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What's New at SCUBA Travel?



Sharks!

If sharks are your thing then look at French Polynesia - hundreds of grey reef sharks, white tip sharks, hammerheads and others.

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Whales and Wall Dives

With the 1.8km deep Turks Island Passage, Turks and Caicos offers impressive wall diving and a chance to snorkel with whales

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Golden Dive Sites of Dahab

Dahab is famous for its Canyon and Blue Hole dive sites, but it has many others - some better than these most well known dives.

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Liveboard Deals

[Save \\$1000 on Philippines Liveboard and Resort](#)



Combine three night liveboard and four nights at Dumaguete resort.

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Letters

In 1980 I had several dives on a tugboat wreck just off what was called Jeddah Point. The wreck lies at 42-45m, on its right side and it was towing several barges. I believe it sank in a storm in the late 1970s. I would like to find out the name of this wreck. I have a couple of photos.

Andrew Leech

Any ideas? Contact news@scubatravel.co.uk and we'll pass your message on.

Where to Dive in June?

June is a great month for whale encounters, especially humpback whales. These giants of the ocean migrate during June and divers can enjoy them in Australia and the Galapagos Islands.





The **Galapagos** Islands are magical in June, with numerous whale sharks as well as the humpbacks. Divers can also enjoy the beginning of the Galapagos dry season.

The calm seas and great visibility at **Australia's** Great Barrier Reef in June make it a perfect destination at this time of year. It is also a whale hotspot, with dwarf minke whales migrating through the reef each winter. It is the only location in the world where divers and snorkellers can jump in the water with these whales. Humpback whales are also spotted frequently in June but swimming with them is not allowed at the Great Barrier Reef. Divers can instead enjoy listening to their song and watch them breach. The curious whales will sometimes even swim over to the boat.

The dive season for **Socorro** is coming to a close in June and is worth visiting before the season ends. It is a great destination in Mexico and can only be reached by liveaboard from the Baja Peninsula. It isn't the place for coral reefs, but it is the place to enjoy dive experiences with large marine life such as dolphins, tiger sharks, hammerheads, Galapagos sharks and more. The diving is deep with currents and is best suited to intermediate and advanced divers.

Elsewhere in Mexico, the **Sea of Cortez** season is just around the corner, beginning in August, and some liveaboards offers safaris to both Socorro Island and the Sea of Cortez, making the most of both destinations. The Sea of Cortez has calm dive conditions and plenty of opportunities to dive with sea lions and pelagics and search for tiny macro life.

Article by divers and writers at [LiveAboard.com](https://www.liveaboard.com). You can read the full article at [Best places to dive in June](#).

Diving News From Around the World

Our round up of the best underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



[**New Zealand's blue whales under threat from seafloor mining**](#)

New Zealand's population of blue whales could be badly affected by seafloor mining plan.



[**How to Choose a Dive Mask**](#)

When it comes to buying kit, one of the most



important pieces of equipment to own is the right dive mask. It is often the first piece of gear that new divers buy and there are numerous different masks to choose from, which can make it difficult to know how to choose the right one.



Scientists highlight 9 new reef fish species off West Papua

Scientists in Indonesia have found nine stunning new reef fish species in the protected waters off the country's largely untouched province of West Papua.



Bleaching of coral reefs reduced where daily temperature changes are large

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Plastic waste is a problem - but some solutions are even worse

Plastics have done wonders for hygiene and human health. We need to fix the waste problem - but don't throw out the baby with the bath water



Pacific Bluefin Tuna Stock Remains Highly Depleted

Fishery managers should continue current catch limits to help threatened species recover.



Historical Art Paints a Picture of Past Shark Abundance

Researchers comb through art and literature to illuminate the ancient ecology of the Mediterranean Sea.



Solar powered sea slugs shed light on search for perpetual green energy

In an amazing achievement akin to adding solar panels to your body, a nudibranch sucks raw materials from algae to provide its lifetime supply of solar-powered energy.

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