

News, Travel & Events

Wetpixel Isla Mujeres Whale Shark Expedition 26 July to 1 August 2015



Wetpixel has two spaces available on their Whale Shark Expedition to Isla Mujeres this year.

The trip is running from 26 July to 1 August and like our previous trips, will give the very best opportunities to snorkel and photograph large numbers of whale sharks.

During the past two years trips, we have seen large numbers of manta

rays too. We leave early and come back late, which makes not only for better encounters, but also means the sharks tend to be a lot more concentrated.

The trip is land based, staying at the comfortable Playa Media Luna hotel on Isla Mujeres.

Trip leaders are Emmy Award winning filmmaker Cristian Dimitrius and Wetpixel Editor Adam Hanlon.

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New Scuba Dive Asia website



Scuba Dive Asia make it easy to plan and book your diving adventure online.

A breathtaking scuba diving holiday in Fiji. A liveaboard scuba vacation to the Galapagos aboard a luxurious 100-foot yacht. A romantic honeymoon dive resort in Raja Ampat. All these diving vacations and more can be easily perused and booked on the new and improved Scuba Dive Asia website.

Highlighting the relaunch of website is an eye-catching, user-friendly format that offers visitors their first taste of how easy booking their dream dive vacation can be if done through Scuba Dive Asia.

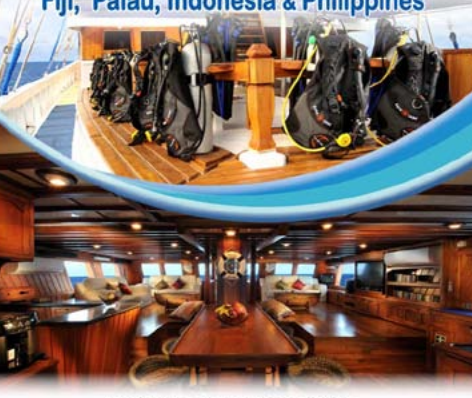
The updated website is mobile friendly, with responsive web design, visually breathtaking photos of scuba diving destinations, and full optimization for improved readability on any device, including tablets, smartphones and desktop computers.

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John Collins Sharks Bay workshop Sept 2015

John will be offering photography and video workshops at Sharks Bay Umbi Village.

For this 5-day workshop, John plans to offer a combination of photo and video instruction. This is suitable to a wide variety of divers from those with entry-level compact cameras right through to DSLR-experienced photographers and those starting out with GoPro action cameras. The content would be adapted to fit the experience and needs of the group and a broad outline would be modified to suit as the week progresses.

John already enjoys running these successful courses and the instruction is an easy-going coaching style, with an emphasis on working with participants' existing knowledge and skills and building on it.

Sharks Bay Umbi Village have day boats that charter the classic northern Red Sea dive sites as well as a house reef. This is a fantastic all-round diving experience for any budding photographer.

Sharks Bay Umbi Village is suitable for all levels of qualification



from non divers to instructors – there really is something for everyone.

John studied at Trinity College Dublin, learned to scuba-dive with Dublin University Sub-Aqua Club and went on to gain experience both in Ireland and abroad, eventually becoming a PADI instructor in 1991. He went on to start Cork Dive School in 1992 and continued to develop his own diving skills and was an early adopter of the advances in technical diving.



www.oonasdivers.com

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Amos - the movie

I am writing to you today to tell you about a new project that I am involved in.

Over the last five years I have become the subject of a documentary that tells of my adventures in the wild, and my special relationship with wildlife.

The film is called AMOS, and right now, I am in need of your support!

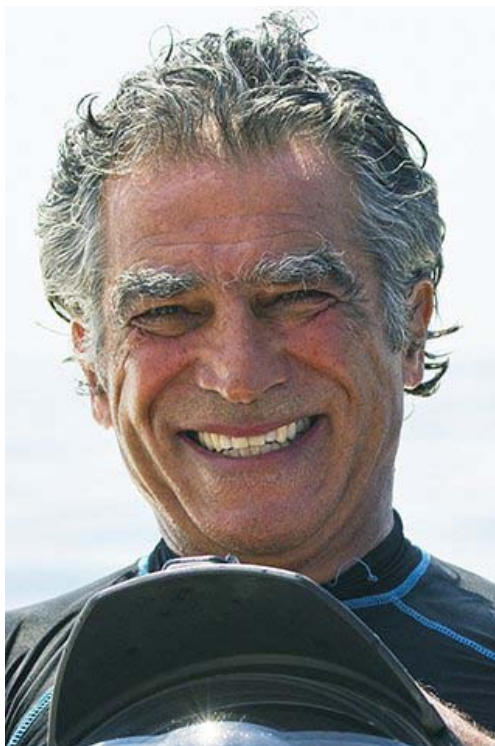
We have received most of the funding for this project from television networks and production companies around the world, but we still need just a little bit more in order to tell this story.

This is why we made a campaign on Indiegogo to ask for support from our dear friends and family.

Indiegogo allows you to make a contribution to the project in exchange for wonderful perks (such as high quality prints of my photography, and even a chance to join me on an adventure to the Arctic).

I urge you to see the campaign, look at the trailer, and consider making a contribution to the project. We only have 19 days left to reach our goal, and if we do not raise the money, we cannot finish the production!

It is extremely important to tell



the message the man and wildlife can co-exist in harmony with LOVE, and of course it is a message that all humans can take for themselves.

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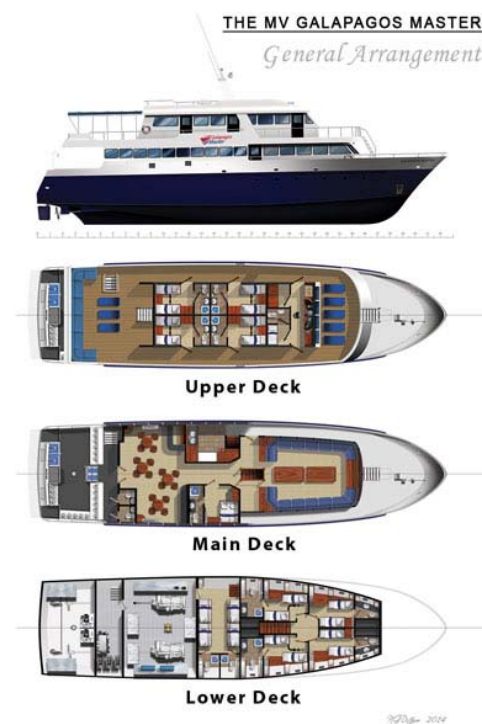
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Diving the Galapagos Master

The most spectacular pelagic diving on the planet! The Galapagos is one of those rare places where you can dive through hundreds of hammerhead sharks to find a whale shark cruising along. Toss in silky sharks, sea turtles, giant morays and schooling fish in their thousands... And that's just the first dive at Darwin!

At Wolf Island you can expect huge Galapagos sharks and eagle rays up close whilst dives at Cabo Marshall will put you face to face with giant manta rays and inside a school of millions of black-striped salemas. Mola mola (sunfish) may be seen in the depths too. Macro life is plentiful. Black coral bushes shelter seahorses, blennies, nudibranchs, hawkfish and frogfish. Sea iguanas are a unique sight, along with speedy penguins and playful sea lions. This is but a mere taste of why divers consistently proclaim the Galapagos to have the healthiest marine life in the Pacific.

Built of steel and with a cruising speed of 12.5 knots the Galapagos Master is set to be the most eco-friendly, dive liveaboard in the Galapagos Islands. She has 9 well-appointed modern cabins, a spacious interior and generous outside space for relaxation and dive gear



preparation. Our experienced crew of 10 is waiting to welcome you aboard and show you the best of the Galapagos, both underwater and on land.

www.masterliveaboards.com

Travel Photographer of the Year 2015 opens for entries

It's time to pack your bags and get your camera clicking as the 2015 international Travel Photographer of the Year awards (TPOTY) open for entries. This year TPOTY has introduced a new category – Smart Shot - for every traveller, alongside a new set of exciting photographic themes.

One of the world's biggest travel photography awards, TPOTY attracts entries from over 100 countries each year, with amateur and professional photographers competing for a coveted TPOTY title.

The 2015 awards have three portfolio categories, three single-image awards, a New Talent category for aspiring professional photographers, an HD video category, Young Travel Photographer of the Year (for photographers aged 18 and under) and the new Smart Shot category (for images shot on a mobile phone or tablet).

TPOTY sponsors, Direct Photographic, Genesis Imaging, Plastic Sandwich, Photo Iconic and Railbookers, have been joined by British lifestyle brand StaaG, and have provided a great range of prizes



for the successful photographers.

The awards are judged by a highly respected international panel of judges, which includes the adventurer, naturalist, wildlife filmmaker & environmental activist Catherine Capon, Daria Bonera (Photo Agency Director & Photo Editor for National Geographic Traveler Italy), curator Brigitte Lardinois, renowned wildlife photographer Chris Weston and Caroline Metcalfe, former Director of Photography, Conde Nast Traveller.

Travel Photographer of the Year is open to photographers of all ages and all nationalities. Images can be submitted online via www.tpoty.com or as prints. Entry fees start at £7.50 and entry for Young TPOTY is free. Entries close on October 1st.

www.tpoty.com

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Worldwide Dive and Sail back in Truk

Worldwide Dive and Sail are pleased to announce that they will continue to offer Truk Lagoon as a liveaboard destination after the recent loss of the Truk Siren. They have decided to add Truk to the Master Liveaboards roster, alongside the newly commissioned French Polynesia Master and the Galapagos Master, which begins operations this month.

The Astral Star is a Codecasa built Long Range Cruiser designed by Camper Nicholson that is built to Lloyds class A1 standard. She was built and operated for private use and literally plied the seven seas before now being purchased by Worldwide Dive and Sail. She will visit dry dock for a refit and modernisation by the experienced Worldwide Dive and Sail team, led by Frank Van der Linde.

The vessel will be launched in February 2016 to offer a choice of 7-night or 10-night trips cruising Truk Lagoon, offering some of the best wreck diving in the world to both the recreational and technical diver. Guests are offered a choice of lower, main or upper deck cabins --- in a twin bed or double bed configuration.

With her sleek curves and elegant design the Truk Master is a

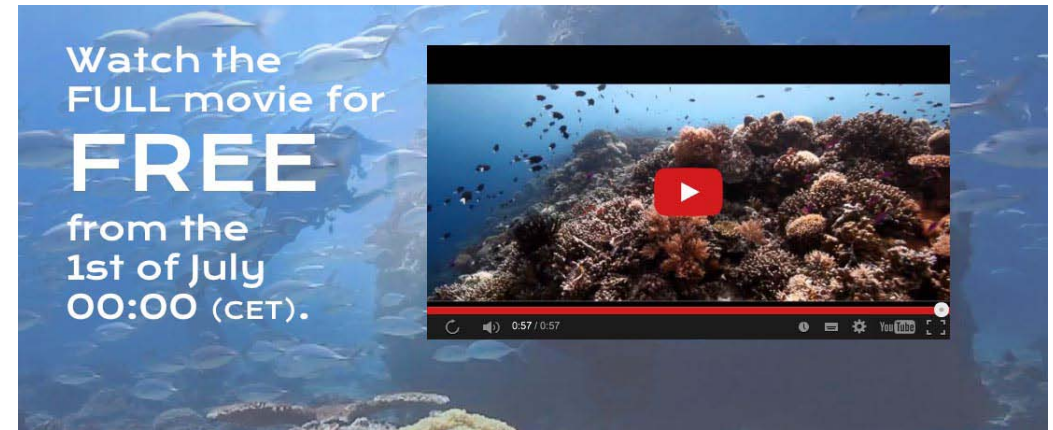


worthy addition to both the Master Liveaboard fleet and to Truk Lagoon.

Visit the Master Liveaboards website for the full schedule listing and reserve your place on the Truk Master today!

www.masterliveaboards.com

Meet the new BigBoxfish



BigBoxfish presents dive travel movies from the most exotic dive destinations.

Watch it for free on your smart phone, tablet or TV. We give the viewer quality movies from some of the very best dive sites in the world, presented by our own host from BigBoxfish.

Our host, Marcus Aurelius, will take the traveler through a visual journey with factual, practical and entertaining information about the dive destinations, and give the traveler an opportunity to see and experience the dive sites before choosing and planning a dive travel.

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NUPG Splash-In Sat 15th August 2015



Anglesey Scuba Fest are delighted that the Northern Underwater Photography Group (NUPG) will be holding their annual 'Splash-In Underwater Photography Competition' during 2015 The Anglesey ScubaFest.

All underwater photographers are welcome to join in the fun whilst diving the Anglesey or North Wales coastline. You can shore dive or go out on one of the boats available as part of ScubaFest, the choice is yours. It doesn't matter if you have just got your first compact camera and are starting to take photos, or you are a seasoned diver with a beautiful SLR. Come and join in, we would love to see your photos.

This is a great competition where images must be taken on Saturday 15th August and then judged by



those that attend the evening at The Anglesey ScubaFest. Trophies will be presented to the winners. At the same time the NUPG will also hold a print competition, showing off some of the best images from the British Isles and overseas.

You must register to enter the Splash-In before the event, by 8pm on Thursday 13th August. You can do this by emailing competition@nupg.org.uk

Everyone is welcome to enter.

www.theangleseyscubafest.com/underwater-photography-competition

Final reminder! British and Irish Underwater Photography Championship (BIUPC) Sept 4th 2015 Plan now! Register by 10pm 28 August 2015

For the first time, photographers in Britain and Ireland will compete against each other to produce the most eye-catching images from the waters around the shores and within the inland lakes, quarries, rivers and even caves of the two islands.

Entitled the British and Irish Underwater Photography Championship (BIUPC), the ground-breaking competition is open to images taken on any type of camera which is or can be waterproofed.

These range from action cameras, smart phones, tablets and pole-cams to the most expensive professional digital models.

Only photographs taken from 10pm on September 4, 2015 and submitted by the same time the next day are eligible.

Image enhancement will be allowed and, as all entries are to be submitted by email, allowance will need to be made for poor connectivity in remote areas.



Categories will be separated by the sophistication of the cameras and also by the techniques involved – wide-angle and close-up.

There are also special categories for cameras with small sensors as well as an award for the best newcomer.

Organised by the British Society of Underwater Photographers (BSoUP), the scope of the contest has only been made possible by advances in digital technology.

www.biupc.org

2015 San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition



This is a call for entries for the 2015 San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition (SDUFEX), that will take place Friday and Saturday evenings, October 9th and 10th, 2015 at the Irwin M. Jacobs Qualcomm Hall in San Diego, California.

This is your opportunity to see your work projected in a High Definition format in a state of the art venue on a 30' screen. An independent panel of distinguished judges will select the approximately 30 films to be shown during the two night event. There is no entry fee!

Filmmakers whose films are selected are encouraged to come to the show and introduce their film(s) in person on the night of the exhibition.

SDUFEX now uses an all-digital video entry submission process. This means that video tapes will no longer be accepted.

Please submit your video as a high resolution H.264 file that has been archived (copied) to a data DVD disk or via internet file transfer.

The first San Diego UnderSea Film Exhibition was organized in

2000 by a small group who had been meeting at Chuck Nicklin's dive shop to share information on shooting and editing underwater video. In the past dozen years, it has grown into one of the most prestigious underwater film festivals worldwide. Our venue is state-of-the-art Qualcomm Hall, and last year was a sellout with over 500 people each night.

Our approach includes affordable tickets, no prizes except the opportunity to share your work with an appreciative audience, and a panel of independent judges who are distinguished in their fields.

Among the renowned videographers whose work has been displayed are Howard and Michele Hall, Flip Nicklin, Leandro Blanco, Terry Maas, Shawn Heinrichs, and Simon Spear.

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David Fleetham Hawaii

David grew up in Ontario, Canada just outside Toronto and in his last year of high school learned to scuba dive in a man-made lake. Soon after he purchased an Ikelite housing and a Minolta SLR camera, started working in the dive industry, and focused on his passion: underwater photography.

Since then David has become one of the most published underwater photographers in the world. He now has over 200 magazine covers under his belt, including the only underwater image ever to be used on the cover of LIFE magazine. David's philosophy is to shoot what you love, and try to capture it in a way that is unique to you.



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