

# SCUBA News

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Welcome to SCUBA News. This month we're delighted to announce an exclusive prize draw to win a pair of tickets to The Ocean Film Festival World Tour! Plus looking for Anita.

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## What's New at SCUBA Travel?



### Panama: Caribbean or Pacific?

For dramatic diving, with large sharks and rays, choose the Pacific south side of Panama. For a calmer experience head to the Caribbean also one of the cheapest places to dive.

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### Uncover Fiji's Hidden Depths Top Dive Sites Revealed

Discover the best dive sites and find answers to frequently asked questions about diving in Fiji.

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### Arctic Wonders: Best places to go diving in Finland

Finland is an excellent diving destination if you're looking for an adventure



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### **Egypt Divers**

Making your diving experience unforgettable with quality and service as priorities.

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### **Letters: Looking for Anita**

We have some lovely photos by Anita Floyd on our web site. And now there is a request to use one in a book. However, we have lost touch with Anita if anyone knows her contact details, please get in touch  
[news@scubatravel.co.uk](mailto:news@scubatravel.co.uk)

*"Hi, I am writing and illustrating a new marine life I.D.book on the Caribbean and wondered how I can get in touch with Anita Floyd to use one of her photographs. Can you help please.  
Lawson Wood"*

### **Win a pair of tickets to The Ocean Film Festival World Tour**

We are delighted to offer you the chance to win a pair of tickets to the fantastic Ocean Film Festival which will be touring the UK from September to November.



*Metropolis. A film by Luca Keller*

Featuring a solo sailing attempt around Antarctica, extreme shark

Featuring a solo sailing attempt around Antarctica, extreme shark photography and more, the Ocean Film Festival is a cinematic celebration of the planet's oceans up on the big screen.

To win a pair of tickets to the venue of your choice just email [news@scubatravel.co.uk](mailto:news@scubatravel.co.uk) to be entered into a prize draw, drawn Monday 26 August. Don't forget to state where you want the tickets for. For locations available see <https://www.oceanfilmfestival.co.uk/tickets>.

You can the trailer for a taste of the action: <https://vimeo.com/985012284>

## Ocean Film Festival Highlights Include

### Ice Maiden

Adventurer Lisa Blair is embarking on a voyage to become the first woman to sail solo, nonstop and unassisted around Antarctica. When unexpected and lifethreatening weather conditions cause catastrophe, Lisa needs to dig into every ounce of courage, determination and selfbelief to not only finish the journey, but survive in the most dangerous waters on the planet. An epic tale of perseverance, pushing limits and believing you can achieve something even when you don't know how.



*Lisa Blair leaving Portland. By Dean Koopman*

### The Whale Song

Delve into the enigmatic communication of humpback whales. Beyond their renowned songs lies a thrilling revelation these majestic creatures ingeniously remix each other's tunes, passing melodies around the world's oceans. The Whale Song draws a parallel between the musical genius of DJ Sam Feldt and the whales' haunting harmonies. As Sam transforms whale songs into chart-topping human beats, an extraordinary synergy between nature and art unfolds.





*Humpback Whale Song*

## Tess Felix: Portrait of an Artist

Californiabased artist Tess Felix uses plastic debris to create mosaic portraits as a vibrant response to the perilous state of our oceans. Tess explores serious issues with imagination and humour, aiming to spark curiosity and imagination. Through the forgotten and unusual remnants of everyday life, Tess uses art to speak of the places, people and ocean that she loves.



## Win tickets to the Ocean Film Festival

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## 8 Fantastic Liveaboard Deals

More great liveaboard diving deals, to some of the best diving destinations in the world, specially selected for us by [Divebooker.com](https://www.divebooker.com), the liveaboard specialists.

1. **Teman, Alor Ambon,**. 28 Sep 10 Oct 2024 (12 nights). Price from ~~\$ 5,960~~ \$4,768 per trip per person, **SAVE 20%**.





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2. **Galaxy Diver II, Galapagos Islands**, 23 30 Oct 2024 (7 nights), **SAVE 25%**. Price from USD ~~6765~~ \$5075 per trip per person,



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3. **White Pearl, Best of Central Atolls of the Maldives** 20 27 Oct 2024 (7 nights). Book now and save **10%**



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4. **Aurora, Raja Ampat** 17 September 2024 (6 nights), SAVE 15%, Price from EUR 2,900 2,320 per trip per person



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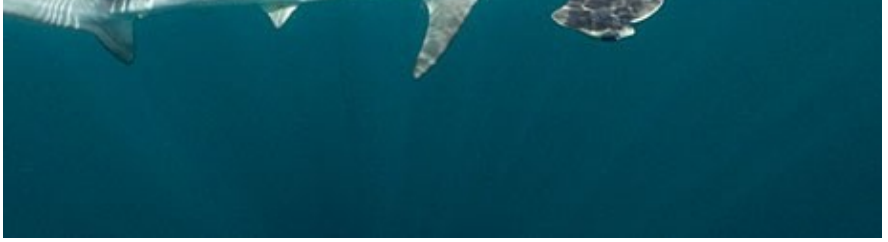
5. **Palau Siren, Palau**, SAVE 20% in October 2024 and March 2025



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6. **Okeanos Aggressor II**, Cocos Island, 27 March 06 April 2025, **SAVE 25%**. The Cocos Islands, of Costa Rica, are 300 miles off the mainland and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This world class diving destination is a great place to see big pelagic species.





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7. **La Galigo, Raja Ampat, Indonesia**, SAVE UP TO 25% in December to one of the best diving areas in the world.



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8. **Blue Storm, Brothers Daedalus Elphinstone, Red Sea** .  
Stunning coral plus sharks, dolphins, turtles and large shoals of fish.  
26 Sep 03 Oct and 31 Oct 07 Nov 2024 (7 nights), **SAVE 15%**,  
Price from EUR 4560 1350 per trip per person



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Diving news from around the World

Dance for the ocean and leatherback



### **Dance for the ocean and leatherback turtles**

Celebrating the beauty and diversity of the oceans through dance whilst raising money for leatherback turtles in Reserva Youth Land Trust's project to save leatherback turtles. Highlighting the interface between science and the arts



### **Five Cozumel reefs off limits as part of recovery program**

During the months of August and September, five of Cozumel's reefs will be off limits to divers to recover from the daily load of visitors.



### **Long distance relationship revealed in the seemingly random behavior of bowhead whales**

Applying chaos theory to the movement of iconic arctic whales uncovered a 24hour diving cycle and a long range (100 km) synchronisation.



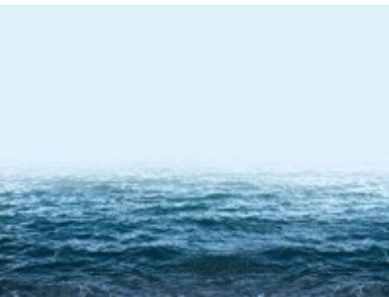
### **80% drop in carrier bags on UK beaches**

Marine Conservation Society reports massive decrease in plastic bags litter on beaches on UK since the government made it compulsory to charge for them.



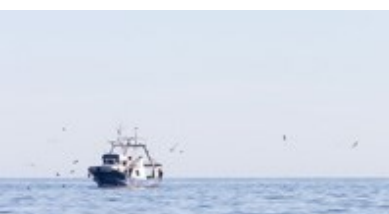
### **St Lucia enters final planning stage for new Underwater Sculpture Park**

The park is expected to showcase key elements of St Lucia's culture and history. "This will bring a whole new dimension to our maritime environment, to our diving and ecotourism product"



### **Southern Ocean absorbing more CO2 than previously thought, study finds**

Lack of winter data is a problem because of the difficulty accessing the region at that time.



### **Fishing makes fish flee instead of mating**

Study reveals that fishing affects not just the caught fish but also causes behavioural changes in those left behind, reducing their





changes in those left behind, reducing their ability to reproduce.



### **The Very Hungry Urchins**

Urchins are the custodians of Caribbean coral reefs, scraping away algae that would otherwise smother corals or prevent coral larvae from growing, and reefs have suffered in their absence. Combine this loss with an avalanche of other threats and it's easy to feel as though coral reefs in this part of the world are doomed.



### **New toolkit to combat coral bleaching**

Guidance for the marine tourism industry on how they can help manage and monitor the impacts of coral bleaching and get involved in recovery efforts.



### **Best Diving in September**

September can be a tricky time to dive, as many destinations are transitioning between seasons. However, there are some magical destinations to visit at this time of year.

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