

Hurghada/Marsa (Simply the Best) - February 2011

I skipped the usual November trip but then started getting withdrawal symptoms so Ken and I booked a trip for the end of February early in January 2011. As the history books will show, this coincided with a major political upheaval in Egypt resulting in the toppling of President Mubarrak and a takeover by the military authorities. The result was chaos on the holiday front. Virtually all charter flights into Egypt were suddenly cancelled except those from the UK. Our flight was into Marsa Alam but Ken and I were the only British passengers and it was clearly not going to sail with just the two of us, We were offered a chance to cancel as well but took the alternative which was a boat out of Hurghada called Blue Fin. This had two drawbacks, firstly we had a 4 hour drive from Marsa to Hurghada and we were a day ahead of all the other passengers so had to spend the first night in a hotel. The Hilton was unbelievably quiet. Most of the guests were Egyptian and only two of the eight floors were in use. Blue OTwo did book us a day boat trip so we had a pleasant couple of dives to occupy us. The down side was that Blue Fin went to the same site the next day for the check dives so in total we did four dives at Gota Abu Ramada. We did Big & Little Brother where we saw Threshers in the blue and Silkies under the boat plus Daedalus (but only one brief sighting of a Hammerhead this time and no picture). The weather was too rough to dive Elphinstone and we then spent a long time sailing up the coast to Hurghada where Ken and I were dropped off. The others had another days diving to look forward to. I took mostly movies on this holiday. If you click on the pictures, the majority will load a video clip

Gota Abu Ramada 4 dives max depth 15M & 65 mins	Gota Abu Ramada night dive	Little Brother 3 dives max depth 40M & 52 mins
Big Brother 2 dives max depth 43M & 45 mins	Daedalus 3 dives max depth 35M & 46 mins	Abu Daba 3 15M 51 mins
Marsa Al Shouna 25M 48 mins		











