

News, Travel & Events



WildPhotos 2012

WildPhotos, the must-attend event in the wildlife photography calendar is back this year on the 19 & 20 October.

Presented by Mark Carwardine and Chris Packham, the annual two-day event is packed full of inspirational talks from the world's top wildlife and conservation photographers, including winners of the prestigious Veolia Environnement Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. Learn from industry experts, hear the stories behind the spectacular images, find out about the latest technologies and join the debate on the hottest topical issues right now.

This year we are delighted to announce that award-winning photojournalist Brian Skerry will be presenting the WildPhotos Keynote on Friday 19 October: Creativity, communication and conservation – an



underwater view.

Specialising in marine wildlife and underwater environments, Brian has been a contract photographer for National Geographic since 1998 and is currently on his twentieth major assignment for the magazine. This is an unmissable opportunity to catch one of the greats in underwater photography – buy your ticket today!

www.wildphotos.org.uk

Call for entries: CIWEM Photographer of the Year

The CIWEM Environmental Photographer of the Year (EPOTY) contest is now calling for entries. The competition is open professional and amateur photographers, aims to be an international showcase for environmental photography and video and has a category for "The Underwater World". The competition solicits that will inspire people around the world to start taking care of the environment.

There is a total prize fund of £7,000 and full entry details are available on the EPOTY website. The deadline for entries is 31 December 2012.

www.ciwem.org



Tiger Shark Diving Expedition

March 8 - 14 2013 from West Palm Beach

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CAREER OPPORTUNITY: DIVE TRAVEL MANAGER

Divequest are seeking a qualified SCUBA diver to fill the administrative position of Dive Travel Manager. Prior experience in this area would be helpful, but it is by no means necessary. We will provide suitable training.

This administrative post requires great attention to detail and accuracy.

A competent knowledge of world geography and a passion for nature, particularly the underwater world, are essential, as is a love of travel.

Good computer knowledge and keyboard skills are essential.

The post involves coping expertly with, the many and varied pre-booking and post-booking client requirements of the Divequest tour programmes. In summary, the work includes sending out brochures to enquirers, answering telephone calls, letters and e-mails prior to booking and afterwards, preparing and sending out booking confirmations, invoices and other pre-tour paperwork, solving problems for clients as they may arise, keeping our databases up to date, making flight reservations and other air arrangements, compiling, reviewing and maintaining our in-house supplier rates documents and managing our social media channels.

In addition, the post holder

will also be involved in the surface logistics side of our business, communicating with, and making payments to, our local agents and suppliers around the world.

The ability to communicate positively and in an articulate manner with existing and prospective clients is an integral part of the role as the overwhelming majority of Divequest bookings will be generated as a result of this work.

Some of these duties will be shared with existing staff.

You will need your own car. Our offices are four miles from Clitheroe, Lancashire and situated in the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

For further information please contact Rachel Lee Horsfield

rachel@divequest.co.uk



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DiveQuest

THE ULTIMATE IN DIVE TRAVEL & UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS

Photo: Martin Edge

www.divequest-travel.com

The Cayman Photoquest with Martin Edge 5-15th May 2012

Bali: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 21 November - 1st December 2012

Sharks & Dolphins of The Bahamas with Charles Hood 19 - 26 April 2013

Galapagos: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 11-24th June 2013

Ultimate Papua New Guinea with Michele Westmorland 19-30th October 2013

Truk: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 4-11th May 2014



The Farnes and Sharm with Adam Hanlon



Firstly, I am running two Farne Islands trips.

The first is a day trip on Friday August 17th. This is a one day trip, that will focus on photography with the seals. We will restrict the number of divers to 8, to allow for camera gear and will only actually run the trip if conditions are good and the seals plentiful! It costs £70/person for the boat and lunch.

Secondly, I have booked the boat for the weekend of 20/21 October. This is a more general diving trip, although there is every likelihood that we will see lots of seals! This will cost £130/two days with lunch. Accommodation on Friday and Saturday nights is not provided, but I would recommend the Purdy Lodge as being convenient.

In years gone by, we used to run an annual trip to Sharm el Sheikh in November. I have decided to start doing it again!

The trip will run from the 12th to the 19th November and we will be staying in the very comfortable and ideally situated Hilton Fayrouz hotel in Naama Bay. This gives easy access to all the restraints, bars and amenities of downtown Sharm. Non-divers are very welcome, in fact this is a great holiday for divers and non divers. For divers, I have included 6 days boat diving in the package. The intention is that this will be easy scenic diving, amidst the wonderful reefs on the Northern Red Sea. The holiday will cost £1049 for divers and £849 for non divers. These include flights ex Manchester, B&B accommodation, transfers and for divers, 2 boat dives/day over six days including tanks and weights.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you are interested or to book.

www.adamhanlon.com

www.uwpmag.com

The World Festival of Underwater Pictures modernizes its visual identity



Created in 1974, the World Festival of Underwater Pictures is the only event of its kind in the world; it gathers both best productions and leading specialists of underwater environment. This festival is present worldwide particularly through tours organized in France and abroad. Throughout its 39 years of existence, it has acquired an undisputed reputation around the world.

The Festival is now changing its visual identity by meeting three goals: Convey an image of closeness and friendliness. The festival is at the heart of underwater world exchanges.

Develop the festival international dimension.
Be the symbol of a world of promise and wealth for the future of man.

Spiral of life, wave winding on itself, blue swirl The new World Festival of Underwater Pictures visual identity refers to its new dimension as well as the marine world it represents. The graphics have been boosted by a sense of motion and volume accentuating the idea of a protective and generous sea and a changing world.

www.underwater-festival.com

Maria Munn fundraising campaign

Maria Munn is launching a "Dive the World" fundraising campaign to help as many compact camera users as possible over the next year to take beautiful underwater photographs.

Starting in the UK this month she will be offering her advice to dive clubs and schools and selling her award-winning book and DVD

titled "Underwater Photography for Compact Camera Users" to help raise funds for Shark Savers and the Manta Trust as well as The School of Hope in Mabul, Malaysia.

More information will be launched soon on her website.

www.oceanvisions.co.uk

S/Y Fiji Siren



Our ever growing fleet of luxury liveaboards will expand again in 2013 as we add the S/Y Fiji Siren to the list of Phinisi Schooners.

Frank, who has also built our other Siren Fleet yachts, has confirmed that the building is ahead of schedule and that the boat will be ready by April 2013. This will allow plenty of time for the S/Y Fiji Siren to stretch her sea legs and make the journey to Fiji from Indonesia ready to begin cruises in October.

Like her sister yachts the S/Y Fiji Siren will be a 40m Phinisi with 8 double or twin bed cabins. She will retain the same great features such as the spacious dive deck, comfortable lounge and the camera charging station along with minor adjustments to increase your comfort.

www.worldwidediveandsail.com

Underwater.kr Shootout NAD Lembah 8-15 December 2012



Underwater.kr are organizing an underwater shootout competition to be hosted by NAD-Lembah, Lembah Strait, Indonesia from 8-15 December 2012.

The total prize is over \$35,000 and includes cash, diving gear and underwater photography equipment. Please note, the list of great prizes will keep growing so please keep visiting event page to see what's new!

www.underwater.kr/shootout

Fiji Photo Expedition with Jack Connick Oct. 11-20th, 2012



This all-inclusive trip to the Garden Island of Taveuni, Fiji, is being lead by owner Jack Connick.

Fiji is the "soft coral capital" of the world and multicolored coral covers many walls and divesites. Especially oriented to photographers, everything is included; airfare from LAX, 7 nights Ocean View rooms, 3 meals a day, 3 boat dives a day, unlimited shore diving, and much more!

Cost is \$3750, with a 3-day extension available for \$650. Non-divers are welcome!

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Cocos on Argo with Tanya Burnett and Kevin Palmer August 30 - September 9, 2012

Join an extraordinary photo and diving adventure aboard the Expedition vessel Argo to Cocos Island, Costa Rica. This charter is a full 10 days aboard to maximize diving and photographic opportunities while scheduled for the very peak of marine life activity around the island. This is prime territory for pelagic animals and professional support will be on hand to help maximize imaging results and answer technical needs.



Argo is the support vessel for the Deep See submarine and opportunities are available to book a dive up to a 1000' in this remarkable marine park at an additional cost. Only 3 spaces available due to a late cancellation!

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January 14 - 20 2013

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Tiger Sharks Bahamas
March 8 - 14 2013

Whale Sharks - Mexico

Manatee Photography
February 2013

Africa Photo Safari



5 Days on the water

ODEX 2012

Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
Sept 8/9 2012

The Oceania Dive Travel & Watersports Expo (ODEX) is a spring consumer event that is co-located with Blue Edge, an international freediving and spearfishing show.

These events will be a family friendly 2-day extravaganza of product showcases, media launches and seminars relating to scuba diving, dive destinations, underwater imaging, freediving, spearfishing, fin swimming and marine conservation.

Ticket Costs: Adult \$7 Children

\$6 (this includes access to leisure pools and 4hrs FREE car parking when you validate your parking ticket on purchasing your tickets). Prices may slightly increase after July 2012.

Special features:

Oceania Marine Conservation and Popular Science Symposium
2nd Blue Water Hunting & Freediving Forum
2012 Australian National Finswimming Championships
SSI World Series Freediving Championships

www.odex.com.au

Underwater.kr

Lembeh Photo Shootout 2012

Underwater Photo Shootout Organized by divers for divers!

Date 8~15th Dec 2012

Location NAD Lembeh Resort, Lembeh Strait, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

Prizes Over
US\$ 35,000
include Cash!

Register Now!
www.underwater.kr/shootout



Cairns Underwater Film Festival (CUFF) have launched their 2012 photo and film competition.

Entries open 2nd May 2012 and close on the 25th July. Winners will be announced at the 2012 Cairns Underwater Film Festival on the 25th August.

The photo competition offers categories to appeal to all underwater photographers: Wide Angle Nature, Macro, Diver in Harmony with the Reef, Creative and Young Photographer. In addition this year there are two dedicated compact camera categories: Wide Angle and Macro and the short film category. An additional award will be given for the image judged Best in show1.

Cairns Underwater Film Festival is a volunteer run, not for profit giving

back to the local community, last year we donated over \$7000 to the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre (CTRC) and Minke Whale research last year. Money raised from ticket sales, competition entries and raffles all contribute to the money CUFF is able to donate at the end of each festival.

Cairns Underwater Film Festival is now in its 6th successive year. The prize pool is thanks to generous local and international sponsors, who contribute to make the festival what it is.

Cairns Underwater Film Festival is all about celebrating the underwater world and getting out there, enjoying it, minimizing our impact and preserving it for future.

www.cairnsunderwaterfilmfestival.com

www.uwpmag.com

In August 2012 The World ShootOut Introduces the Underwater World with a SEA CHANGE!

This is the second year in a row that the World ShootOut universal underwater photo competition takes place worldwide. Introducing new categories and glorious prizes, we are proud to invite all divers, underwater photographers, diving centers, live aboards and media partners to take part in one of the most innovative, creative, international and festive events ever produced!

During the month of August 2012, the whole underwater world will be performing as a huge underwater festival, hosting young, amateur and professional photographers from all over the world, competing with each other for some very worthy prizes, including cash prizes, luxurious diving trips, diving equipment, photo gear and more.

Producer David Pilosof initiated the first World ShootOut competition in 2011, breaking all boundaries and introducing an international competition as never featured before. Hundreds of photographers from 27 countries around the world took part in the first World ShootOut

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WORLD SHOOTOUT Underwater Photo Grand Prix

competition and over 1,500 images were submitted, ranging from those that captured the calm lakes of the Nordic countries and Canada to others that showcase the exotic secrets hidden in Alaska and dramatic images of the great white shark in the Gulf of Mexico.

Up until now, the competitions have awarded underwater photographers with over half a million dollars of prizes!

World ShootOut 2012

This year, the World ShootOut underwater photo competition consists of two main sections:

1. Real-Time ShootOut

A global real-time underwater photo shootout takes place during the whole month of August, 2012. Photographers enjoy complete freedom of choosing their own diving destination and can take part in the competition by diving in any natural water resource found around the world, including seas, oceans, lakes, rivers, under the ice and more.

This is a wonderful opportunity for underwater photographers all around the world to either take a few days off for the sake of some diving

in their local area, or to finally book the holiday they've been dreaming of in an exotic dive destination.

Upon returning from their diving vacation, photographers can submit their best images to the 5 real-time shootout categories and win some very worthy prizes, including a \$5,000 cash prize awarded to the winner of the Diving Destination category!

2. Images of the World

Photographers can stay at home and still take part in the competition!

Each photographer is invited to submit his best and most impressive underwater images and video clips, taken anytime and anywhere in the world, to the 3 creative Images of the World categories.

Competition Registration

Competition registration is open and can be carried out until August 31st, 2012.

SPECIAL INTRO BONUS for participants who register until July 31st, 2012 - a free additional set of images in each category the participant has registered to.

Images Submission

Participants' chosen images



can be submitted to the Real-Time ShootOut and Images of the World categories throughout the whole month of August. Deadline for submitting images is September 3rd, 2012.

Winning Ceremony

All World ShootOut categories winners and nominees will be announced on the festive Epson Red Sea winning ceremony in Eilat, Israel, November 9th, 2012.

Photographers are all invited to the Epson Red Sea Eilat Shoot-Out as well, which takes place in Eilat on November 4-10, and to take part in the winning ceremony at the end of this event. However, World ShootOut participants who do not make it to the Eilat Shoot-Out and the winning ceremony will simply receive their prizes by mail.

www.worldshootout.org

**Visayas with
Jennie Soriano**
27th September -
7th October 2012

Swedish underwater photographer, Jennie Soriano will be hosting a 10-night photography expedition in the Visayas 27th September - 7th October 2012.

Jennie will also be joined by her colleague and marine biologist Anders Salesjo. You can join Jennie & Anders and pick up some photographic trips and techniques from the Swedish Underwater Photography champions.

Since taking her first breaths under water in the Baltic Sea in 1996, Jennie has worked as a dive guide and course assistant on dayboats as well as on liveaboards in the Red Sea, Thailand - Similan and Surin Islands, Greece and the Canary Islands. Jennie has studied marine biology and fish ecology, and has a strong passion for conservation, the environment and marine life in general. Her broad experience spans both tropical and temperate waters, and even after 15 years of diving her curiosity has not been satisfied. She is still an active participant in all kinds of



dive-related workshops – be it about sharks, nudibranchs or underwater photography.

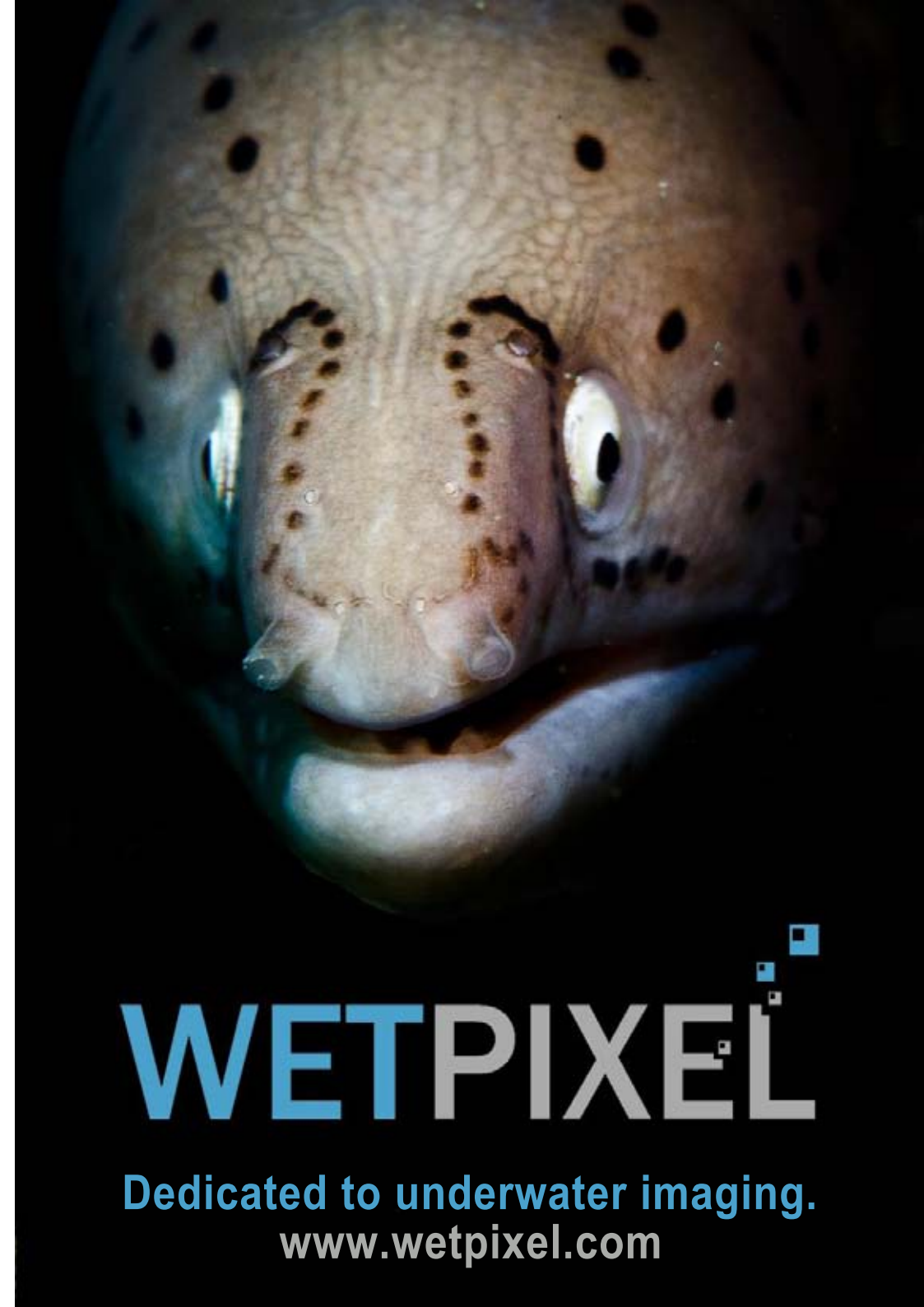
She is a member of the underwater photo committee of the Swedish Diving Federation and recently represented her country as team captain in the 13th CMAS World Underwater Photo Championship in Turkey.

www.uwphotos-soriano.com

<http://worldwidediveandsail.com/special-diving-trips/uw-photo-workshops.html>



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DSLR Housings for

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