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BLUE SEASON BALI NEWSLETTER BRINGING YOU ALL THE BEST DIVE ACTION AND NEWS FROM BALI

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On May 15th, Blue Season Bali proudly announced the opening of its brand new IDC training facility. Our custom built 3m divepool provides the perfect environment for our students to develop their course skills and spend less time on the road

We're growing...

New Facilities at BSB

between pool and classroom! We have also added shower and changing facilities, a great way to freshen up before grabbing a coffee and relaxing in our Balinese style garden area - you're going to love it!

We would also like to introduce our brand new state of the art classroom; it's additional to the original classroom and suitable for teaching larger groups. It is fully equipped with the latest PADI materials and multimedia, and together with the new dive pool, provides the perfect PADI IDC training facility!

Blue Season Bali is also equipped with the most advanced custom

built dive boat in Bali today. Bali Ocean II is fully equipped for divers and snorkelers. Life jackets, emergency O2, first aid and communications equipment are standard.

Our facilities are unparalleled in Bali today! Couple this with some of the most professional and experienced PADI Course Directors and dive instructors in Asia and you have a fantastic place to complete any PADI dive course.

We hope that you will take the time to enjoy these new facilities the next time you are in Bali.



Featured Dive Site

3 -15m

One of Penida's most popular sites Manta point is only accessible via a beautiful boat ride along the coast line of Nusa Penida. Manta sightings here are very common with some very large animals being seen. The Manta's range from 2 metres across from wingtip to wingtip to up to 4 metres across on the Giant Black Manta that makes regular appearances! The site itself is a very shallow dive and consists of a large pinnacle that reaches up to just 3 metres below the surface making it a good location to snorkel when conditions are good! The pinnacle is a cleaning station for the Manta rays and on some dives can see up to 12 Mantas being cleaned at once!



The site is very open to the elements so sometimes it is not possible to dive this site. Make the most of it when the conditions are good!



Congratulations to all our six candidates, Mark, Mike, Fufu, Tristan, Jenny and Joe for our March IDC here at Blue Season Bali as yet again we celebrated another 100% success! Course Director SF Chong was elated with the success and mentioned that the group was one of the best set of candidates he had ever taught and that they all had the charisma and character to each become fantastic instructors! Mike has landed on his feet and found himself a job in Malaysia where he has taught many courses already

which is great news! Whilst Mark has left us here in Bali and migrated down to the East Coast of Australia where hopefully he will land something soon, we know he won't have to try too hard! Fufu is still here in Bali and has recently done here MSDT course with new Course Director Jon Cross, now she just needs the 25 certifications!

With the New classroom looking so professional, we know that the next set of candidates will be just as successful!

Newly Certified Divers in April

Open Water - Tang Shu, Hoover Chung, Lisa Vidiera, Kristine Lamont, Pawel Nowotny, Paulina Kawecka

Advanced OW - Kirsty Glover, Nishal Patel, Tang Shu, Camilla Akerberg

Rescue Diver - Camilla Akerberg, Charla Hughes, Russel Hughes

Specialities - Hilary Glover (Deep) Russel Hughes (Deep) Jordan Krunich (Nitrox)

Photograph of the Month - WIN a BSB T-Shirt



The top left image was taken by CD and Director of BSB **Jon Cross** in Sanur Bay, when he came across a school of mating squid on the artificial reef

Top Right: photograph taken by **Phil Tait** at Tepekong, Bali of a nudibranch struggling against current using a macro lens

Opposite: 2 Chromis Nudibranches getting familiar with one another taken by **Luca Vulli**

For your chance to win the monthly Prize of an Original **BSB Tee-Shirt**, simply email your favourite photograph that you took whilst diving with Blue Season Bali to media@baliocean.com



Going Deep with our Staff Team This Month: Tom West

Tom West is the newest recruit to join the Blue Season Team! Tom is an MI and carries a wealth of experience in not only diving and teaching but also web management! After doing his IDC, Tom has taught in many places around SE Asia including Thailand, Malaysia and the Philippines before landing his position as Internship Co-ordinator here at Blue Season Bali where we hope he will stay for a considerable amount of time. Tom has aspirations to become a Course Director in 2010 and we will be doing everything possible to help him along his course to accomplish this.

A bit of a poolshark, you are most likely to find Tom iexhubing his American arrogance challenging anyone he can for a game of pool...

...not anymore Tom, we've learnt our lesson.....or have we!



New Pool and IDC Classroom

A few snapshots of the New Facilities here at Blue Season Bali... I think you will agree that it looks spectacular!



Top Left: Jon enjoys his new pool with some of the Interns

Top Right: The New Entrance to the pool and classroom

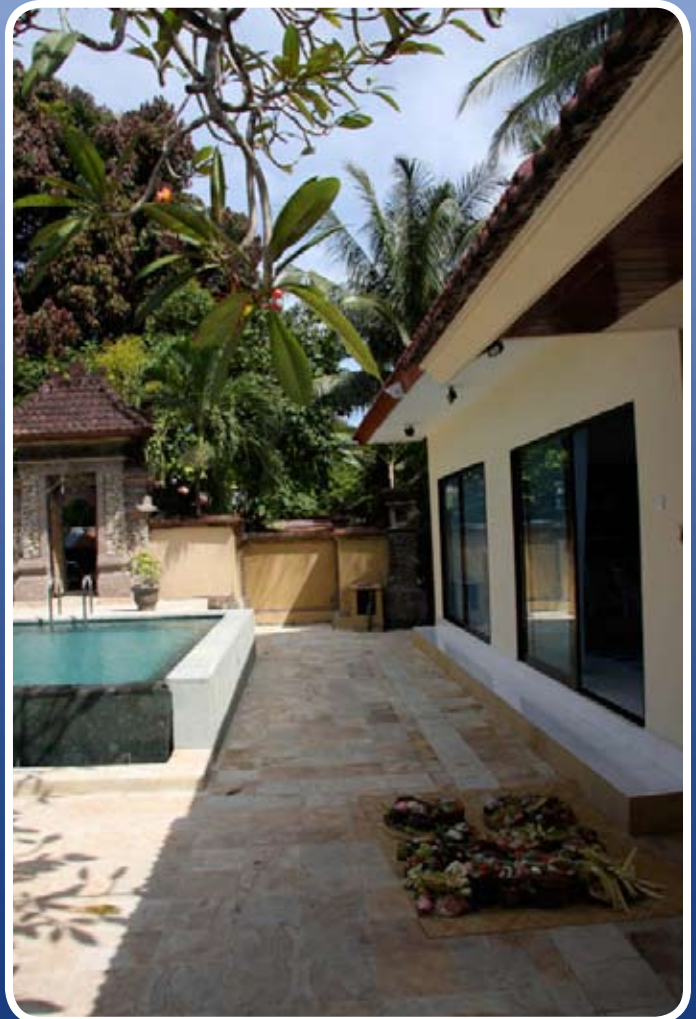
Bottom: The new pool has an infinity overflow system



Top Left: The pool gets its blessing
Balinese style

Bottom left: View
from the entrance

Bottom right:
Outside of the
new IDC
Classrooms



New Internships

APRIL 09



RUSS



DAVE



DAVID



Charla is doing the 2 Month Divemaster Internship, and is sadly nearing the end of her time with us! From the US, Charla brings fun and enjoyment to the guests coupled with great professionalism...although the photos from her nights out with Camilla beg to tell a different story!

CHARLA

Camilla is always the first Divemaster Intern to greet the guests in the morning with a huge smile on her face. Always eager to help out around the dive centre Camilla has been a great attribute to BSB but sadly, like Charla, her internship is only a 2 month one and she will be leaving us sooner rather than later....it seems like they really do do everything together!



CAMILLA



Kate, from South Africa, is the newest of our interns here at Blue Season. She is doing a 4 week Divemaster Course with us so time is of the essence. Hence why during daylight hours you will find her underwater and night time hours in the classroom cramming as much of the dive theory in as possible!

KATE



Alex, from France is doing a 4 month Divemaster Internship here in Bali. After doing courses with other organisations around the world, Alex is starting again from PADI Advanced OW... again lets hope that he catches the diving bug and continues on to do IDC

ALEX

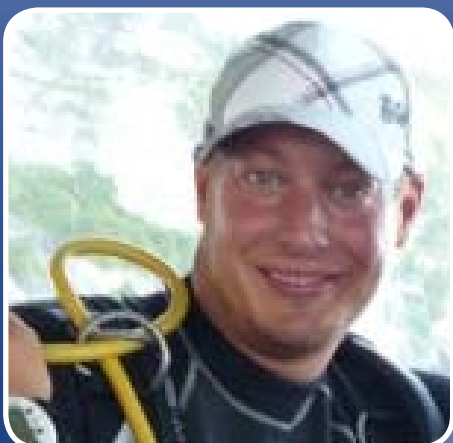


Jasmina is also here in Bali doing an intense 1 month Divemaster Internship with us. Whilst diving everyday she still finds time to study up on her Encyclopedia of Recreational Diving, pass all her exams and hit the beach with the other girls! Of German origin, Jasmina will be heading back to Cairns to live with her boyfriend who works there as a Dive Instructor!

JASMINA

Nobby is a Japanese and doing a 4 month Divemaster Internship with the plan to carry on to the IDC in July. As we have a large number of Japanese guests it is great to have Nobby available to assist. Starting only at AOW when he first arrived in Bali, Nobby's underwater skills progression has been fantastic!

NOBBY



Krzysztof (Chris Sunshine) is here with us doing his IDC Internship. Having done his Divemaster only very recently Chris wanted to take his professionalism one step further and joins us on the May IDC. Afterwards he will be looking to further improve his teaching skills with our MSDT Internship. Chris comes from Poland and speaks many languages which will be a huge bonus for him when the time comes for him to look for a job as well as chatting up women from as many nationalities as possible!

KRZYSZTOF

Critters

THE MIMIC OCTOPUS

The mimic octopus, *Thaumoctopus mimicus*, is a species of octopus that has a strong ability to mimic other creatures. It grows up to 60 cm in length. Its normal colouring consists of brown and white stripes or spots. Found in particular up in the North of Bali the octopus mimics the physical likeness and movements of more than fifteen different species, including sea snakes, lionfish, flatfish, brittle stars, stingrays, flounders, jellyfish, sea anemones, and mantis shrimp. It accomplishes this by contorting its body and arms, and changing colour.



For videos of the Mimic Octopus go to:

From the Directors.....

It is a delight to be able to establish this newsletter for all of the divers who have been diving with us in Bali and those who plan to join us in the future. Bali has some fantastic diving locations that can cater for all divers regardless of their certification level, number of dives, and their marine life wish list. With our new IDC swimming pool and classroom finally complete we are able to offer world class PADI diving courses from complete beginners up to the PADI Instructor Level and beyond.

I hope that this newsletter will show all of you how exciting your diving adventure in Bali will be. Through the coming months we hope to give you some insight into how Blue Season Bali operates including some really interesting info about our staff and internship candidates. We will also show you what is happening below the waves in Bali.

At Blue Season Bali we thrive on your comments so if you have anything you want to add to our newsletter, or you just want to chat with us on facebook, we will be looking forward to hear from you.

Jonathan Cross and Wakaba Toyama
Directors, Blue Season Bali

DEAL OF THE MONTH PROJECT AWARE SPECIALITY

Learn about some of the most pressing problems facing these vulnerable environments and everyday actions you can take to help conserve them. It's informative, interesting and most importantly, you learn how to make a difference. With Blue Season Bali, for the month of May, the Project Aware Speciality is **HALF PRICE!**

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