

World ShootOut 2023

World of underwater images



Welcome to a Breathtaking Underwater Journey

Welcome to the 2023 World Underwater Photography Awards photo album!

This album introduces the extraordinary work of amateur and professional photographers from 54 countries who have submitted thousands of images and videos to the competition this year.

As you browse through the album, you will learn about the unique diversity of the underwater world, but also about the threats that these ecosystems face and the measures being taken to save them. You will see images of black water diving, wide-angle photos, and video clips from the underwater world, as well as cool fashion shots taken under the surface of the sea. Viewing the photos in this wonderful album, and the videos on the World Underwater Photography Awards website, is a truly feast for the eyes.

It was a very special honor for me to be able to select the "Picture of the Year". With such a variety of exotic, unique, and astonishing photos, it was not an easy choice.

I am delighted that we at boot Düsseldorf were involved in this process, and I would like to congratulate all participants for their fantastic commitment and great photographic talent.

Diving has a very long and impressive tradition at boot. The founders of the international diving scene, Jacques-Yves Cousteau and Hans Hass, were faithful companions of boot for many years, and they helped to initiate the special atmosphere in the Diving Halls.

The exotic flair and uniqueness of diving will also be felt at the upcoming boot Düsseldorf.

Words cannot describe how much I cherish the support of our partners, the hard work of our international jury panel, the devotion of the production team, and, more than anything, the presence of all of you, the photographers... the beating heart of these competitions.

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All Categories Jury

Imran Ahmad,
Malaysia



Roni Sofer,
Israel
Head of the jury



Alberto Muro Pelliconi,
Italy



Ariel Fuchs,
France



Renee Capozzola,
USA



Alex Kassler,
Germany



The International Jury panel Video Clip Jury

Christian Petron,
France
Head of the Video Clip jury



Phil Simha,
Switzerland



Andrés Clarós,
Spain



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Best of the year

1st Place: Eduardo Acevedo, Spain
Boot Dusseldorf honors the winner
of Best Picture of the year
with an Andromeda statuette & 2,000 euros cash

The additional nominees:

Massimo Giorgetta, Italy

Enrico Somogyi, Germany

Jennifer Idol, USA

Eduardo Acevedo, Spain

Alessandro Giannaccini, Italy

Dennis Corpuz, Philippines

Sandra Kuhna, Germany

Thomas Heckmann, Germany

Hakan Basar, Turkey

Salvatore Ianniello, Italy



Eduardo Acevedo, Spain





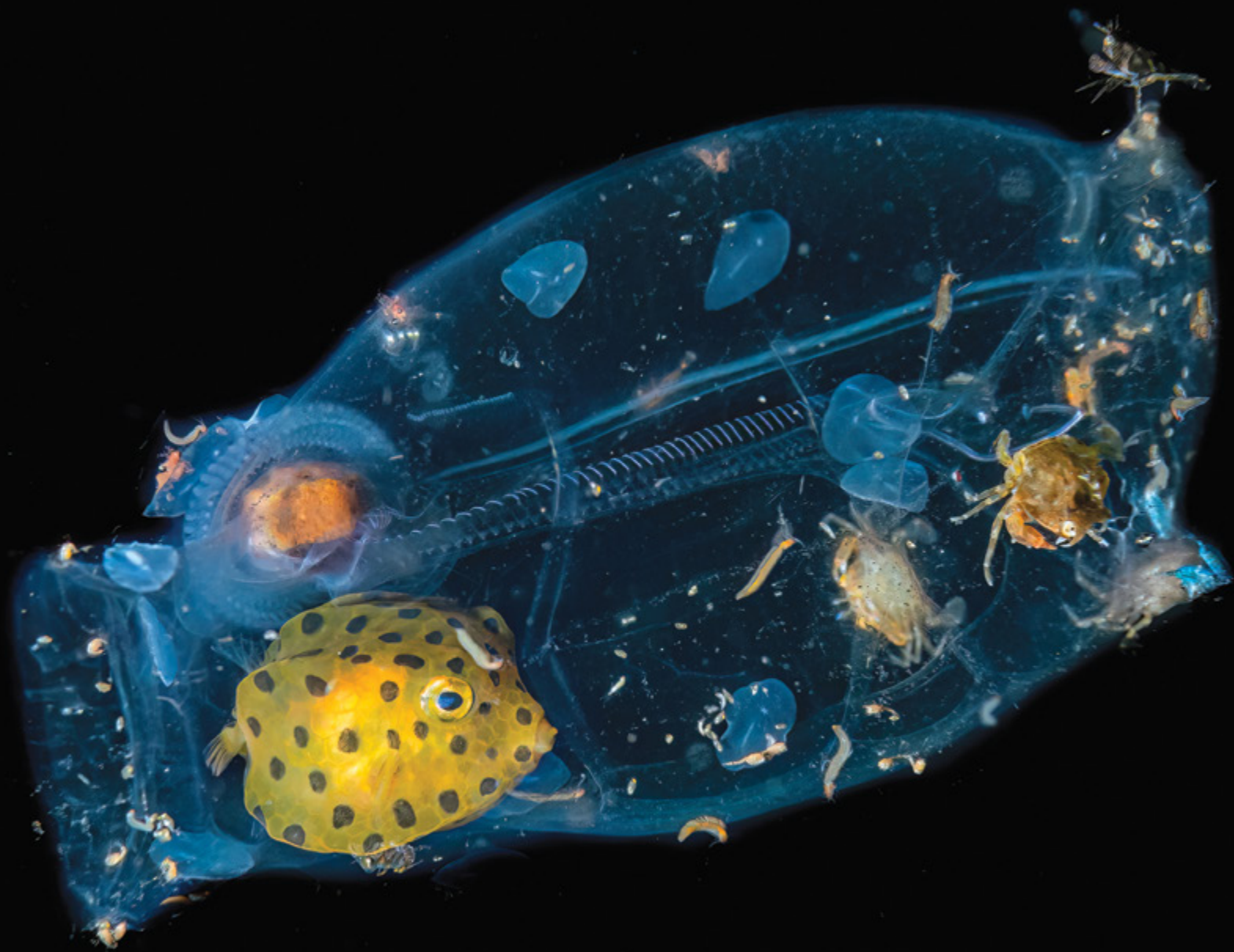


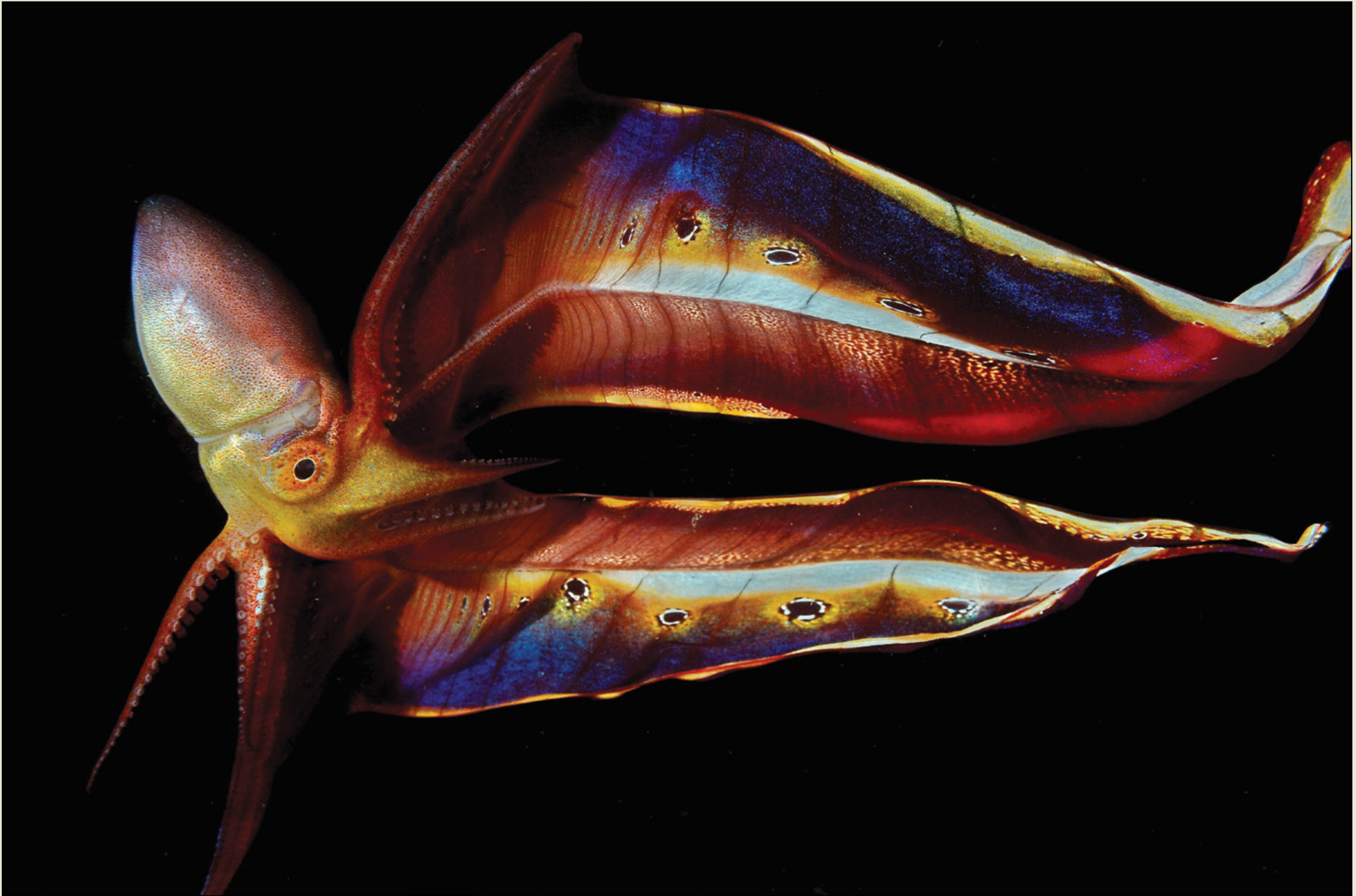
Enrico Somogyi

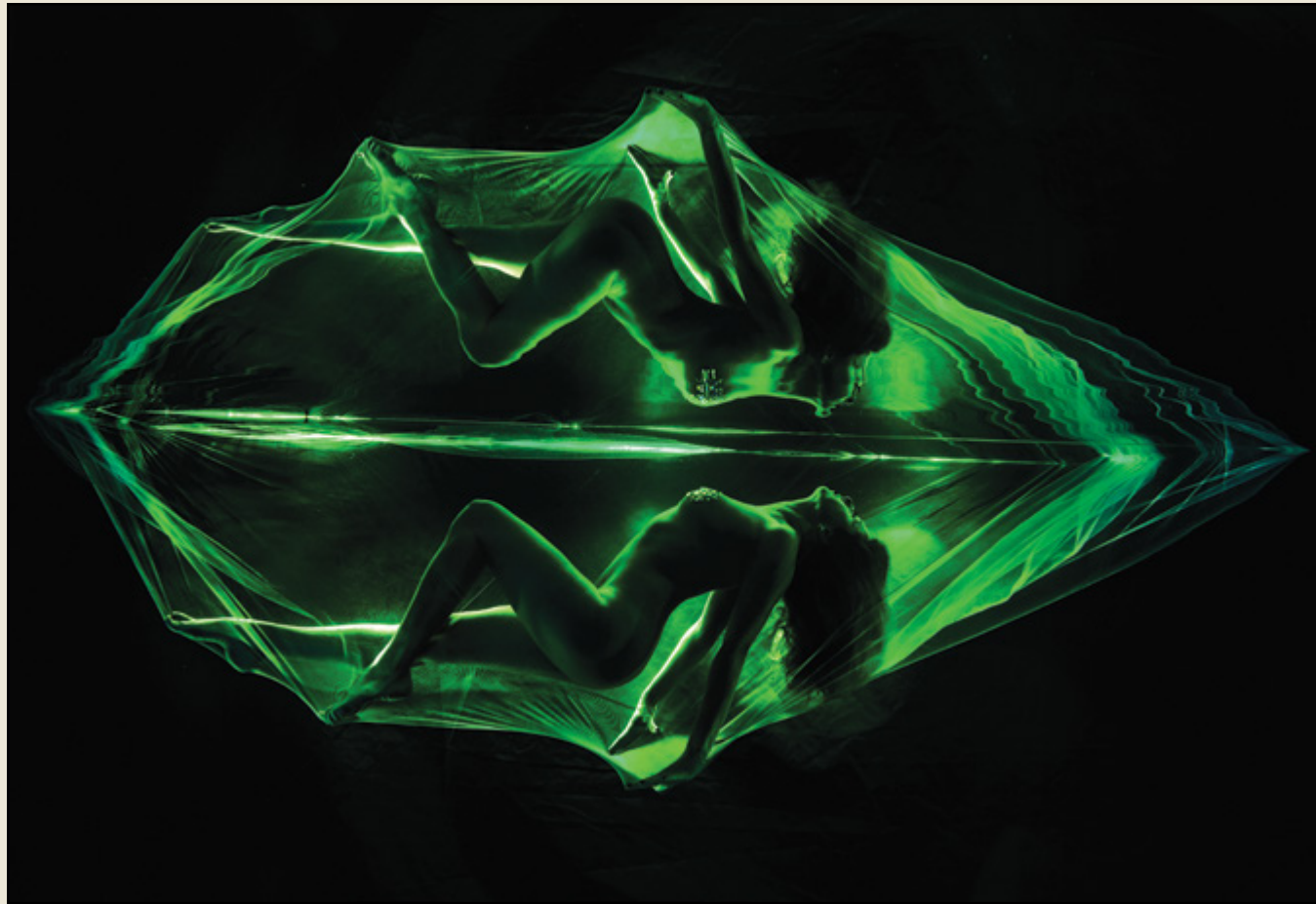


Alessandro Giannaccini









Thomas Heckmann

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Salvatore Ianniello



Jennifer Idol

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Best 5 Images

1st Place: Luc Rومان, Belgium

Winner of the Papua New Guinea Dreamy Prize for 2, valued at USD 18,900.

This grand prize includes an unforgettable 28 nights with 7 nights each at Lissenung Island Resort, Walindi Plantation Resort, Tufi Dive Resort, and Tawali Resort.

2nd Place: Dennis Corpuz, Philippines

Winner of an 11-day diving safari in the Cocos Islands, courtesy of the Undersea Hunter Group.

3rd Place: Byron Conroy, Iceland

Winner of a DUAL ADJ 62X Regulator, courtesy of Mares.

The additional nominees:

Christophe Kazmierski, France

Merche Llobera, Spain



Luc Rومان, Belgium



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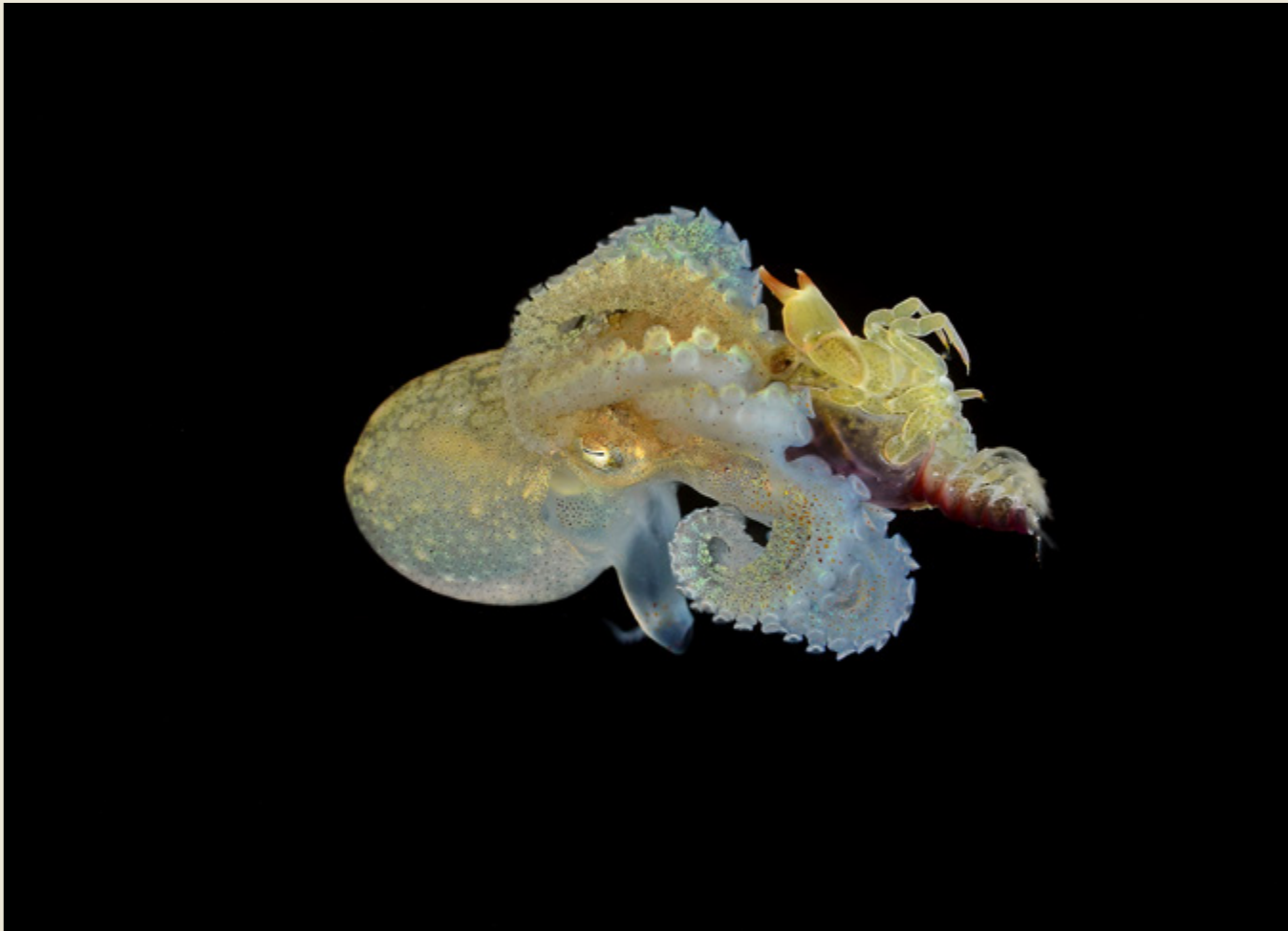


Luc Rومان









Dennis Corpuz



Dennis Corpuz









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Byron Conroy



Christophe Kazmierski





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Christophe Kazmierski







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Amateurs

1st Place: Alexandra Ceurvorst, USA
Won 1,000 euros cash
courtesy of World Shootout

2nd place: Deborah Daugherty, USA
Winner of Fantasea housing for Sony RX100
Mark 7 camera,
courtesy of Fantasea Line

3rd Place: Elisabeth Tondl, Australia
Winner of Kraken LTD 2500 The perfect beginner video light!
courtesy of Mozaik Underwater Cameras

The additional nominees:

Imogen Manins, Australia
Daniel Daugherty, USA



Alexandra Ceurvorst, USA





Deborah Daugherty



Elisabeth Tond



Daniel Daugherty



World Shootout

Wide Angle

1st Place: Alessandro Raho, Italy
Won 1,000 euros in cash
courtesy of World Shootout

2nd place: Merche Llobera, Spain
Winner of a Papua New Guinea Dive Package:
7 nights, and 5 dive days for one person
courtesy of Lissenung Island Resort

3rd Place: Rowan Dear, Australia
Winner of a 500 euros coupon to purchase
one of the advanced ISOTA Red housings,
courtesy of ISOTA

The additional nominees:

Luc Rooman, Belgium
Jennifer Idol, USA



Alessandro Raho



Alessandro Raho



Luc Rومان







World Shootout

Macro



Dennis Corpuz, Philippines

1st Place: Dennis Corpuz, Philippines

Won 1,000 euros in cash
courtesy of World Shootout

2nd place: Yury Ivanov, Indonesia

Winner of a Lembah Resort Dive Package:

7 nights deluxe accommodation, fallboard, 5 days diving
courtesy of Solitude Lembah Resort

3rd Place: Adriano Morettin, Italy

Winner of a Michelangelo the high contrast display computer
Courtesy of Cressi

The additional nominees:

Bulent Selli, Turkey

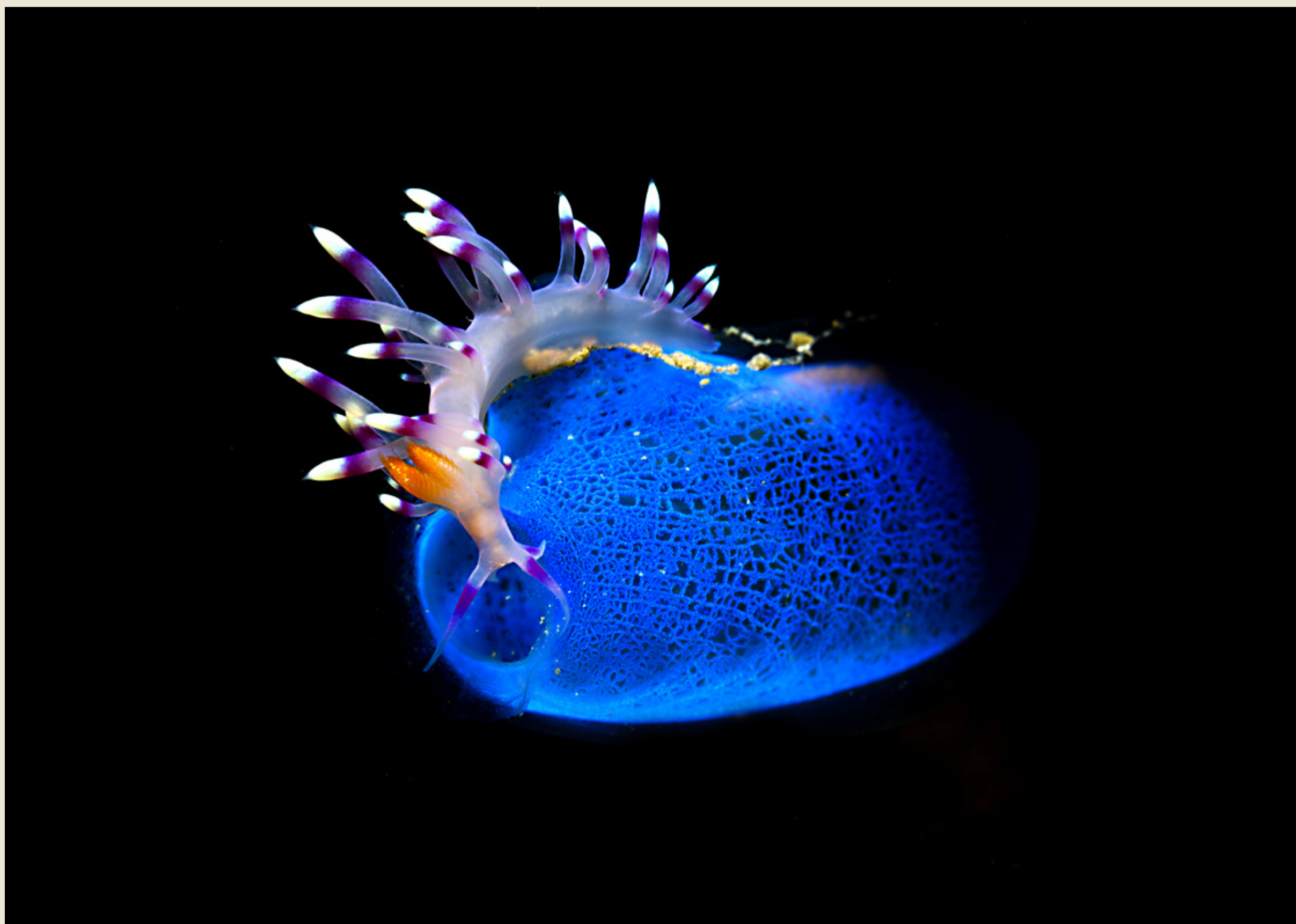
Stefano Scortegagna, Italy



Dennis Corpuz



Yury Ivanov







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UW Fashion



Thomas Heckmann, Germany

1st Place: Thomas Heckmann, Germany
winner will receive unparalleled exposure,
including a dedicated article in the prestigious
Italian lifestyle magazine Arbiter.

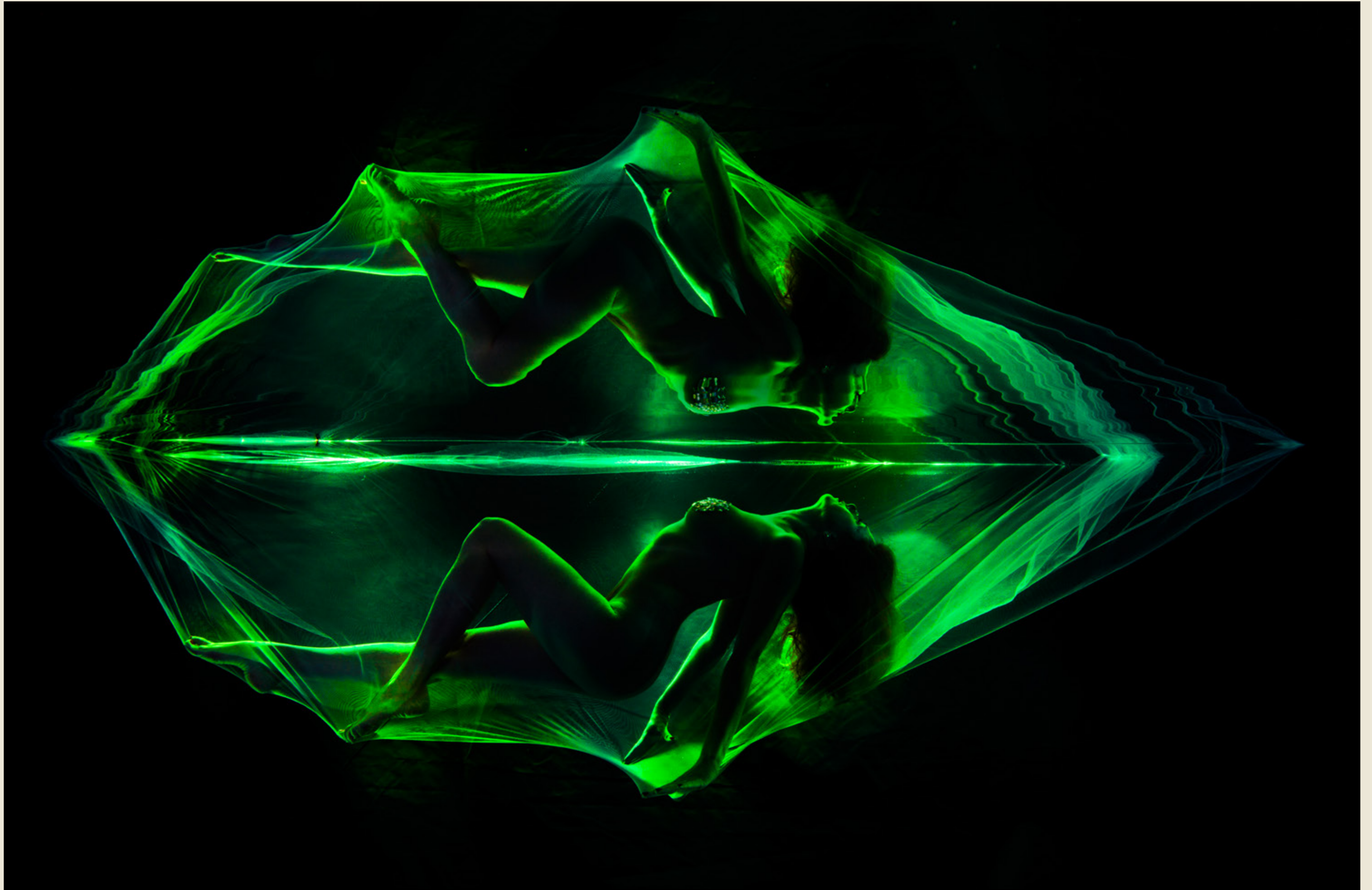
2nd place: Anna Aita, USA
Winner of a INON new strobe S-220 strobe
including adapter, cable and filters
courtesy of INON

3rd Place: Thomas Heckmann, Germany
Winner of a Nomad Mini with a DiveBoost™ Kit,
courtesy of Nomad Dive System

The additional nominees:

Stephan Ernst, Germany
Dominic Pleier, Germany









Anna Aita



Anna Aita







Thomas Heckmann







Dominic Pleier



Dominic Pleier



Stephan Ernst



Stephan Ernst



Pasquale Vassallo, Italy

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Environmental & Conservation

1st Place: Pasquale Vassallo, Italy

Winner of a Papua New Guinea Dive Package
aboard MV OCEANIA for 2 people

prizes value USD 11.640

courtesy of MV OCEANIA

2nd place: Steven Kovacs, USA

Winner of a Raja Ampat, Indonesia Dive Package including:
6 Night/7 Day holiday for 1 person at Biodiversity Nature Resort,
courtesy of Biodiversity Nature Resort

3rd Place: Tom Vierus, Fiji

Winner of a Dahab Red Sea:

5 days of diving,

courtesy of Sinai Divers

The additional nominees:

Vanessa Mignon, Australia

Gerhard Batz, Germany





Pasquale Vassallo



Steven Kovacs



Pasquale Vassallo



Steven Kovacs



Tom Vierus



Tom Vierus



Vanessa Mignon



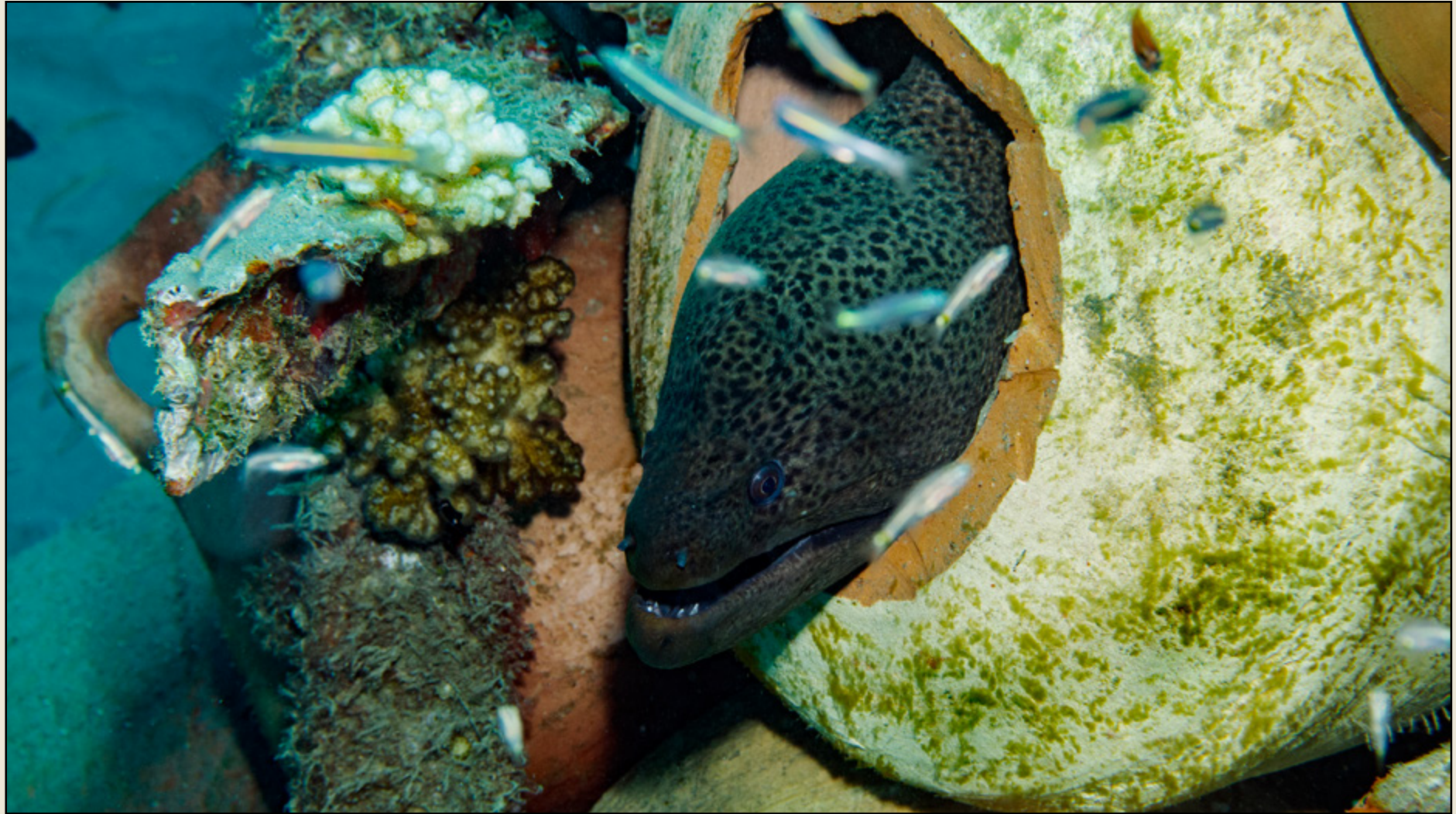
Tom Vierus



Vanessa Mignon

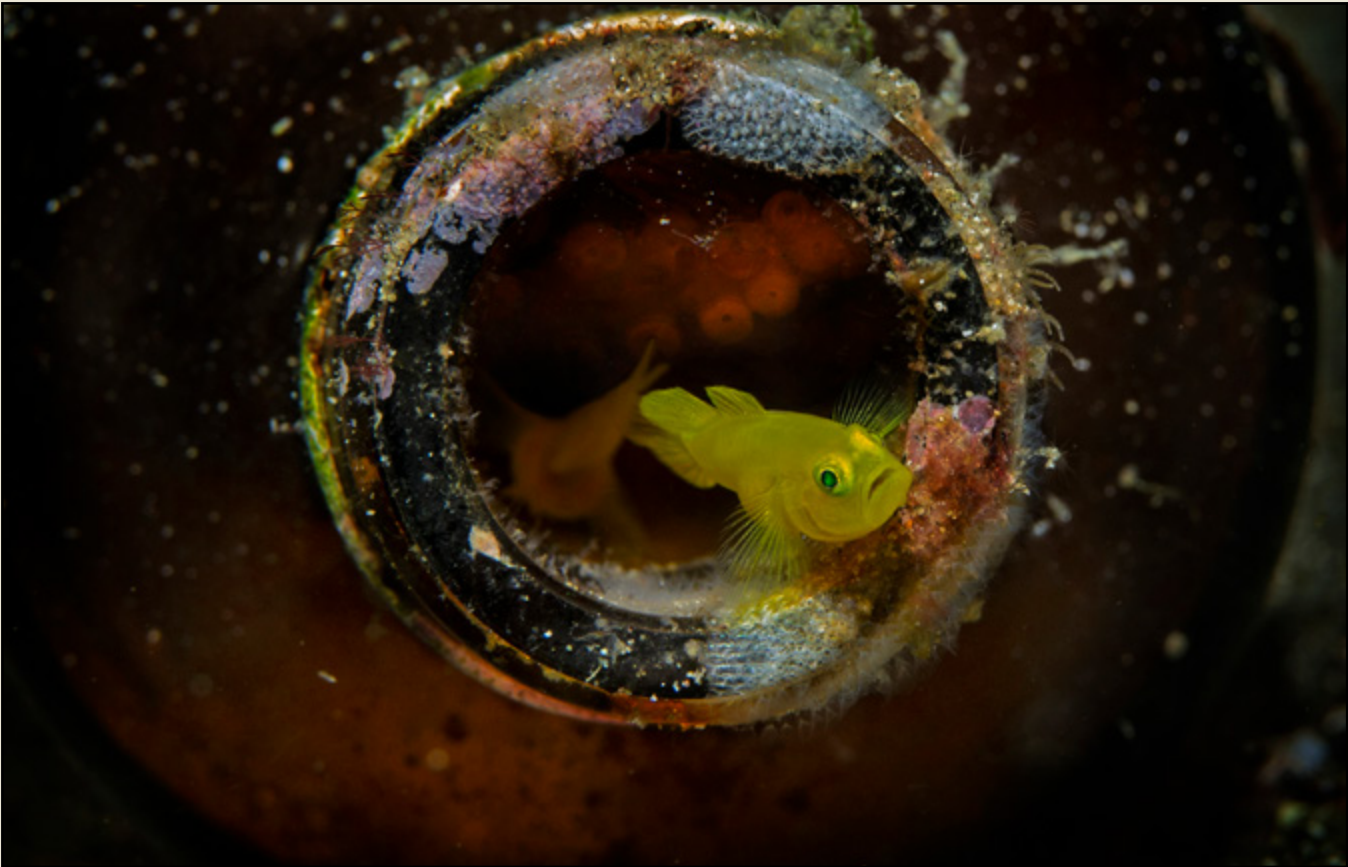






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Gerhard Batz



Gerhard Batz

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Black Water



Dennis Corpuz, Philippines

1st Place: Dennis Corpuz, Philippines

Winner of an unforgettable Dive Vacation in the Philippines!
Embark on an unforgettable 7-night dive adventure for one person,
at either Atlantis Puerto Galera or Atlantis Dumaguete.
courtesy of Atlantis Dive Resorts & Liveboards.

2nd place: Giancarlo Mazarese, Italy

Winner of a 2 strobes D-Pro • up to 3000 flashes
recycle 0.1-1.1Sec Beam Angel:150-degree,
courtesy of SUPE

3rd Place: Paolo Bondaschi, Italy

Winner one Torch by X- Adventurer - Smart Focus M1500-Wra
courtesy of FOTOSUB-SHOP

The additional nominees:

Steven Kovacs, Usa

Alessandro Fantin, Italy





Dennis Corpuz



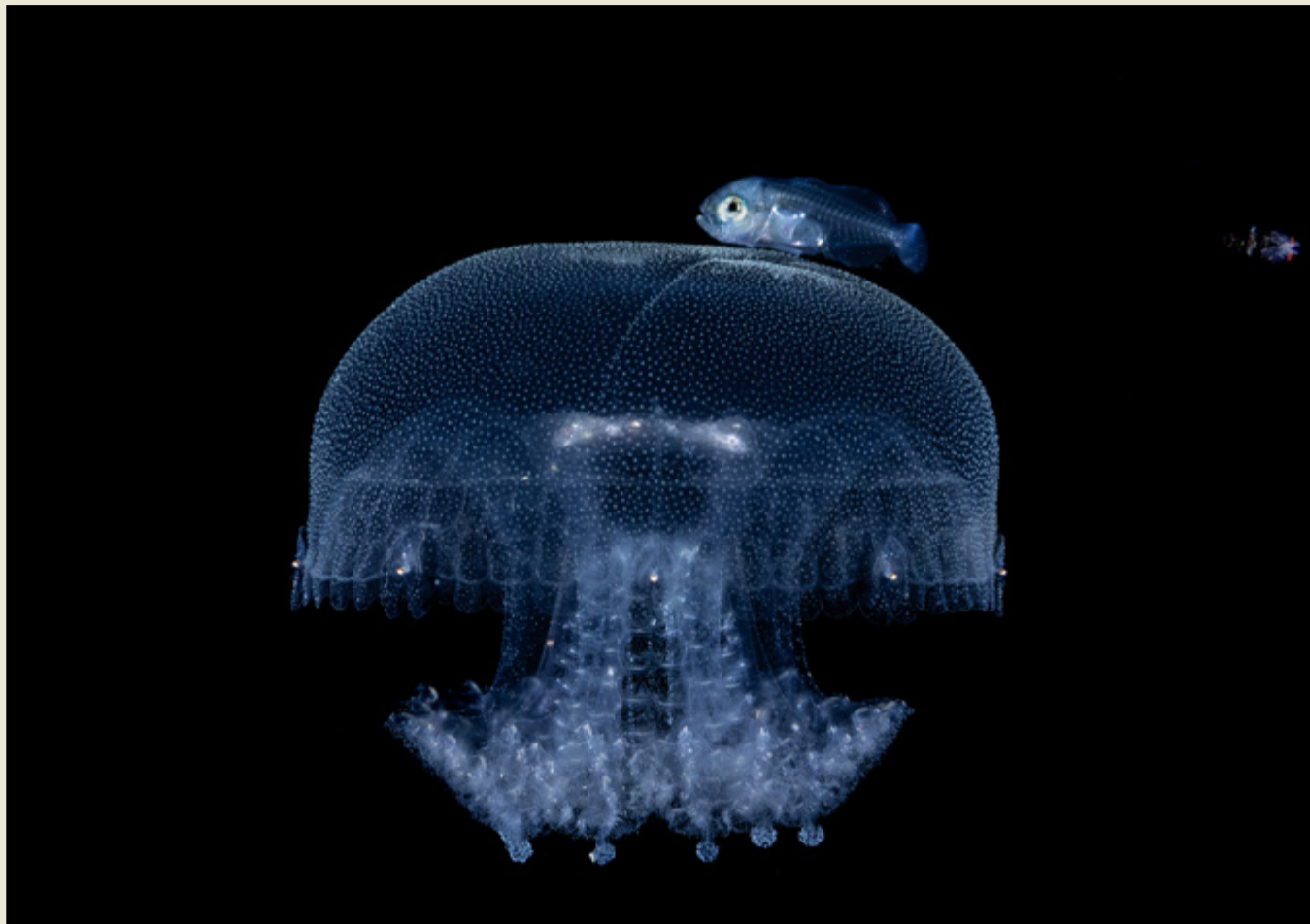
Dennis Corpuz



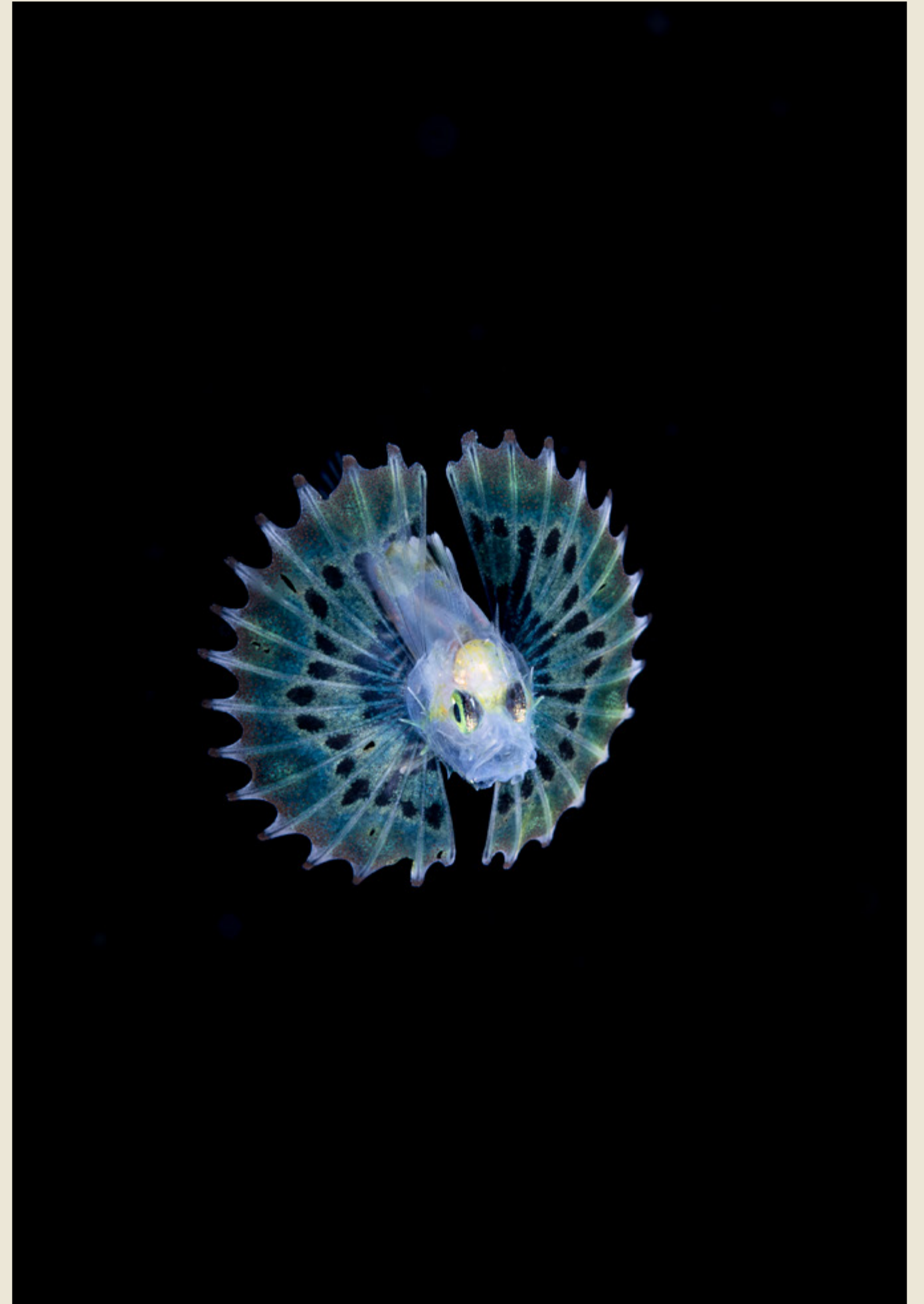


Giancarlo Mazarese

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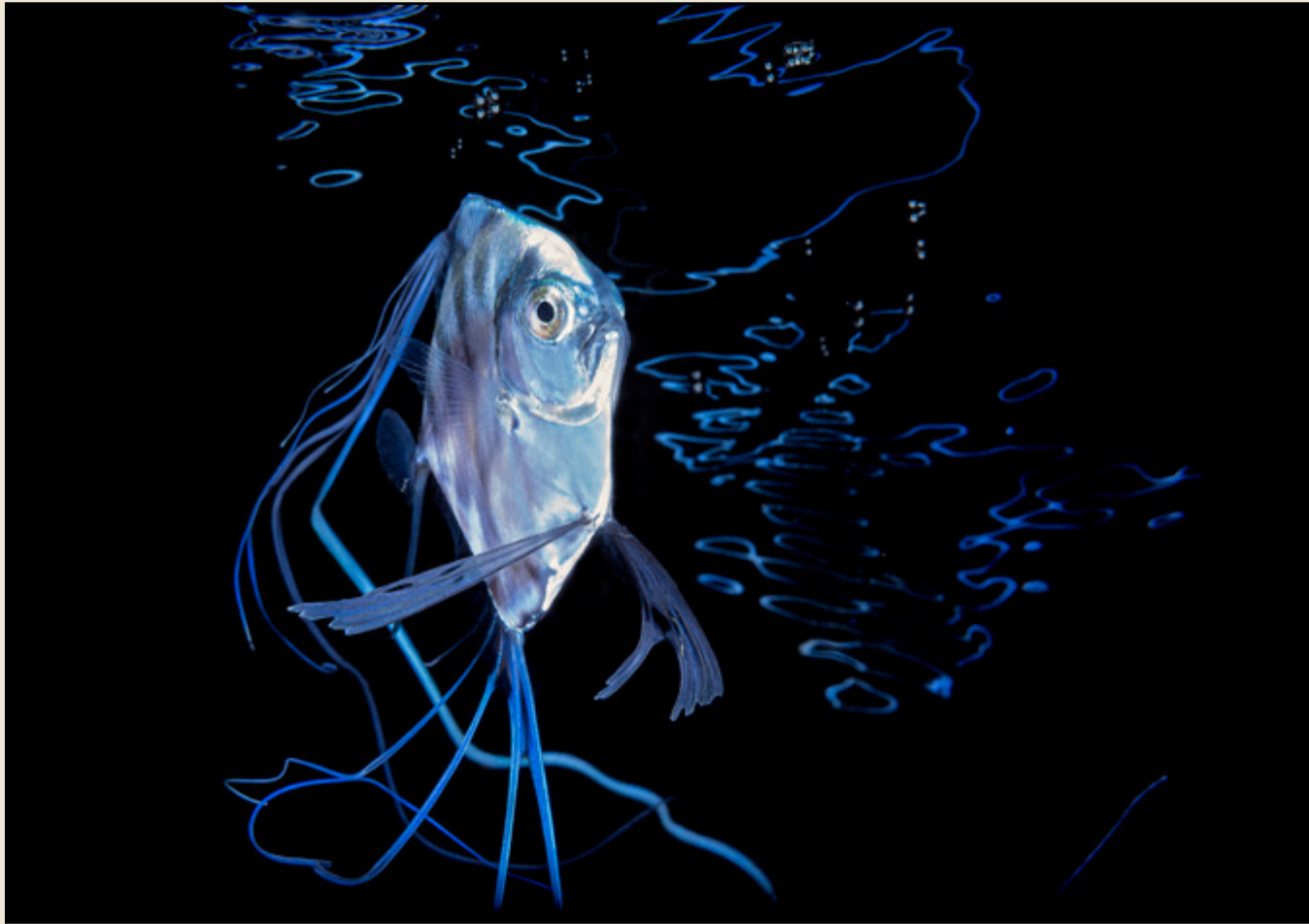


Giancarlo Mazarese



Paolo Bondaschi

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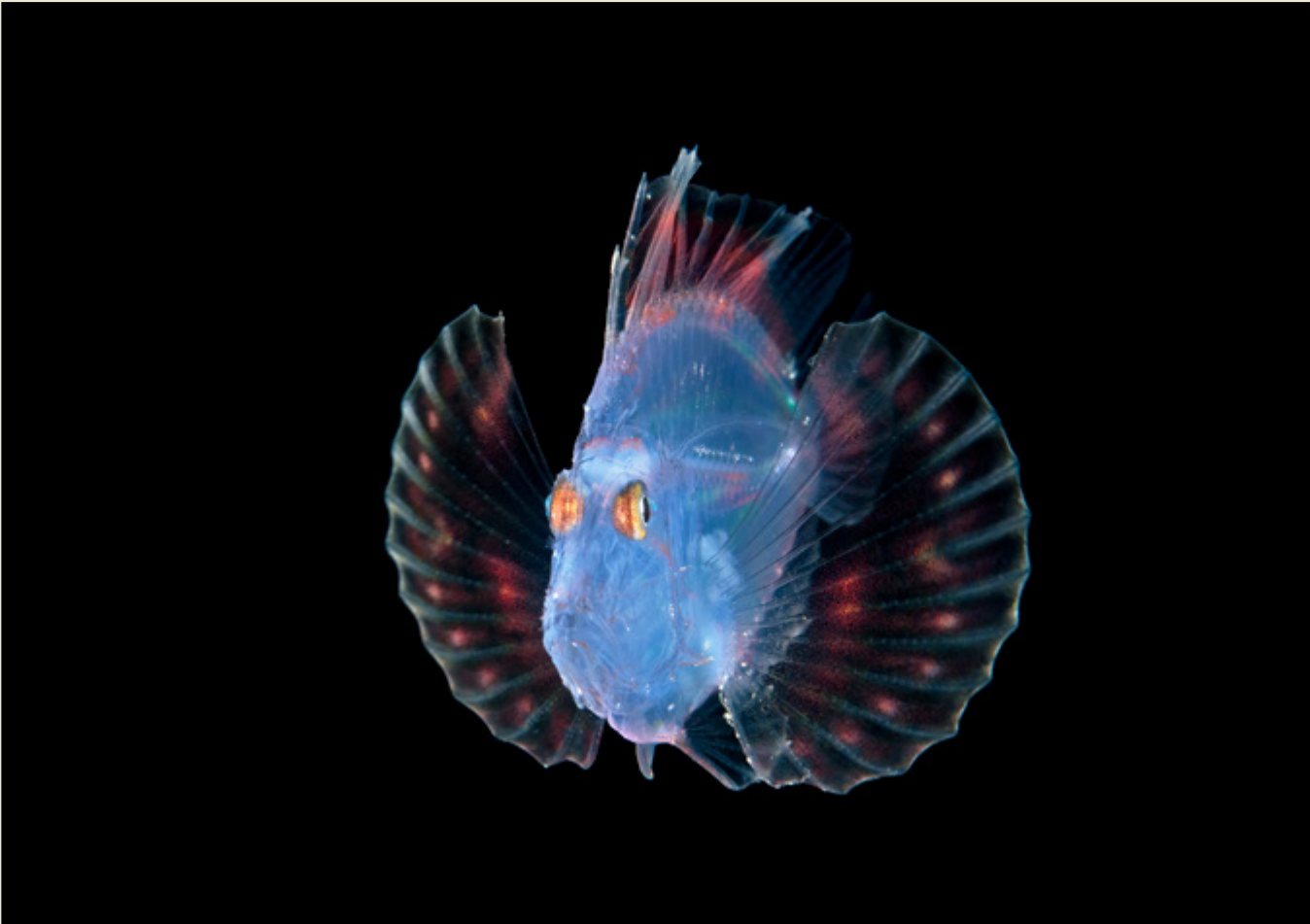
Paolo Bondaschi



Steven Kovacs



Paolo Bondaschi



Steven Kovacs





Alessandro Fantin



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Alfred Schaschl, Austria

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Video Clip

1st Place: Alfred Schaschl, Austria
with the video titled "The Magic Triangle"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bSBm7kqugQ>

Winner of a USD 4,865 voucher prize for a diving package to some of the most renowned regions of Indonesia, with DAMAI fleet, courtesy of Dive Damai

2nd place: Hector Ripolles Gasco, Spain
with the video titled "Time"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Q7usGYBtp4>

Winner of a premium Sola Spot/Flood Video 2500 S/F, courtesy of Light & Motion

3rd Place: Marc Pedrals Prat, Spain
with the video titled "Fantasia"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJrDldadWMI>

Winner of a Spare Air (model #300PK), courtesy of Submersible Systems

The additional nominees:

4th Place: David Pleuvret, Réunion
with the video titled "Fashion Week"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mm2884vm1cc>

5th Place: Walter Marti, USA
with the video titled "Fish of the Black Water"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H63LtAqBF7M>

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