

# Groupers, Rays and Pixels

Photo Workshop for People Who Love Their  
Digital Cameras, In the Water and Out!

Location: Brac Reef Resort, Cayman Brac, BWI



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Hi Divers,

Many divers are now making use of the various digital underwater cameras that are now available today. For many of us, taking photographs of the amazing sights and creatures we encounter while diving is just as important as the dive itself. For many, diving without a camera is like diving naked. Looking at and sharing those photos with our friends and fellow divers is an integral part of the diving experience.

For those who are truly into their photographs, and want to learn about enhancing those images, this workshop has been created. The tools you will learn will be of benefit to both your underwater images as well as those you create without getting wet.

This workshop will provide instruction on colour balancing (making the image look more like what you saw with your eyes rather than what the limited capacity of the camera has captured regardless of camera size or quality), black and white conversions, image composition and creation, cleaning up and/or removal of unwanted objects, and much, much more though the magic of Photoshop.

This workshop has been structured to be a diving holiday that will incorporate teaching you how to improve the photographs you take during the workshop. Nationally-accredited and Internationally-Award-Winning Photoshop Instructor, Cindy Bury, has been helping professional photographers enhance their images for years. She has taught Photoshop at many Professional Photography Conventions, both in Canada and the United States and is coming to Cayman Brac this summer to share her knowledge and experience with you. Cindy's light-hearted and easy approach to Photoshop makes learning fun and easy, taking your finished images to new heights, no matter what your computer skill level.

To participate, you must, of course, be a certified diver, have a digital underwater camera, a laptop computer with Photoshop CS or higher already installed. If you do not have Photoshop, you can download a fully-functioning trial version from the internet. Be sure to download it just before you arrive so that you will have plenty of time to use it. Anyone using Elements should note that this course is designed for Photoshop CS or higher. Some of the applications will work in Elements while others will not. Participants will be diving during the morning then attending an afternoon session to learn and improve their PS skills. For dive buddies who are not into cameras, an option will be available for additional afternoon dives while the camera types are learning new skills.

This workshop will be held at the recently renovated Brac Reef Resort on Cayman Brac, BWI. It is a week long session designed to allow you to dive (13 dives), eat (all meals are included), and learn new skills. Participants will be encouraged to share their knowledge and images during the course of five (5) afternoon Photoshop sessions, each approximately 3 hours.

What better way to take a vacation? Diving at a world-class location, taking spectacular images and learning how to make those images just that much better.

Space is limited so act now. Don't miss out. Book your spot today.

# Photo Workshop for Divers Who Love Their Digital Cameras

## Overview

- ❖ The purpose of this workshop is to provide participants with enhanced skills in using Adobe Photoshop to edit digital photographs, taken both underwater and above.
- ❖ This workshop will provide direct instructions that will be used to enhance your own photos, while encouraging the participants to share their thoughts, experiences and knowledge with each other.
- ❖ It is important to start with a good photograph, before applying any enhancements, therefore the workshop will provide guidance on image composition and creation.
- ❖ If you do not have Adobe Photoshop (PS) on your laptop, it is recommended that you download a trial version just prior to attending the workshop.
- ❖ If you have Adobe Elements, some of what will be taught will apply and some will not

## Topics to be Covered

- ❖ Configuring your system to maximize the capabilities of PS within the parameters of your computer.
- ❖ Use of the correct colour space
- ❖ Raw versus Jpeg. Which to use when and why.
- ❖ Setting your workspace for efficiency and to maximize your screen capacity
- ❖ Overall tonal adjustments
- ❖ Cropping! Why do some images look dynamic while others are just ok. Understanding the need for correct cropping for powerful results.
- ❖ Composition. When to include objects into an image and when not.
- ❖ Colour balancing. Bringing your image back to what **you saw**, not what the camera captured
- ❖ Black and White conversions. What images are best for black and white.
- ❖ Dodging and Burning made easy
- ❖ Layers and layer modes
- ❖ Brushes and brush modes
- ❖ Layer masks and how they will become your best friend.
- ❖ Keyboard short cuts and how they will save you time
- ❖ When to use the Clone Tool and when to use the Patch Tool and why.
- ❖ Much, much more!

## Expectations of Participants

- ❖ Will have and be prepared to use Photoshop CS or higher. This course is currently based in PSCS3
- ❖ Will bring own laptop computer and underwater camera to the workshop
- ❖ Will take photographs during diving sessions and be prepared to work on their images as they learn PS skills
- ❖ Will be able to openly discuss and share knowledge with the other participants. In this way, an environment of sharing and communication makes the learning process far less intimidating and far more fun
- ❖ All participants must be certified divers

## Expectations of Participants (cont.)

- ❖ Night dives, if offered by Reef Divers, are optional and cost for same are the responsibility of the participant. Night dives are typically done on a Tuesday or Thursday evening.
- ❖ For those who register for this workshop and have a spouse or other person accompanying them, who will not be attending the workshop, afternoon dives can be arranged.
- ❖ Breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with 3 drinks per day, are provided for as part of the package.

## After the Workshop

- ❖ Each participant should expect to be comfortable using PS to enhance their images
- ❖ Each participant will receive a DVD slideshow of their own images
- ❖ Each participant will, on completion of this workshop, will receive a Certificate of Achievement for the completion of an intensive professional development seminar in Photoshop
- ❖ Each participant will receive one month of FREE On-line Support from Cindy
- ❖ Each participant will receive full notes, so no need to scribble notes and try to decipher when later. Just relax, learn and have fun.

## Workshop Schedule

### Day 1 (Saturday)

- ❖ Arrival of participants at Brac Reef Resort
- ❖ Most participants will arrive in late afternoon or early evening
- ❖ Due to varied arrival times, no formal meeting or session will be planned
- ❖ Participants will have dinner in the buffet and will receive, at check in, the diving registration forms for completion and submission to Reef Divers
- ❖ Participants will receive their schedule and any other information to be provided for this workshop

### Day 2 (Sunday)

- ❖ 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Breakfast in the dining room
- ❖ 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. Sign in and registration with Reef Divers
- ❖ 8:00 – 8:15 a.m. Pick up weights and any rental gear and take to assigned dive boat
- ❖ 8:15 – 8:30 a.m. Boat safety procedures
- ❖ 8:30 – 12:15 p.m. Morning two tank dive
- ❖ 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch in dining room
- ❖ 1:45 – 3:30 p.m. Afternoon one tank dive
- ❖ 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception
- ❖ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner in main dining room

(Schedule cont.)

Day 3 (Monday)

- ❖ 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:15 – 12:15 p.m. Morning two tank dive
- ❖ 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- ❖ 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Photoshop Session with Cindy
- ❖ 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Dinner in dining room

Day 4 (Tuesday)

- ❖ Same as Monday
- ❖ Night dive, if offered by Reef Divers, would be an additional cost

Day 5 (Wednesday)

- ❖ Same as Monday

Day 6 (Thursday)

- ❖ Same as Monday
- ❖ Night dive, if offered by Reef Divers, would be an additional cost

Day 7 (Friday)

- ❖ 6:30 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- ❖ 8:15 – 12:15 p.m. Morning two tank dive
- ❖ 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- ❖ 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Photoshop Session with Cindy
- ❖ 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Show and Tell and Slideshow
- ❖ 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Dinner in dining room

Depart Resort on Saturday