



Portrait of Ballan Wrasse - Scotland

Cheeky smile and vibrant colours make this image for me. Captured at St. Abbs on first trial of my Nikon D70 camera with a 60mm lens, 2 Strobes on Manuel.



Diver and Edible Crab - Scotland

This was my winning shot for the 2006 St. Abbs and Eyemouth Marine Reserve Splash-In photo event. It took first place in the Marine Reserve Atmospheric category. I really like the colours and how perspective has made the crab look huge. Nikon D70 with 10.5mm lens, 2 Strobes on Manuel.



Lesser Octopus - Scotland

Lesser Octopus found off sitting still for a while it held tentacles, ready to jet off. and 2 strobes.

I STARTED diving around 1986 with Telford branch of ScotSAC. A year later I took my first underwater picture and from that time on I was hooked on underwater photography.

Over the years I have become more serious about underwater photography and have gone on to win a few competitions most recently in 2006 when I gained first place in the Marine Reserve atmospheric category at the St. Abbs and Eyemouth Voluntary Marine Reserve

splash in event.

My first article was published by **SCOTTISH DIVER** back in 1989/1990 describing a trip to Tenerife. After that I looked at all the UK diving magazines and started successfully submitting articles in 1996, which I am still happily doing today.

I love diving in Scotland in locations such as St. Kilda, the Clyde, Moray Firth, Firth of Forth, and of course St. Abbs and Eyemouth. But whenever the opportu-

nity presents itself I head for foreign destinations such as just over the Border in the fantastic Farne Islands and also further afield to destinations such as North Cyprus, Malta and, in 2005 after the terrible Boxing Day tsunami, the Maldives where the diving was magnificent.

In 2006 after that trip I re-focused on Scotland and put my newly purchased digital camera equipment to good effect with some really pleasing results.

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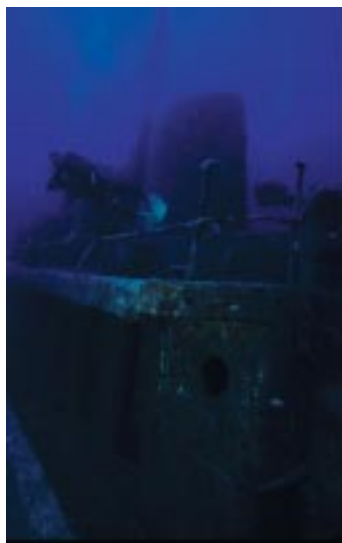
Nudibranch - Scotland

Pleasing shot of creature on kelp. Nikon D70 with 60mm lens, 2 Strobes on manual.



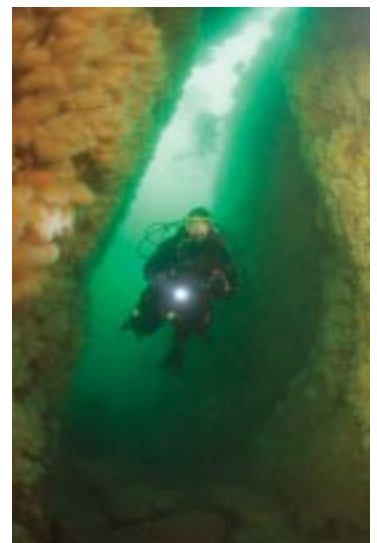
School of Jack fish - Maldives

Pictured in Laguna Lagoon in the Maldives. It's only one of two occasions where I have been completely engulfed by a school of large fish. Nik V 15mm lens, single strobe on TTL.



Divers on Rozi wreck - Malta

A more unusual view of the wreck taking in the funnel. Nik V 15mm lens, with just a hint of flash from a single strobe.



Diver In Gully - Scotland

Taken on the same day as the winning Splash In shot but not entered in the competition. I like the diver fining through the enclosing gully. Nikon D70 with 10.5 mm lens, 2 Strobes on manual.



d of St. Abbs Head. After as just started to uncurl its Nikon F90x with 60mm lens



Grey Seal - Farne Islands

Fantastic encounters in the Farne Islands. Vis wasn't great but seals came close and on this occasion I was quick enough to capture the moment. I like the way the movement of the seal is captured and how the sun just captures its back. Nikon D70 with 10.5mm lens, 2 strobes on Manual.



Pair of Manta Ray's - Maldives

This is one of my favourite shots, from the only time I have been lucky enough to dive with them. What makes it special for me is the positioning of the two rays. Nik V with 15mm lens using only natural light.

Five years ago I thought it was high time to get a website up and running. Initially the site displayed only my published diving articles and images. The site has now evolved to include a blog covering all my diving activities and a section on underwater photography techniques. There is a section on dive boat charters and even a competition to win prints.

I also sell a limited selection of my prints through Photobox, however any

image on my site can be purchased if you contact me directly.

What's for the future, well more of the same hopefully. I don't have anything solid planned yet for 2007 but I aim to dive with basking sharks so the Isle of Man or a west coast destination may be my focus point.

My thanks to David Graham who with his excellent technical ability maintains my site - www.underwater-photos.co.uk for me.

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