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Welcome to the first issue of SCUBA News in 2019. I wish you all good diving for the rest of the year.

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What's New at SCUBA Travel?



Grenada - the unspoiled Caribbean

Featuring the largest wreck in the Caribbean - the Bianca C sank in 1961 and is covered in life.

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Malta's Wrecks

There are over 80 shipwrecks in Maltese water, about 15 of which are regularly dived. With clear waters it is a great destination for wreck lovers.



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Best places to dive in February

February is particularly good for diving with sharks: discover five of the best destinations around the world.



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Featured Liveboard - Blueforce 3

Photo Workshop in the Red Sea




Book a space on a special trip 20-28 July, 2019 and during this week, Juanjo Saez will help you discover, learn and improve your knowledge and skill in underwater photography

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Creature of the Month: Dendronotus Nudibranch



From the 1930s until 1998 these two nudibranchs were thought to be the same species: *Dendronotus frondosus*.





However, genetic analysis by M. Tholleson suggested that the two colour forms were distinct species and so he resurrected an old name *Dendronotus lacteus* for the white one.

Not difficult to tell apart you might think, but *D. frondosus* comes in many colours.

At first all the colour-forms were all thought to be independent species, then all the same species, and now some the same and some different.

In 2017 a third species of *Dendronotus* was identified, *Dendronotus europaeus*. Like *D. frondosus* and *D. lacteus* this nudibranch is common in shallow waters in northern seas.

Dendronotus frondosus means leafy black tree. The nudibranch feeds on hydroids and from them obtains nematocyst stinging cells which it uses for defence from predators.

The photos were taken in the Isle of Man by Tim Nicholson. The nudibranchs are found in the British Isles, on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the United States and Canada, northwards into the Arctic and south as far as France.

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](#)



[Best liveaboard destinations for every diver](#)

Liveaboard diving opens up a new world of dive adventures and remote destinations that few people visit, but it can be tricky to know where to start when navigating the variety available. There are liveaboard options, though, to suit every type of diver; from new and intermediate divers wanting to enjoy peaceful coral reefs, right through to experienced divers looking for a new challenge in the big blue.



[Killer whales are moving northward into](#)



Pacific Arctic, spelling trouble for local mammals

Lack of ice in the arctic has extended the range of orcas, affecting populations of belugas, bowheads and narwhals.



Ocean thermal renewable energy technology tested in the Maldives

Bringing a new form of renewable energy to remote diving areas



In Florida, Turtles Poisoned by Red Tide Are Getting a New Treatment

Animal rehabilitation experts are looking to a human overdose therapy to treat sea turtles poisoned by toxic marine algae.



Factors of extinction and how some species are bouncing back

3 ways to drive a species to extinction



Norway keeps minke whale quota unchanged

Norway's fisheries minister says his country will keep its minke whale hunting quota in 2019 at 1278 catches.



Shark bites plummet in 2018

While several high-profile shark bites made headlines last year, the total number of shark attacks globally took a nosedive.

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