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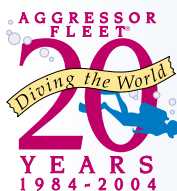
People Really do
Win. Ask Jennifer.

Free Anniversary
Travel Gift



Photo Winners

New DVD!



From Cayman to Tahiti and Millions of dives in between, Aggressor Turns 20

So, why the name "Aggressor?" It was the name of the original boat and some believe it is bad luck to change the name of a boat. Unlike the name, there are many things that have changed since 1984. Some destinations such as the Lesser Antilles and the Red Sea have gone into the Aggressor history book, while new locations like Fiji and Tahiti are on many divers "must do" list. Here are just a few amenities and services that have changed from the past to the present:

Then

- E-6 film processing
- First aid kit
- Air-conditioned cabin
- Crew member pouring warm water down your wet suit after a night dive
- Open, full sun deck
- VHF radios with ship-to-shore calls
- Wind surfers
- Stereo and VCR in the salon

Now

- Digital UW cameras with photo editing
- Defibrillator
- Private staterooms with ensuite baths
- Warm, fresh water deck showers
- Partially-covered sun deck with wet bar and hot tub
- Satellite communications and e-mail
- Kayaks and underwater scooters
- DVD or VCR in your cabin



Cayman Aggressor 1984



Cayman Aggressor IV 2004



So, what's next? New destinations like the Bahamas are always being researched. New itineraries for existing destinations, such as the *Turks & Caicos Aggressor II's* recent trip to **Grand Turk, South Caicos and the Endymion wreck**, are being explored for current locations. Kids' Sea Camp, the *first* live-aboard family cruise, is growing in popularity every year. But, what does Aggressor have in-store for the next 20 years? You decide. E-mail wecare@aggressor.com and let us know where you want to dive, what you want to see and just how pampered you want to be on your Aggressor vacation. In the meantime, log onto aggressor.com and subscribe to the Hot News and you'll be the first to hear what's on the horizon.

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Capt. Piers Anniversary Special

September 2004 marks Capt. Piers van der Walt's tenth year as skipper of the *Turks & Caicos Aggressor*. To celebrate, Sept. 4-Oct. 2, 2004 *Turks & Caicos* scuba vacations are priced \$200 off the standard rate. This includes the **September 11-18, 2004 Photo Workshop and Shootout with Mauricio Handler**. This intense photo seminar offers advanced UW photographers professional techniques.



Howard Hall Productions Film Belize

Now you can participate in film production expeditions with IMAX filmmakers Howard and Michele Hall. Under contract with Tokyo Broadcasting, Hall will begin production of a high definition video motion picture about the coral reefs of Belize. Part of the production plan is to dive the Barrier Reef aboard the *Belize Aggressor III* during the weeks of Aug. 21-28, Aug. 28-Sep. 4 and Sept 4-11, 2004. Each seven-day charter is \$2,095 p.p., dbl. occ.

Sit Back and Enjoy Your Flight

As part of our 20-year celebration, all Aggressor divers traveling in 2004 will receive an inflatable travel pillow. Just our way of saying, "Thank you." Sweet dreams.



SCUBA SAVER

The 20-Year celebration continues online. Later this year, divers can win a free Cayman Aggressor vacation through an online contest. A winner will be drawn in November. An entry form will be available in a few months at aggressor.com.

What a Merry Christmas! I Won a Free Dive Vacation!



I am one of the lucky Dive Club winners picked this past Christmas.

"I just wanted to say thank you for a great trip to Truk Lagoon. Everyone has been so helpful to make my trip fantastic. I am so grateful. I was one of your lucky Dive Club winners picked this past Christmas. Truk Lagoon was awesome diving, as was the crew! Thank you Capt. Tom, Alan, Mike, Johnny, Stan, Likos and Kathy. I can't wait to go again." Jennifer K.
Free trips are just another benefit of diving Aggressor.



Crew and Staff Celebrate Anniversaries Too

In May 1988, **Thelma Garraway** came aboard the *Belize Aggressor*. For 16 years her culinary creations have dazzled hungry divers.

Aggressor Fleet, Limited employees, like **Darien Bacon**, **Melissa Joubert** and **Kenia Robertson**, are not only travel agents, they are certified divers! All three of these ladies have worked in the Louisiana reservations office for 13 years.

Fiji is for Families



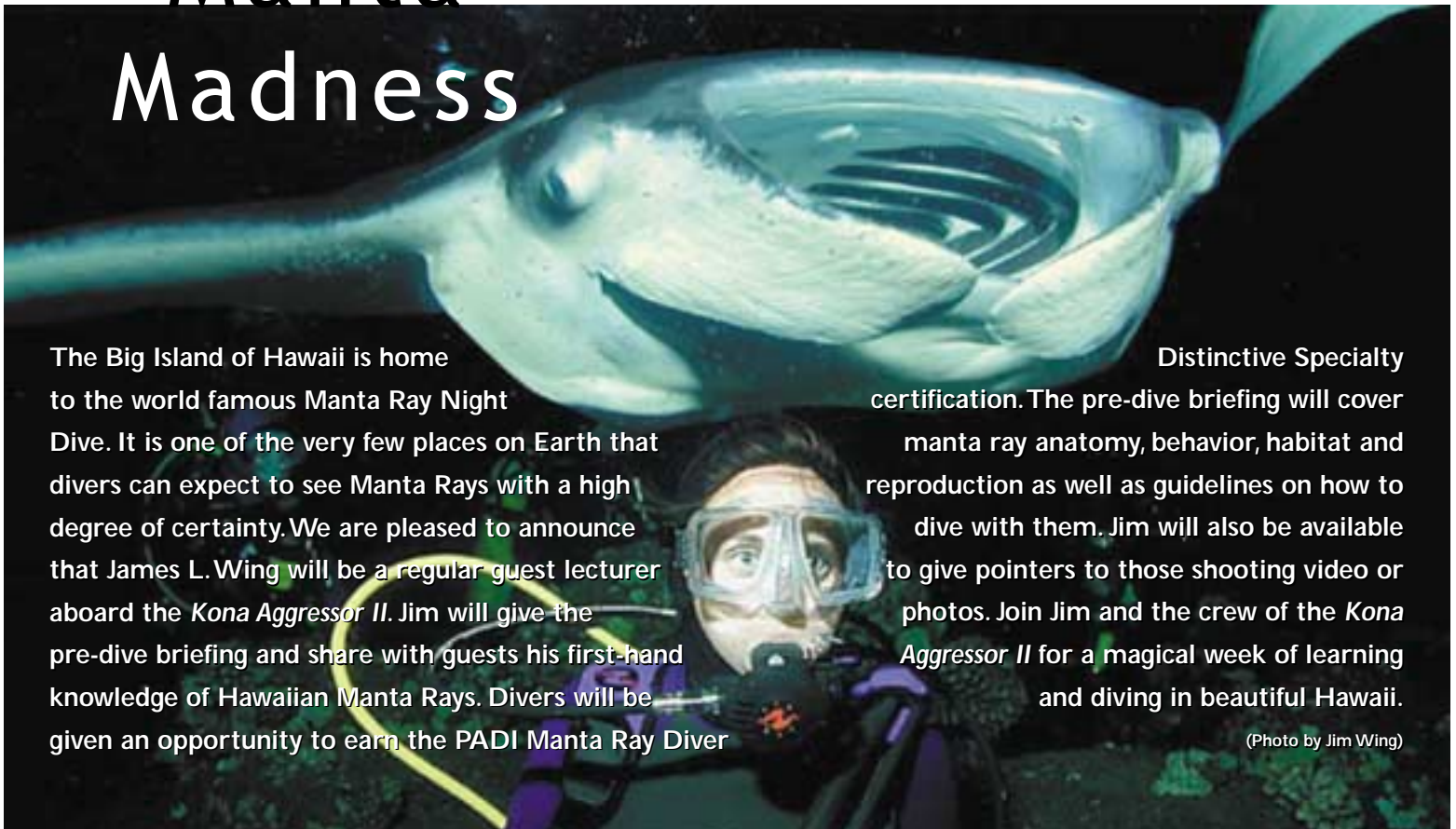
During the recent Easter holiday, a few families decided to treat their children to a Fiji vacation they would treasure for a lifetime. Throughout the week, parents and kids snorkeled, scuba dived and toured local villages. Fijians are known for their warm hearts and gracious hospitality and the Fijian crew and local villagers welcomed the children as their own. The 10-passenger *Fiji Aggressor II* is the perfect boat for families or small groups. So next time you are planning a family trip, consider organizing a group trip to Fiji or join an Aggressor Kids' Sea Camp.

Manta Madness

The Big Island of Hawaii is home to the world famous Manta Ray Night Dive. It is one of the very few places on Earth that divers can expect to see Manta Rays with a high degree of certainty. We are pleased to announce that James L. Wing will be a regular guest lecturer aboard the *Kona Aggressor II*. Jim will give the pre-dive briefing and share with guests his first-hand knowledge of Hawaiian Manta Rays. Divers will be given an opportunity to earn the PADI Manta Ray Diver

Distinctive Specialty certification. The pre-dive briefing will cover manta ray anatomy, behavior, habitat and reproduction as well as guidelines on how to dive with them. Jim will also be available to give pointers to those shooting video or photos. Join Jim and the crew of the *Kona Aggressor II* for a magical week of learning and diving in beautiful Hawaii.

(Photo by Jim Wing)



Congratulations to Judy Gandossi, Leslie North, Delayne Etheridge and all of the divers who sent in beautiful underwater photos. Winning shots ranged from seahorses to humpback whales. "So what are the judges looking for?" you may ask. An image that captures the essence of scuba diving's beauty and excitement is what catches the judges' eye and wins a free trip. Digital images are now accepted, so get busy. All winning photos and a 2004 contest form are available on the Photo Contest page under the News heading at www.aggessor.com.

A picture is worth a thousand words, or sometimes just one... **WOW!**



Digital 1st Place: Judy Gandossi
PRIZE: FREE Turks & Caicos Aggressor II vacation

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Roatan's Odyssey

Halliburton, Colossal Odyssey Added to Itinerary

Mention Utila, Roatan and Guanaja to any diver and he'll often conjure visions of seahorses and blue-bell tunicates clinging to sheer walls. While wrecks may not come to mind, that is changing. The Bay Islands are quickly emerging as one of the Caribbean's premier wreck diving destinations. *Bay Islands Aggressor IV* divers sample four of the islands best wrecks during week-long vacations. But fear not photographers, the Captain will stop at Mary's Place and seek out a few seahorses.

Bay Islands "World of Wrecks" fall adventures are a real value starting at \$1,495 p.p.

Sample every Aggressor destination from the comfort of your living room. This all-new DVD contains breath-taking underwater scenes and detailed footage of the vessels' accommodations. Don't miss the extended Fiji and Coco Island videos. Call 800-348-2628 for your FREE copy.*



*Supplies are limited. One per diver.

Local Dive Shows

A member of the Aggressor Fleet, Limited staff or a crew member will share the Aggressor Experience with divers at the following dive shows.

May 14-16, 2004 Ocean Fest, Ft. Lauderdale, FL www.oceanfest.com

May 22-23, 2004 Scuba Show, Long Beach, CA

June 5-6, 2004 Seaspace, Houston, TX www.seaspace.org

October 13-16, 2004 DEMA, Houston, TX (not open to the general public).



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Dive Thrilling Coco Island for only \$2,095

Dive the World Club members will receive a \$200 to \$400 discount per person off standard rates during select "Gold Weeks." Weeks are also listed on the Dive The World Club page of the Aggressor web site. Only repeat Aggressor clients receive the Gold rate. More weeks may be added at any time!

- **Fiji Aggressor II:** May. 29-June 5, 2004 (\$200 off) now \$2,195
- **Truk Aggressor II:** May 30-June 6, 2004 (\$200 off) now \$2,095
- **Tahiti Aggressor:** June 5-12, 2004 (\$400 off) now \$2,195
- **Galapagos Aggressor II:** July 1-8, 2004 (\$400 off) now \$2,495
- **Fiji Aggressor II:** July 3-10, 2004 (\$200 off) now \$2,195
- **Okeanos Aggressor (Coco Island):** July 31-Aug. 8, 2004 (\$200 off) now \$2,095/\$2,495

*Dates are subject to change. **When multiple discounts apply, only the most generous can be used.



Photo by Jannet Ostrowski, Digital Category 2nd Place

The Ocean, the Ultimate Theme Park

This summer, treat your family to an Aggressor Kids' Camp. Join author and photographer Shirley Brown as she shares her knowledge of the sea and love of young explorers during these memorable weeks.

BELIZE: JUNE 19-26, 2004

BAY ISLANDS: JULY 17-24, 2004

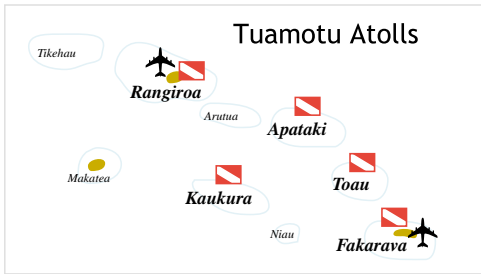
TURKS & CAICOS: AUG. 7-14, 2004



©Shirley Brown

Tahiti Aggressor divers now arrive and depart from Rangiroa and Fakarava depending upon the weekly schedule.

This one-way itinerary allows divers to get even more time underwater and prevents long island crossings.



TAHITI

Tahiti Itinerary Maximizes Bottom Time, Comfort

Searching for a Cure in Fiji

A recent *Fiji Aggressor II* charter was designed to seek new anti-cancer drugs. Scientists from the University of the South Pacific, working with those of the University of Utah, sampled marine invertebrate tissues from around Vanua Levu. These samples were to be tested initially in Fiji and then in the United States to see if they have potential to kill cancer cells. Marine invertebrates, especially those which cannot move, often use poisonous chemicals to prevent them from being eaten.



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Positive samples are further studied to ensure they are not toxic to animals and then humans. After this, clinical trials might be undertaken. Several promising leads have been found from such research in Fiji over the last decade, especially samples from two Beqa Lagoon orange sponges.

The research is funded by a United States National Cancer Drug Discovery grant. Another important aspect of the work is in the conservation of these marine resources. Divers monitor the health of the coral reefs and discuss their findings with nearby communities.

With Online Availability and Trip Selector, Web Site Offers More Than Ever



Can't decide which Aggressor destination is right for you? Just log onto www.aggressor.com and enter your trip criteria into the Trip Selector. The program will then offer vacation options suited to your skills, budget and desired marine encounters.

Aggressor divers will soon have the option to check space availability on the web. Yes, it's true! Aggressor Fleet, Limited is investing thousands of dollars and countless computer programming hours to bring our valued customers an easy-to-use vacation planning service. You may enter desired travel dates and browse the reservation calendar from your home or office computer. After your preferred dates are found, you may contact your local dive shop or travel agent to complete the booking process. If you choose to complete the reservation online, you may enter your credit card information and an Aggressor Fleet, Limited agent will e-mail a reservation confirmation. The online system is in its final testing stage and will be available in a few short weeks.



Bring a Friend to Galapagos

On designated "Bring A Friend Weeks," Aggressor Fleet's DIVE THE WORLD CLUB members can share the adventure of an Aggressor vacation with a friend for 50% off regular rates. (Member pays full, friend pays 50%). Here are a few buddy weeks:

- **Bay Islands Aggressor IV:** July 31-Aug. 7, 2004
- **Palau Aggressor II:** Sep. 12-19, 2004
- **Truk Aggressor II:** Sep. 19-26, 2004
- **Galapagos Aggressor I:** Dec. 16-23, 2004

See many more 2004 & 2005 Bring A Friend Weeks on the Dive the World Club page at aggressor.com.



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