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## TRIVIA CHALLENGE

**Q:** Give the name of one of the T.V. shows OceanREEF will be featured on.

The first five people to e-mail the correct answer to [advertising@oceanreefgroup.com](mailto:advertising@oceanreefgroup.com) will receive a \$5 gift certificate to Starbucks! Please include your address.

Planning a trip?  
Consider diving the beautiful Islands of Palau ... **page 3**

## Exciting News

### Adventures with Luke Tipple

What does it mean to live a life of adventure? Is it an attitude that helps us face obstacles of everyday life? Is it the thrill of the unexpected and extraordinary experiences? Is it a journey that helps us discover ourselves? At OceanREEF, we believe it's all of these things. Our good friend Luke Tipple embodies the OceanREEF ethos.

An Australian marine biologist, professional diver and wildlife production consultant, Luke's accomplishments include writing whale shark tourism guidelines for the Honduran government, as well as guiding hundreds of clients while diving with top order predators such as great white sharks at Guadalupe Island Mexico and Tiger sharks in the Caribbean. Recently he was featured on the Discovery Channel's Mythbusters and filmed a documentary for Ushuaia Nature, a popular European series. He is a consummate professional who demands only the best from himself, his crew and his dive gear.

"Ocean Reef masks and communication gear are absolutely essential to my job and were an integral part of



shooting this years Shark Week" says Luke, "In fact, I'm not sure how we'd get the spectacular results my clients expect without the ability to communicate clearly underwater. The Ocean REEF Neptune Space is extremely reliable, looks great on camera and I'm always stoked on how comfortable they are even after an 8 hour day underwater. I love these masks and am always looking for new places to take them." It's this spirit of adventure that leads Luke to wear Ocean Reef masks when facing down 14 foot Tiger Sharks and ensuring "A" list celebrities get home in one piece.

See more of what Luke is doing with OceanREEF products at [luketipple.com](http://luketipple.com) and be sure to watch him bust myths with Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman on the Discovery Channel's Shark Week in July/August 2008.

## Product Information Optical Lens Support

Often we are asked, “would it be possible to wear prescription glasses with your masks?”

OceanREEF manufactures an Optical Lens Support that attaches to the inside of the skirt. All one needs to do is take your Optical Lens Support to your optometrist and have them put in your prescription. The Optical Lens Support is designed to fit perfectly into the inside of your Neptune masks. Insert the frame into the inside of your visor, wear the masks as you normally would, and you’re ready to go.



## Technical Information Fogging Up?

Have you ever had problems with your conventional mask fogging up? This does not occur if you wear your Neptune full face mask correctly. If fogging occurs then one of the following things is happening and can be easily avoided.

- A. The ornasal cup is not seated correctly on your face
- B. The inhaler membranes (one way valve) are pinched inside the ornasal, allowing CO<sub>2</sub> to leak out of the ornasal area into the mask

- C. The exhaust portion of the ornasal has become dislodged from the exhaust valve port

- D. The opening where the microphone passes into the ornasal cup has a small “flange” or “ridge” under which the edge of the ornasal opening must fit. If it is dislodged CO<sub>2</sub> charged (exhaled) air will leak into the fresh air chamber, causing the mask to fog.

Remember, what keeps your mask from fogging is the constant flow of fresh air over the visor and the elimination of CO<sub>2</sub> through your exhaust valve. It’s important to make sure that the Full Face Mask is properly fitted to the head, face, and that the ornasal cup seals properly.

## Technical Information How to Handle an “Out of Air” Situation

There are several methods for dealing with an “out of air” situation with a Neptune full face mask.

The easiest method is applied when two divers are using full face masks. Each diver should have an additional hose with a quick connect attached to a low pressure port. The hose we suggest is the Ocean REEF 48” quick connect hose. The “out of air” diver simply swims to diver #2, disconnects his own hose, and connects the hose attached to his buddy’s 1st stage regulator to his mask. Both divers are now breathing from diver #2’s gas supply. At this time, both divers should swim to the surface.

Even after a diver becomes accustomed to the full face mask, we still suggest that they carry a conventional mask with them. In this case, the “out of air” diver indicates “out of air/share air” to his buddy, removes the full face mask, takes the buddy’s alternate air source, and dons the conventional mask. Both divers should then make an “alternate air source ascent” to the surface.

As with any diving equipment, it makes good sense to get training from a qualified Neptune System Instructor and do at least one confined water session before taking the mask in open water.



## Dive Sites Palau

Visualize a dive that has 80-200 ft visibility year long, water temp of 83 degrees and has an overwhelming abundance of sea life. If you haven't already heard, Palau has become an absolute "Top three must dive" destination.

Located in the western most corner of Micronesia, Palau is an archipelago of more than 400 islands with less than 20,000 inhabitants. Consistently ranked as one of the world's best dive destinations, Palau is the ultimate paradise for the adventurous traveler, boasting some of the most spectacular water and beaches and world famous for its rock islands and Jellyfish Lake. With more than 1,400 species of fish and 700 species of coral, some have called Palau the "8th Natural Wonder of the World", while others have identified Palau as "One of the Seven Underwater Wonders of the World."

From sheltered coral gardens filled with colorful reef fishes and lots of turtles to current swept plateaus pa-

trolled by schools of sharks and barracuda, Palau offers a wide and wonderful range of diving for divers of every interest and skill level. Healthy reefs, stunning walls, beautiful hard corals and soft corals, lots of sharks, massive mantas, turtles on every dive, huge schools of fish, tiny sea-horses, elusive mandarinfish and lots and lots of tiny critters are all topped off with an amazing collection of WWII wrecks! In fact, the wreck diving in Palau is one of the Pacific's largest collection of intact WWII shipwrecks and plane wrecks.

The majority of diving in Palau consists of drift diving along the beautiful walls, plateaus and coral gardens of the outer barrier reef, a forty minute boat ride through the picturesque rock islands. While you dive the boat follows along from the surface to meet you upon ascent.

Whatever your diving pleasure, level of interest or experience level, Palau diving has it all!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Are your kids SCUBAnauts? SCUBAnauts International (SNI) is an organization that guides young men and women, ages 12 through 18, along an exciting pathway for personal development by involving them in the exploration and discovery of marine sciences.

The uniqueness of the SNI program is that it is focused entirely on the young men and women in the program. Through regular monthly marine research SCUBA dives, small groups are taken on extraordinary summer marine research expeditions, field trips, weekend diving excursions and valuable one-on-one mentorship's with notable marine research biologists. Student activities center around a variety of topics, focusing particularly on marine research, under-sea conservation projects, exploration and scholastic achievement, community service, and student fitness. These young adults are receiving constructive leadership skills and a meaningful understanding of our oceans, benefiting them and making effective stewards for our environment.

[scubanautsintl.org](http://scubanautsintl.org)





*Bonus Feature*

Images submitted by Neptune Space Divers



David Cvet in Belize. Photo taken by Martin Spragg

Got any photographs of our masks in action? Let us know and your referenced photo(s) might be placed in our catalog, website or newsletter.

To submit a photo, contact:  
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[@oceanreefgroup.com](mailto:advertising@oceanreefgroup.com)



Ocean REEF employees testing new equipment. Photo taken by Aaron Herzl

*Upcoming Events*

Discovery Channel  
Look for us on the  
Discovery Channel's Dirty  
Jobs and throughout  
Shark Week

Dirty Jobs: Ice Salvage  
June 2nd @ 9pm  
June 8th @ 7pm

Long Beach  
Scuba Show  
Long Beach CA  
June 21 - 22  
[www.scubashow.com](http://www.scubashow.com)

Come visit us  
at booth 507

Pro Ski & Scuba  
Demo of  
OceanREEF Masks  
July 18th and 19th  
9am to 5pm  
Lakehouse on Beaver Lake, AR  
RSVP with Rich @ 316 684 9738

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