

Underwater Wildlife Video courses with Award winning television wildlife cameraman Jeff Goodman, Oonas Divers and Red Sea Diving Safaris.



Another great session completed. This is the beginning of the 3rd year of running these courses now with Oonas Divers at the Red Sea resort of Marsa Shagra. Although this time I spent a week at Marsa Nakari before moving on to Shagra. Although I have filmed and dived much of the world during my career, I have done very little previously in the Red Sea and must say that I am loving it. Marsa Shagra has a wonderful house reef which allows visitors to dive it all day with out restriction. There are boat excursions to

off shore reefs for the more adventurous such as the Elphinstone and Dolphin House. The facilities are excellent, the food wonderful and the people delightful.

If you are looking for ‘adrenalin rush’ diving then I would say these destinations are not for you. If however you want easy dives on beautiful reefs and incredible amounts of wildlife, Turtles, Dolphins, the occasional Manta, a few sharks, etc, then this is certainly the place to be.



It is perfect for the video courses as students of all ages and backgrounds can learn to observe and film underwater wildlife with a great degree of safety. The courses are very flexible and cater for any one who would like to take good underwater video. Students arrive with all types of camera, from the semi professional to the small compact cameras bought from the high street. It doesn't matter, as the basics of learning about the wildlife and how to video it is universal. Although some students merely want to know

how to get the best from their camera, other want to go that bit further and learn how to edit their material into professional looking DVD's.

It was during the last course a few weeks ago that we all had the news of the tragic shark attacks further North of us. I won't go into the why's and wherefore's as I'm sure there have been enough contrasting news reports on the whole thing. I would say however that for realistic information, do look at the HEPCA web site <http://hepca.com> . Along with the shark headlines there was also the dismal news of the captive dolphins in Hurghada. There is a very good short film about this travesty on youtube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVQSZRR7ttA> filmed by Red Sea Diving Safaris.

But there in Marsa Shagra, the world was a peace. The diving was great and courses went well. One of the student films by Janine Gartshore can be seen at

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEA_tafMTP8 This was Janine's first complete film and one she can be very proud of. After the course she wrote: *"I wanted to say thank you so much for the week. I really enjoyed the course and have learnt so much from being with you. I'm looking forward to putting it all into practice when I'm back in Egypt over Christmas."*

Have a look at other student films on youtube from Jeff Goodman.