

News, Travel & Events



Wildlife Photographer of the Year Closing date 27th February 2014

For 50 years, the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition has championed honest and ethical wildlife photography, while pushing the boundaries of artistic freedom, technical skill and narrative excellence.

Jim Brandenburg, chair of the jury, says: 'It takes courage to put your photos forward, but the rewards for those who do are enormous. When I won Wildlife Photographer of the Year 25 years ago, it opened doors for me. The publicity it generates is astonishing, so I really want to encourage every professional and

dedicated amateur to think about entering. It can be a career-defining move.'

Show us the world through your lens.

Key entry details

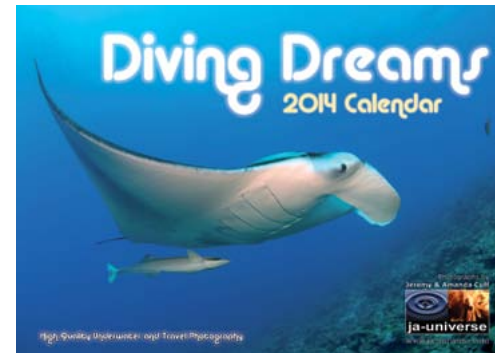
- open until 27 February 2014 12.00 GMT
- entry fee for photographers 18 and over: £30.00
- entry for photographers 17 and under: free

Enter the Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2014 competition now.

www.nhm.ac.uk/wildphoto

www.uwpmag.com

2014 Calendar "Diving Dreams"



Photographers and photojournalists Jeremy and Amanda Cuff have published a new 2014 Calendar titled "Diving Dreams".

Jeremy said, "The Diving

Dreams 2014 Calendar features a variety of images, mostly from our dive travels over recent times, and includes destinations such as Galapagos, Bali, Egypt and the Maldives."

The 2014 Calendar can be obtained from Jeremy & Amanda at a cost of £9.00 including postage (within the UK).

Their website features a wide selection of photography and articles with particular emphasis on scuba diving and travel, although other topics such as abstracts and black and white photography are also included.

www.ja-universe.com

Swim with Whale Sharks

Isla Mujeres, Mexico July 6 - 11 & July 11 - 16 2014

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The gentle giants of Rurutu with Charles Hood 14th - 21st September 2014

There is nothing in the world like being in the water with a Humpback Whale. People everywhere have fallen in love with whales through watching them on documentaries and doing whale watching trips in known hotspots like Australia and the Americas. Close encounters with some of the largest creatures in the ocean often leave people with memories that last a lifetime.

Getting in the water with them, however, is an entirely different dimension. All of a sudden the concept of you watching them from your world changes to you actually becoming a part of their world.

Every year from May to October, Southern Humpback whales migrate to the tropical waters of the Pacific to breed. Heavily pregnant females from the previous winter usually lead their pods, followed by younger females being pursued by males. When they reach places like French Polynesia, they give birth and engage in elaborate courtships which may see the females already returning to the Antarctic summer pregnant again.



In September 2014, renowned British underwater photographer Charles Hood will be leading a small group of people to Rurutu in French Polynesia to swim with the Humpback whales for a week. During this time, any of the situations above might occur. Rurutu is a whale lover's paradise that can provide you with an unrivalled opportunity to be in the water with Southern Humpback whales. On a private vessel for the group, you can photograph them, video them or simply commune with these gentle giants on the grandest of scales.

www.divequest-diving-holidays.co.uk

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**Douglas Hoffman 2014
Fiji Workshop**
S/Y Fiji Siren
19th -26th May 2014



Douglas is a Master Photographer that leads groups on international trips three times a year. With well over 10,000 hours in the water he has specialised in the coral reefs in Fiji.

Douglas will host a 7-night Fiji Liveaboard Safari, with an optional extension at the Volivoli Beach Resort. During the trip he will give presentations and provide guidance to all guests, ensuring you come away with additional photographic knowledge as well as a deeper understanding of the Fijian waters.

www.sirenfleet.com



**Boston Sea Rovers
2014 Clinic and
Film Festival**
March 7th - 9th

The Boston Sea Rovers are proud to announce that we'll be hosting their full weekend 2014 Clinic at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston North Shore in Danvers MA, on March 7th – 9th.

The jewel of each annual Clinic is our Saturday Evening Film Festival. The Sea Rovers take pride in the fact that they have continuously blazed the trail in the underwater world, premiering more speakers and presentations from their stages than any other show.

The 2014 Saturday Evening Film Festival Master of Ceremonies will be Brian Skerry.

Additional presenters will be added to the site as they get final confirmation, so please check back again soon to see the spectacular list of filmmakers.

www.bostonsearovers.com

**Irish Underwater Council's two-day
Underwater Photography seminar**
1st & 2nd March 2014

In recent years, underwater photography in Ireland has been growing at a tremendous rate. The rise of digital imaging and compatible housings has led to a surge in divers carrying a camera of some description on dives. The increase is helped by the fact that the governing body for scuba diving in Ireland, the Irish Underwater Council, has developed a course on the subject and also that some of the people charged with running the organisation are themselves avid underwater photographers.

The Irish Underwater Council hosts a dive show, Dive Ireland, and this year it will be held in Kilkenny city in the south east of the country. As well as mainstream dive talks and equipment sales, the dive show will include a separate underwater photography section.

For 2014, organisers have another interesting line up of talks that will cover everything from beginner to advanced photography. There will be a presentation by Joe Hyland on what those starting out need to know about underwater photography, a talk by Damien McGuirk for those wishing to

improve their skills and a presentation by underwater videographer Christian O'Brien.

In addition, the show will feature some international keynote speakers including Andy Torbet who worked on Channel 5's recent Diving Mysteries and Brian McAllister, the dive supervisor on the Costa Concordia project. Nigel Motyer will speak about his trip to photograph Hammerhead sharks. Michael Griffin will speak about cave diving in Florida while speakers from the Irish Whale and Dolphin group will also be attendance.

The event is open to everyone and you will not get better value than the €8 daily entrance to the entire event.

More details from the website or on the CFT Underwater Photography Facebook page.

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Joe Romeiro in Palau 11th - 18th October 2014 S/Y Palau Siren



Growing up in and around the water, Joe Romeiro developed a love for the ocean at a young age. After seeing his first shark when he was just 5 years old, he has been captivated by them ever since. A self-taught filmmaker, he founded 333 Productions in 2007 with shark conservationist Bill Fisher.

Teaming up with Blue Water Divers, Joe will bring his knowledge and expertise to Siren Fleet guests, bringing to light little known shark actions and activities that can astound divers, during this 7-night liveaboard safari in Palau.

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Basking Shark Scotland News



It's been a really busy period and gearing up for next year with final touches going on the 2014 calendar. We're getting a number of group bookings and weekends are at a premium so if you are looking to organise a group (and take advantage of the cheaper prices) then it would be best to get in touch sooner rather than later!

We have a number of 3 day trips planned and our week long adventure only has 3 spaces left already

Have you seen our 2013 season video yet? It looks amazing, we're really stoked about all the fun we had this year! See it via youtube here or our website and it would be great if you could share it round your buddies.

www.baskingsharkscotland.co.uk

www.uwpmag.com

Lembah Macro Magic with Graham Abbott 4th - 14th November 2014

We have arranged for a unique Critter Quest at the Black Sand Dive Retreat in The Lembah Straits. We will be focusing on Graham's all time favourite sites and the aspect of Black Sand Dive Retreat that he loves the most; the 'super hot' (as Graham likes to refer to it!) house reef!

Also present will be Bruce Moore, one of the longest standing Lembah divers and critter enthusiasts of the Lembah Strait. After management roles in other resorts, Bruce decided he wanted to create his own haven for divers with an emphasis on personal service with what could be the best house reef in the whole of Lembah! If you think you have done the Lembah Strait, then think again! If you have never been to this 'must visit' dive location, then there is no better way to start your muck diving adventures than here and no better person to guide you than Graham Abbott!

He first started diving in the Asia-Pacific in 1997 and has been non-stop diving ever since. It quickly became apparent to Graham that Indonesia was the richest place for



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underwater life and he wanted to be based in and explore the area to the maximum. Diving 4 Images was born out of demand for high-end, specialist dive guiding services within Indonesia.

Since 2002 he has managed to guide and work with an 'A list' of diving's greatest names including Alex Mustard, Peter Rowlands, Norbert Wu, Eric Cheng, Peter Scoones and David Doubilet. Graham has also been brought in as a consultant by Howard Hall and his IMAX team. He also directs expeditions for Conservation International with Gerry Allen and Mark Erdmann. His spotting abilities have led to a new species of mantis shrimp named *Lysiosquilloides hiltonabbotti*. His true passion lies in showing photographers, film makers and marine life enthusiasts the joys and wonders of this underwater world in his 'back garden'.

www.divequest-diving-holidays.co.uk

Truk: The Art of Underwater Photography with Shannon Conway 4-11th May 2014
Gentle Giants of Rurutu: Humpback Whale encounters with Charles Hood September 2014
Lembah: Critters of the Black Sand with Graham Abbott 4-14 November 2014
Raja Ampat: Including the Blue Water Mangroves with Graham Abbott and Shannon Conway 14-25 November 2014 (FULLY BOOKED)
Treasures of Manado: Underwater and Topside with Nick and Caroline Robertson-Brown 6-16 September 2015

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