



UNDERWATER WILDLIFE VIDEO & EDIT COURSES

with
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At
MARSA SHAGRA – February 2012 with
OONASDIVERS

While Egypt struggles to sort out it's future, there is still one place that remains quiet and untroubled. Marsa Shagra, one of three dive resorts run by Red Sea Diving Safaris (RSDS).

This will have been the seventh filming course I have run with RSDS and Oonas and as always my students and I were made to feel welcome and treated with great friendliness and courtesy. The 5 people on the course were from The Scottish Association for Marine Science. This was their second trip here with me and as always the diving on the house reef and the occasional boat excursion gave us endless possibilities for filming.

We all flew into Marsa Alam where we were picked up for the short road trip to the resort. Once there, we settled in with a superb evening meal, a beer or two and an early night ready for the first session of the five day course.

The house reef at Marsa Shagra has been protected and looked after by RSDS since the resorts beginnings 20 years ago when the Red Sea was untouched by tourism and commercial influences. Hossam Helmy, the owner and founder has managed against all odds to keep the reef pristine. You know this as soon as you enter the water. The fish and other marine life seem totally unafraid of divers. Turtles ignore us as they munch on the soft coral. Dolphins occasionally come in to say hello. A shoal of Mackerel patrols the reef edge daily, along with Snapper and Goatfish.



An off-shore cave gave us a pair of resting white tip sharks and a very friendly shoal of Soldierfish.



Back on the house reef a large Octopus hunted along the coral fringe in broad daylight. Ignoring both us, and the fish that were harassing it.

The underwater images shown are all taken from video frames.

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