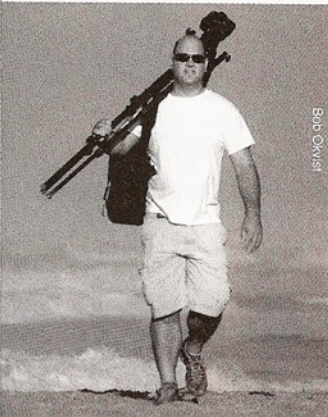


TRAVEL photographers Edition

Greg Long in Puerto ... what!!



Bob Okvist



San Diego County.



Wedge, fun



day trip with Okvist



Treemendous!

I've never been one to stay in one place. I'm always looking for the next place to go, my next trip. It doesn't matter if it's to a new spot down the road, cross-country, or abroad. It's all about getting out there, finding something new, seeing something from a different light, meeting new people along the way, and of course taking photos of it all. Whether it's to someplace I've never been before, climbing up a narrow, crumbling cliff to get a new angle, crawling under a barbwire fence to access a trail I've heard about leading to a waterfall or remote break, or jumping into unknown waters only to learn afterwards it's one of the more heavily shark infested reefs around (...well, if possible I'd not like to repeat that one!), every time I get set to travel it's an adventure. Ever since I got my first 35mm SLR as a kid I always liked taking photos. It was a fun thing to do...

but it wasn't until I did a photo journal as part of my high school senior project that I realized the power of an image. After college on the East Coast I moved to Australia for a year, touring around with my camera and surfboard, documenting my trip, really just for myself. My goal was to capture things exactly as I saw it. I was never good at painting or drawing, but the technical aspect of controlling light through a camera really resonated with me. What really drives me now that I live in Orange County is finding new places to shoot, new places to travel or new angles at places I've shot before. Playing with lighting. And especially getting involved in the action myself- whether that means getting in the water with my housing at places like the Wedge, climbing cliffs or buildings for a unique viewpoint, or trekking out to someplace new. It's all about the adventure.