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What's New at SCUBA Travel?



Diving Thailand

The best diving in Thailand is in the Andaman Sea and we have many new comments on the dive sites there, including the King Cruiser wreck to which you've given the top five fish rating

http://www.scubatravel.co.uk/thailand/thaidive.html



Diving the Maldives

The Maldives are at the forefront of marine conservation, recognising that their economy depends on the health of their seas. We have increased our coverage of the Maldives, adding more dive operators.

http://www.scubatravel.co.uk/pacific/maldives-diving.html

Advert: MY Anastasia - the best and cheapest way to dive the Maldives http://www.anastasiayacht.com/

For regular announcements of what's new at the SCUBA Travel site see our <u>Twitter feed, the Diving Board</u> or our <u>Facebook page</u>

Top Ten Wreck Dives in the World

We've a new list of the best wreck dives in the world, as voted for by our readers. How many have you dived? <u>Tweet @SCUBANews</u>.

1. The Yongala, Australia

The Yongala is a shipwreck off the coast of Queensland. Full of life you may see manta rays, sea snakes, octopuses, turtles, bull sharks, tiger sharks, clouds of fish and spectacular coral.



2. Thistlegorm, Egyptian Red Sea

Big wreck whose cargo includes motor bikes, train carriages and trucks.

3. Liberty, Bali, Indonesia

The Liberty lies on a black sand slope, almost parallel to the beach and is only 30 m offshore. She lies in 9-30 m of water and is totally encrusted in anemone, gorgonians and corals.

4. President Coolidge, Vanuatu

Originally a large, luxury, liner, the President Coolidge became a troop carrier during the war. She sank after hitting mines. She now lies on her side between 17 and 70 m, bow to stern.



5. The Zenobia, Cyprus

The MS Zenobia was a roll-on roll-off ferry which launched in 1979 and sank in 1980 on her maiden voyage. No lives were lost. The dive starts at 16 m with a maximum depth of 42 m. Vast wreck with good vis and swim throughs.

- 6. <u>Hilma Hooker, Bonaire</u> Lies on the sandy bottom of a beautifully reefed slope.
- Wreck of the Bahama Mama, New Providence, Bahamas

Once a party cruise ship which was sunk in 1995.



8. Rainbow Warrier, New Zealand

In 1985 the French sank Greenpeace's flagship, the Rainbow Warrier, to stop her interfering in a nuclear test.

9. Blockship Tabarka, Scapa Flow, Orkney

In the north of Scotland many ships were sank during both wars as part of coastal defences. These are known as "Blockships". Tabarka was one of the last to be sunk and is upside down with numerous entry points.

10. Umbria, Sudan

A spooky castle of a wreck covered by corals loaded with 36000 aircraft bombs, cars, wine bottles...The site is visited by manta rays, whale sharks and, at night, tiger sharks.



Disagree with the list? You can vote for your favourite dive at http://www.scubatravel.co.uk/best-wreck-dives.html.

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UK Eats Last of Home-Grown Fish

This week the UK ran out of fish from her own waters, and became dependent on imported fish for the rest of the year, according to a report from NEF (the New Economics Foundation) and OCEAN2012.

End of destructive fishing practice in sight

Better news: the European Commission plans to phase out deep-sea bottom trawling and bottom gillnet fishing within two years in European waters, to help fish stocks recover.

Floating robot helps track great white sharks

A floating robot has been deployed to track great white sharks in the Pacific as part of efforts to understand the giant predators.

Improving water quality can help save coral reefs

Researchers have found that an imbalance of nutrients in reef waters can increase the bleaching susceptibility of reef corals.

Study Reveals Caffeinated Waters off the Oregon Coast

Researchers find elevated levels of caffeine pollution on Pacific Ocean shores.



Invasive brittle star species hits Atlantic Ocean

Yellow brittle star could alter appearance and ecology of Atlantic coral reef habitats.

Humpback Whales alter migration pattern, stay in Antarctic waters longer

Large numbers of humpback whales are remaining in bays along the Western Antarctic Peninsula to feast on krill late into the austral autumn, long after their annual migrations to distant breeding grounds were believed to begin, according to a Duke University study.

Marine species' deaths caused by UVB increases

Increased ultraviolet radiation has caused a sharp rise in the deaths of marine species, scientists have found.

BSAC Launch Underwater Litterpick

Working in conjunction with the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), BSAC is inviting its clubs, divers and snorkellers to take part in a litter clean-up underwater.

Earth's oceans and ecosystems still absorbing about half the greenhouse gases emitted by people

Earth's oceans, forests and other ecosystems continue to soak up about half the carbon dioxide emitted into the atmosphere by human activities, even as those emissions have increased.



Thai conservationists release endangered turtles back into sea

Nearly 1000 endangered green and hawksbill turtles have been released back into the waters of the Gulf of Thailand.

Plastic pollution in sea reaches surprisingly high levels

Plastic pollution off the northwest coast of North America is reaching the level of the notoriously polluted North Sea,

according to a new study led by a researcher at the University of British Columbia.

Tropical plankton invade Arctic waters

For the first time, scientists have identified tropical and subtropical species of marine protozoa living in the Arctic Ocean. Apparently, they traveled thousands of miles on Atlantic currents and ended up above Norway with an unusual - but naturally cyclic - pulse of warm water, not as a direct result of overall warming climate, say the researchers. On the other hand: arctic waters are warming rapidly, and such pulses are predicted to grow as global climate change causes shifts in long-distance currents.

Diver rescued from Dorothea Quarry in Wales

A diver has been airlifted to a decompression chamber after surfacing from a 91m (300ft)

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