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CAYMAN ISLAND



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Raised in Newport Beach, California, Courtney Platt moved to Grand Cayman in 1983, after completing his B.S. degree in Physical Education and Marine Biology. For his first 3 years there, he taught scuba at Bob Soto's Diving. For the next 18 years he piloted deep dive submersibles to 1,000' for RSL (now Atlantis Adventures).

From the beginning of his dive career he had been taking photographs underwater, and in 1988 he landed his first assignment for National Geographic Magazine. Following that assignment he made underwater photography his profession, although he continued to moonlight in the deep sub for several years to come.

His most recent of eight assignments for National Geographic Magazine were photographing a 2,400 year old Greek shipwreck in Turkey, which appeared in the March, 2002 issue, the Henrietta Marie Slave ship, in the August, 2002 issue, Black Beard's flagship the Queen Anne's Revenge and the wrecks of the Battle of Trafalgar, which appeared in October, 2005.

Courtney's assignment and stock images have illustrated numerous publications including: National Geographic (Down the Cayman Wall", Nov. 1988), National Geographic World, Skin Diver, Scuba Times, Ocean Realm, Sport Diver, Sea Frontiers, Time, Forbes, Popular Science, numerous Cayman publications and several books. His coffee table book, "Paradise Interrupted" which explores the damage inflicted upon Grand Cayman by Hurricane Ivan is available on line or at Amazon Books and many other book stores throughout the world. For a look at his work on line, go to: www.courtneyplatt.com.

Courtney's photos, especially those in National Geographic, have introduced the underwater world to many people who may have otherwise never experienced it. His images have made him a Leader and Legend in the underwater community.

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