2 day weekend and 5 day week day Underwater Video filming and editing courses with Jeff Goodman and Atlantic Scuba

Get the most from reefs and wrecks with great animal behaviour

Workshop Structure

Having first of all assessed the standard of each participant be it beginner or more advanced, Jeff talks in some depth on how to get the best out of your camera.

During the courses, Jeff shows you how to film marine life in terms of technical quality as well as understanding how to get the most from a reef or wreck in terms of animal behavior. You do need your own cameras and laptops for editing. Please contact Jeff for any pre-course advice.

Topics to be covered on the 2 day weekend sessions are:

Filming

_A discussion and practical session about cameras and how to set them up for the optimum results when filming.

_The do's and don'ts of good camera techniques.

- _Go through good basic camera set-up;
- _Auto/Manual-Focus
- _Auto/Manual exposure iris shutter speed gain
- _White balance
- _Sound

Some basic filming techniques

_Steady shots

- Framing especially with 16:9 top and tail anticipation of subject movement
- _Zoom
- _Pan and tilt
- _Duration of shot
- Continuity of lighting which effects contrast/colour/depth of field etc
- _Pull focus follow focus
- Lighting

The importance of planning and research

_Learning how to avoid having to process, and finally edit great quantities of poor quality video in terms of time, cost, and morale.

_Considering different audiences for your work.

_Basic sequence structure – W/A – M/S – C/U – Ex/C/U

_Story board – Planning if possible – plan while filming –think of how this is all going to fit together.

_Control how much you shoot – cost in time and resources

_Discuss who the audience might be and what their expectations are.

_Show a brief example of how to edit.



Topics to be covered on the 5 day week day sessions are:

All the above but in greater detail with the addition of:

Editing

- _Transferring shot material to edit system
- _Film logging and organization
- _Story boards planning script- film outline
- _Rough assembly of footage
- _Good sequence structure
- Cutting techniques
- _Simple transitions and effects
- _Fine cutting
- _Sound planning and addition
- _Working with sync sound
- _Narration music titles

Equipment & Software needed for courses

- _Video camera and underwater housing
- _Laptop computer if editing
- _Suitable software

By the end of the 5 days you will either have completed a good quality 3 minute film or at least be well on the way and have the necessary skills and knowledge to complete your project at home.

Itinerary is;

For the 2 day weekend we have

Day 1 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location and boat Day 2 - 1-2 dives AM and classroom PM

For the 5 day video and editing we have

Day 1 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location and boat

Day 2 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location

Day 3 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location

- Day 4 editing classroom all day
- Day 5 editing classroom all day

For the 5 day video only (no editing) we have

Day 1 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location and boat

Day 2 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location

Day 3 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location

Day 4 - classroom AM and 1-2 dives PM depending on weather and location Day 5 - 1-2 dives AM and classroom PM