

News, Travel & Events

Tiger shark & Great Hammerhead Diving March 4th-12th and April 5th-13th 2018



Underwater at Tiger Beach Bahamas several large tiger sharks cruise in a pattern while lemon sharks mingle with graceful Caribbean reef shark. At nearby Bimini, migrating great hammerheads arrive to snack on stingrays while bull sharks lurk in the same waters.

Diving without a cage among these large sharks allows you to get up close and personal for a thrilling adventure full of action. Seeing this many species of sharks is an opportunity to appreciate and value their role in our oceans.

Join us on a 9 Day live aboard cruise to first Tiger Beach in the Bahamas for tiger, lemon, and reef

shark action then down to Bimini Island for Great Hammerheads and bull sharks

Our charters March 4–12 and April 5-13 2018 are in prime shark season. We depart/return to West Palm Beach, Florida making for easy flight connections to any southeast Florida airport.

Our boat is the MV Dolphin Dream, a 86' expedition charter yacht with 5 shared cabins, diving platform, and a large galley with plenty of deck and upper deck space.

It holds 10 guests plus crew and is very stable and comfortable to ride through the Caribbean waters. Divers must be experienced: these are long

and multiple dives with no cages and filled with the consuming action of sharks swirling around you.

Photographers will enjoy the clear water and bright sand bottom and taking images of sharks over the green sea grass or reefs. The hammerheads and tigers come close to divers creating opportunities for beautifully detailed video or stills.

Underwater photographer host Gregory Sweeney is available to offer photography help and tips during the trip and while preparing for travel.

A few spaces remain on these popular trips

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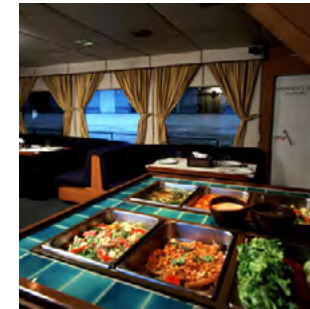


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Spirit of Niugini Southern Islands 18 - 27 September, 2017



A nine-night trip escorted by PNG dive addict Christopher Bartlett, with over 600 dives in-country in 6 years. This trip combines perfectly with the amazing Goroka Festival from the 14th to 17th September so you can experience the best of PNG above and below the waterline.

Christopher is a widely published photojournalist and gives free coaching during the trips, to any experience level. There is also free yoga daily on the sundeck. This is a special itinerary combining the southern islands of Milne Bay with the iconic sites just north of our departure/arrival point on the refurbished Spirit of Niugini.

This itinerary has an excellent combination of pelagic dive sites with schooling barracudas, jacks, reef sharks, surgeonfish, batfish and more; amazing corals, both soft and hard, untouched by bleaching; fantastic macro with more cool critters than I can list here, including bargibanti and denise pygmy seahorses, wunderpus, mimic octopus, numerous frogfish species, lacy scorpionfish (*Rhinopias aphanes*), shrimps galore, and also the famous “walking” epaulette sharks (Milne Bay and Papuan); and manta cleaning stations. We will also have a couple of trips ashore.

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Gregory Sweeney Photography Adventures

Tiger Shark & Hammerhead Diving
9 Day Live Aboard Dive Trip



www.TigerSharkDive.com March & April 2018
Tiger Beach and Bimini, Bahamas

Basking Sharks arrive back in the Hebrides

Basking Shark Scotland are excited to announce their first sightings of Basking Sharks for 2017. Following up from reports of basking sharks arriving from local fishermen, Shane and Luke took advantage of a settled weather forecast on Thursday evening (11th May) to go spotting.

Passing numerous minke whales and a pod of over 100 common dolphins they searched around the islands of the Inner Hebrides and found a small aggregation of basking sharks. Four individuals were sighted,

the largest at least 8m and male.

Basking Sharks arrive to UK waters around spring, with many having completed a large offshore migration over winter. Usually they arrive between April and June.

Basking Shark Scotland owner and marine biologist, Shane Wasik said 'It was really exciting to see the basking sharks back in our waters, and great to have some large individuals. They undertake such huge migrations, it's a privilege to see them every summer. We're looking forward to the shark season ahead and pushing on with our work with them'.

www.baskingsharkscotland.co.uk

60,000-Year-Old Underwater Forest Revealed



One hundred miles off the coast of Alabama lies a 60,000-year-old underwater forest that is believed to have been uncovered by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. The site, which sits in about 60 feet of water, boasts thousands of trees still rooted in the Gulf of Mexico's seafloor—and is the oldest ice age forest known to exist.

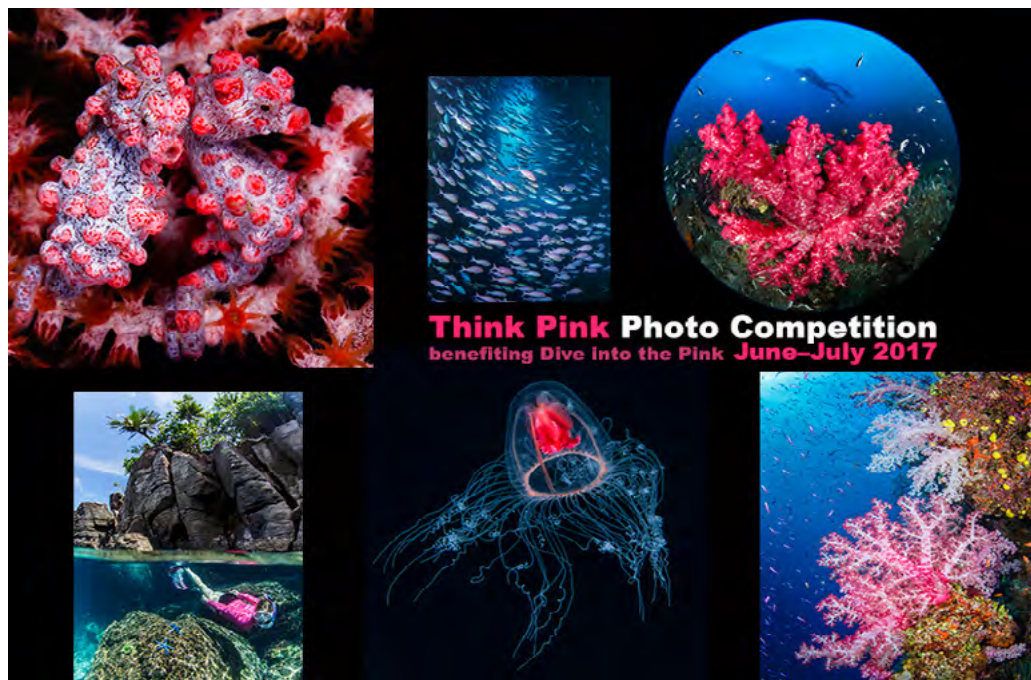
The fascinating footage has been revealed for the first time in a new documentary, *The Underwater Forest*, written and directed by journalist Ben Raines. While most of the Gulf of Mexico is barren, turtles, sharks, schools of fish, anemones, and sponges are common sights there.

Researchers believe it holds a plethora of information, and protection of the site is underway. Apparently, many have tried to obtain the coordinates to exploit the preserved trees—however, the location is not being revealed.

The work of the team investigating the site is detailed in the new documentary, *The Underwater Forest*, co-produced by This is Alabama and the Alabama Coastal Foundation. You can watch the film above, on Youtube, or on This is Alabama's Roku and Apple TV apps. It will be broadcast on Alabama Public Television at 6 p.m. July 23rd and 9 p.m. July 24th.

www.al.com/news/mobile/index.ssf/2017/06/underwater_forest_discovered_alabama.html

First Think Pink Photo Competition



DPG is proud to announce the opening of the first Think Pink Photo Competition, organized by Dive into the Pink, and hosted by DPG.

The name of the game is PINK. We want to see your best images featuring pink, from the color of your subject to a flash in the background, from the lightest blush to the deepest fuchsia. Wide angle, macro, marine life, divers—anything goes! Photos may have been taken anywhere, anytime.

One each first, second and third prize will be awarded. The first prize is an awesome seven-day trip for

one to Crystal Blue Resort in Anilao, Philippines. The second prize is a powerful Kraken Hydra 2800 light, while the third prize is a novel Kraken Weefine ring light.

Entry is via donation to Dive into the Pink (\$10 per entry or \$25 for three entries). Please read the full Rules and Guidelines (on DiveIntoThePink.com) before entering. The deadline for submission is July 31st, 11:59 PST.

Thank you for supporting Dive into the Pink! 100% of the proceeds from this effort will be used to support the fight against breast cancer.

www.diveintothepink.org/think-pink

About Dive into the Pink



Dive into the Pink, Inc. was started in 2015 by Allison Vitsky, a breast cancer survivor, veteran scuba diver, and underwater photographer, who wanted to raise money to fight cancer in an unconventional way—by going scuba diving with friends.

Its charters let divers get together for a fun, pink-accented day on the ocean knowing that 100% of the proceeds will go towards survivor support and breast cancer research.

Its funds are split between the Young Survival Coalition (YSC) and the Guise Laboratory at Indiana University. The YSC is an international organization dedicated

to the critical issues of young women with breast cancer—specifically, Dive into the Pink supports and promotes the YSC's incredible patient support network. The Guise Laboratory is part of the Department of Endocrinology at Indiana University; funds are earmarked for a project examining whether characteristics of the bone marrow microenvironment can alter or promote the spread of breast and other cancers to the bones.

Dive into the Pink is a salary-free, low-administrative cost 501c3 organization.

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Wrasse campaign 2017

(This piece is aimed at residents of Devon, England, the Editor's home county)

This summer, a new threat to Devon's marine environment: removal of thousands of wrasse for transportation to Scottish salmon farms.

Thousands of fish local to Devon's coasts are being removed from our seas this summer - to 'clean up' Scottish salmon farms. The fish, all species belonging to the wrasse family, are trapped, kept in holding tanks and transported alive from Devon to Scotland.

Five species of wrasse are being targeted in Devon's waters for parasite control on intensive Scottish salmon farms. Wrasse have never before been targeted for commercial fishing in Devon so there is no knowledge of the impacts that removal of these key species could have on Devon's fragile reef ecosystems.

And wrasse are faithful to specific reef sites and are slow to colonise new areas, so removal in large numbers could mean it takes decades for populations to recover.

In 2015, during an 18 week period, over 57,000 wrasse were captured off the Dorset coast! In



Devon, as many as 480 baited traps could be used to catch wrasse around our coastlines this summer.

And there are no restrictions on where the traps can be placed – so thousands of fish are being removed from our most treasured and highly protected areas such as Plymouth Sound & Estuaries Special Area of Conservation.

Wrasse have amazing life stories and play a very important role in the ecological health of our reef ecosystems – many of which have been designated as Marine Protected Areas due to the internationally important habitats and species which are found there.

Our protected marine sites should

be given every opportunity to thrive and for the abundance of life to spill out into the wider seas. Removing such large numbers of fish from these special places risks upsetting the fragile ecological balance and must be halted until the impacts are fully understood.

That's why DWT is calling for an immediate ban on the live capture of wrasse from Devon's Marine Protected Areas.

Devon residents can sign the online petition here to ask MPs to help put protection of Devon's marine wildlife before the interests of the Scottish salmon-farming industry.

<http://action.wildlifetrusts.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1823&ea.campaign.id=73231>

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one underwater instruction to help improve your shooting techniques and informative lectures throughout the day to hone your photo skills and post processing prowess.

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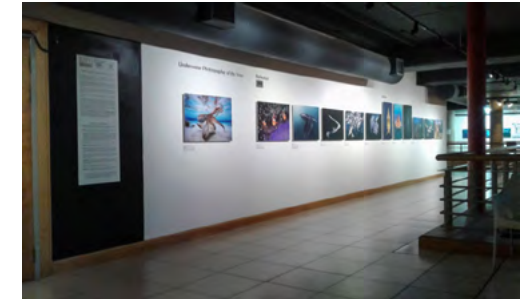


The competition organisers are very excited, and proud, to introduce the Underwater Photographer of the Year 2017 exhibition at the Chavonnes Battery museum in Cape Town, South Africa for the second year in a row.

The UPY Underwater Photographer of the Year 2017 exhibition is on at the Chavonnes Battery Museum, Clock Tower, V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, from 1st May to 30th November 2017.

Fifty intriguing images from the Indian, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the North Sea and the Red Sea, ten categories, three exclusively British Waters, have been chosen from the 100 competition winners. These images taken in 20 countries including South Africa, Mexico, Finland, Indonesia, Egypt, Sudan, Norway, Canada, France, Italy and the UK.

We invite you to visit the Chavonnes Battery Museum to



immerse yourself in the colourful images underwater and then step below sea-level to meander over and between the ribs of the Archaeology ruins to discover the History of the "Cape of Storms".

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