

News, Travel & Events

Douglas Hoffman in Fiji 2 - 12 October 2016

Douglas will return to Siren Fleet and accompany guests on board for a 10-night trip to Fiji, being on hand to give advice on the differing techniques that will be used throughout any dive trip.

His presentations are delivered in such a way as to be appropriate for macro, wide-angle, compact and SLR photography. As an artist, Douglas believes much of the success with photography is related to envisaging the image prior to the dive to ensure you achieve the style of photo you were looking for and will spend time with guests to achieve these results. He will also accompany divers, giving assistance with composition and framing underwater.

After dives Douglas will sit with guests to review their photos, giving suggestions for improvement. This can be done individually or by making use of the plasma screen in the S/Y Fiji Siren's lounge.

Each evening a round-table discussion is held for guests to focus on the issues that they may be experiencing during the dives. Guests are encouraged to voice their comments whether positive or



negative to enable others to learn from the general knowledge and experience of the group.

Douglas is a Master Photographer with over 10,000 hours underwater. Beginning by leading his first trip in Indonesia in 1993, Douglas now brings groups to Asia and the Pacific at least 3 times per year, his specialties being whales in Tonga and coral reefs in Fiji. He has joined together with the Siren Fleet to share with our guests his technical photographic knowledge and understanding of Fijian reefs.

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World ShootOut 2015 uw photo competition is taking place NOW!



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www.worldshootout.org

www.uwpmag.com

2015 Ocean Art Uw Photo Competition

The Underwater Photography Guide is proud to announce that it is accepting entries for the 5th annual Ocean Art Photo Competition.

There is over \$75,000 worth of prizes, including over 20 scuba diving resort, liveaboard dive yacht and underwater photo gear packages.

Ocean Art is one of the most prestigious underwater photography competitions worldwide and also one of the largest in terms of prizes.

The 2015 competition has 15 categories, including a Novice DSLR category, 3 compact camera categories and 3 mirrorless camera categories, giving underwater photographers of all levels a chance to win a great prize. Unique categories include Supermacro, Cold/ Temperate Water and Nudibranchs, while the more traditional categories include Wide-Angle, Macro, Marine Life Portraits and Marine Life Behavior. The Pool/ Conceptual category is new for 2015, allowing photographers to blend underwater model photography with unlimited post-processing.

Judges include world-renowned underwater photographers Tony Wu, Martin Edge, Marty Snyderman



and Scott Gietler. Martin Edge is the author of The Underwater Photographer, a topselling book on underwater photography. Marty Snyderman is an Emmy winner with work appearing in top publications like National Geographic. Tony Wu is a renowned underwater photographer and author of Silent Symphony. Scott Gietler is the owner of Bluewater Photo, Bluewater Travel and the Underwater Photography Guide.

Photos must be submitted before the deadline of 23:59PM PST on November 24, 2015.

www.uwphotographyguide.com/ocean-art

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Neapolis International Underwater Photo contest



The Neapolis International Underwater Photo contest is calling for entries. Neapolis, in association with the Tourism and Culture Department of the City of Naples, will hold a photographic exhibition of the competition winning works. There are categories for Advanced and Novice entrants in both Mediterranean and Other Seas classes.

The deadline for submissions is 21 September.

The Casina Pompeiana, located inside the Villa Comunale in Naples, will host the exhibit inauguration and the Contest award ceremony. The exhibition will run from October 30 to November 10, 2015.

www.neapolis-photocontest.it

Mike Scotland Photo and fish/shark ID in Fiji 3 - 10 December 2016



Mike is one of Australia's most experienced divers and leading marine biology educators. He has been a dive instructor for thirty-two years and is a Shark and Fish ID expert. Mike has well over one thousand photos published and has been an internationally awarded underwater photographer. He is one of Australia's most published photo-journalists with over one hundred articles published in Sport Diving, Australian Geo, Ocean Geographic and photographic magazines, including his previous Fiji Siren cruise here.

Mike is a public speaker on the marine biology of sharks and crustaceans at dive shows. He is a university educated marine biologist and professionally trained educator. Best of all, Mike knows how to pass on his knowledge clearly!!

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42nd Festival Mondiale de l'Image Sous Marine

The 42nd Festival of Underwater Pictures will run from October 29th to November 1st at Parc Chanot, Marseille, France.

A wind of change blows through the World Festival of Underwater Picture. This year, Philippe Vallette, Chairman of the event, asked the firm HP Communication to use its experience and skill to assist his team in the organisation of the Festival.

The HP Communication company is directed by H  l  ne de Tayrac-Senik, who also created and directed the Paris International Dive Show. This important event has been successfully organised for 18 years in Paris (Porte de Versailles), France.

This reorganization aims at improving the Festival with the help of the Town Hall of Marseille and thanks to the attractive features of Parc Chanot.

We can outline the event of 2015 as follows:

A modification of the categories in the competition in order to enhance the visibility and notoriety of the Prizes and awards.

The development of the Festival's Village, always dedicated to underwater picture but also connected to firms and institutions involved in the underwater world and the Blue



Economy.

The development of the educational vocation of the Festival. Those 4 days remain a major event to raise awareness for the preservation of the environment in general by insisting on the protection of the seafloor. .

Finally, you will be able to enjoy all activities offered to professionals and general public, such as projections of films in competition, the showing of underwater photographs.

The 2015 Festival Mondiale de l'Image Sous Marine Competition is now open for entries for its imaging and video competition.

Deadline for entries is September 30th, 2015.

www.underwater-festival.com

Alor Divers Uw Contest

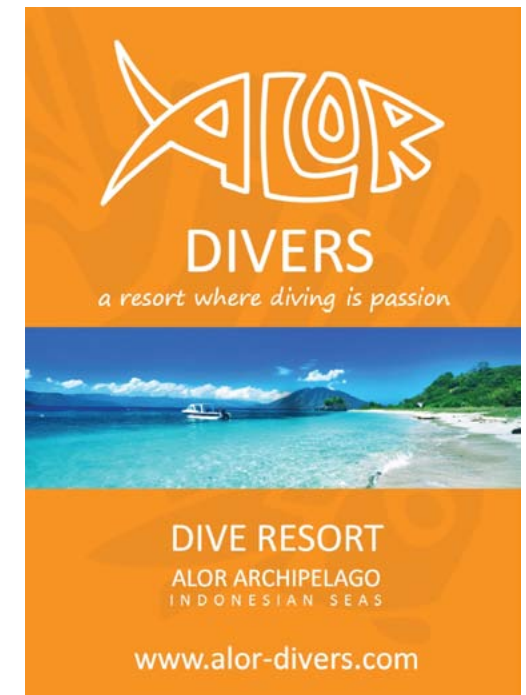


Alor Divers Under Water Photo Contest takes place every year and photographers can submit a Portfolio, it must include three wide angle shots and three macro shots. The wide angle photos can also be half/half shots. Photos must have been taken in Alor while staying with us .

The prize for the winner will be a 9 nights stay with Alor Divers Eco Dive Resort and it can be claimed within 3 years upon receiving the prize.

The competition for year 2015 will close on 31 Dec. Entries can be emailed to info@alor-divers.com.

www.alor-divers.com



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BILIKIKI

3rd to 17th November 2015



This is yet another great one off, chance in a lifetime to get a great group of divers together who know each other to go to another fantastic remote dive location. We are very lucky to be able to get out to Marovo Lagoon, this is not a standard trip, this has been extended to get out to this area!

November 3rd to November 17th is a specially extended trip so we can go further afield to dive the Marovo Lagoon area.

The Bilikiki has to be one of the most well respected dive liveaboards. This seems to be by far one the best operations in the Solomons, some say it's the best operation they have ever been with.

All accommodations are air-conditioned deluxe cabins have a double bed plus a single bed above with their own private shower, toilet and hand basin.

The Bilikiki offers very easy



diving. With a huge rear dive deck there is lots of space for suiting up and for the photographers there are dedicated carpeted camera tables that are right on the dive deck. This is a special 14 night trip we will diving the best route possible taking us out as far as the great Marovo Lagoon. The diving will be highly varied with gorgeous scenic reef dives, some big fish dives, macro dives and of course plenty of great night dives too!

www.diving4images.com

Bluewater Photo's 5th Annual SoCal Shootout

September 18-20th, 2015

Bluewater Photo is excited to announce the 5th annual SoCal Shootout, happening September 18-20th, 2015. This weekend long competition brings together underwater photographers of all levels throughout Southern California.

Starting Friday morning and spanning through Sunday night, participants have the opportunity to shoot photos in the Pacific Ocean

anywhere south of Pt. Conception to north of the Mexican border to be eligible. Continuing into its 5th year, entry for the competition is still only \$40. Those interested in participating can sign up online.

Entrants can enter up to 8 photos or three video entries, or a mix of the two. Please see the website for complete information and rules.

www.bluewaterphotostore.com/socal-shootout



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Divetech Enters New Phase in Dive Travel and Service to Grand Cayman



Divetech, one of Grand Cayman's premier dive operators, is moving its headquarters to their Lighthouse Point dive shop, home of the Guardian of the Reef. At the same time, Divetech is launching a dedicated dive travel department as part of a 2016 expansion plan to accommodate growth, development and customer demand.

The company is partnering with a number of hotels, condos and bed & breakfasts on the island to offer more package choices for divers this coming year. The plan also includes ending Divetech's relationship with Cobalt Coast and closing its dive shop there on December 1st after 15 years.

"We've enjoyed our partnership at Cobalt Coast but for some time, our customers have asked for other properties on the island, and we've listened to them," said owner Nancy

Easterbrook. "To all of our customers, we want to let them know to contact us directly for their diving, but they can also now book dive and room packages with us."

New headquarters, new website, new toll free number, new reservations department, new on-island partners; Divetech is ready for the 2016 season

The company is hiring additional staff for its reservations department and introducing new software to make bookings more efficient. Divetech has also launched a new website (www.divetech.com) which includes some of dive packages and services, plus a new toll free number 1 877-946-5658.

www.divetech.com

Caribbean's premier dive operation launches in Dominica



Buddy Dive on Dominica set sail on its first voyage from the Fort Young Hotel's jetty on August 2nd, marking the launch of the most complete dive experience in the Caribbean.

Last year, Dominica was declared the number one Dive Destination in the US and Caribbean by Scuba Radio. And there's no better place to experience these reefs than from the Buddy Dive facilities at Fort Young Hotel. Along with a full stocked dive retail shop, teaching facilities, rental gear room, lockers, rinse tanks and outdoor showers, it has a private jetty right alongside one of its waterside bars, with a wide variety of world famous dive spots within 15 minutes, including the stunning Champagne Reef.

Furthermore, Dominica is just as famous for its whales as its reefs, with two thirds of all known whales species either resident or visiting the waters around the island each year. Therefore in addition to providing diving and snorkeling, Buddy Dive on Dominica is also offering whale watching trips.

To celebrate this new exiting milestone, Buddy Dive on Dominica is offering FREE boat dives! Book any of our packages and get three 1-tank boat dives out of the package for FREE. Packages start from \$994 per person per week. This special is valid for travel until December 14th 2015 and can only be booked when mentioning "Press Release Dominica."

www.buddydive.com

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Elena Kalis Bahamas

"Original underwater photography is hard to come by, but Elena Kalis encapsulates whimsical emotion in every frame. Combining extraordinary styling with striking portraits, she makes you think 'I wish I'd thought of that', and despite the way water warps colour, works exceptionally with the palettes of scenes and subjects. Elena excels in a specialism which is particularly difficult to master to such an extent and is an artist in her own right."

- Lorna Dockerill, editor (Professional Photographer Magazine UK)



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