

News, Travel & Events

Ocean Art Photo Competition 2013

Underwater Photography Guide is proud to announce that it is accepting entries for the Ocean Art Photo Competition 2013.

There are over \$75,000 worth of prizes, including over 35 liveaboard and scuba diving resort packages, dive equipment, and much more. Grand prizes are an 18-night dive trip package combining 4 nights at Walindi Plantation Resort, a 10-night trip on the MV FeBrina and 4 nights at Loloata Resort, a trip of winner's choice with Waow Charters in Indonesia, an 11-day Indonesia trip on the SMY Ondina, a 10-night Komodo trip on the S/Y Indo Siren and Oceanic OCi computers for 4 separate winners.

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



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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 more likely for winners to receive a prize they want.

Photos must be submitted on or before the deadline on November 10, 2013.

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A large manta ray swimming in clear blue water. The ray is seen from below, showing its white underside and dark dorsal fin. The water is bright blue with some light rays visible.



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

Focus on Mexico: The Sea of Cortez with Alex Tattersall 28 September - 5 October 2013

The Best of Bali with Bonnie Pelnar 7-19 October 2013

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

Beneath the Sea (BTS) International Imaging competition deadline is 31st Dec 2013

The annual Beneath the Sea (BTS) International Imaging competition is calling for entries. It has three major categories: The David Doubilet award for underwater photography, the Stan Waterman award for underwater videography and the Jim Church award for creative underwater photography.

In addition, there are a number of surprise prizes for entrants and a specific category for green water images.

Image Categories are as follows:

A. General/Marine Life: B. Green/Cold Water: C. Macro/Close-up: D. Underwater Behavior: E. Conservation: F. Novice.

The winners will be announced at the International Film Festival on the Saturday night of the show which is being held over the weekend of 28 to 30 March, 2014, at the Meadowlands Exposition Center in Secaucus, New Jersey.

The BTS International Imaging Competition is open to underwater photographers and videographers throughout the world. Beneath



The Sea, Inc. is a federally tax-exempt (501(c)(3)) organization incorporated as not-for-profit in the State of New York and all proceeds from the Imaging Competition go to further BTS's goals of (1) providing continuing education to the recreational diver community, (2) educating the public to the benefits of protecting the ocean environment and (3) supporting oceanic and environmental related projects and charities.

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Image: Adam Hanlon

Underwater portraits for cancer survivors



Dear Underwater Photography Magazine,

I would like to submit this information for consideration to your magazine.

Underwater photographer Erena Shimoda is currently raising funds via indiegogo, a philanthropic fund raising site to benefit cancer survivors with her underwater portrait therapy sessions.

I think this is a truly creative and unique project. I myself have been profoundly impacted by

the therapeutic effects of Erena's underwater portrait sessions and I believe this project can help many people.

Thank you so much for considering this project for your magazine, I hope that we can spread the word about this.

Sincerely yours,

Miya Ando

www.indiegogo.com/projects/underwater-healer-about-face



Open Fotosub Isla de El Hierro 20th to 26th October 2013

Open Fotosub Isla de El Hierro is an underwater photography competition organized by the Island Council and sponsored by various public and private companies, in order to make known the riches of the seabeds and the environment nature of El Hierro.

This event, which is the most recognized in Europe thanks to El Hierro council, has already held 13 editions. In each edition the fishing village of La Restinga, south of the island, puts aside its usual calm to host the frenzy of the competition which has a high profile among lovers of underwater photography.

The competition lasts a week, in which apart from the Open Photography you also can enjoy exhibitions, conferences and musical performances.



The area of La Restinga boasts clear, warm waters, the temperature is always between 19 and 24 degrees.

El Hierro, nicknamed Isla del Meridiano (the "Meridian Island"), is the smallest and farthest south and west of the Canary Islands in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Africa

<http://openfotosub.es>



Dive China 2014 March 1st-3rd, 2014 China Import & Export Fair Pazhou Complex Guangzhou

Building on the outstanding success of 2013's show, Dive China 2014 will be bigger and more exciting for exhibitors and visitors alike. We are planning to have about 250 booths spread over an area to 6000 sq.m.

In addition to these we will set up pavilions for demonstrating, experiencing and showcasing dive equipment, dive accessories, dive resorts, dive clubs, foreign trade and much more.

During the show there will be various attracting on-site activities to be confirmed. Visitors will be fully engaged during their visit and

exhibitors will be able to maximize the facility to have meaningful interactions with potential clients, build strong relationships with other exhibitors and network with Chinese and other Asian travel and dive-related operators.

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Backscatter Roatan Expedition with Jim Decker January 11-18 2014



Join Backscatter CEO Jim Decker at the CoCo View Resort on Roatan January 11-18th, 2014. We'll enjoy a week of diving, photo instruction, and fun as we take advantage of CoCo View's state of the art dive operation and exceptional house reef.

Situated on Roatan's south shore, CoCo View Resort is perched on the edge of the coral reef and has developed a reputation for spectacular and convenient diving. Ride a dive boat to one of Roatan's best dive sites or explore the pristine coral walls and 140' wreck in their famous "Front Yard" - offering exceptional and unlimited shore diving and snorkeling only a few fin kicks from the resort.

Jim Decker is the CEO of Backscatter and is one of the top



experts in the world on underwater photo and video equipment and shooting technique.

From SLRs to compacts and handycams to broadcast video, Jim has shot video and photo systems from all the major underwater manufacturers and has been a consultant on many of the designs seen in the water today.

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S/Y Maldives Siren

The S/Y Maldives Siren is all set to return to the ever-popular Northern Itinerary which now encompasses North & South Ari, Rasdhoo, Baa, Noonu & Lhaviyani atolls.

Baa is of course famous for Hanifaru Bay where our guests have seen up to 30 mantas feeding in the shallow bay, but during our 2012 season the dive team found some other manta cleaning locations!

During any trip divers can expect to see grey reef and white tip sharks, Napoleon wrasse, schools of trevally, snapper & fusiliers but we are also



fortunate to find guitar sharks and leopard sharks along this route too.

2013 season trips are already fully booked, however the 2014 season is now open for bookings with trips departing between August and November.

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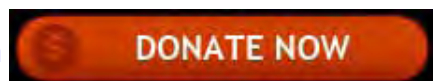
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SeaLife Shootout and Demo Event

SeaLife Cameras and Dive News Network (DNN) are co-sponsoring a series of underwater camera demo events all across the country along with a national photo competition. Divers can sign up for classes with participating industry retailers in open-water dives, which will focus on hands-on instruction and techniques to get great underwater photos and videos. This is the perfect opportunity for anyone interested in underwater photography or those looking to improve their photographic skills.

The joint venture, entitled “SeaLife Shootout and Demo Event,” will present a series of local dive events and introductions to underwater photography through seminars and, when possible, hands-on underwater sessions. Organized through SeaLife via its local area representatives, each three-hour session and open water demonstration will be announced and available from local retailers. With a low-cost entry fee (which includes the seminar, demonstrations, and food and beverages), this is an inclusive and affordable way to learn from the experts and is available through SeaLife retailers across the United States.



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Philippines Photo Workshop with Alex Tattersall

March 7 - 18th 2014

Dr Alex Tattersall has teamed with Oonasdivers to offer a fantastic Underwater Photography Workshop at the Atlantis Puerto Galera Resort in the Philippines

This beautiful boutique resort has just 40 rooms, all are en suite and have climate controlled air conditioning.

For the photographer, the climate controlled camera room has 30 individual cubbyholes to store equipment, a work surface 70cm deep and nearly 8m long, plus floor space of over 17 square metres. There are 3 air guns distributed around the room, 18 power sockets (110 & 220 volts), paper towel dispensers, a shelf running the length of the work surface for battery chargers and six fluorescent wall lights for additional illumination when checking O-Rings.

The room also has 2 internet-ready desktop PC's for guests to view their photos and upload to share.

This workshop will provide an informal, friendly, non-competitive environment and is designed for moderately experienced UW photographers and, alongside the exploration of 'technical' areas of photography such as exposures, composition, and camera settings, will



impart how a greater understanding and sensitivity to the behaviour of marine life can enable anyone to take award winning photos.

Dr Alex Tattersall is an award winning underwater photographer and the founder of UnderWaterVisions/ Nauticam UK. He began diving in the early 1990s in Venezuela and Australia becoming instantly addicted to the wonders of the marine environment.

Alex picked up his first camera in Taiwan in 1999 and has since gone on to win a number of underwater photography awards including the coveted 'Best of Show' in the British Society of Underwater Photographers print competition.

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