



# OLLIE PUTNAM

CINEMATOGRAPHY | UNDERWATER - SURFACE - AERIAL



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## Profile / Key Skills

Underwater, topside and aerial camera operator and assistant with credits on BBC, S4C and Discovery Channel and experience researching, producing and editing natural history, science and conservation content. Competent using the latest camera technology and filming techniques, working and setting up shoots abroad including logistics and acquiring visas, researching stories and locations. Working for the last year as part of a team producing a four part diving and marine natural history series exploring the underwater world around Wales.

A qualified HSE media and safety diver, dive supervisor and instructor with over 3500 dives in a variety of climates and environments, having worked and filmed across the globe in Europe, Australia, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Central America. Extensive knowledge of marine life and animal behaviour, with experience filming a multitude of subjects underwater from wildlife including sharks, whales, dolphins and coral reefs to freedivers, photographers and military divers. Also a qualified and authorised drone operator with extensive knowledge of drones, their regulations in the UK and abroad and using them to film wildlife over land and sea. Competent with data management, editing, colour grading and sound design with FCPX, Premiere Pro and DaVinci Resolve.

Multitalented and passionate with experience working solo or as part of a larger film crew or dive team, able to bring skills, knowledge and a positive can do attitude to any production or job big or small. Currently looking for roles and opportunities in Natural History production

- Extensive filming experience in 4K and 6K using production standard cameras, audio and lighting equipment, drones and UW housings, 360 rigs UW and aerial, time-lapse/macro/long lens shooting, UV light underwater filming
- Competent with REDs, Panasonic EVA1/GH5, Sony FX9/FX6/FS5/FS7/A7siii/XDCams, Boxfish/VR Rize 360 cameras, OpenROV UW drones, custom in-water tow/pole cams and more
- Z Cam S6/M4 with Nauticam UW housing owner/operator (Atomos Ninja V, C6K 60fps / C4K 160fps / 12 bit RAW)
- DJI Phantom 4 Pro owner/operator, experience with DJI Inspire 1&2
- HSE Part 4 Commercial Media Diver, Current HSE diving medical, EFAW, SDI O2 Provider, CPR 1st Aid & AED
- CAA Permission for Commercial Operations of Small Unmanned Aircraft (PfCO/OA #7133 SUA <20kg)
- TQUK Level 4 Certificate: Commercial Drone Pilot (RQF)
- GATES housings STO qualified, experience setting up and operating large underwater cinema systems
- Full face mask / underwater comms experienced, qualified OTS Guardian FFM Technician (servicing/field repairs)
- PADI Instructor MSDT, Underwater Video Instructor, Drysuit/Nitrox/Tech/Cavern diver - 3500+ dives over 13 years
- Strong interest and skillset in Natural History filmmaking and storytelling, science communication and conservation
- Completing MOD1 Rebreather training course during 2021 (rEVO unit)
- Organised, outgoing, friendly and a team player

**Cynefin (Habitat), Season 4, S4C\*** - S4C/BBC / Rondo Media / Dan Dŵr Cymru (Underwater Wales)

Series visiting different areas of Wales and featuring quirky and lesser-known local stories. Underwater presenter led segment with Iestyn Jones on importance of seagrass areas (1st underwater camera op)

**Welsh Seas\*** - Marine Conservation Society - Conservation Wales / Dan Dŵr Cymru (Underwater Wales)

Campaign film for Marine Conservation Zones consultation. (Supply of all underwater wildlife stock footage for film)

**Pobol y Môr (People of the Sea)** - S4C/BBC / Slam Media / BOOM Cymru / Dan Dŵr Cymru (Underwater Wales)

Series about people who live and work on or near the sea. Segment following a woman in local conservation efforts. (1st underwater camera op)

**Wales Best of the West\*** - Dan Dŵr Cymru (Underwater Wales)

Diving and marine natural history series exploring the underwater world around Wales (UW/topside/drone camera op, producer, researcher, editor)

**Western Ecology Tour (Expedition)\*** - ATND / Shark and Skate Citizen Science Scotland / Project Seagrass / NARC

Expedition camera op for a tour supporting and documenting conservation projects along the western coast of the UK

**Casio Dive Watches** - Scarlet View Media / Casio Watches

Filming military divers for Casio Dive Watches promotional material (2nd UW camera, HSE safety diver, HSE dive supervisor)

**Made in Oldstead Food Boxes\*** - Tommy Banks / Made in Oldstead

Producing instructional videos on how to cook Michelin star quality food at home (1st camera op/DOP/editor)

**Michelin Awards Ceremony** - The Black Swan at Oldstead / Roots Restaurant York

Filmed restaurants and chefs for the online 2021 Michelin awards ceremony (Camera op)

**What We Do** - Scarlet View Media

A short film following a production crew on an underwater film shoot with Grey seals in the Farne Islands (Camera assistant, 2nd topside, underwater and aerial camera op, HSE safety diver)

**Celtic Deep Expeditions** - Celtic Deep Expeditions / Ollie Putnam Cinematography

Documenting trips exploring the Celtic Deep to find Blue sharks and other marine wildlife (Topside/UW camera op, editor)

**Salmon 360 Experience** - Scarlet View Media / JUMP Marketing

Filmed underwater and aerial 360 video for an immersive VR Igloo experience (HSE safety diver, underwater/aerial 360 camera op)

**UK Seagrass ReMEDIES Project** - Natural England / Scarlet View Media / Waterproof Media

Educational video about seagrass meadow marine protected areas around the UK to be used at The Eden Project and online (Camera/audio assist, 2nd underwater/aerial camera op, HSE safety diver)

**Save The Med** - Save The Med NGO Mallorca

Documenting ongoing scientific research and conservation projects, using underwater cameras and drones, 360 cameras and aerial drones (UW/aerial camera op)

**Angel Shark BRUV Project** - Save Our Seas Foundation / Angel Shark Project Wales / Natural Resources Wales.

Shot and produced a short video about the Angel shark research being conducted in Wales and Canary Islands (DoP, cinematographer/aerial camera op, editor)

**Wild Ocean Week** - Lizzie Daly Wildlife TV / Marine Conservation Society UK

Filmed trailer for Wild Ocean Week with Lizzie Daly in Pembrokeshire, UK. (Topside/aerial camera op)

**Under the Surface** - Sony UK / Wex Photo Video / Lexi Laine Photography / Ollie Putnam Cinematography

Shot and produced a feature film about free diving photography in the cenotes of the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico (DoP, UW/topside/aerial cinematographer/camera op, editor, sound design)

**Alopius Pelagicus** - Ollie Putnam Cinematography

Filming pelagic thresher shark behaviour at Monad Shoal, Philippines (UW camera op, post production)

**Saving Lives at Sea Season 3, BBC2** - Blast! Films / BBC2

Filmed UK coastlines for historical lifeboat stories (Aerial stock footage)

**White Shark Africa Internship Promo - Blackgill Media / White Shark Africa**

Filming Great White Sharks breaching in Mossel Bay, South Africa (Topside/aerial camera op)

**Monsters: The Natal Sharks Board South Africa - White Shark Video**

Expose documentary on the Natal Sharks Board and their shark control methods in Durban, South Africa (UW/topside/aerial camera op, safety diver)

**The Whales of Umhlanga - Ollie Putnam Cinematography**

Filming Humpback whales congregating off the coast of Durban, South Africa (Aerial camera, post production)

**Love the Oceans - Love the Oceans NGO**

Documenting research into artisanal shark fisheries, long-lining and shark finning in Mozambique (Camera op)

**Shark Week - Discovery Channel**

Assisting with setting up shoots from boats and collecting behavioural footage of Great White sharks in Mossel Bay, South Africa (UW stock footage)

**Day and Night on the Reef - Red Sea Diving Safari / Ollie Putnam Cinematography**

Short documentary comparing the marine life found during the day and night on local reefs in Marsa Shagra, Egypt (UW/topside camera op, editor)

**Shark Sessions - Sharksevation Media / White Shark Africa**

Shot and produced a series of shark conservation/education videos in South Africa and the UK (Camera op, editor)

**Juara Turtle Conservation Project - Juara Turtle Project NGO / Minang Cove Resort**

Documenting the surveying and research of Green and Hawksbill sea turtle hatcheries on Tioman Island, Malaysia (Camera op)

**Employment History**

Producer/Camera Operator/Researcher/Editor	Dan Dŵr Cymru (Underwater Wales) - Wales, UK	2020 - Present
Camera Operator/Assistant/Safety Diver	Scarlet View Media - Leeds, UK	2019 - Present
Freelance Camera Operator/UAV Pilot	Ollie Putnam Cinematography - York, UK	2017 - Present
Self Employed Tradesperson	Ollie Putnam Building Services - York, UK	2015 - Present
Co-Founder / Media and Operations Manager	Sharksevation - UK / USA / South Africa	2014 - Present
Shark Conservation and Media Intern	White Shark Africa - Mossel Bay, South Africa	2014 - 2016
Maintenance Technician	The Black Swan at Oldstead - Thirsk, UK	2014 - 2015
Dive Instructor / Underwater Videographer	Scuba Diving For All Ltd - Ripon, UK	2012 - 2014
Dive Centre Manager	Minang Cove Resort - Tioman Island, Malaysia	2011 - 2012
Lead Dive Instructor / Underwater Videographer	Golden Divers - Koh Tao, Thailand	2010 - 2011
Divemaster / Dive Instructor	Deep Sea Divers Den - Cairns, Australia	2009 - 2010
Dive Boat Purser	Mike Ball Dive Expeditions - Cairns, Australia	2008 - 2009
Lifeguard / Swimming Instructor	York Council - York, UK	2007 - 2008

**Education**

TQUK Level 4 Certificate: Commercial Drone Pilot (RQF)	COPTRZ 2019
Certificate of Higher Education: International Tourism Management	York St John University 2013-2015
Secondary Education - 10 GCSEs, 3 A Levels	Easingwold School, York, UK 1997 - 2006

**References**

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