



S.E.A. VIEWS & NEWS: June 2007



Summer is upon us and many people are planning their holidays. As you may know, Simon and Charlotte are both qualified scuba diving instructors, and Simon is a keen underwater photographer (you might have seen our dolphin postcard or the clown fish on the wall). So this month, we're sharing some tips to help you take great photos while snorkelling or diving. We've also included a special offer, a competition, and some major studio news. Read on...

TAKE IT EASY

Photographing the underwater world

Try before you buy

It can be quite expensive to buy a housing to protect your digital or film camera underwater. So we recommend you try a disposable camera for your first attempt at underwater photography. It will add a whole new dimension to the snorkelling experience, even if you don't achieve fantastic results. And at least you'll learn whether you want to invest 'real money' in underwater camera equipment. As with all photography, you need to get as close as you possibly can to the subject of your photo. While you're snorkelling, make sure you have plenty of suntan lotion on your bum! The water keeps you cool and it's easy to lose track of time and get burned. But don't put any lotion on your face (it makes your mask leak) or your hands.

Look for the light

If you're diving, noon is the best time to take photos, as it's when most light penetrates the water. Stay shallow for best results. If you point the camera upwards towards the surface, you'll achieve a bluer sea (otherwise the camera 'sees' it as black). Although all dive schools teach you never to hold your breath while scuba diving, you may need to so your bubbles don't appear in the pictures – but be extra careful not to ascend while breath-holding. The colours you see with flash can be fascinating compared with the colours you see with the naked eye, because the deeper you dive, you lose red, then yellow, then green, then blue. Afterwards, you can use PhotoShop to retouch any specks of plankton that appear in the pictures.

Hands off!

Be aware of the underwater environment, and don't touch anything! Don't let dangling equipment touch anything either. For one thing, there are poisonous fish and corals that can make you ill or even kill you. And for another thing, you can accidentally kill them – suntan oil on your hands can cause serious injury to certain sea creatures, while broken coral can take years to re-grow.

LEARN STUDIO AND LOCATION TECHNIQUES

NEW training courses launching soon

We are delighted to announce our NEW training courses we've been planning for some time.

STUDIO COURSE

Topics: Lighting, portraiture and still life
Tutor: Simon
When: Saturday afternoon, 2 hours
Cost: £50

LOCATION COURSE

Topics: Urban landscapes (London or Brighton)
Tutor: Nigel
When: Full day plus appraisal evening
Cost: £75

Please contact Charlotte on **020 8916 2399** if you are interested in either or both of these courses, or if you know anyone who is. Course dates will be advised in next month's issue.

AAH, HOW CUTE!

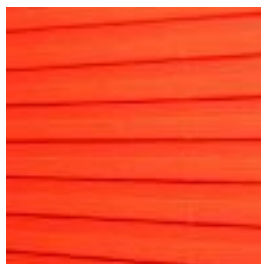
NEW children's portrait service

We're also pleased to report that Charlotte is now offering stylised children's portraits. Taken in our South Croydon studio, the poses are natural and casual on a white background with vibrant colours. We provide a selection of images for you to choose the prints you require. Some providers charge up to £1,000 per print! Our price is ONLY £25 per sitting plus £10.50 for each 6in. x 9in. print (other sizes are also available).

So who do you know that wants a professional photo of their child or children? We'll provide images to treasure forever and which make perfect gifts! Please phone Charlotte on **020 8916 2399** for more details or to make a booking. See the special offer below, and get in quick!

COMPETITION

No prizes, it's just for fun!



Images can look quite strange out of context. Can you tell what this is? Clue: It's from one of the pictures on our website www.seaphotography.com.

OVER TO YOU

What some of our satisfied customers say

"S.E.A. took the only pictures of me that don't make me look like Myra Hindley's sister!"

Annabel Kaye, Irenicon

OFFER OF THE MONTH

FREE children's portrait sitting

As mentioned above, we're now offering children's portraits for only £25 plus the cost of each print you decide to buy. The **FIRST** person to phone will get a **FREE** sitting!

This offer is valid until 30 June 2007.

To book your free sitting, please phone Charlotte on **020 8916 2399** and quote 'June newsletter offer'.

--

S.E.A. Photography Team

Tel: 020 8916 2399

Mob: 07889 894276

www.seaphotography.com

We don't want to hassle you with unwanted emails. So please reply to this message if you'd like to unsubscribe from our mailing list.