

Essex Diving Festival 2009

Take Better Underwater Images
Hosted by Mavericks Diving at The Underwater Studios



Sat 5th Sep
Entry by
pre-book
ticket £49
21 places only

A range of diving activities and talks are planned for the 2nd Essex Diving Festival, organised by Mavericks Diving and held at Underwater Studio's famous underwater movie tank. This year the theme is 'Take Better Underwater Images'

All qualified divers that participate will take part in three one hour long wet sessions in the tank including:

- Underwater Stills
- Compacts with Fuji Underwater Camera Systems,
- Underwater Video Cameras from Light and Motion
- Improve your Images With Better Buoyancy, using Mavericks Diving own Diamond Reef (As used in the Diver Buoyancy Challenge 2009)

Each participant will also attend a number of dry studio sessions in:

'Getting the Best from Underwater Compacts' with Mark Koekemoer from Ocean Optics.

There will also be an Underwater Video Master Class from Light and Motion, using their latest underwater video cameras.

Other sessions which we hope will include:

First Aid for, Marine Life Injuries and Post-Production Image Editing using Corel's latest and most powerful software yet.

The team behind the Essex Diving Festival are all specialists in their fields. Mark Koekemoer and Steve Warren from Ocean Optics have created three world firsts in underwater photography education. They have created the INON Underwater Photography Academies. INON is the leading manufacturer of strobes and lenses for compact camera users. The Academies teach high-level underwater photography courses developed by Mark and Steve for INON. Ocean Optics are also the first Fuji approved underwater photography school. They have created the Ocean Optics Underwater Photography Stage - a unique replica marine environment with coral reef, kelp beds and a wreck for teaching and practicing underwater photography. Steve and Mark will be

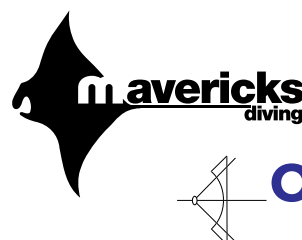
offering delegates the chance to learn a few important techniques for getting better images using Fuji cameras equipped with INON close up, wide angle and fisheye lenses and INON strobes.

Steve Mawle, Managing Director of Light and Motion UK is an underwater video specialist. He set up Fisheye Productions in the Red Sea where he taught highly regarded video production courses. Steve is bringing those skills to the Essex Diving Festival. He has developed a training program that has been approved by Light and Motion, which Mark Koekemoer and Steve Warren will be teaching in the future. At the Essex Diving Festival, you'll be able to try the very latest Light and Motion underwater video housings under Steve Mawles personal tuition.

Andrew (AJ) Pugsley is from Mavericks Diving and co- created the "Diver Magazine Buoyancy Challenge". Mavericks is owned by Ocean Optics. Andrew is a NAUI and BSAC instructor and Mavericks chief instructor. Buoyancy control is crucial to being a safe diver and the Mavericks Precision Buoyancy Course is a unique program based around the 'Diamond Reef' hover stations developed by Buoyancy Training Systems. AJ will be providing an insight into how to achieve the goal of precision buoyancy control at Essex Diving Festival.

Sean Eaton from Mavericks Diving is an Emergency First Response instructor. All divers should be first aid trained, given the environment in which we dive and often our remoteness from professional medical assistance. Sean will be offering refresher coaching in cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and reviewing other first aid skills at the Essex Diving Festival.

**Places are limited to just 21 people.
Cost is £49.00 per head including lunch.
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