



This month **SCOTTISH DIVER** spoke to David Easton, founder of Fife-based travel company Red Sea Divers. Established in 2003, Red Sea Divers organise scuba diving holidays for divers who want to live on board the best boats and enjoy warm water scuba diving in the fabulous Red Sea!

We bet David that more than half his answers would be ... the Red Sea! Did we win - find out below ...



■ **WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO DIVE?**

● My wife and I did a try-dive in Cyprus many years ago and loved it so much that when we got home we joined the Cupar Sub Aqua Club. We started out in the cold waters of the east coast and after a while progressed to the slightly warmer waters of the west. Now of course we like to dive in the even warmer waters of the Red Sea!

■ **WHAT TYPE OF DIVER ARE YOU?**

● If I had to classify myself then I would say I am a warm water diver - that or a holiday diver!

■ **WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF KIT?**

● Without a doubt I would say it is my optical mask. Since getting it I have been able to see things that I thought had disappeared from the Red Sea! They hadn't - it was just my poor eyesight!

■ **DIVE BUDDY - WHO DO YOU ENJOY DIVING WITH MOST?**

● I don't really have one buddy in particular that I enjoy diving with, basically I like diving with anybody who responds to my hand signals within 3 seconds.

■ **FAVOURITE DIVE SITE?**

● It would have to be the Brother Islands in the Red Sea. They are utterly stunning and they have everything you could possibly wish for - walls, wrecks, sharks, amazing corals and warm, clear sea. I really don't know of anywhere better!

■ **BEST COUNTRY VISITED?**

● Well, the Red Sea obviously! There is no place that comes close to beating it, with constant good weather and the most spectacular marine life. It really is second to none.

■ **WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO GO DIVING?**

● To get away from telephones, computers and my wife's nagging!

■ **DREAM DIVE BUDDY**

● If I had to think of someone it would be an old favourite of mine – Joanna Lumley. The only problem is I'm not sure if she dives though.

■ **DREAM DIVE DESTINATION**

● I don't really have a dream destination, but somewhere I have never been and would love to visit is Tahiti. I am not even sure what the diving is like but it certainly looks as though it would be a great dive location.

■ **BEST DIVE BOOK EVER READ?**

● I have just finished reading *Wrecks of the Red Sea* by Ned Middleton; it was a really informative book with loads of fantastic drawings which the artist had compiled from an array of photographs of the wrecks. The research that Ned had carried out was really impressive.

■ **WHAT BUGS YOU MOST ABOUT DIVING?**

● Not much to be honest, but people who are only interested in collecting badges and qualifications rather than gaining any real experience under the water does annoy me a little.

■ **HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE DIVING TO NON-DIVERS**

● This is probably quite clichéd, but the best way I could describe it is to say that it is what being an astronaut in space must feel like. I cannot think of any other place that you will be able to experience the feeling of weightlessness – not unless they start putting on holidays to outer space (now there's somewhere I'd like to go!)