes regularly for different international magazines about his special techniques of underwater photography; overall more than 300 articles on marine life, diving and underwater photography have been published.

In the seminar "The Techniques of Underwater Photography" at the International Nature Photography Festival of the GDT from October 28 – 30, Alex Mustard will explain the advantages of working beneath the surface and discuss the similarities and differences from shooting wildlife on land. He will share some of the more advanced techniques and specialist equipment he uses, with examples from his portfolio of images from around the world.



Alex will finish by discussing some of the choices for dipping your toes into underwater photography. Many subjects can be photographed while snorkeling and while a DSLR housing with all the bells and whistles costs as much as a fast telephoto lens, there are options for every budget. On Saturday evening (October 29) Alexander Mustard is giving a special highlight with his presentation "Why underwater?" - a treat for dedicated underwater photographers and everybody else enthusiastic about images taken in aquatic habitats.

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Emperor Marsa Alam expands to new resort



On 01 October 2011, Emperor Divers will open their new dive centre in the Marsa Alam area. Situated in a brand new seafront hotel, Moreen Beach, the centre is 20 km south of the airport, giving the same Emperor Divers' experience that guests have come to know and love in Port Ghalib. The added bonus is that there is now a great housereef and the Centre is closer to the Marsa Alam jetty saving time when visiting southern sites.

The housereef is literally on the doorstep and ideal for more experienced divers offering plenty of guided or unguided options, day and night, as well as regular morning and afternoon trips to Elphinstone for those 'big' encounters. With the Centre being closer than ever to the Marsa Alam marina, Emperor continue to offer Dolphin House trips to divers and snorkellers and

with shorter transfer times, guests can dive even more southern sites such as Shaab Marsa Alam whilst still enjoying the famous 'Overnight Elphinstone' trips.

Moreen Beach is a 4 star hotel operated by Concord Hotels and is the ideal venue for divers and non-divers alike. For divers with family and friends who simply want to relax, then this is the place to do more half-day trips and lazy starts while everyone can enjoy the sandy beach and fabulous facilities.

Emperor Divers still offers free transfers from other hotels; however, for those staying in Port Ghalib, the same renowned Emperor service is on-hand where you wake up and walk to your dive boat or have a short zodiac transfer.

www.emperordivers.com

Underwater Photography Guide Ocean Art Photo Competition 2011

Underwater Photography Guide is proud to announce it is accepting entries for the second annual Ocean Art Photo Competition 2011.

There are over \$75,000 worth of prizes, including over 25 liveaboard and scuba diving resort packages, dive equipment, and much more.

This is one of the largest underwater photography competitions held in terms of prizes.

The competition has 12 categories, including a Novice dSLR category and 3 compact camera categories, giving underwater photographers of all levels a chance to win a great prize. Unique categories include SuperMacro, Cold/ Temperate Water, Nudibranchs, and Divers/ Fashion. The more traditional categories include Wide-Angle, Macro, Marine Life Portraits, and Marine Life Behavior.

Winners from each category will be awarded a package at a fantastic resort or on a liveaboard. Winners will be able to rank the prizes they would like to receive, making it far more likely for winners to receive a prize they want.

Judges include world-renowned underwater photographers Martin Edge, Marty Snyderman, Tony Wu,



and Bonnie Pelnar. Martin Edge is the author of *The Underwater Photographer*, a top-selling book on underwater photography. Marty Snyderman has won an Emmy and has been published in dozens of top publications such as *National Geographic*. Tony Wu is a renowned underwater photographer and author of *Silent Symphony*. Bonnie Pelnar has been published in numerous diving and travel magazines, and conducts photography workshops at tropical destinations around the world.

Photos must be submitted before the deadline on November 20, 2011.

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WildPhotos 2011

21-22 October 2011
Royal Geographical Society, London

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Taking place on Friday 21 and Saturday 22 October 2011 at the Royal Geographical Society, London, WildPhotos 2011 is the UK's largest nature photography symposium.

The first ten delegates who register at <http://www.wildphotos.org.uk/delegate-registration> will receive free entry to the Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2011 exhibition* at London's Natural History Museum (opening 22 October 2011).

We are delighted to announce our keynote speaker for Friday 21 October – world-renowned and celebrated American landscape photographer Jack Dykinga.

A Pulitzer Prize winner, Jack Dykinga fuses a photojournalistic, documentary approach with large-format landscape photography, to promote a focus on environmental issues through his work.

Prepare to be moved by

Dykinga's keynote session 'The Power of Images – from Damnation to Celebration' and learn how photography can ultimately change our intrinsic values.

Breaking with tradition, WildPhotos 2011 welcomes two compères this year.

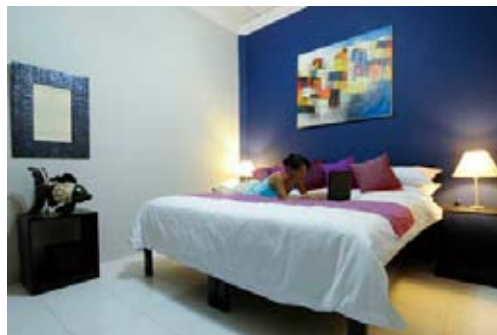
Chris Packham, TV presenter, photographer and author returns as compère for Saturday's sessions; with Mark Carwardine, zoologist, active conservationist, award-winning writer, TV and radio presenter and widely published wildlife photographer, opening the first day of sessions as Friday's compère.

We're thrilled Mark and Chris are your hosts for this year's WildPhotos, as the duo are currently in high demand for their work both in front of, and behind, the camera.

Our compères bring a wealth of experience and industry know-how to the proceedings, with second-to-none presenter skills – putting WildPhotos 2011 delegates in expert hands over the two days.

www.wildphotos.org.uk

Worldwide Dive and Sail and Eco Divers Resort, Lembeh



sites on offer. Equipment rental and nitrox fills are included at both the Eco Divers Resort and aboard SY Mandarin Siren. Accommodation is in a double or twin bed cabin / guest room and offered full board inclusive of soft drinks, tea, coffee and beers. Our chefs cater to special requirements and all meals are freshly prepared to order. Transfers from/ to Manado airport are also included in our deluxe package.

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Worldwide Dive and Sail and Eco Divers Resort, Lembeh are to team up to offer 3 fabulous 14 night dive-safaris to bring you the ultimate in diving North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Guests will spend 7 nights aboard boutique liveaboard SY Mandarin Siren to dive the northern Sanghie Islands of Ruang, Siau and Bangka and a further 7 nights at the Eco Divers Resort, Lembeh to dive the critter hot spot; the Lembeh Strait.

Departing from Lembeh, the 14-night trip gives divers 12 full days of diving with up to 4 dives offered per day. Dive times vary between 50 and 80 minutes to allow you plenty of time to explore the variety of dive



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2011 oceanz DIVE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Diving & Marine Exhibition

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The good people at Capernwray, the scenic inland dive centre on the edge of the Lake District, are offering a very special package for divers this coming winter. Already famous for its crystal clear water, great underwater attractions, amazing fish life (including huge trout and monster sturgeons!) and easy access from the M6 motorway, this year, for the first time, Capernwray are offering weekend winter packages for visiting divers, based just 50 yards from the water in their luxury on-site 'eco' house, 'Clearwater'.



Already garnering rave reviews from previous guests, 'Clearwater' is a stunning, luxury modern 'eco' holiday home on the cliff top above the water at Capernwray. Built to the highest standards and clad in local stone, Clearwater sleeps up to six guests and features a stylish, contemporary interior. Features include discreet lighting, under floor heating throughout, a central vacuum system and satellite TV and DVD players in each of the three bedrooms. There are also two glass-fronted and covered balconies looking over the water, with a gas barbeque provided on the main balcony.

Why not make the most of the safe, benign environment at Capernwray by spending a long weekend this winter and enjoy superb diving in the crystal clear waters of

one of our best diving destinations? Not only is this an ideal venue for all standards of diver, the stunning

water clarity in the winter makes this an exceptional time of year for underwater photographers to capture those award-winning images! Described by no less an authority than Alex Mustard as "one of the finest venues in the UK for underwater photography", Capernwray is THE place to come to hone those wide-angle techniques; you could even get the mighty sturgeon full frame, if you are lucky!

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