

News, Travel & Events

Blue Heron Bridge UW Photo Workshops

January 14-17, 2016

March 10-13, 2016

June 23-26, 2016



Take advantage of one of the finest macro sites in the world, our own Blue Heron Bridge, located in West Palm Beach, FL. This 3 day clinic focuses on macro photography, and there may not be a better setting anywhere in the world to hold this kind of class.

From composition to exposure to achieving that critical focus, this class will help you dial in your macro skills. We'll dive each of the 3 days, and given the shallow depth, you can expect to be able to dive for upwards of 2 hours depending your air consumption. We'll do classroom before and after the dives, and we'll do daily critiques.

www.uwpmag.com



This class is intended for beginner to intermediate shooters, and all types of underwater camera systems are welcome. An orientation session will be held Thursday evening at the Reef Photo & Video Underwater Photography showroom in Fort Lauderdale.

www.reefphoto.com

Wetpixel Socorro
June 2016



Join Wetpixel and trip leader Jason Bradley from 8 to 18 June 2016 aboard the Nautilus Belle Amie to dive and capture the amazing scenes.

Mexico's Revillagigedo Islands are well known for a profusion of pelagic life. Bait balls, hammerhead, whale and silky sharks as well as the possibility of pilot whales make this adrenaline diving that is also amazingly photographically productive.

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Lembah Photo Fun Week

30th July to 6th August 2016



Following on the success of our Underwater Tribe/NAD Lembah Resort Fun Weeks over the past few years, we will once again host a 7 night/17 dive package in 2016 at the best photo resort in the Lembah Strait, NAD Lembah Resort.

We will be limiting the number of divers who will be able to attend this workshop in order to maximize everyone's personal time with the instructors both underwater and in the resort.

One of the highlights of an Underwater Tribe workshop is that the instructors don't bring their cameras with them underwater, instead we spend time one on one with each participant helping them to compose their photos, aim their strobes, and anything else that helps them make the most of their time underwater.

Arrival is planned on the afternoon of the 30th with a "Meet and Greet" plus Introduction planned for the evening where everyone will get a chance to get to know one another.

The diving will start on the 31st with three dives planned per day for the 31st – 4th and the final two dives on the morning of the 5th for a total of 7 nights and 17 dives.

Each day will consist of two morning dives followed by lunch, a short lecture, an afternoon dive, and then evening critiquing sessions, dinner, and after dinner presentations by the instructors. On the 5th we will have a bit of a party with a final "End of the Week" slideshow of everyone's best shots.

www.underwatertribe.com



Scottish Nudibranch Festival 2016

16th to 19th June
Eyemouth, Scotland.

Boat diving, photographing and learning about nudibranchs in the company of Scottish Nudibranch expert, Jim Anderson.

A full programme of boat dives, seminars, laboratory and social events will be provided over a jam packed nudibranch weekend.

The Festival is being held in conjunction with Marine Quest, Eyemouth on the SE coast of Scotland with easy boat access to the nudibranch rich waters.

The weekend includes-
7 Boat dives over the 3 days
Talks and workshops
3 nights B&B accommodation
Lunch each day
Evening meal on the final night

Air fills
Cost £325.00 pp
£100.00 deposit secures your space. Price based on 2 people sharing

November 6th update:

We have decided to add a second boat so there are 9 spaces now available. Please contact Iain at Marine Quest for more information and to book a place

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**Lightroom Total Immersion,
Little Cayman Beach Resort
with Erin Quigley**
April 2-9th, 2016 (BEGINNER).
April 9-16th, 2016 (ADVANCED)

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 photos you shoot during the week at beautiful Little Cayman Beach Resort. This workshop is hands-on, high-intensity, and FUN! Think Bootcamp in Paradise.

In order to get the most out of this workshop, you must have basic computer skills and understand how to navigate your computer's operating system.

Lightroom Total Immersion is limited to 12 participants, in order to



insure plenty of one-on-one time with Erin. Sign up soon – these spots will go fast!

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Basking Shark Scotland is proud to release our 2015 basking shark and wildlife film



The footage was shot during summer 2015 around the Isles of the Inner Hebrides, mainly Mull, Coll and Tiree. Filming was conducted with specialist underwater equipment, such as DSLR cameras in underwater housing with supplementary lights, along with Go-Pro cameras and even an aerial drone to capture the landscape.

Basking Shark Scotland had it's best ever basking shark year yet with sharks from April - Oct and over 700 sightings, both from the public and from undertaking it's own studies. In addition to being an incredible year for sharks, there was sightings of over 1000 cetaceans along with exciting rare sightings such as oceanic sunfish, the heaviest bony fish in the

world, and a leatherback turtle. Both of which are very rare summer visitors who conduct huge migrations to feed here.

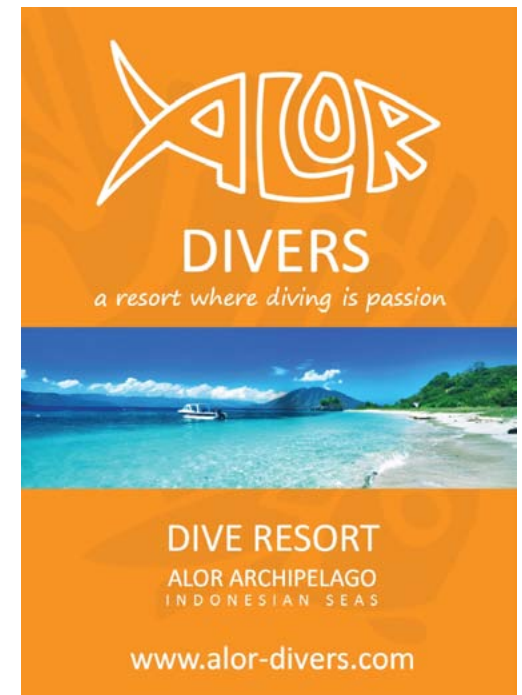
All footage for the film was shot by Luke Saddler (Head Guide and Freelance Videographer) and Shane Wasik (Owner of BSS and Underwater specialist). With the cutting of the film carried out over the last month by Luke. The filming is part of a multi year project to capture the very best of the Hebridean wildlife and create a stunning film to showcase to international audiences.

Shane Wasik says ' We are really happy with the incredible footage we were able to capture this year. It was an amazing year for marine wildlife and we are really lucky to be able to

get into the right spots every day.

We have world class wildlife on our doorstep but so far we haven't seen any film that properly showcases it from an underwater perspective. We have high hopes to finish off the overall film this year and submit it for approval at international film festivals. In this way, we are hoping to bring the magic of the Hebrides to the whole world. However in addition, inspiring local people about the ocean that they live and work beside, is one of the rewards of doing such a project. With such precious marine life, everyone needs to take a part in looking after this environment.'

www.baskingsharkscotland.co.uk



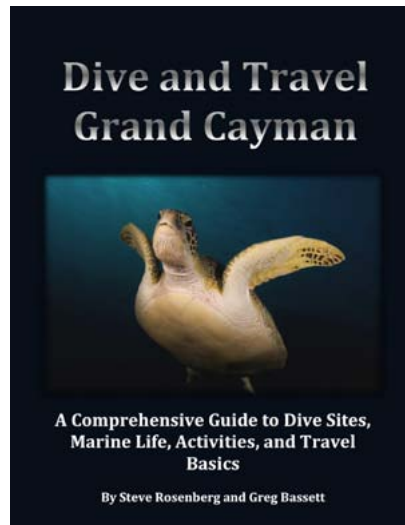
Dive and Travel Grand Cayman eBook Guide

Dive and Travel Grand Cayman is now available from iBooks (iTunes), Kindle and Google Play. It is the definitive guide to diving and visiting Grand Cayman.

This interactive eBook includes detailed information on more than 75 dive sites, marine life, above-water activities, travel, accommodations, shopping, touring and sight seeing, island history and much more.

As with all of Steve's books, it includes stunning photography and now video content. Dive and Travel Grand Cayman is the perfect companion for anyone travelling to Grand Cayman or contemplating a trip in the future.

The book can also be used as a dive log and has useful social media components, as well as a digital table of contents and term search features. You can download the book from iBooks, Google Play or Kindle.



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Galapagos Master Liveaboard July 25-August 1 2016



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

On a typical day, 4 day dives are offered. However, the 4th day dive may be substituted for a night dive when the boat is anchored within a sheltered cove. A 7-night itinerary provides for between 18-20 dives.

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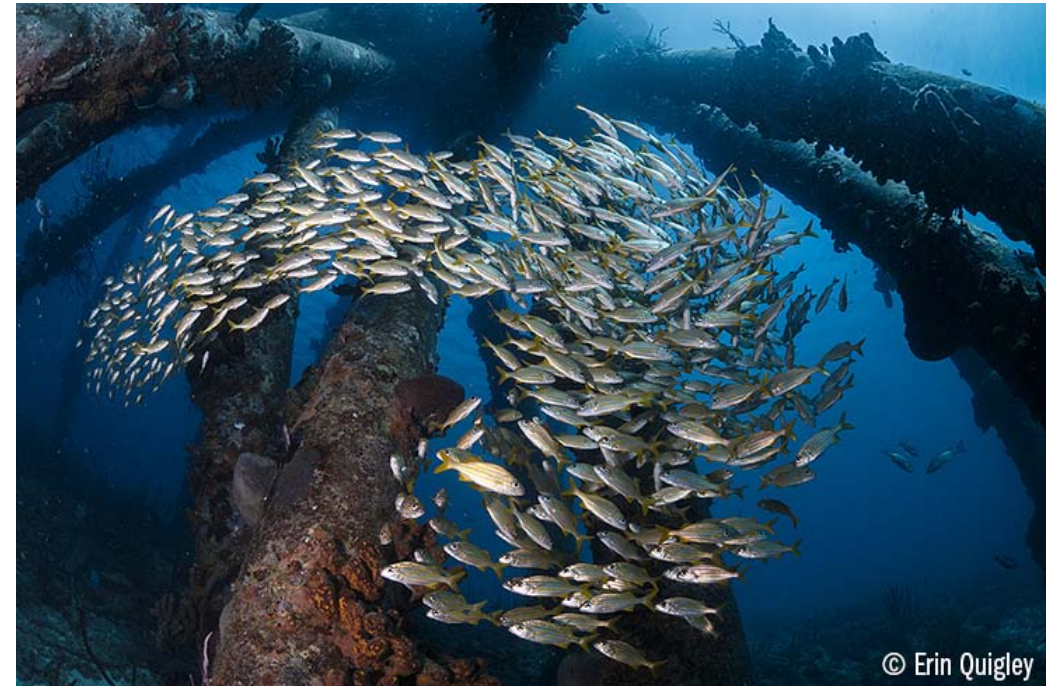
Wide Angle Boot Camp, Bonaire April 30th - May 7th, 2016

Wide angle photography is one of the more difficult techniques to master underwater. Our simple approach demystifies what can be an intimidating skill to learn. Both in the classroom and underwater, our instructors teach how to combine proper camera, lighting, and post production techniques in order to produce consistently better wide angle shots.

The instructors will assist each student individually underwater, helping them to shoot, review and adjust their shots. This “In water instruction” will consist of shooting specific setups alongside our experts.

Who Should Attend? Beginner and intermediate underwater photographers that are looking to improve their wide angle UW photography skills. Do you struggle with strobe position? Balancing ambient light and flash exposure? Do you want to learn the post processing techniques to take your images from Blah to Ahhh? Then this is the course for you.

This course is limited to 14 guests in order to maximize your one-on-one time with our instructors. Before you arrive, we’ll have scouted out the best wide angle setups in advance. You’ll start seeing results



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right away as you apply your newfound knowledge on some of Bonaire’s most beautiful dive sites.

In addition to shooting techniques we’ll be teaching you the best ways to edit your images. Learn how to maximize the potential in your wide angle shots using Lightroom and Photoshop.



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OWU and DEEP Competitions 2016



The 11th edition of the Underwater Competition Series, organized by founders DivePhotoGuide.com and Wetpixel.com, is returning in 2016 with over \$100,000 worth of prizes up for grabs.

The series comprises Our World Underwater, known as the “Super Bowl” of underwater imagery events, and DEEP Indonesia, the signature component of Indonesia’s prestigious diving, adventure travel and extreme sports expo.

There is a host of amazing prizes to be won, including the latest underwater photography equipment as well as trips to the best resorts and on the top liveaboards. Prizes are

awarded to winners in 13 categories, with the grand prizewinner of the Our World Underwater competition receiving \$1000 in cash for the “Best of Show.”

The competition categories are aimed at photographers of all levels. Our World Underwater features technical categories, while DEEP Indonesia offers themed entry categories. Debuting last year, DEEP includes a category dedicated to in-water surf, wave, and watersport photography.

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The Junk and the Similan National park



Worldwide Dive and Sail, and especially The Junk crew, are very excited this month since the Similan National park has finally reopened its doors to divers and non divers!

The Marine National Parks of the Similan Islands and the extensive reefs in the Surin Islands are without a doubt the best diving in Thailand. Over 200 species of hard corals spread between walls and coral gardens where turtles, napoleons, bumphead parrot fish, barracudas, manta rays and all kinds of tropical fish patrol. All this as well as one of the best dive sites in the world, Richelieu Rock, and the chance to see

the majestic whale sharks!

This new season, The Junk liveaboard is offering you 4 or 6 night cruises around the Surin and Similan Islands onboard the most charming and distinctive vessel in Thailand. So distinctive in fact that she has been used for several famous movies!

The Junk is a 33 m sailing boat with three masts that can take up to 18 divers in 6 air conditioned cabins with a choice of double cabins, triple cabins and quads. All of them with their own private bathrooms with hot water.

www.thejunk.com

A new species of Galapagos tortoise



A new species of tortoise has been found in the Galapagos!

Until recently, experts believed that the two giant tortoise populations on the Island of Santa Cruz were of the same species (the Chelonoidis porter), but DNA testing from tortoises bones that were almost a century old found in museums in the US, the UK and the Galapagos have shown that those living on the eastern side of the island are different from the ones living on the west and southwest side. Not only they were different species, but were more closely related to species on different islands than to each other!

The findings are helping to better understand how these tortoises made it to Santa Cruz and the process that led to their diversity on the island.

Would you like to see them? Then come on board the Galapagos Master in February – the only month where we still have some spaces left. We organize land excursions to see them!

www.wwdas.com



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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