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Welcome to SCUBA News - our compliments of the season to you and our best wishes for a happy and diving-filled New Year.

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What's New at SCUBA Travel?



Gifts for Divers

Some ideas for stocking fillers & other presents, from water bottles to watches.

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The Wonderful World of Christmas Tree Worms

Colourful Christmas tree worms are captivating during any dive, adding a touch of festive magic to coral reefs around the world.

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Best Liveboards for Single Travellers

Travelling on your own is a great way to meet people and there are a number of liveboards with single cabins just perfect for your next dive



trip.

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Head for the Med: Diving Cyprus

Cyprus boasts one of the best wreck dives in the world - the Zenobia. In the southern Mediterranean, the diving season runs from March to November.

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Featured Liveboard - Eco Blue Maldives

Family Maldives Trips



Get a special price on this Maldives family-friendly liveaboard: children aged 0-7 free, aged 8-11 50% off, aged 12-15 years 25% off

[Learn More...](#)

Revealed: The SCUBA Diving Bestsellers of 2018

SCUBA Travel are pleased to release the list of our [best selling SCUBA books in 2018](#).

Straight in at number one this year is the Underwater Guide to the Red Sea. Like last year there are just four new entries.

Here are the top ten: figures in brackets show the previous year's position.



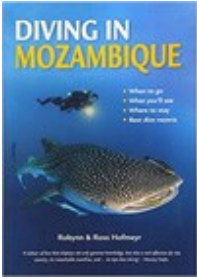
1. **Underwater Guide to the Red Sea**

by Lawson Wood

Covers both the best dive sites and gives a photographic identification guide to the sealife of the



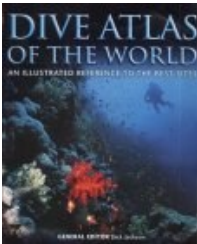
Red Sea (--)



2. **Scuba Diving in Mozambique**

by Robyn and Ross Hofmeyr

A detailed guide to scuba diving in Mozambique. (--)

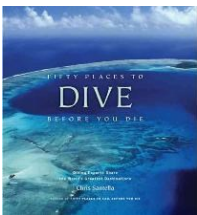


3. **Dive Atlas of the World: An Illustrated Reference to the Best Sites**

by Jack Jackson

300 pages detailing some of the world's best dive sites.

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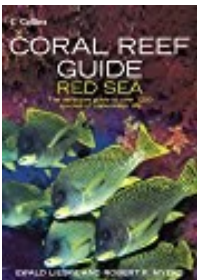


4. **Fifty Places to Dive Before You Die: Diving Experts Share the World's Greatest Destinations**

by Chris Santella

The fifth in Santella's bestselling "Fifty Places" series.

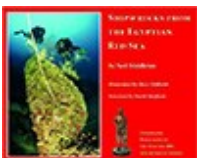
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5. **Coral Reef Guide Red Sea**

by Ewald Lieske, Robert Myers

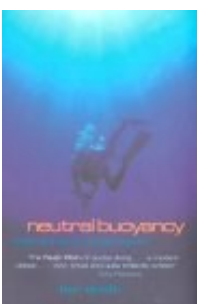
An excellent guide to the fish and invertebrates of the Red Sea. (4)



7. **Shipwrecks from the Egyptian Red Sea**

by Ned Middleton

The definitive guide to the many wrecks of the Egyptian Red Sea. Very well researched - recommended. (--)



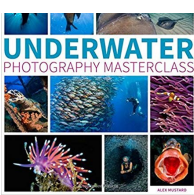
8. **Neutral Buoyancy : Adventures in a Liquid World**

by Tim Ecott

Tales of the characters and episodes in the history of diving: the sponge divers, the second world war saboteurs, the free divers.... (5)

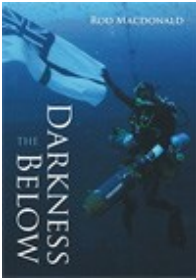


9. **Underwater photography masterclass**



by Alex Mustard

Learn all you need to know to photograph the amazing creatures and landscapes that lie beneath the surface. (10)



10. [The Darkness Below](#)

by Rod Macdonald

From the best-selling author of four classic UK diving books, comes The Darkness Below - a collection of absorbing adventures gained from a lifetime in diving and first explorations of shipwrecks. (-)

Diving News From Around the World

Our round up of the best underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



[Looking back at the Deepwater Horizon spill 8 years on](#)

One of the worst oil spills, of all time, which destroyed ecosystems, sparked a global response, and cost the company responsible, BP a massive amount of money in clean up costs and legal action.



[Warming Oceans Are Offering a New Spot for Corals to Colonise](#)

In the South China Sea, corals are returning to a site they haven't inhabited for 5000 years.



[Dam Plan: The last 92 Irrawaddy dolphins in Mekong River may not survive](#)

Experts are concerned that the Mekong dolphin is unlikely to survive Cambodia's modernisation as a new dam is planned.



[Pacific nations under climate threat urge Australia to abandon coal within 12 years](#)

Frustrated leaders appeal to all OECD countries to phase out use as Australia signals support for new plants



[UN climate accord inadequate and lacks urgency, experts warn](#)

Agreement will fail to halt devastating rise in global temperature, say scientists



Svelte porpoises eat twice as much as humans to cope with the cold

Harbor porpoises should be the envy of any dieter. That's because they eat a tremendous amount given their relatively small size, the equivalent of a 55-kilogram person.



Even fish get the bends, and it's worse than in humans

Rapid decompression can also cause a fish's swim bladder - a pocket of air inside a fish that is used to control their buoyancy - to blow up and cause problems.



New wreck discovered in India

Parts of a sunken ship near Devgad Island, located 9 km off Karwar coast, have become home to colourful corals and shoals of breeding fish.

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