

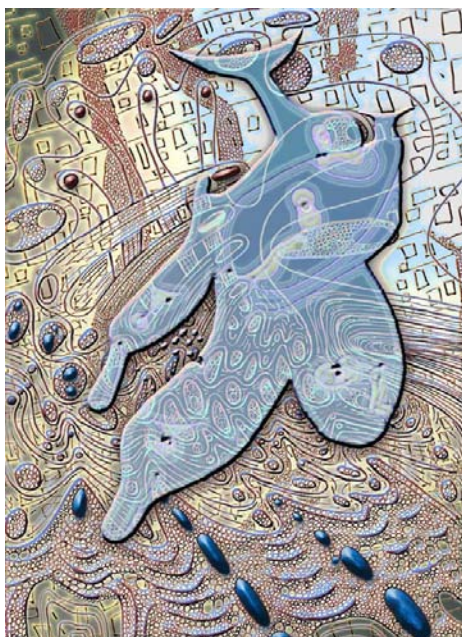
## International Dolphin Watch (IDW)

Has an unblemished reputation as a non-profit organisation dedicated to helping dolphins since it was founded by Dr Horace Dobbs in 1978.



# Friends of IDW NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2010



"When did wilderness transmute from a real place devoid of human intrusion into a romantic notion that thrives nowhere on Earth beyond the human imagination? Are wild animals actually wild, when every species has become dependent on humanity for their very survival? Has there ever been an industrialized culture that did not treat nature as a part of property law?

Such questions rise like oil from the dirty sea floor of my mind, as I glean the daily update of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill".

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International Dolphin Watch  
Acting to help dolphins



## 2010 IS THE YEAR OF THE DOLPHIN IN SCHOOLS

Now that so many youngsters are becoming computer literate IDW is recruiting an army of "Website Warriors" to campaign to make the seas safer places for dolphins to live in and cleaner, natural recreational spaces for humans to enjoy.

# CONSERVATION

## Oil Spill Got You Down?

### Don't fret, seize the opportunity

*By Sheryl Eisenberg  
NRDC Natural Resources Defense Council*

You can't undo the damage, but you can help make future disasters less likely—from spills to catastrophic climate change.

<http://www.nrdc.org/thisgreenlife/1005.asp>

In 1968, when I learned about the population bomb in biology class, I was overwhelmed. The planet was heading for disaster and there was nothing I could do to stop it. In the 70s, it was nuclear weapons; in the 80s, the ozone hole. This spring, it's the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. But these days I know something I didn't know then. There is always something I/you/we can do.

I don't mean we can erase the disaster that has already occurred. That's oil under the bridge—and if we're unlucky, into the Gulf Stream. What we *can* do is help prevent recurrence.



**This is not Japan – this  
is Europe!**



**IDW feel it is important to point out that the Danish people and the Government are not responsible for allowing the slaughter of pilot whales to continue. The Faroe Islands is actually a self - governing nation within the Danish State. The Faroese Government has full responsibility for the conservation and management of living marine resources within the 200 mile zone. It has the power to legislate on all matters of hunting and animal protection so it is up to the Islanders themselves to stop the hunt.**

**The Prime Minister is Kaj Leo Johannesen, Email  
<http://info@tinganes.fo>**

**This senseless violence happens every year  
in Faroe Island .**

**Have your say and spread the word on:  
<http://hubpages.com/hub/Denmarks-Shame>**

## **"Stop Eating Contaminated Whale Meat"**

**You can help** to convince the Japanese public to stop eating meat from whales, dolphins and porpoises! Several tests have proven that cetacean meat consumed in Japan is contaminated with toxins like mercury. After years of denial by previous administrations, the incoming Minister of State for Consumer Affairs and Food Safety, Ms. Mizuho Fukushima, has agreed to investigate the mercury issues in Japan.

Please add your voice to the thousands of people worldwide asking Minister Mizuho to protect the health of Japanese consumers, with a polite letter supporting her initiative. A sample letter is provided below, or you can express your own comments. All we ask that all comments be polite and respectful, so they will make a positive impression.

Dear Minister Mizuho Fukushima:

Scientific studies have demonstrated that dolphin and whale meat is highly toxic and not fit for human consumption, due to contamination from methylmercury, mercury, PCBs, and other poisons. Please prevent any further damage to the health of the Japanese people by banning the sale of dolphin and whale meat immediately.

Sincerely,

(Your name and contact information)

Please send your letter to:  
Minister of the Consumer Affairs Agency  
Ms. Mizuho Fukushima  
Sanno Park Tower  
2-11-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo  
Japan 100-6178  
Fax: +81-3-3500-4640

Or email your letter to:  
Keiko Ueda, legislative Aide to Ms. Mizuho Fukushima, Member of the House of Councillors, Social Democratic Party  
Email: [ukgo@jca.apc.org](mailto:ukgo@jca.apc.org)

Thank you for your support  
By *Dr. Robbins Barstow, CSI Director Emeritus*, Cetacean Society International  
<http://csiwhalesalive.org/index.html>

## **Whales Hunting Ban Final Vote**

The International Whaling Commission will hold its **final vote on a proposal to legalize commercial whale hunting** for the first time in a generation. The international vote that could legalize commercial whale hunting is just days away. 650,000 of us have signed the petition to protect whales, and an Avaaz team is on the ground to make sure we're heard -- let's super-charge this campaign by hitting 1 million signatures! Add your name and then forward this message:

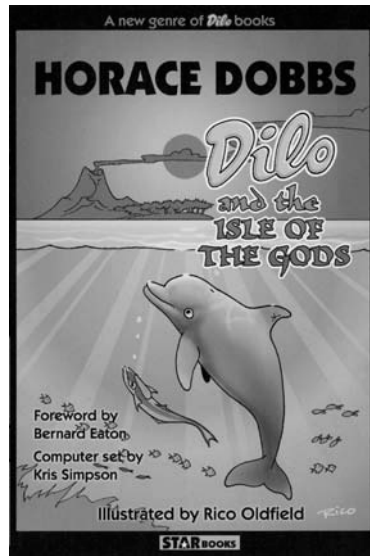
**SIGN THE PETITION**

[https://secure.avaaz.org/en/whales\\_last\\_push/97.php?cl\\_tta\\_sign=0091057ddbfc0f6921e289f039acb6fd](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/whales_last_push/97.php?cl_tta_sign=0091057ddbfc0f6921e289f039acb6fd)



# EDUCATION

## Dilo and the Isle of the Gods Serialisation: CHAPTER 12



### 12. The seahorse

On one side of the island was a reef.

The more closely he examined the reef the more Dilo realised how wonderful it was. Brightly coloured fishes fluttered everywhere, like butterflies. They were always on the move, pecking at the corals with their tiny mouths. Every nook and cranny had some form of life on it.

As he was gazing at a piece of branched coral Dilo noticed a tiny fish. Its body was upright, which is an unusual position for a fish. But what was even more strange was its head. It looked like a horse's head. It had no fin at the end of its body. The fish used its long, curly tail to cling to the coral.

It was a seahorse.

Dilo stopped and peered at it closely. The dolphin was fascinated and stayed perfectly still. The seahorse looked at Dilo.

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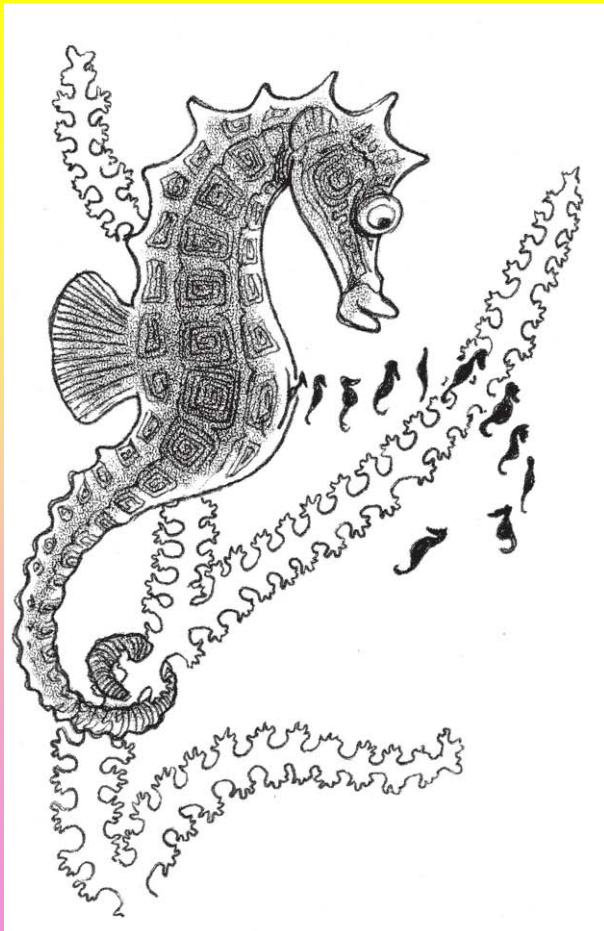
Dilo still didn't move. The seahorse decided that the dolphin didn't pose a threat. It let go of the coral. With frilly movements of its fins it hovered directly in front of Dilo's beak.

Then, out of a slit on its belly emerged a tiny baby seahorse, then another, then another. In a short time the father seahorse was surrounded by a cloud of babies. They bobbed around, pecking at the sea, eating microscopic specks of food that the dolphin couldn't see.

Dilo was mesmerised. Another fish wasn't. It saw the baby seahorses as food. It darted forward and snatched one. The sudden movement had an electrifying effect on the other babies. Quick as a flash they darted to their father and disappeared into the brood pouch on his belly. A moment later, with his babies safely inside him, the father seahorse sped into the coral.

The seahorse matched his surroundings perfectly. If Dilo had not seen exactly where the seahorse stopped and wound its tail round a coral he would not have noticed it. Dilo liked making discoveries. He liked to know what was going on. His mother said he was "nosey".

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**CHAPTER 13** will be in the next issue of the Friends of IDW Newsletter. An electronic copy of the complete book can be downloaded from <http://www.lulu.com/content/2713995>

“Being noseey can get you into all sorts of trouble,” she told him repeatedly.

Dilo thought about this as he continued to explore the island.

“But I like being noseey. I wonder if my mother ever saw a seahorse? I would never have found out that baby seahorses can hide in their father’s pouch if I hadn’t been curious,” he mused.

“Being noseey may have its drawbacks. But it certainly makes life less boring,” said Dilo out loud, forgetting he had a passenger.

“Are you talking to yourself again?” piped up Rema from behind

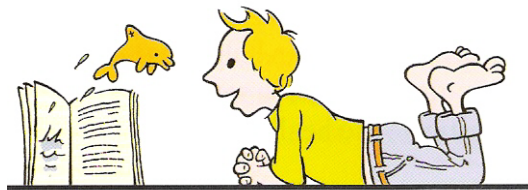
Dilo continued to explore the Isle of the Gods. Wherever he went Dilo could always hear the island rumbling. The sound rose and fell. Sometimes it stopped completely. But never for very long.

“Is that the sound of the gods talking?” Dilo asked Rema.

“I don’t know. You’re the one with the big brain,” she replied.

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## DOLPHIN EDUCATION RESEARCH PROJECT (DERP)



Expanding human potential

The aim of DERP is to provide scientific evidence to support the introduction of dolphin stories and dolphin related activities into teaching with the ultimate objective of helping children of all abilities achieve their full potential.

In addition DERP aims to create awareness of the lifestyle and vulnerability of dolphins and the need to protect them.

DR. HORACE DOBBS WILL REPORT ON FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER.

# PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

## Alice Skriver



First of all I want to say THANK YOU to Horace Dobbs for having been my Dolphin Friend for more than 12 years. I very much value his friendship.

Alice & Horace 1999 Paris

It all started back in 1997. I had just been in Norway on a small island named Karmøy, in a small village called Skudeneshavn and there in Skudeneshavn a lovely wild male dolphin named Flipper was living. He had been “living” there for a couple of years, and many people were visiting him.

Flipper was MALE, and he loved to show his fine pink penis. I found it funny and was sure that Flipper only did that because he was feeling good and had confidence in me and the people around him. But in Norway many people are very religious, and especially one man who was going back and forth looking at people swimming with Flipper. He was screaming “according to Norwegian laws it is forbidden to have sex with animals”. Nobody was having sex with Flipper but it was uncomfortable to be in the water with that man on shore screaming like that.

So back home in Denmark, I wrote a fax to Horace Dobbs asking him about his experience with male dolphins and showing their penis. Only five minutes after sending that fax Horace called me. Answering me so fast made me very happy, here was a human being concerned about my question. And actually in that very first talk Horace told me he was writing books for children and that he wanted these books translated into as many languages as possible. Then he asked me if I would translate his children’s book. I answered “I am not a translator” and Horace said it was more important for him that a person with a “dolphin heart than a professional translator” translated his children’s book.

So this was how I started translating *Dilo and the Call of the Deep* into Danish. My beloved husband, Strange, helped me a lot with designing and set up for the book, as I was also going to learn computer work. We succeeded and a lovely “child” *Dilo og Røsten fra Dybet* was born. For me it was very important to make a beautiful cover for the beautiful story about Dilo and his mother. The book was born in November 1999 and Horace saw it at the Dolphin Conference in Paris the same year where we also met face to face for the first time.

In Paris I met many of the *big names* in the Dolphin World including John Lilly from Hawaii, Jacques Mayoll from France, Ric



Strange & Alice in El Muzeina

O'Barry from Florida, Olivia De Bergerac from Australia, and Lotten Odh from Sweden. It later took me to Sydney to a small Dolphin Conference organized by Olivia, and there I met Estella Meyers. It also took me to Hawaii where I visited Joan Ocean and Jean-Luc Bozzoli.

During 1997 to 2002 my life, I can see in retrospect, was dedicated to Dolphins and to learn about their way of life. It was idealistic; I could not have done that, if my husband had not supported me.

I was travelling 3 to 4 times every year. Florida, Bahamas, North of Norway, Australia, Hawaii, Azores, Ireland, Egypt, Israel, Tenerife and Mexico etc.

It was a complete new world for me.

For me it was exciting to see so many different oceans. I must say that at most of the places the water was not very exciting, the visibility was little, the water cold and little to look at. The absolute best place for me was the Red Sea. Bahamas and Hawaii, is also fine with clear warm water, and lots of fish, turtles, Manta Rays and much more to look at besides **dolphins**.

The "Dolphin Adventure" started long ago for me around 1975 when I was reading a book called in Danish *Pigen og Delfinen*, translated into Danish by Ingrid Nielsen, after the German Book *Das Mädchen und der Delphin* and supported from the original Greek book called *To Gymno Koritsi*, by Nikos Athanassiadis. The Danish version was printed in 1970 by Branner & Koch.

**I was deeply touched by reading in the book about a friendship between a woman and a dolphin.** When something touches a human being deeply, it is often because it is something they are going to make come true in their life, even if they don't know at the time they are touched, and so it was for me.

At that time I could not even swim and I was afraid of water. I learned swimming, I learned a little sailing, I learned snorkeling, and many years passed.

Around 1992 it became very "popular" to swim with dolphins and from Denmark many people went to Eilat in Israel to "Dolphin Reef". I heard about it and I wanted to go...and I did not want to go. I did not want to go to dolphins in captivity. I was very split at that time, my knowledge about dolphins was little and I was skeptical towards people, calling dolphins "Angels of the Sea". And I heard people talking about Dolphins like they were "knowing everything". That made me start reading about Dolphins, as I wanted to show dolphins respect by knowing about their world, there anatomy, there social life etc... And I also learnt a lot about dolphins by translating the Dilo book into Danish. After the book was published many children in schools were reading the book. I came out to school classes where they had read the Dilo book and I told the pupils more about dolphins and about my swimming with dolphins. I also gave speeches to adults. In this way dolphins were my life during these 7 years.



Through these years I am most grateful for meeting with two "ambassador" dolphins that I had been swimming with so many times and I felt they were my "friends".

It was Flipper from Skudeneshavn in Norway, and Oline from El Muzeina in Sinai.

**Oline & Alice Dec.1998**





Flipper 1997

Flipper was a huge male dolphin staying in Skudeneshavn from 1995 and seen for the last time Easter 2002.

Flipper loved our company and one of my best memories is summer 1997. It was an Indian summer with fantastic weather and we were 5 people playing with Flipper. He was circling at the bottom, and then he jumped again and again. Just fantastic!

He jumped right between us and never hurt anybody. Once he touched a woman with his tail just a little bit but it was painful for the woman. It was heart-touching to see how Flipper was swimming to the woman as if saying “*so sorry, did I hurt you?*” Flipper was often in the harbour where the big ferry from Stavanger to Skudeneshavn was coming, and when the ferry was coming we had to get out of the way in a hurry.



When I look at the place today, dirty, with oil, and lots of big burning jellyfishes, I cannot understand I went into the water.

The harbour where Flipper lived

Flipper gave me a lot of lovely friendships, and also lovely “un friendships”. Dolphins bring everything to the surface in human beings, both good and bad feelings. At least that is my experience.

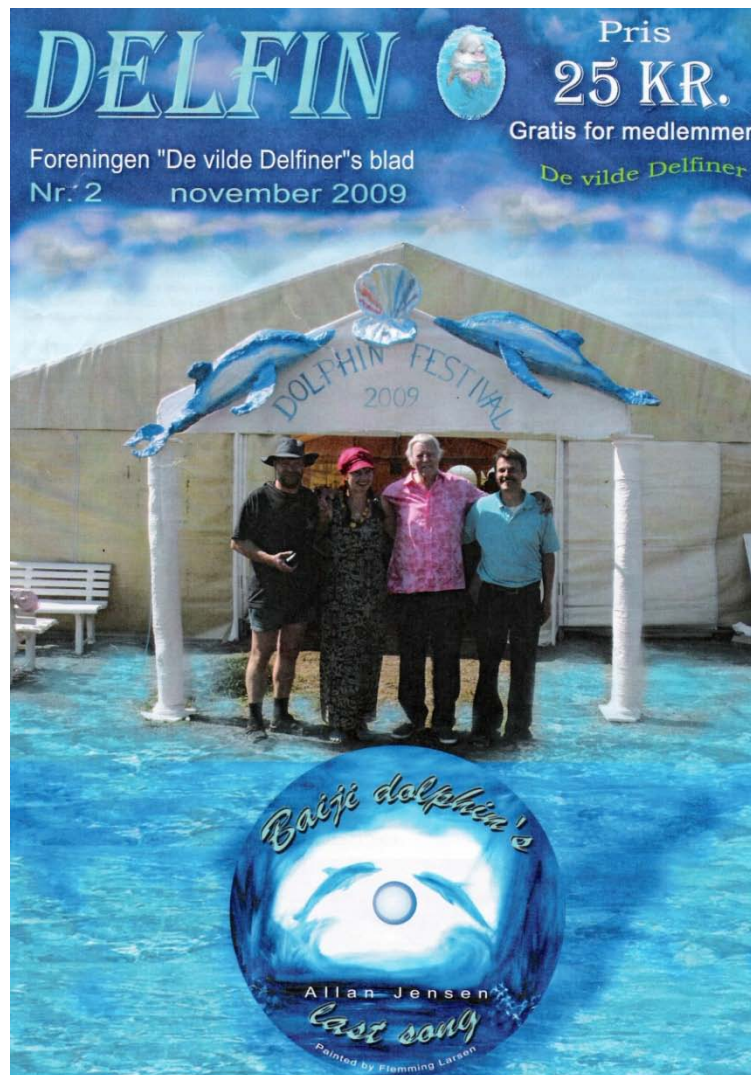
#### **Note from the Editor**

**Alice will continue her story in the next Friends of IDW Newsletter.**

**For further information on Alice and her love of dolphins please visit:**

**<http://www.dolphins.dk/>**

## The 3rd Dolphin Festival on the island of Læsø, Denmark



**Dr Horace Dobbs in pink shirt with Flemming Larsen and Alice Skriver with her husband Strange at the Dolphin Festival in Denmark in June 2009.**

### Report from Flemming Larsen

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Dolphin Festival, 27<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2009, took place on the island of Læsø, also known as "the Pearl of the Kattegat" located in the middle of the Kattegat Sea. There is a very special nature here and some areas are completely untouched since the Ice Age. You find beaches, meadows and forests and there are some very rare birds and other animals. It is an enchanting part of Denmark with many secret places - a true gem.

On this occasion we had invited Dr. Horace Dobbs, who in 1978 founded the International Dolphin Watch. Horace and his wife Wendy came to the island on the small ferry. When the ferry arrived at the island, the small party was greeted by a 10 meter long whale which was located on the roof on one of the harbour buildings. It was inflatable but nevertheless it reminded us all of why we had chosen to meet here.

The actual festival was held on the island's south-west part, next to a small sandy island called the Stick, it is a protected area with rare birds. Often porpoises and seals come to this place and here people have also found whale bones dating from before the Ice Age. It has one

of the world's best beaches with silky soft sand, and the energies here are very special. The place is perfect for a dolphin festival and out there, it is as if you are surrounded by water on all sides, and the dolphin habitat comes very close. The weather was also perfect - sunny and warm, which provided some spectacular sunsets.

Horace Dobbs opened the festival on Saturday with a presentation entitled *Dolphins have no boundaries*.

The same day in the afternoon at 5 o'clock he gave a lecture on dolphins in the Læsø cinema entitled: *Dolphins - why do we love them?*

Alice Skriver, who has translated one of Horace's books into Danish, introduced him and he showed the film *A Close Encounter*.

After the lecture, Flemming Larsen, as President of *The Wild Dolphins Conference*, presented an oil painting of dolphins to Horace Dobbs. The painting was painted by a local artist, Ole Hansen, and donated for the purpose.

The Dolphin festival is also an art exhibition. All the Artists support the good cause, with a share of the sale of art going to the Association. In addition, many artists donate some of their Art to the Association and these were sold at an auction held Sunday afternoon.

The Festival had different artistic happenings.







There was a large common painting outside the tent and guests were encouraged to give an artistic contribution. Horace and Wendy did this - a beautiful memory of 2 great people.

On Saturday 2 local ladies from the island came and painted dolphins on people, it was a great success. On Sunday we got started with water colours and the children were very focused on painting dolphins and other sea animals. This created a good atmosphere and the works were hung up to dry.



On Sunday there was a very special event with the local musician Allan Jensen.

He sang and played a dolphin song titled "Baiji dolphin." This song was written on the occasion of the first Dolphin Festival in 2007.

The knowledge that the Baiji dolphin was declared extinct was one of the things that launched the dolphin festival in Denmark.

Allan Jensen was moved to write specifically about the river dolphins, and went into it with heart and soul. It became a major heart song that he sang for Dr. Horace Dobbs. Horace was very touched by the song, and recommended him to record it.

Other offerings included a nice dolphin cake to celebrate a birthday and a common dinner at sunset on Saturday evening. On both days' delicious organic food and drink were served and this tied the whole festival together.

Flemming Larsen had found out that the Danish King, Christian IX, had dolphins engraved on his coins. Flemming had the opportunity to purchase several copies which were for sale at the festival.

Dolphins have been engraved on coins in many countries because they are thought to bring travellers the best of luck. On Danish coins there have been dolphins from the year 1875 to about year 1916.

Flemming drew the dolphin portal from the festival entrance, and hatched an old dolphin coin into the centre of the gate.

This old lucky coin with a dolphin on it was given as a present from Flemming to Dr. Horace Dobbs. The coin was a 2 crown of silver from approx. 1875. Wendy was presented a 1 crown silver coin. Horace was very interested in the dolphin coin, since he had never heard that there was a Danish king who decorated his coins with dolphins. In addition, he saw in a coin catalogue that there were also gold coins with dolphins, but he was very surprised seeing something that looked like Britannia engraved on the coin?



It did look a lot like "Britannia", Flemming agreed. It turned out later, after closer examination that it was not "Britannia", but "Mother Denmark" symbol of the Danish nation. It was engraved on the coin with a dolphin.

After 2 intense days, the 3<sup>rd</sup> dolphin festival ended. The Danish organizers were later able to donate the surplus of Dkr. 8.000,00 to International Dolphin Watch. The amount was twice as much as last year, so all in all the organizers were all very pleased and happy with the outcome of the festival.



The small party went back again to the mainland with the cosy little ferry. Standing on the deck surrounded by good company with some wonderful people, we all peered out over the ocean, and yes, some will say that these were just crest of the waves, but we were convinced that they were dolphins on their way home from a dolphin festival taking place on "the Pearl of the Kattegat."

### Horace says:

"The dolphin Festival on the Island of Laeso, organised by Larsen and helpers, was a delightfully memorable event held in a marquee beside the sea.

Alice kindly collected my wife Wendy and me from the airport in her faithful old car that in former years belonged to her father. She then chauffeured us to a holiday cottage in the woods that we shared with her and husband Strange.

I am a keen cyclist and the weather was perfect, which made the journeys to and from the festival venue on bright red bikes thoughtfully provided by Larsen very enjoyable.

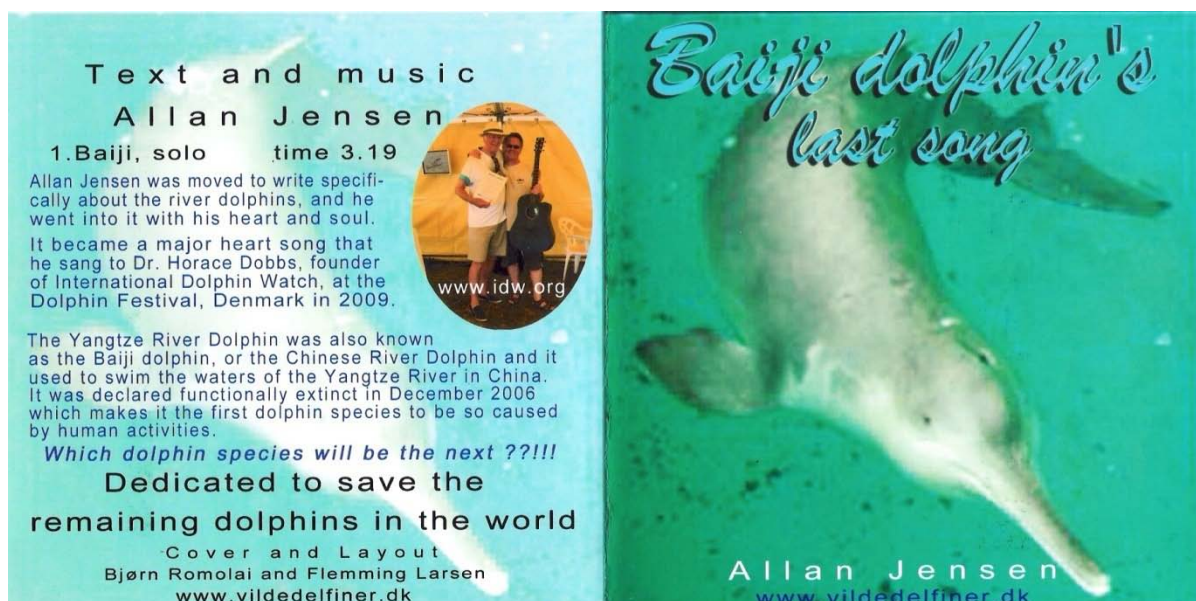
The works of art on display were extremely varied and were auctioned to raise funds for International Dolphin Watch.

One of the most moving events of the festival for me was a lament for the Baiji Dolphin, now virtually extinct, sung in a Bob Dillon style to an acoustic guitar by Allan Jensen. It is entitled: *Baiji dolphin's last song*.



On 27th May 2010, I received a CD of the song sung by Allan accompanied by Newsletter, in Danish, containing a report on the festival liberally illustrated with colour photographs.





In the report was an image of a rare 1 kroner coin, minted in 1892 in the reign of King Christian IX, that has the king's head on one side and on the obverse a royal coat of arms bordered by a dolphin. The coin, generously presented to me in a small casket, exquisitely decorated with blue leaping dolphins, is a souvenir of the festival that I will always treasure because of all of the happy memories that immediately emerge whenever I open it”.



## **FRIENDS' NEWS**

### **Joan Ocean, Dolphin Connection, Announcing a NEW WEEK in Bimini!!**



Dear Friends

IF the ways of the world are getting you down, you may want to swim in quiet waters and re-dream your priorities and your path. Or perhaps you would like a rejuvenating adventure into nature, just for you, with dolphins to energize and bless your wonderful lifestyle.... to sustain it and keep you strong, healthy and inspired.



The dolphins are always our kind friends, reminding us of what is important in life. As we float among them, we observe their peaceful and significant behaviors. Every move includes dance, gentleness, awareness, thoughtfulness, connectedness and play. In the serene aqua waters we absorb powerful new thoughts imprinting our consciousness with inspiration to allow dolphin calmness and intelligence into our own lives.

**Because the dolphins are calling us and need us right now,  
I have added another week in the Bahamas to my schedule.**

**I hope you will join us.**

**4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

**For information and register online visit**

**<http://www.joanocean.com/Seminars.html#anchor750940>**



# Dolphin Encountours - dolphin interaction programs & beachcamp bookings



**dolphin-encountours.co.za**  
interaction & research-center

empowering family fun nurturing

Discover dolphins over 4/5 days & explore the realms of conscious interaction & interspecies communication with Angie, Diana R & the dolfriends of ponta

**awareness + research based dolphin tourism**

As the DIRC crew unpack their winter wollies and eagerly await the first sightings of the humpback whales, the dolphins of ponta continue to enlighten & awe with their graceful & gregarious presence. Bo a little Bella (now 6 months old), are seen regularly in the area together with Gilly (who is oh so proud of her swelling belly). Daughter Gulliver is seen in the company of three young females cruising the shallows, often popping in for a visit if in the area. Angie Gullian co-founded Dolphin EnCountours together with the non profit organisation DolphinCare-Africa in the mid 90's. Her longterm commitment to the preservation of this species through research, education & conservation measures has recored over 4000 encounters with the local dolphins. Through her longterm monitoring program; data & imaging are able to provide useful in-sites into the likes of population estimates, calving success rates & tourism impacts. Angie guides the Dolphin EnCountour field trips together with the DIRC's marine biologist Diana and two dedicated captains - Mitch and Garrick. Join them and unlock the dolphin mystery...

### Lodging options Ponta do Ouro



**Lodge in the Village!**  
Situating within the village of Ponta lies a quaint up-market venue that offers personalized, full board (dinner & breakfast), accommodation. Exotically lush gardens and a sparkling pool offer a respite from the maddening crowds. En-suite units are air-conditioned and serviced daily. Your home away from home!

From: R3800 (3 night dinner, bed & brunch & 3 launch dolphin EnCountour)



**Self catering house!**  
The Ocean Retreat house is located in the quite part of the village towards the lighthouse side.

Offering self catering accommodation for 6 (3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, air-con in two bedrooms, ceiling fans throughout, own water supply with gas for cooking) and is the perfect solution for those wanting to dolphin encounter while still catering for themselves.

From: R2550 (3 night bed & 3 launch dolphin EnCountour)

**DIRC on the beach!**  
Inspired by the dolphins for the dolphins this small uniquely created Mozambiquano robinson crusee wonderland is strategically placed along the beachfront offering easy access to the activities available on-site. Lodging is available in traditional reed casitas or in more basic free-standing wooden wendy's, private & stylish hot water ablution facilities are on-site. The DIRC houses the marine mammal museum, library & snack shack. Breakfasts and catered pre-booked dinners are served on dolphins deck - overlooking the bay.

From: R2430 (3 night bed & brunch & 3 launch dolphin EnCountour)

**upcoming wild dolphin encounter programs**

<p><b>Dolphin Kidz less 25% for 2010 Holst*</b></p> <p>03 to 07 June (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>12 to 16 June (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>14 to 17 June (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p> <p>18 to 20 June (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>21 to 25 June (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>25 to 28 June (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p> <p>28 to 01 July (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p>	<p>01 to 05 July (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>08 to 11 July (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p> <p>12 to 16 July (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>19 to 22 July (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>22 to 26 July (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>26 to 29 July (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p>	<p>02 to 05 August (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p> <p>05 to 08 August (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p> <p>09 to 12 August (3 ngt, 3 launch)</p> <p>12 to 16 August (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p> <p>16 to 20 August Ocean Experience Holistic program with <a href="mailto:michelle@oceansequence.com">michelle@oceansequence.com</a></p> <p>19 to 23 August (4 ngt, 4 launch)</p>
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\* select packages only - sharing with parents

Africa's pioneer dolphin interaction & research center is situated on the southern most shores of Mozambique. Under the guidance of marine mammal experts, Dolphin EnCountours established Africa's first dolphin swim program during the early 90's in Ponta do Ouro. This has resulted in 'awareness & research' based dolphin tourism that delicately balances humanities fascination with dolphins while fulfilling the needs of educating, conserving and researching. Having initially started as a pilot study in the early 90's the program has been instrumental in working towards the protection of both resident and migratory cetacean species.

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## Help Dolphins by NOT supporting Captive Dolphin Parks

<http://www.caymandolphinpark.com/>

The purpose of this website is not to promote Cayman dolphin parks, Cayman Islands dolphin encounters or any other Cayman dolphin swim or dolphin encounter experiences. But rather, to make you aware of the process of capturing dolphin from the wild, which is where every single dolphin in captivity comes from; and as you will see, whether the dolphin are purchased from other dolphin parks or taken from the wild makes absolutely no difference. This is not a matter of subjective argument or a platform for environmentalism. Our very simple purpose is to make as many people as possible aware of the dolphin capture process that is involved before any Cayman Islands dolphin encounters or anywhere else in the world are possible.

There are numerous dolphin encounter or swim with dolphin experiences or encounters throughout the world where the dolphin are free to come and go. In the cases of both Cayman Islands dolphin parks, the dolphins are held in captivity and not free to come and go. The survival of Caymans dolphin parks is dependent on your patronage so you can end the needless death and suffering by simply not patronizing any Cayman Islands dolphin parks or anywhere else where the dolphin are held captive.

Dear Friends

Even in Switzerland I was feeling all the water beings, who are ready to leave their physical bodies in the polluted oil water in the Gulf of Mexico. Even if it makes me sad, I believe in the power we all have with our love and prayers to make a little difference.

I received this Email from a Swiss friend and I love the idea, perhaps you love it too!

HeartHugs - where Aloha changes the world

[Marlis Bühler](#)

<http://delfinas-hearthugs.blogspot.com/>

### Dr. Masaru Emoto's Healing Prayer for the Gulf

Focusing our energies in response to the Gulf tragedy and for healing the waters and its inhabitants -

Yesterday at our spiritual center we read a letter from Dr. Masaru Emoto who many of you will recognize as the scientist from Japan who has done all the research and publications about the characteristics of water. Among other things, his research reveals that water physically responds to emotions.

Right now, most of us have the predominantly angry emotion when we consider what is happening in the Gulf. And while certainly we are justified in that emotion, we may be of greater assistance to our planet and its life forms, if we sincerely, powerfully and humbly pray the prayer that Dr Emoto, himself, has proposed.

"I send the energy of love and gratitude to the water and all the living creatures in the Gulf of Mexico and its surroundings.

To the whales, dolphins, pelicans, fish, shellfish, plankton, coral, algae, and all living creatures . . . I am sorry.

Please forgive me. Thank you. I love you. "

We are passing this request to people who we believe might be willing to participate in this prayer, to set an intention of love and healing that is so large, so overwhelming that we can perform a miracle in the Gulf of Mexico.

We are not powerless. We are powerful. Our united energy, speaking this prayer daily...multiple times daily....can literally shift the balance of destruction that is happening.

We don't have to know how.....we just have to recognize that the power of love is greater than any power active in the Universe today.

Let's take charge, and do our own clean up!

# Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes

Registered charity 1121315



To bring dolphin joy and healing into human lives – especially disadvantaged families.

This charity is an International Charity based in Milton Keynes England. The charity is looking for people to be actively involved in helping the charity develop further. If you are interested please see Charity details on <http://www.operationsunshine.org> and contact: [Jackieconnell@btinternet.com](mailto:Jackieconnell@btinternet.com).

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER - PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES COMING

## WE ARE CREATING A GLOBAL NETWORK OF DOLPHIN LOVERS THAT CARE ABOUT OTHERS AND THE EARTH WE SHARE.

**EDUCATION** is a major function of International Dolphin Watch and has therefore always striven to encourage youngsters to take part in dolphin activities. I hope therefore, that you will enrol as many children as you can to become DOLPHIN FRIENDS, encourage them to contribute to future Newsletters and participate in 2010 YEAR OF THE DOLPHIN IN SCHOOLS.

Email your news and comments on articles in our newsletters to me at [jackieconnell@btinternet.com](mailto:jackieconnell@btinternet.com).

**The Friends of IDW Newsletter is FREE** but if you would like to support the work of IDW to help dolphins and people, you can still **make a donation through the Dolphin Shop** [http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin\\_shop.html](http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin_shop.html).

**Charity (Patron – Dr Horace Dobbs):** If you would like to support the registered charity ‘Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes’ bringing dolphin joy to families of children with special needs, donations can be made through: <http://www.operationsunshine.org/html/fundraising.html>

**Friends of IDW can advertise on** <http://www.dolphinfriend.com>. Email our Webmaster Terry Connell on [terry.connell1@btinternet.com](mailto:terry.connell1@btinternet.com).

Please contribute to future Newsletters and send me your views, comments and experiences of dolphin encounters. Email: [jackieconnell@btinternet.com](mailto:jackieconnell@btinternet.com).



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