

News, Travel & Events

American Crocodiles at Banco Chinchorro, Mexico July 2018

Chinchorro Atoll (Banco Chinchorro Biosphere Reserve) is the best place in the world to get close to American crocodiles.

Located south of Cancun, Mexico and near the Belize border. The Banco Chinchorro Biosphere Reserve is the largest stand – alone reef in the Northern hemisphere and one of the healthiest.

Fewer than one thousand divers get to see these remote and unspoiled dive sites per year. It is home to the largest population of American crocodiles found in the Americas.

This July, photographer host Gregory Sweeney and 6 guests will travel on a unique adventure to see American Crocodiles and dive these beautiful and remote reefs.

This is a safe encounter with guides who have done years of experimentation and careful planning to make this safe. Our outfitter and guide in Xcalak was the first operator to organize croc encounters in Chinchorro and they remain the only dive operator with an official concession. They are committed to sustainable tourism and conservation.

On the Chinchorro Banks, we



stay in utilitarian fishing shacks on stilts over the shallow waters: 36 nautical miles off shore and across from Xcalak, Mexico.

Each morning we dive to take in the pristine reefs and marine life while also hunting lionfish. There is a duo purpose in this; to help eliminate the invasive lionfish population and to get food to attract the crocs. In the afternoons we photograph the crocs in the 1.2m deep water around our huts. We are able to maintain a level of safety even when we are getting up

close due a safety diver nearby with a pole to ward off any advances from excited crocodiles.

When in Xcalak we have a chance to enjoy some diving on excellent reefs in the shallows and some deep walls covered in healthy sponges and stands of black coral.

Sometimes manatees are spotted on these reefs and there are several wrecks and plenty of large and small fish species.

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Gregory Sweeney Photography Adventures

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UW Photographer Gerald Nowak joins Fiji Siren



The Siren Fleet has always been a keen supporter of underwater photographers with each yacht designed to accommodate the growing needs of underwater photographer. Each has dedicated preparation areas, plenty of charge points, storage drawers, large rinse tanks, and a large plasma screen to view and share your photos.

Each year, we offer you a wide selection of escorted underwater photography workshops, hosted by well-known underwater photographers and videographers who provide you with the opportunity to develop and improve your photography skills in a variety of destinations.

We are pleased to announce that Bavarian professional photographer Gerald Nowak will be joining the Fiji

Siren from 17 to 27 November 2017.

On this Special Siren Trip, Gerald will be at your disposal to help you improve your underwater photography skills. He will be conveying tips and tricks to you based on his vast experience as a professional.

As Fiji is famous for being the “Soft Coral Capital” of the world, there will be a plethora of colours to play with. Macro lovers will also get their share to practice with; ghost pipefish, leaf fish, nudibranchs, etc. In Fiji, there is plenty for photographers of all specialities.

Gerald Nowak, a freelance journalist, has been working and diving around the globe for most German dive magazines and online portals, reporting on the underwater world.

<https://sirenfleet.com/liveaboard-diving/photo-trips/>

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In-Water Photographer of the Year Competition



In-Water Photographer of the Year is photography based under and in the water. If you are snorkeling in the shallows, surfing your local reef, swimming in open water or your local pool, freediving the depths, out spearfishing for a sustainable supper. If you find you're in-water with just a camera in hand, no tank or other gear in the way, then you qualify to participate in the next In-Water Photographer of the Year.

This competition is for the new breed of photographers, an emerging populace, young and old to join in who own a waterproof camera and

thats it. You enter the water with minimal of gear to capture the photos as you see fit.

Only one person can win the top prize of In-Water Photographer of the Year, that could be you! Do you have the photo or believe you can make the best photograph for In-Water Photographer of The Year?

We have 20 In-Water categories and we will have a winner for each, young and old, enter your photographs to be the best in your category.

Entries Open: September 30th - December 15th 2016

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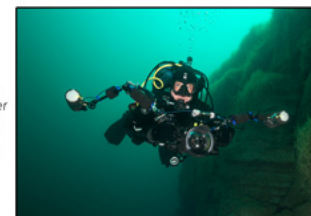
Join Aquatica Digital in partnership with SLS Photography for our 2nd Anilao Underwater Photo Workshop! We will be staying at the beautiful Dive Solana resort, eating some fine food and most of all, looking for and photographing in one of the most target rich areas on the planet! Rivaling Lembeh Straits in the sheer diversity of critters, Anilao was named the Center of Marine Biodiversity (surpassing Australia's Great Barrier Reef) by the World Conservation Union. Dr. Terry Gosliner of the California Academy of Science labeled Anilao as one of the most bio-diverse locations on Earth. **BUT!** Anilao is not limited to macro, there are the fish filled pinnacles of Sombrero, Beatrice and Bahura, the beautiful coral filled walls, and rich shallow water reefs teeming with life and colour.

Join Team Aquatica shooters, Stewart Sy and Todd Mintz as they guide you personally on dives to help improve your underwater photographic skills. There will be daily lectures on techniques and tricks as well as post processing techniques to make your underwater images pop! In addition, prizes donated by Aquatica and SLS Photo will be awarded to workshop participants for Best Shot, Best Macro, Best Wide as well as runner up prizes.



Stewart L. Sy:

Stewart is the owner of SLS Photography and has been creating underwater images for over 20 years. Stewart is an expert hack at Photoshop and likes to make LARGE prints of his images.



Sylvain Marcotte:

Sylvain is one of the senior electronic geeks at Aquatica. He is actively involved in the design of the company's video and still housings and will be a treasure trove of technical info!



Todd Mintz:

Todd is an international award-winning underwater photographer and Arctic Explorer. Todd is a member of the Explorer's Club and Ocean Artists Society



**Best of Show 2017
Sparing Soft Coral Crabs
by Leslie Blickenstaff**

This was the winning image on our first ever workshop. The combination of animal interaction and flowing lines made this the judge's choice!

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What's Included:

14 Nights, Twin Share, Air Conditioned Accommodations at Dive Solana Resort Anilao. 4 Meals, 3 Boat dives per day with (11 diving days), **additional dives and nitrox available at extra cost.**

Beach Front & Premium rooms and Non Diver rates are available as well. Flights are not included but we can help you arrange them with Philippine Airlines.

SLS Photography has over 15 years of experience taking eager divers and UW Photographers to this often underappreciated diving paradise. We have first hand experience with every location and partner only with dive operations who have established a reputation of excellent service, comfortable accommodations, great food and most of all knowledge of the area.

We Look Forward to Showing the Wonders of the Philippines' Reefs to You Soon! Mabuhay!



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Basking Shark Research



Greetings from the Hebrides!
We've only got a couple of weeks left of our season before we wrap up for 2017. We've had great basking shark sightings again this year, however it's been very challenging weather at times being based at the edge of the Atlantic!

There are still some spaces at the end of the Hebrides season next week, however we still have a lot of availability on our research expedition in September & October. See below for some of the research areas you can get involved with. The trips are either 3,4 or 7 days long, with the longer you spend the greater chances of better interactions.

www.baskingsharkscotland.co.uk

Wide Angle Uw Photography Boot Camp, Roatan January 20-27th, 2018

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.

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

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.



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This course is limited to 10 students 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 right away as you apply your newfound knowledge on some of Bonaire's most beautiful dive sites.

The best way to learn is by shooting and our photo pros will be in the water with you to help improve your technique and to correct mistakes. 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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