

# Boyd's Photo Haul

We take a look at some of Boyd Forrest's fantastic underwater imagery ...

FROM TIME to time **SCOTTISH DIVER** likes to highlight the work of talented photographers currently working in Scotland. It's not easy taking photos in our usually poor visibility and generally cold water as any of you who have tried will testify.

Improvements in modern digital equipment can produce high resolution, sharp, colourful images however the real skill lies with the photographer. Knowledge, patience and excellent observational skills combined with great composition are all needed to produce memorable images. I think when you look at the photographs on these pages you will agree Boyd Forrest has all these skills in abundance.

Boyd caught the diving bug after a try-dive in Tenerife in 1997. The following year he joined West Lothian Branch and is now a First Class diver and branch instructor. In the real world Boyd has run his own haulage business for 18 years. When he's not instructing he indulges his passion for underwater photography.

He told **SCOTTISH DIVER**: "I love the underwater world both at home and abroad. When I go diving I am always amazed by the di-

versity of creatures you see and just love capturing them with my camera. Like many, my favourite place to dive is Egypt. It's only five hours away, is warm, full of fishlife, and my wife who is a non-diver gets to enjoy the sun.

"My best dive so far was on on a branch trip to Egypt in 2006. During our last dive of the week at Elphinstone reef we spent a magical 78 minutes surrounded by several oceanic white tip sharks.

"I'm currently using an Olympus OM-DE-M1 with the Olympus PT-EP11 housing. Olympus 12-50mm and 60mm macro lens, a Sea&Sea YS110a and YS-D1, Athena ports both dome and flat (because of the superb glass) and my spotting light is the Nocturnal 800."

You will see from the photos that Boyd is attracted to very small subjects that are difficult to see let alone photograph. This is probably because he was inspired and influenced by Jim Anderson the master of nudibranch photography. Some of these subjects are only a few millimetres in size but show just how colourful and fascinating the creatures of the underwater world are.



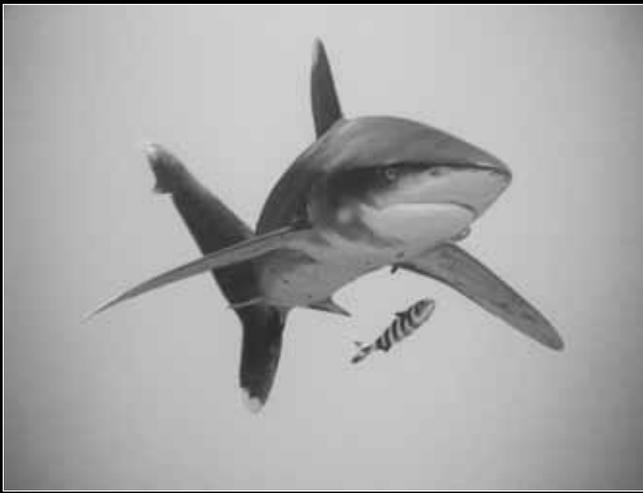
*Shafts of Light Illuminate a Cave in The Southern Red Sea*



*Doto Fragilis*



*Blenny*



*Oceanic white-tip shark*



*Wolfish*



*Bobtail Squid (sepiolida)*



*Amphipod ( imphimedia obesa ) 6mm*



*Masked Butterflyfish*



*Corophella Verrucosa Feeding*