



OLLIE PUTNAM

CINEMATOGRAPHY | UNDERWATER - SURFACE - AERIAL



Personal Details

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Able to relocate to Bristol or elsewhere

Profile / Key Skills

An experienced underwater and topside cameraman / camera assistant / safety diver / aerial cameraman / self editor based in the UK. An experienced commercial diver, instructor and underwater cameraman with over 3500 dives in a variety of climates and environments, having worked and filmed across the globe in Europe, Australasia, Southern Africa, the Middle East and Central America. Experience filming a multitude of subjects underwater, from wildlife like sharks, whales, dolphins and coral reefs to freedivers, photographers and models. A qualified drone operator, with extensive knowledge of drones and using them to film over land and sea. Multitalented and with experience working solo or as part of a larger film crew, able to bring knowledge and a positive can do attitude to any production or job big or small. Competent with data management, editing with FCPX and Premiere Pro, colour grading and sound design.

- HSE Part 4 Commercial Media Diver / Current HSE diving medical (exp. 22/04/2020)
- CAA Permission for Commercial Operations of Small Unmanned Aircraft (PfCO SUA <20kg)
- GATES housings STO qualified
- Current First Aid at Work / SDI O2 Provider, CPR 1st Aid & AED
- Full face mask / underwater comms experienced
- OTS Guardian FFM Technician
- PADI Instructor MSDT / Underwater Videographer Instructor - 3500+ dives over 12 years
- Drysuit / Nitrox / Tech / Cavern diver
- Extensive filming experience in 4K and 6K using production standard cameras, audio and lighting equipment, drones and underwater housings, 360 rigs underwater and aerial
- Strong interest in Natural History filmmaking, marine biology and conservation

Film Work / Credits

March 2020 SSPO Salmon Farm 360 Experience - Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation / Scarlet View Media / JUMP Marketing

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

March 2020 UK Seagrass ReMEDIES Project - Natural England / Scarlet View Media

Filming for an educational video about seagrass meadow marine protected areas around the UK to be used at The Eden Project and online. (Camera/audio assistant, HSE safety diver, underwater camera, aerial camera)

February 2020 Save The Med Promo - Save The Med NGO Mallorca

Filming promotional material and stock footage of ongoing scientific research and conservation projects, using underwater cameras and drones, 360 cameras and aerial drones (Underwater/aerial cameraman, DIT)

August 2019 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 cameraman, DIT, editor)

June 2019 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 cameraman)

Feb 2019 Under the Surface - Sony UK / Wex Photo Video / Lexi Laine Photography

Shot and produced feature film about free diving photography in the cenotes of the Yucatan Peninsula, Mexico (DoP, cinematographer, aerial cameraman, DIT, editor, sound design)

Nov 2018 Alopius Pelagicus - Ollie Putnam Cinematography

Filming pelagic thresher shark behaviour at Monad Shoal, Philippines (underwater camera and post production)

Sept 2018 Saving Lives at Sea Season 3, BBC2 - Blast! Films / BBC2

Filming UK coastlines for historical lifeboat story (aerial stock footage cameraman)

Feb 2018 From Field to Table - Tommy Banks / The Black Swan at Oldstead / AHW Photo Video

Short series showing the chef and Michelin star restaurant's ingredients journey from the farm to the table (2nd topside and aerial camera)

Sept 2017 White Shark Africa Internship Promo - Blackgill Media / White Shark Africa

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

Aug 2017 The Whales of Umhlanga - Ollie Putnam Cinematography

Filming humpback whales congregating off the coast of Durban, South Africa (aerial camera and post production)

July - Aug 2017 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 (underwater, topside and aerial camera, safety diver)

Jan 2017 Day and Night on the Reef - Red Sea Diving Safari / Ollie Putnam Cinematography

Mini documentary shot in Egypt on the differences of diving the resort's house reef during the day and night (topside and underwater camera, editor, sound design)

Aug 2014 - Jan 2016 Shark Sessions - Sharksevation Media

Shot and produced a series of shark conservation/education videos in South Africa and the UK

Employment History

Freelance Cameraman/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	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

Owned Kit

GATES AX100 housing, wide angle/macro port	DJI Phantom 4 Pro drone
Sony AX100E 4K kit: topside and underwater	DJI Mavic Pro backup drone
Sony RX100 V / Fantasea housing with tripod for UW stills/ time-lapse	DJI Crystalsky view/review monitor
Sony X3000 4K ActionCam and housing	Canon 600D DSLR stills kit
2x BigBlue 10,000 lumen video lights	Canon EFS 10-18/18-55/55/250 lenses
2x Light&Motion Sola 1200 video lights	Manfrotto Fluid head tripod / camera slider
	Rode Shotgun / Smart Lav / NT-USB mics

Full dive gear sets for cold/warm water inc. single/twin wing, BCD's, OTS Guardian FFM, bailout, drysuit, 5mm/3mm wetsuits, HECS Stealthscreen dive skin, dive computers etc.

References

Neil Brock	Bristol Channel Diving Services	info@bristolchanneldiving.co.uk
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