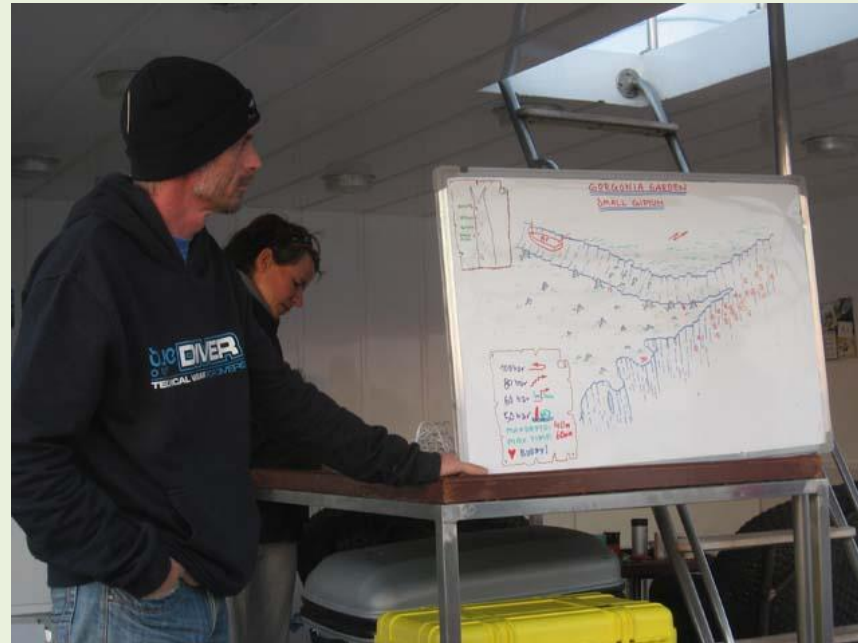


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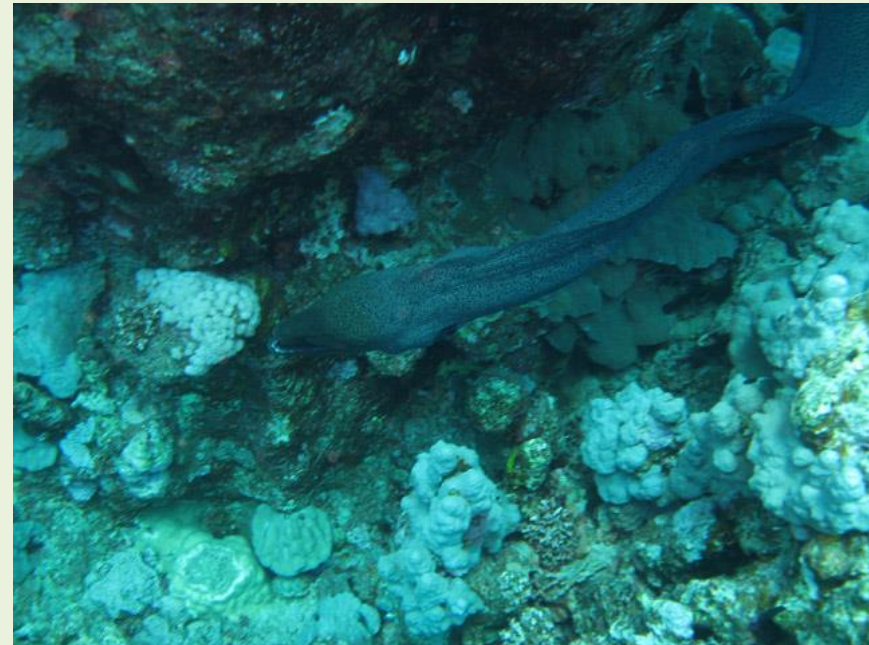
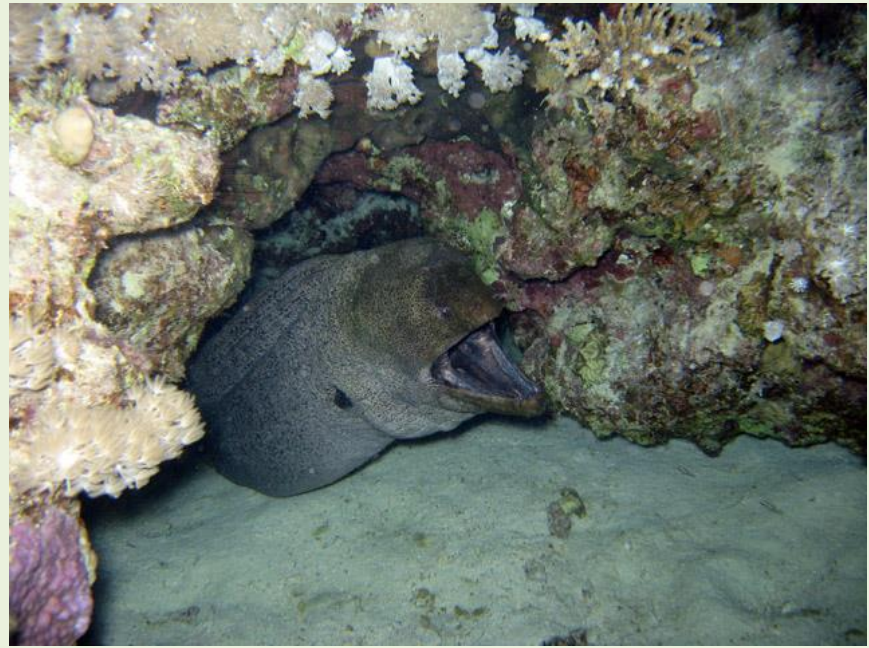
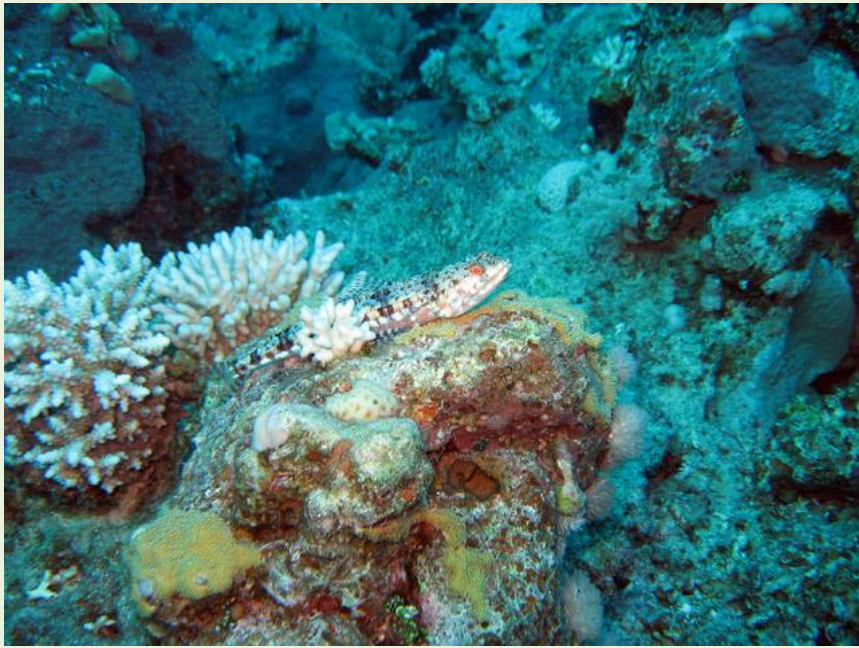
This was our regular club diving holiday with seven members taking part, some on live-aboards for the first time. Our very able organiser was Paul Taylor, supported by Ken Blay, Richard Vivian, Mick Marchant, myself plus newbies Paul Wilson and Tracey Mock. We were on the Blue O Two boat Blue Fin, the same as we used in February. Our dive guides this time were Elke and Anders who along with the crew, gave us a splendid holiday. The weather was quite windy and it was noticeably cooler than in previous years both above and the waterline. In fact it was colder than when Ken and I were here in February and the water was 3-4 degrees C cooler than in November 2010. Average water temp was 24 degrees C. The weather prevented us following the intended itinerary and our guides & skipper had to work hard to get us to good sites in diveable conditions. We did manage one full day on Little Brother, but failed to reach Daedalus or even Elphinstone. We did however, get to dive Panorama and Abu Kafa reefs plus the Salem Express. During the trip we met up with Shawn, the only other UK diver aboard who passed on some useful tips on setting white balance underwater. This has helped to get more realistic colours into some of my pictures though at times the camera locked itself up and would not allow any change of settings once in the water. This was the year of the Thresher and we saw them on every dive at the Brothers (mainly thanks to Elke) but only once really good photo opportunity.

Gota Abu Ramada 2dives max depth 15M & 65 mins	Panorama Reef & Middle Reef	Little Brother 3 dives max depth 38M & 52 mins
Abu Kafan - 2 Dives	Shaab Sheer	Tobia Arba
Little Giftun - Police Hut	Fanous East	Salem Express

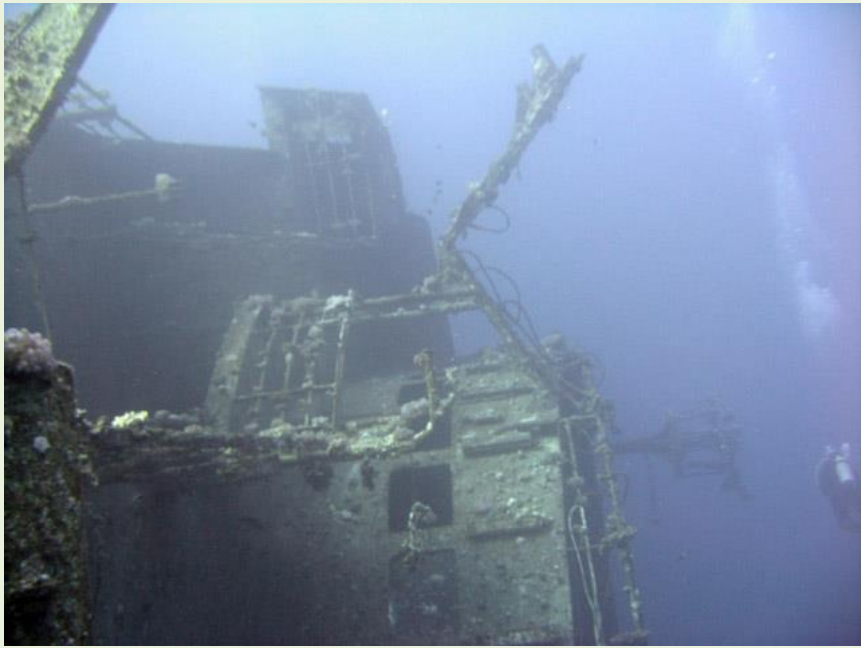














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