

NEW VIDEOS

by Robert von Maier

In this, the first of a new column for Discover Diving, I will present two new videos that are currently available from Watersport Publishing, Inc. For more information about these and other great diving videos included in the Watersport Video line, call 800-776-3483. All videos are VHS format.

GREAT SHIPWRECKS OF TRUK LAGOON

This is an exciting film by award-winning cinematographer Bill Lovin and takes the viewer on a fascinating tour of the steel-hauled victims of Operation Hailstone. Lovin shot more than twelve hours of film and distilled the footage into this historical 40-minute documentary video.



"I'm no stranger to wreck diving," noted Lovin, having filmed extensively in North Carolina and the Great Lakes...but Truk is truly extraordinary."

"The government of the island has done an outstanding job of protecting and preserving the wrecks. Many ships appear untouched, artifacts lie where they were dropped. But for me," says Lovin, "the marine life is the real draw. Incredible numbers of Pacific reef fish and soft corals have turned these warships into living reefs."

Lovin's film crew was very fortunate to be able to work with legendary Trukese diver Kimiuo Aisek and his son Gradvin. Kimiuo was an eyewitness to the U.S. attack on Truk and he has subsequently discovered many of the wrecks featured in this video.

"Here the description of the battle from Kimiuo's firsthand experience was fascinating," remarked Lovin. We were very honored that he was able to dive with us and his experiences are really the centerpiece of this film."

Great Shipwrecks of Truk Lagoon is edited in various segments, each featuring a particular shipwreck. It features a haunting musical track by noted jazz keyboardist Robert Griffin and cover art by underwater still photographer Franklin Viola.

Suggested retail \$26.95

THE ART OF SPEARFISHING

For the diver who is just beginning to develop an interest in the specialty of spearfishing, this is one video they won't want to miss. In a species-depleted environment, surrounded by a less-than-educated world, the art of spearfishing has recently come under fire, making it difficult for the novice to obtain useful, straight forward information. As stated by Dusty Macpherson, the films director and an experienced "spearfisherwoman" herself, "This documentary is about the love of the sport of spearfishing by those who practice the art. More freedive spearfishing is depicted than scuba. Our goal is to show those who know little about the sport what spearfishing is all about, and that it is not the cause of the declining fish populations or other reef problems".

Produced by Blue Water Video, Inc., this fast-paced 30-minute video (filmed on location in south Florida and the Florida Keys) allows the viewer to experience the thrill of one of our last great frontiers. In an ecologically-minded fashion, **The Art of Spearfishing** covers a variety of topics such as the history of spearfishing, the environment, techniques from experts, and which equipment to use and why. In addition to being an educational and exciting film, it would make an excellent teaching tool for specialty classes. Truly a one-of-a-kind production with unique freedive spearfishing footage and an entertaining original music track by Richard Warner.



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NEW BOOKS

DEEP DIVING

An Advanced Guide to Physiology, Procedures and Systems by Robert von Maier, Bret Gilliam, John Crea and Darren Webb, Watersport Publishing, Inc. (1991) 256 pages • **\$16.95**

This is the newest edition to Watersport Publishing's high-tech series, and the first book to span the depth between traditional sport diving editions and the complex medical/commercial texts. It provides a balanced view of the many facets of deep diving through extensive factual development of its technical chapters. It also features first-hand accounts and perspectives by top deep diving experts such as Dr. Bill Hamilton, Jimmy Stewart and Sheek Exley.

The text includes detailed chapters on Physiological and Mental Preparation, Inert Gas Narcosis, Equipment and Self-Sufficiency (one of the authors, Robert von Maier, also authored **SOLO DIVING: The Art of Underwater Self-Sufficiency**), Scientific Applications, and a variety of other topics. It includes an extensive glossary, bibliography and index, and is illustrated with over 75 photographs. **DEEP DIVING** is one book that all divers will want to include in their diving library. The information presented within its pages is not only fascinating, but vitally necessary for anyone who takes the sport seriously.

PACIFIC COAST NUDIBRANCHS

(Second Edition) by David W. Behrens
Sea Challengers (1991) 112 pages • **\$25.95**

This is the only text and field guide of its kind currently available that describes all known members of the subclass Opisthobranchia (nudibranchs) from Alaska to Baja California - 217 species in all. Each detailed description includes identifying characteristics, description of radula, natural history notes, size and geographic region.

This edition is truly a photographic marvel. All photos are in color and many of them have never before been published. In addition to a number of excellent technical illustrations, the text contains a pictorial glossary, key to the orders and suborders, bibliography, and an extensive scientific index.

Whether you're an underwater photographer, or simply a diver interested in the creatures whose environment you explore, **PACIFIC COAST NUDIBRANCHS** will make an excellent reference guide.