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Reef Photo Palm Beach Macro Workshop July 25th-28th 2013

Take advantage of one of the finest macro sites in the world, our own Blue Heron Bridge, located in West Palm Beach, FL.

The diversity of macro life at this site is unlike anything else in the tropical atlantic. Unusual critters like seahorses, frogfish, pipefish, sea robins, batfish, stargazers, nudibranchs, and flatworms are common at this site.

A host of juveniles start their lives in this protected area before moving out on the reef. Tropical angelfish, spadefish, barracuda, and jacks are found amongst the bridge pilings. Eagle rays and stingrays feed in the sand flats, and manatee are even seen on occasion.

In addition to photo instruction, this class includes a dive guide for every 2-3 divers. Our guides work for local dive operators or in the Reef Photo store, and are expert Blue Heron Critter Finders. Our guests can



focus on taking pictures, and we'll lead you from subject to subject.

Classroom topics will start with macro camera settings, focus strategies, and exposure tips. Once you've got a grasp on the basics, more advanced lighting, composition, and creative effects can be explored. Our staff uses Adobe Photoshop Lightroom for image cataloging and editing, and a thorough digital workflow introduction is included.

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

Raja Ampat including the Blue Water Mangroves with Graham Abbott and Shannon Conway
14-25 November 2014



40th World Festival of Underwater Picture Convention Center, Chanot Park, Marseilles, France 31st Oct to 3rd Nov 2013

This year, the World Festival of Underwater Picture celebrates its 40th anniversary ! An outstanding edition with plenty of new entertainments, exhibitions, animations and cultural exchanges.

The Festival will be held from 31st, october to 3rd, November 2013, at the Parc Chanot's Convention Center in Marseilles for the second consecutive year.

Festival competitions are open to all amateurs and professionals. There is over 30,000 euros in Prizes in 18 categories with 40 awards

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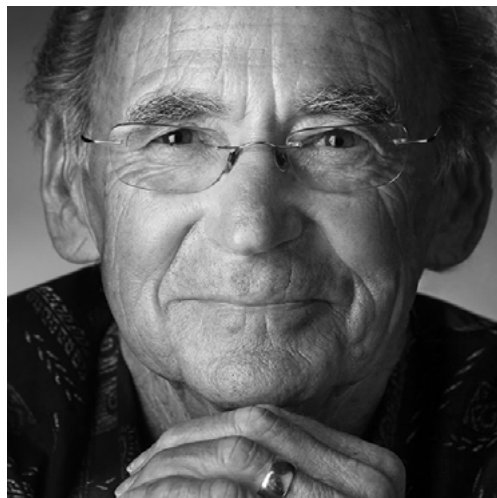
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Santa Barbara Film Festival to Honor Ernie Brooks



Ernest H. Brooks II (Ernie to all who know him) is one of the legends of underwater photography. The son of Ernest H. Brooks, who was the founder of Brooks Institute of Photography, Ernie grew up in Santa Barbara with the ocean as his playground. Long recognized as one of the premiere underwater photographers in the world, Brooks' specialty is distinctive black and white images that are timeless in their appeal. His coffee table book, *Silver Seas*, features an amazing collection of his photographs and is highly desired.

To honor Ernie's contributions to the science and art of underwater photography, the Santa Barbara Underwater Film Festival will be



presenting a Tribute to Ernie Brooks at the beautiful Arlington Theater in Santa Barbara on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at 7:00 PM. The program will be a benefit to raise funds for the Historical Diving Society USA and the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum.

Tickets for the VIP Reception with Film Festival Reserved Seating are \$150.00 (plus ticketing fees) and are in short supply. General admission tickets with open seating are \$38.00, plus ticketing fees. To order tickets, call the Arlington Ticket Agency at 805-963-4408. Tickets can also be ordered through Ticketmaster.

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Marine Science in the Indonesia with Charlotte Caffrey 24th June - 4th July 2014

Aqua-Firma Marine Scientist and Scientific Commercial Diver, Charlotte Caffrey, will once again be hosting a 10 night dive trip aboard luxury liveaboard S/Y Indo Siren.

Charlotte's career stretches from the Equator to both Polar Regions and includes 7 years working in South East Asia, monitoring coral reefs, assessing their health and implementing initiatives to safeguard their future. Responsible for the health of 100km of fringing reefs in Indonesia's Riau Archipelago, she was privileged to work alongside Conservation International's Dr Gerry Allen, whose discovery of Raja Ampat's diversity took both the world of marine conservation and diving by storm.

During the years when Charlotte was leader of the Reef Check programme for the Riau area, she worked together with Dr Gregor Hodgson with whom she pulled key community figures into a local community awareness programme. One such initiative was the production of a guide to the underwater life of Indonesia, co-written with Dr Kal Muller, author of "Diving Indonesia" and other titles.



During the 10-night trip, your host, Charlotte, will give a series of presentations on a variety of subjects relating to reef conservation and the local marine life. Dives follow a relaxed pace, in small groups, ensuring you have time to put into practice what you have learned.

Subjects for talks will be chosen from the following: Coral Reef Ecology, Coral Reef Threats and Conservation, Global efforts towards Coral Regeneration, Introduction to the principles of Reef Check surveys

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Blancpain and DivePhotoGuide Present “Oceans,” an Exhibition of Underwater Photographs at the United Nations

Featuring a collection of images from top underwater photographers, the United Nations upcoming exhibition “Oceans” highlights the ecological and economic importance of healthy oceans and the need to protect their fragile ecology and underwater life. “Oceans” is presented in connection with World Oceans Day, marked annually on June 8th, and is organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea in partnership with Blancpain and DPG.

Thirty images and two high-definition videos will be displayed in the UN building, showcasing the beauty and diversity of the ocean’s underwater life and inviting the public and the international community to study, respect, and protect our oceans for future generations. These images convey a powerful message and promote

sustainable solutions for ocean conservation.

The exhibition includes photographs from leading underwater photographers including DPG contributors Daniel Botelho and Keri Wilk. The photographs feature ocean ecosystems from all over the world, including the pristine reefs of Raja Ampat, the waters of South Africa where free-diving scientists swim among sharks, and the lair of the coelacanth at the very depths of the ocean.

“Oceans” will be on display at the United Nations Visitor Center in New York City from June 5 – August 16. Visitors must purchase a UN Guided Tour ticket online to access the Visitor Center and see the exhibition.

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Children of World ShootOut Category

Your kids are glued to the TV?
Looking for a joint, creative and nature-exploring adventure?

This is the perfect opportunity to head out for a family vacation and to take part in the Children of World Shoot-Out competition!

Children from all over the world, accompanied by their parents, are invited to participate in this universal underwater photo festival, now introducing a category that was especially designed for the young ones - the Children of World Shoot-Out .

Provide your children with the opportunity of expressing their motivation, creativity and appreciation of nature. No previous experience is required!

5 of these young talents will be joining the happy winners of the World Shoot-Out underwater photo grand prix and will be awarded with great prizes.

Who's allowed to participate?

Children at the age of 7-14 from all over the world are all invited to join this category.

The Children of World Shoot-Out will take place during the months May- August, 2013

All children taking part in the competition will be photographing while snorkelling or scuba diving.



If snorkeling in shallow water, no previous experience is required.

Images submitted to this category should be taken with a compact digital camera accommodated inside an underwater housing or with a waterproof compact digital camera.

Photos may be taken in any natural water resource around the world, including seas, oceans, lakes, rivers and streams. However, photos taken in a swimming pool will not be accepted.

Final registration day is August 31st, 2013.

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