

News, Travel & Events



North Sea Film Festival, Rotterdam November 10th & 11 2011

We are proud to announce the fifth edition of the North Sea Film Festival, the only underwater film festival in the Netherlands. It will take place November 10 and 11 in Rotterdam.

The venue is theatre LantarenVenster in Rotterdam, a location surrounded by water. This state of the art cinema with comfortable chairs, restaurant, well stocked bar and huge foyer will guarantee a great festival ambiance. The philosophy won't change: we will still be screening high quality films on surprising topics.

We continue to focus and display other art forms, on which we are still working.

The festival organisation hopes to welcome many filmmakers to interact with the audience through Q&A sessions after the screening of their movies.

The deadline for film entries closes September 17. On the festival website you find all relevant information and the online entry form

www.northseafilmfestival.com

3rd International Underwater Film Festival November 9th -11th, 2012

1st Underwater Photography Festival Oct 26th to Nov 9th, 2012 Kikinda, Serbia

We are very pleased to announce the 3rd International Underwater Film and 1st Photography Festival, in Kikinda, Serbia. We will be honored to present your film(s) or photography to our audience.

The competing films have to be produced in 2011 or 2012, with at least 30% of underwater shots. The supported formats for viewing on

Personal Computers. The topic is free. Competition admission is free.

The deadline is October 15, 2012.

Please, do not hesitate to contact us for any additional information.

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Festival President

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Tiger Shark Diving Expedition

In the Bahamas on a Live Aboard
March 8 - 14 2013

Sailfish & Sardine Run
Jan 2013 in Isla Mujeres, Mexico
www.GregorySweeney.com

www.TigerSharkDive.com

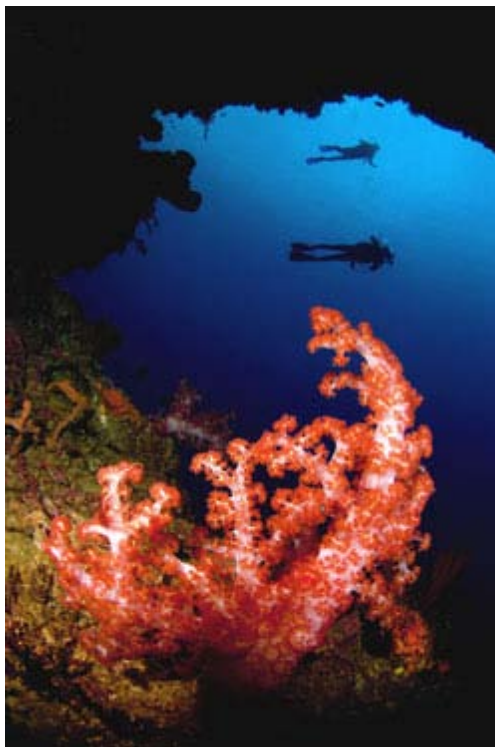


Bali
The Art of
Underwater Photography
with Shannon Conway &
Graham Abbott
21st Nov - 1st Dec 2012

Shannon Conway has an energetic passion for his photography and the patience to capture the peak of the action. You'll quickly understand how Shannon obtains such remarkable images time and again – he puts a great deal of effort, energy and research into every shot and he does not give up! Shannon is a popular leader and his enthusiasm is infectious.

An Art of Underwater Photography trip is not about how much you know, how much equipment you use or even how much experience you have. The trip is about making wonderful images, about achieving your potential and, ultimately, having a huge amount of fun. Being amongst a group of like-minded friends who are also keen and eager to improve their photography is a huge advantage over taking a trip with the general diving public.

Joining Shannon for part of the time will be Graham Abbott, dive guide extraordinaire. Divequest has worked with Graham before



@Shannon Conway

and we are very pleased to be able to offer our clients his first class services once more. You could not ask for two more passionate leaders! Graham has run many charters for National Geographic, Conservation International and the BBC Natural History Unit in these waters. He will be able to ensure that photographers and marine life enthusiasts alike will get the best from the dive sites for marine life photography.

www.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



S/Y Maldives Siren



Fresh from dry-dock and annual routine maintenance, the S/Y Maldives Siren is ready to embark on her second year of operation in the Maldives.

Our four itineraries offer a variety of diving options and throughout the past year our guests have experienced some amazing diving. Highlights of which would be the squadrons of eagle rays & schools of grey reef sharks, manta congregations in Hanifaru Bay plus midnight snorkeling with whale sharks in the Deep South and sightings of Mola Mola!

Cruise director Tristan and the team have discovered some exciting new dive sites but also found some sites were no longer as had been expected. Each year we review our itineraries to ensure we bring you to the best dive sites available in the region.

www.sirenfleet.com

A Festival of Underwater Photography Dahab, Egypt 8th to 16th April 2013

For many years Dahab has been recognised as something of a safe haven for divers travelling to Egypt who want to avoid the hoards in Sharm El Sheikh.

In Dahab, divers enjoy some fabulous shore diving and the atmosphere of a relaxed, sleepy Bedouin town. Dahab's dive sites, due to their un-crowded nature and the fact they offer photographers a variety of habitats and topographical features are an excellent playground for beginner photographers seeking to master the basics of compact photography. Here you can get up close and personal with the ever friendly anemonefish, catch a sleeping turtle or a floating lionfish, and take advantage of the fabulous light shows on some of the caverns and swim-throughs. Dahab has been chosen as the destination for this 'festival' due to its easy access to clear water, pristine coral reefs and distinct lack of currents; thus creating an ideal practice ground for refining key photographic techniques.

Divequest are proud to team up with the brains behind Ocean Optics, Steve Warren and Mark Koekemoer as well as Nick Robertson-Brown



Lionfish and anthias off the Dahab shores © James Seymour

of Frogfish Photography and David Moy of The Print Space for their inaugural Divequest trip; a nuts and bolts photography festival for compact camera users. This 'festival' of underwater photography has been designed to help newer underwater photographers really improve their images. Topics covered will include lighting, fish portraiture as well as close up and wide-angle techniques.

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Free workshop with Jason Isley, Stephen Wong & Takako Uno



Want to take your underwater photography to the next level? Then there's no better place to be than at Eco Divers in Manado this November.

Three world-renowned photo geniuses will be sharing their secrets for FREE, through nightly presentations and joining guests on daily dive trips throughout the week. Also, on a nightly basis individual guests will be able to get personal advice from Jason, Stephen or Takako on any aspect of photography. This special event is part of Minahasa Lagoon Resort's 10th birthday celebrations and the fun will be rounded off with a Gala Dinner. Plenty of diving, learning and underwater fun.

Dates run from 24th November to 1st December.

Says Eco Divers' founding partner, Jim Yanny, "If you're

concerned that you're not good enough at photography to join such a workshop, don't be. Even if you're a complete beginner you won't be made to feel out of your depth, in fact we hope the majority of people attending won't be experts. This is not a competition and the atmosphere will be fun. You'll get a relaxing holiday with a bonus of leaving here with added photography knowledge and experience. Not to mention, the great memories of diving with these hugely entertaining & generous people. All are welcome, irrespective of your skill level."

www.eco-divers.com



The 2012 San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition, will be held at Qualcomm Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, October 5th & 6th.

Each evening will feature up to sixteen videos, limited to a fast-paced five minutes. This exhibition is unique in that there are no entry fees and no prizes except for the prestige of having a film shown. An independent panel of judges will select the films to be shown.

UFEX is incorporated as a nonprofit organization. A portion of the proceeds will go to Birch Aquarium at Scripps.

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canvas and exhibited at the
International Underwater Film Festival
Thursday 8th November



Entries accepted
July 1st - Oct 29th

Competition regulations & entry

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Tambora Dive Cruises



Uwe Günther first learned to dive in the cold lakes of Switzerland. Since then, he has preferred the warmer waters of South East Asia and Indonesia in particular, and is probably one of the very few who, over the course of more than 15 years, have dived almost the entire archipelago, from Aceh at the Northwestern tip of Sumatra all the way East to the islands off Jayapura at the border between Indonesia and Papua New Guinea.

Our Experienced Crew has served on vessels of various size and type throughout the country prior to joining us. Tambora's captain has been skipping dive liveaboard vessels through Indonesian waters for many years, and hence knows dive sites, beautiful and safe anchorages,



and tricky passages inside out. Our dive guides, thanks to many years of practice, have developed a keen eye for the many critters and hidden treasures that so easily go unnoticed. Our cook and the entire hospitality team will pamper you in between dives with tasty bites and well prepared cabins. And our mechanics, deck men, dinghy drivers, and sailors ensure smooth operations of the vessel and dive operations.

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