

The Dutch Master

Rinie Luykx – A Wildlife Photographer in His Own Words

Like the past great painters of Holland, an underwater artist who loves to play with light and shadow in his unending search for the perfect image

My name is Rinie Luykx and I was born in 1968 in a small village in the Netherlands. I am a passionate diver since 1990, when I had my first experience in Curaçao with the underwater world. I love to travel around the world a lot (that's how we met Andrea and Antonella, the publishers of this magazine, years ago) with my wife Brigitta. Together we freelance for several diving magazines - I as a photographer and Brigitta as a writer. Magazines we published in are *Duiken* (Netherlands), *National Geographic*, *Sport Diver* (Korea), *Hypocampus* (Belgium), *Onderwatersport* (Netherlands), *Dykking* (Norway), *Divetec* (Russia), and of course

Anima Mundi. Sometimes I like to participate in competitions and I have won some big prizes, especially with my pictures from Dutch waters. This is the place where I dive whole year round. Dutch waters are not the easiest place to dive, but for me this makes it an extra big challenge. From the smallest things to the biggest things I like it all. My greatest challenge is to make a special picture by playing with light. I am very persistent to get the perfect picture. Since a couple of years I became the face of Seacam in the Benelux. I am working with a Canon 5D MIII and a Canon 7D MII with Seacam housings and 2 Seacam flashes. ●

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Swimming crab in the sun

Canon EOS 7D Mark II

10-17mm

f/20

ISO 100

1/250

Fighting cuttlefish

Canon EOS 5D Mark III
EF15mm f/2.8 Fisheye
f11
ISO 1600
1/20





Backlit egg of a cuttlefish

Canon EOS 5D Mark III
MP-E65mm f/2.8 1-5x
f/16
ISO 500
1/160

Skeleton shrimp with babies

Canon EOS 5D Mark III
EF100mm f/2.8 Macro USM
f/32
ISO 200
1/200





My big friend the Grey seal

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

15mm

f/13

ISO 800

1/160

Seahorse (uncommon in the Netherlands)

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

15mm

f/13

ISO 800

1/32

Mating Squid

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

EF50mm f/2.5 Compact Macro

f/18

ISO 800

1/200





**Amphipod
in a small jellyfish**

Canon EOS 5D Mark III
EF100mm f/2.8 Macro USM
f/22
ISO 400
1/200

Baby bullrout hatching

Canon EOS 5D

65 mm

f/16

ISO 100

1/200



Grey seal playing with Brigitta

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

15mm

f/13

ISO 800

1/160





Cuttlefish eating crab

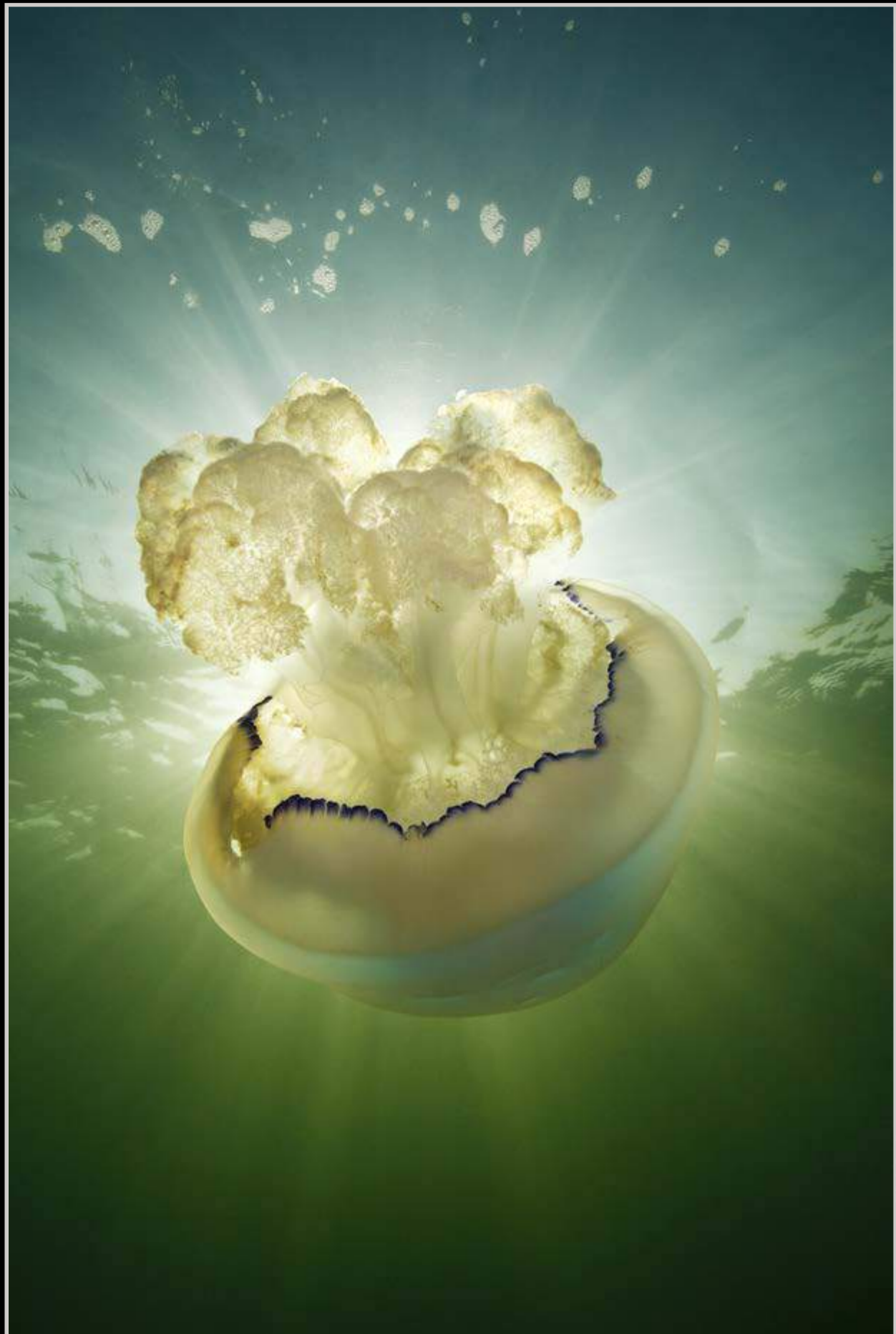
Canon EOS 7D Mark II

EF50mm f/2.5 Macro

f/18

ISO 250

1/200



Barrel jellyfish on the surface
Canon EOS 5D
19,0 mm
f/16
ISO 100
1/200

Horny lump sucker
Canon EOS 5D Mark III
15mm
f11
ISO 1600
1/40



**Crab on the surface
playing with my bubbles**

*Canon EOS 5D Mark III
EF50mm f/2.5 Compact Macro
f/18
ISO 250
1/200*

Male cuttlefish protecting their females

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

EF15mm f/2.8 Fisheye

f11

ISO 1600

1/20



Squid laying eggs

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

EF17-40mm f/4L USM

f11

ISO 1250

1/40



**A Grey seal
named Happy**

Canon EOS 5D Mark III

15mm

f11

ISO 800

1/160



Bobtail squid

Canon EOS 7D Mark II
EF50mm f/2.5 Compact Macro
f/20
ISO 250
1/200