

News, Travel & Events

Golden Dolphin Festival

13th - 16th February 2014, Moscow

The Moscow International Festival "Golden Dolphin" is a specialized exhibition dedicated to diving, dive tourism and leisure on the water. It is the biggest dive show in Eastern Europe. Held every February there are going to be some 300 exhibitors and more than 20,000 visitors from all regions of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan.

The average Russian diver is a person aged 20 to 45 years old, so-called middle class, spending on training, equipment and dive trips around ten thousand dollars per year. Only in Moscow city there are more than sixty "dive clubs" - small companies conducting diving courses, trading of equipment and organizing tourist trips.

The current state of the world's diving market is quite stagnant in many countries. The only exception is Russia, whose market continues to grow and evolve today. Dive business here is one of the most promising areas for the application of effort and investment. The world's largest tour operators and equipment manufacturers have realized this and



Moscow Dive Show

get profits here.

It is this combination of trade, representative exhibition with photo festival which attract to this great show the wider diving community: representatives of large manufacturing companies, dealers and distributors of diving equipment, business, wholesale and retail buyers, photographers, artists, actors, musicians and ordinary people who just love the underwater world. This is a meeting place for professionals and amateurs, diving instructors, beginners and people are going to dive or start to travel.

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Lightroom Total Immersion Workshop with Erin Quigley March 22-29, 2014

This 7-day total immersion workshop is the perfect combination of fantastic diving and expert Lightroom training.

You'll learn how to apply Erin's simple step-by-step workflow and image editing techniques to the photos you shoot during the week at beautiful Little Cayman Beach Resort.

This workshop is hands-on, high-intensity, and FUN! All skill levels are welcome.

The workshop is limited to 12 participants, in order to insure plenty of one-on-one time with Erin, including a pre-trip consultation and follow-up after you get home. Sign up soon - these spots will go fast!

Erin Quigley is a Adobe ACE

certified digital imaging consultant specializing in customized workflows and editing strategies using Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom.

She is an award-winning underwater photographer and video editor, and creator of GoAskErin.com, which provides one-on-one instruction, custom video tutorials, and Photoshop and Lightroom resources specifically developed for underwater shooters.



Raja Ampat Expedition on KM Ambai with Gilles Brignardello



As my love for diving is still the same, even after many years of guiding in Indonesia, I decided to organize an expedition cruise in Raja Ampat.

Gilles Brignardello

For this expedition, the Ambai was an obvious choice as it is one of the best quality/price offer on the market. The dates are from 2nd to 13th February 2014 and spaces are limited to 16 divers. (there are only 2 spaces left)

The price is 2750 euro for 11 nights and there is a 10 % discount available .

We ask for a minimum of 100

dives experience to take advantage of all the dive sites that Raja Ampat has to offer.

For those that like to stay and dive longer in Indonesia after (or before) the cruise, we propose an extension to some famous muck diving in Ambon . Different wishes can also be organized. As coming from Europe or another part of the world to Indonesia for a 11 nights cruise can seems short, we suggest a "after party" in Maluku for some famous muck diving in Ambon bay. Optimal length would be 3 to 5 diving days and it is very flexible as flights from Ambon are every day to Jakarta to Bali.

www.backscatter.com/totalimmersion

www.wallacea-divecruise.com/boat/ambai

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"GOLDEN DOLPHIN"

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Russian diver market today is rapidly growing tourism industry segment of the country with a population of 150 million people are living on one-sixth of dry land, surrounded by 13 seas, the country in which countless number of lakes and rivers suitable for diving. Russia has more than one million divers and diving business growth over the past year amounted to 15-20 percent.

Welcome to the "Golden Dolphin", which will be held from

13 to 16 February 2014

Moscow 150 meters from Red Square.



www.goldendolphin.ru

Dive4Photos Anilao Photo Workshop with Alex Tyrrell & Mike Bartick February 26th to March 7th 2014

Photographers Alex Tyrrell & Mike Bartick are hosting a special Digital Photo Workshop at Crystal Blue Dive Resort, located in the 'Critter Capital' of the Philippines, Anilao.

In addition to the abundance of photogenic subjects, stunning reef formations and schooling fish, you will receive expert tuition on underwater photographic techniques, seminars on marine life behaviour and diving in small groups on private boats. The beautiful resort has a dedicated camera room and is only a short boat journey to dive sites. All-inclusive dive packages are available for either 6 or 9 nights.

Alex & Mike have logged thousands of dives in Philippine waters, so know the subjects intimately. Alex has been teaching underwater photography for over 5 years, working on Compacts, Micro Four-Thirds and DSLR's. The workshop is aimed at all levels of underwater photographers and will be conducted in a fun and friendly environment.

The market leaders in fluorescent dive and photography equipment, Light & Motion Industries and



Nightsea are sponsoring this event and will graciously provide complimentary use of fluo-imaging equipment, enabling you to try this technique. Light & Motion will supply Sola Nightsea fluorescent lights and Nightsea will provide a selection of fluo-filters to fit a variety of cameras and strobes.

www.dive4photos.com



Reef Check in the Philippines on S/Y Philippine Siren



We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Gregor Hodgson of the Reef Check Foundation, who will once again join the S/Y Philippine Siren for a sponsored trip in the Philippines 2014 () .

Departing from Cebu the yacht will spend 7 days in the Visayas diving a variety of sites from the islands of Cabilao and Balicasag to Dauin as well as a day at Apo Island before culminating in Moalboal.

During the trip all guests will have the opportunity to participate in the Reef Check Eco-Diver certification course during which you can learn how to survey Indo-Pacific Reefs using unique indicators specific

to the region.

For already certified Eco-Divers this is a superb opportunity to dive with Greg and survey reefs - you will really be putting your skills to test!

Reef Check is a non-profit organisation and as such is reliant on donations. There is no additional charge to participate in the Eco-Diver course or surveys as all materials and training will be sponsored by the Siren Fleet.

If you can't make the trip why not make a donation or rent a Nautilus Lifeline on any Siren Fleet cruise and we will donate the rental fee to Reef Check!

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Join us at our 4th Annual Underwater Digital Fiesta in Cozumel, Mexico. Bring your camera and improve your underwater photo skills, participate at the Underwater Photo Workshop.

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For more information and to book your trip visit:

The Underwater Digital Fiesta is designed for novice and advanced photographers that want to learn how to improve their underwater photography skills. This event also provides an opportunity to test new equipment and helps you to decide whether to choose new or to upgrade your underwater camera and housing. It is an opportunity to meet old friends, make new friends, and to have photos critiqued by a professional underwater photographer.

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**Hurry! Space
Is Limited**

DivePhotoGuide Expedition to Cat Island May 4 - 10, 2014

Join DivePhotoGuide on a special expedition to photograph Oceanic Whitetips, Blue Marlin, and other pelagics in the clear blue waters of Cat Island.

Like all DPG expeditions, this shark adventure will be laid-back, enjoyable and designed to help you progress in photography and video skills by immersing you in productive destinations surrounded by other underwater photographers.

We will provide mini-workshops on shooting wide angle, blue water photography, as well as post-production in Lightroom and Photoshop. We will also have informal nightly image reviews so you can have the opportunity for one-on-one feedback.

Cat Island is one of the most beautiful islands in the Bahamas, with isolated beaches and a population of only 1,700. The beautiful 83 degree clear blue water offers many great diving experiences, including a unique dive with one of the ocean's most majestic creatures - the Oceanic Whitetip shark.



Epic Diving is an operation based in Cat Island and has been working closely with the Oceanic Whitetips. Their extensive experience ensures the best possible chance of bringing us close to the sharks so that it's safe for both us and the animals and providing a rare opportunity to photograph this ocean wanderer.

There can be up to 10 sharks in the water at one time in the beautiful blue water, and Cat Island has quickly become the go-to place to capture images of the secretive animal.

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Oasis Photo Contest 2013

Registration is open until December 25, 2013



The Oasis Photocontest Award 2013 is coming. It is the largest Italian contest and exhibition dedicated to the wildlife photography and among the most important at international level.

A selected jury, composed of directors of the major european magazines of wildlife photography, will lead into international footlights the selected images.

The deadline for submissions will be on Dec 25th, 2013.

The overall winner will be awarded receiving the prestigious Trophy Oasis Photocontest, a work in bronze by the sculptor Michele Vitaloni and a cash prize of 2.000 Euros. The italian champion will be awarded receiving the Trophy Press Tours plus a trip (all inclusive) in Cuba.

A special prize will be awarded

by Oasis magazine.

Ten prizes of € 500 cash will be delivered to the winners of the 10 sections of the adult category contest.

A selection of the most evocative images selected by the magazine Oasis, will compose the exhibition "Oasis Photocontest Tour 2014". In 2014, the exhibition will be in tour in major italian cities and will also be proposed at major European events dedicated to wildlife photography.

All participants at the contest will be present in the "hall of fame" of the prestigious catalog which shall be published, in addition to the 103 winning photographs, the approximately 500 images that will enter the final phase of the competition.

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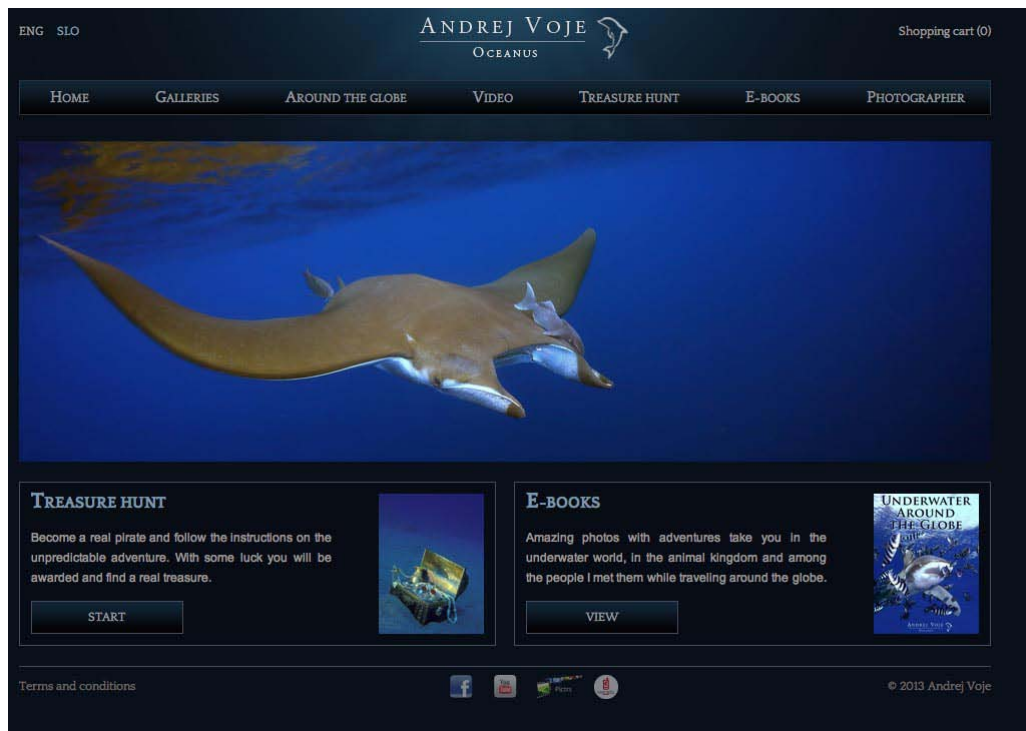
18-year-old Nirupam Nigam just clinched the “Best of Shootout” title in the 3rd Annual SoCal underwater photo shootout.

The Southern California competition attracted over 70 talented photographers with decades of experience, however Nirupam took awards in several categories, winning the competition. His winning shot of a sarcastic fringehead fish charging

his camera is a stunning image that leaps out of the screen at you. The fish actually attacked his reflection in Nirupam’s camera dome port but he was still able to capture the best moment in the action while also protecting his gear!

All entries had to be taken between September 13th and 15th, 2013 in Southern California waters.

www.bluewaterphotostore.com/2013-socal-shootout-results



I would like to invite you to dive with me into the deep blue ocean and discover the magnificent underwater world. On my new web page www.oceanus.si I would like to share with you the mysterious underwater world through my photos.

I would like to use this opportunity to announce my first underwater e-book **UNDERWATER AROUND THE GLOBE** which is one of the first such e-books available in epub, kindle, ibooks and pdf format. As well as plenty of excellent underwater photos there are many of my adventures described in the e-book while encountering the frightful

sharks, finding historical wrecks, swimming among the coral gardens and observing the tiny creatures on the coral reef – crabs, shrimps, nudibranches and tiny fish.

There are also many short underwater video clips available on my web page. And finally, there is also a surprise waiting on you deep on the ocean bottom. Become a pirate and try to find the treasure.

Andrej Voje
www.oceanus.si

World ShootOut 2013

The World ShootOut 2013 has concluded, awarding a bunch of talented photographers with amazing prizes!

David Salvatori from Italy was the one to win the highest prize, \$5,000 USD in cash.

World ShootOut 2013 would like to congratulate David, as well as all other categories winners. We sure hope to see you all again on the World ShootOut 2014 competition!

www.worldshootout.org



GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2013

Overall winner: Dr Alex Mustard, England

"Night Moves"

I watched these bar jacks (*Caranx ruber*) hunting over the coral reefs for several nights and was struggling to capture the energy of the predation. Ultimately, I decided to experiment with long exposures, using an underwater video light to illuminate their trails as they dived down to the reef to feed. You can also see the smaller trails of their prey attempting to evade them. The long swooping trails are dives to catch prey, the more sinuous trails are where the bar jack is swimming slower as it devours the meal. It took several nights work to time an exposure correctly.

Nikon D700, Nikon 16-35mm f/4. At 16mm, ISO 400, tripod, Subal uw housing, Sola uw light



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