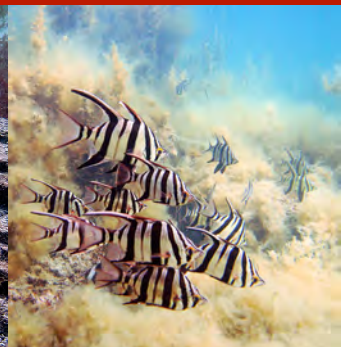




*Tasseled Anglerfish by Paul Macdonald*

**EDITHBURGH 1-3 NOVEMBER 2013**

**UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**



Edithburgh is a small town on the south-east corner of Yorke Peninsula in South Australia. Edithburgh is about 50 km west of Adelaide across Gulf St Vincent, but 226 km away by road. On the Friday the 1st of November Paul Macdonald and myself arrived at Edithburgh around lunchtime.

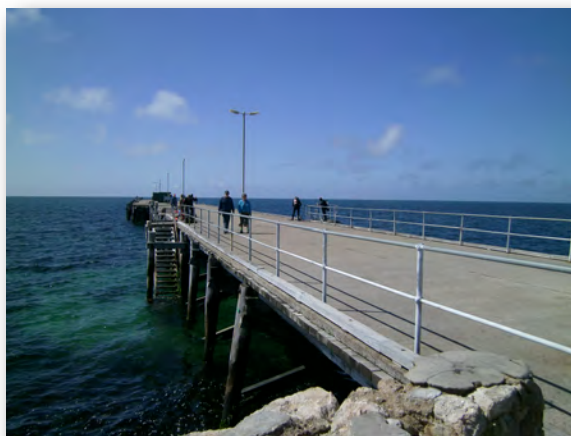
Our first stop was the jetty, so we could check the dive conditions - it was lovely: the ocean was flat, and the water was crystal clear – consistent with the forecast. There is an old saying “A Picture is worth a thousand words”, so it was important for our workshop to have best water conditions for our participants to build on and improve their underwater photography skills and take their best underwater pictures. We stayed at Sultana Point Lodge, a divers lodge overlooking the ocean and Troubridge Island and Lighthouse at Edithburgh. This divers lodge provides comfortable pleasant accommodation, divers facilities and a large sun room where we conduct workshops. This spacious lodge is fully



*Sultana Point Lodge*

furnished and offers accommodation for up to 28 divers. However downunderpix workshops are limited to 8 underwater photographers to ensure that all can get personal attention. So with the workshop area set up and the beds made, we waited to welcome divers who arrived between 6pm and 9pm. As participants arrived they quickly settled into the lodge and it wasn't long before the underwater photography questions were flowing fast for Paul to answer.

Once everyone had arrived Paul delivered a short presentation, covering the basics of light and some



*Edithburgh Jetty by Elizabeth Solich*

basic underwater photography techniques. Following the presentation the underwater photography talk and excitement continued. Cameras were set up for the following morning and participants got to know each other sharing their individual diving and photography experiences while Paul continued to field questions and share his underwater photography knowledge.

Most were up by 7am the next morning and after the light breakfast provided in the kitchen / dining area, everyone headed down to the jetty with big smiles of anticipation. Divers were greeted by excellent dive and underwater photography conditions. The water was clear and the sea flat. The water temperature 17C, and generally offered great visibility.

Divers got everything set up and ready for diving. Paul provided the dive briefing before everyone headed into the water. As the water was reasonably cold, for divers comfort I busied myself setting up



*Smooth Anglerfish by Carlo Possagno*

for the between dives break where hot beverages like tea, coffee, soup and hot chocolate was provided to warm divers up. Snacks were also available. Between dives talk was of Smooth and Tasseled Anglerfish, Cattlefish, Octopus, Nudibranch and Pyjama Squid spotted by the participants on the



*Nudibranch by Paul Macdonald*

dive. Suitably refreshed divers, headed out for the 2nd dive. The forecast for Sunday indicated significantly worsening weather conditions, with strong Southerly winds predicted and poorer visibility, so it was agreed by all to continue diving whilst the conditions were great rather than risk not being able to dive on the Sunday. This meant the

workshop was deferred to the Sunday morning. Around 4 p.m. the last group headed to the water for the final dive. After all diving, equipment has been washed and everyone refreshed, met at the lodge, ready to head down to the local hotel for dinner which turned out to be a lot of fun and most were in stitches of laughter many times as stories were shared. The Sunday morning welcomed us with still beautiful sunshine but also strong forecast Southern wind. At the morning workshop set for 9 a.m. Paul provided a detailed presentation on underwater photography which was followed by discussion of selected photographs from participants taken on Saturday. This session was very informative all present gained insight on how to capture better images of the various marine creatures they had seen the day before. We all know that underwater photography presents a number of challenges so in the workshop Paul shared many practical underwater photography tips and techniques, equipment considerations and lighting ideas for when divers hit the water. All underwater photographers: Julie Cohrs, Mike Bossley, Tony Bramley, Eamon Corr, Zig Osis, Alan Paskett, Carlo Possango together with Paul Macdonald have discussed various underwater photography enhancing techniques. The last part of the workshop is to discuss and critique in constructive and fun



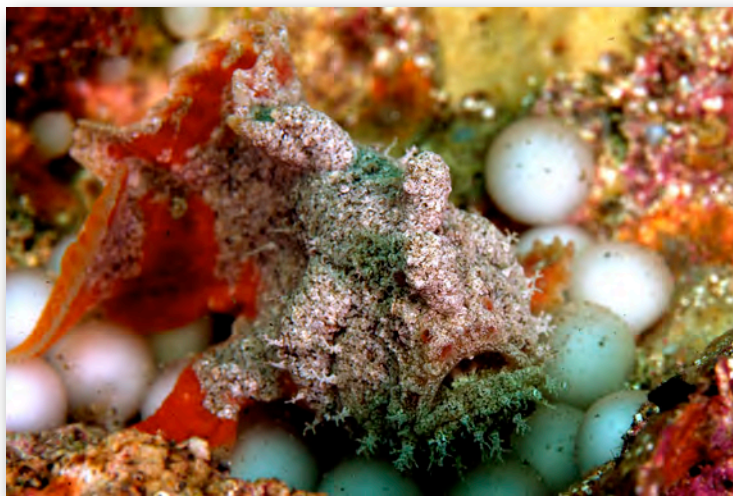
*Cattlefish by Alan Paskett*



*Old Wives by Tony Bramley*



*Pyjama Squid by Julie Cohrs*



*Smooth Anglerfish by Paul Macdonald*



*Tasseled Anglerfish by Paul Macdonald*

manner a selection of images from each photographer. This helps participants to think about the photographs they and others have taken, and to consider how a stronger image may be produced in the future.

A fun and informative time was had by all, lots of new diving friends from the various and remote Australian locations were made. Around 12 noon on Sunday participants left Sultana Point Lodge for home, with big happy smiles and new underwater photography ideas to practice in upcoming dives.

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## EDITHBURGH, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Edithburgh is a delightful holiday destination, just 233 kilometers from Adelaide and with a population of around 450. Once the third busiest port in South Australia, today it is a popular tourist destination for diving and fishing. There are nearly 200 lakes, most of which are salt in the Edithburgh area. It is no wonder that this town was once a major salt provider to South Australia.

The jetty is known as being an excellent location for diving with many amazing marine creatures to be seen including Leafy Sea Dragon, Sea Horses, Anglerfish, Octopus and Pyjama Squid.

Edithburgh is the perfect place to take the family for a holiday, with great swimming beaches and a tidal swimming pool with a shallow area. The sandy beaches are perfect for fishing, swimming, scuba diving or snorkeling and sail boarding.

Edithburgh and Troubridge Island are home to a number of shipwrecks, one of the worst being the 'Clan Ranald' where close to 40 lives were lost. Their graves are at the local cemetery.



*Smooth Anglerfish by Zig Osis*



*Sea Snail by Mike Bossley*