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# COOPER CLEANUP

Boat hooks by the dozen; barbecue grills in various states of disrepair; a complete Argentinian national football uniform; an outboard motor; a pair of men's swimming shorts, size 6-X.

These constituted some of the barnacled bounty plucked from the bottom of Manchioneel Bay last September 16, by 20 volunteer divers assisted by the facilities and staff of SailCaribbean Divers. The volunteers weren't all about altruism, however; they had put in a spot of practice at nearby Painted Walls, lured there by SailCaribbean's splendid offer of a \$4 dive in return for time spent grooming the Cooper Island mooring field. Along for the fun was local underwater photographer and legend, Armando Jenik, whose pictures document the day.

Photography: Armando Jenik



## A WORD FROM Armando Jenik

As the world around us evolves, each and every photographer finds him or herself reinventing their style, their traits, themselves.

I was the first underwater photographer for Getty and Image Bank, and I worked with them for 23 years. Now, though, the competition is too intense - there are thousands of underwater photographers. So, I became a Director of Photography for the motion picture business instead.

I started out in the movie/TV business by doing a production in the BVI for a guy from New York and, instead of getting paid, I got the equipment—two broadcast video cameras with housings. The equipment was my entry card to the motion picture business, and I ended up shooting for soap operas. The work, of course, was all underwater; in the shower, the pool or on the beach. I even won two Miami Emmys.

Next, I traded my broadcast video camera in for a film camera and housing. I was very busy and very happy for many years, working on just about every production that came to the Virgin Islands (both US and BVI) and Puerto Rico.

Unfortunately a number of unrelated factors occurred and my business once again had to change. There was September 11 that changed the travel industry as we know it. And then there was the advent of digital photography, which was like a photographer's September 11. Once again we had to change all our equipment to keep up with technology. At this time, the internet also became the information delivery vehicle of choice, and I found myself needing to market myself through websites, and build my own. That's what Scuba Shots ([www.scubashotsbvi.com](http://www.scubashotsbvi.com)) tries to do, share my world and make money at the same time.

One of the best jobs I have done recently was with SailCaribbean. It's a fantastic company doing great work with children. Scuba Shots provides the parents with pictures of their children diving while they're here on vacation. And the response from the parents is fantastic - they never imagined they would see their children in diving equipment, several feet underwater.

I am now working on a project whereby I, together with a teacher, will be sending live video signals from underwater by microwave to high schools in real time. These live lessons will be sent all over the world. We're also preparing a series of lessons and educational programmes focusing on the oceans. I will be creating and generating the images and helping the class relate the marine environment to the real world. Hopefully, this project will enable children to become part of, and understand, the world around them - even the bits they can't see. I'm very excited at the whole prospect.



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Delphinus, a 393

Stylistically, the company avoids mere design exercises in favor of substance and attention to detail—Beneteaus just make sense. Easy to sail, yet strongly built and well equipped, the modern Beneteau fleet has models for every corner of the market. The particular niche our test boat, the Beneteau 393, is designed for is not an easy one to fill. Displacing 17,600 lbs with a draught of 8'3" and a beam of 13 feet on a 35-foot waterline, this is a boat perfectly suited for both an island-hopping sailor and one with ocean-crossing ambitions. Often these criteria produce a boat that pleases neither sailor but here all the facets come together in a boat that will be swift and sea-kindly under way, and extremely comfortable at anchor.

Delphinus, the 393 we had on test from BVI Yacht Charters, has a two-cabin configuration—the master cabin forward, with its own head and shower, and a large double cabin aft with a separate head and shower that is accessible from both the cabin and the deck. The 10-ft-deep galley was kept well forward from the companionway, portable and forward to the dining area. Any cook would be grateful for such a huge space. The double stainless-steel sinks, which are placed almost fore and aft, have a successful splash screen to protect the cockpit. The 12-watt refrigerator unit is generously sized, with a bar-loading freezer and a free-

zing refrigerator. Starboard side, forward of the head, is the navigation station, with a comfortable curved seat and storage locker to keep the navigator snug when sailing bare heels. Forward of the nav area and opposite the dining table is a settee, allowing for extra seating at dinner and making a comfortable area for drinks and socializing. The general impression is of a roomy, comfortable space suitable for long-term occupation. Adding to the comfort level is the voice-activated air conditioning with touch-sensitive controls in each cabin. Tanned hulls allow natural light into every nook, and privacy when necessary comes from discreetly placed windows. Under sail it's a timeless beauty in the 14-France Drake Channel, Delphinus stood along

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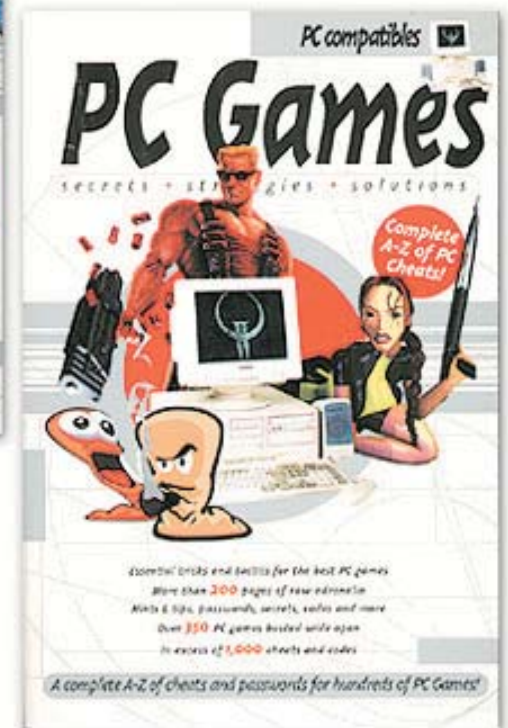
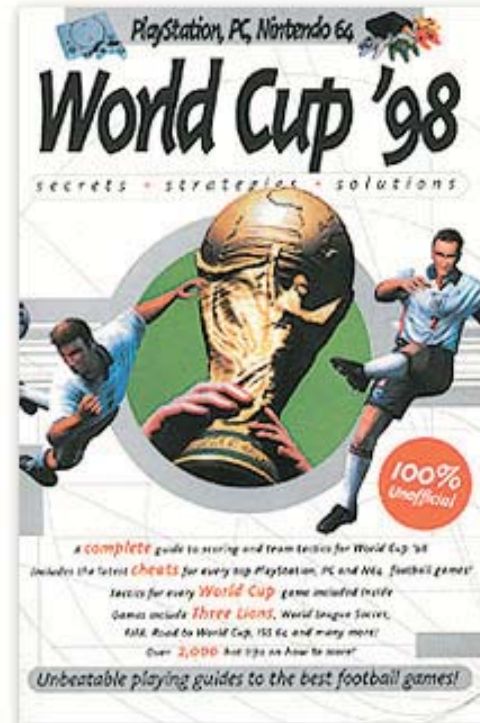


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