



Announcing the winner of our free expedition!

At the recent Dive show, DIVE 2014, we took the opportunity to include a grand prize draw to all those individuals who signed up to receive our newsletter. The lucky winner can choose from a free 4 week expedition as either a marine volunteer in the Philippines or a terrestrial volunteer in Montserrat. We are very pleased to announce that the winner is Kathryn Ridley!! Congratulations Kathryn! Contact us on info@coralcay.org to claim your prize.

Now comes the hard part, choosing between Montserrat and the Philippines! On the one hand our house reef in the Philippines has some of the best diving in the world, the variety of species is mind blowing, and we've built up fantastic links with the locals after being on our current site since 2008. On the other hand Montserrat boasts a number of extremely rare species that are found nowhere else in the world, the Montserrat Centre Hills have some of the most beautiful hikes that we've ever experienced and last but not least you would get to be one of the first people to study the area since the volcano blew. Darn...made ourselves jealous!

Thank you to everyone who took part. To make yourselves feel better why not check out the special offers section below and get yourself an early Christmas present? Go on you deserve it!



Volunteers, Sig and Denis, attach coral fragments to substrate



Shawn Daniel (Project Scientist) mid reptile survey!

Philippines

The new boats restoration has given us a fantastic opportunity to concentrate on our house reef coral restoration program, which was mentioned in the March edition of our newsletter. On the initial checks it was discovered that the reattachment method used had unfortunately not stood up to this years' Habagat so it was back to the drawing board.

After a number of experiments, CCC staff and volunteers settled on a combination of fitting fragments into tight holes within the rock, along with using marine putty to keep them in place. This method seems to be a success so the team on site are looking forward to monitoring the health, state of attachment and growth of individual coral fragments. As coral growth is a very slow process, we hope to see results over the next few months.

Montserrat

Prior to the hustle and bustle of the Alliouagana Festival, Shawn Daniel (Project Scientist) attended and spoke at the Third Symposium in the Alphonsus 'Arrow' Cassell Memorial Lecture Series. Shawn was presenting his paper entitled '*The Importance of Responsible Management of Natural Resources and Endemic Species to Promote Economic Growth and Preserve Cultural Identity Through Enhanced Ecotourism on Montserrat*'.

The paper was very well received by the 60 strong audience of locals, which included the Honourable Premier of Montserrat (equivalent to our PM), Donaldson Romeo. If you would like to read Shawn's paper, it is due to be published in the next edition of the magazine 'Caribbean Quarterly'.

The Lifesigns Group

Coral Cay Conservation is part of the Lifesigns Group, a group of companies specialising in expeditions, medical training & hostile environment solutions.

Our sister company Adventure Lifesigns Ltd are currently on the lookout for a School Programme Coordinator to join their dedicated expeditions team. If you are a skilled administrator with excellent customer care skills, and an interest in youth expeditions then this could be the job for you! Check out the full role criteria at: <http://www.adventurelifesigns.co.uk/recruitment/> and learn how you can get the chance to work at one of the UK's leading providers of high quality overseas youth expeditions.

Offer of the month!

It's almost Christmas! How about treating yourself or a family member to a discounted expedition? Book on and pay a holding fee before 5 pm on 17th December 2014 and we will give you a voucher code which entitles you to **15% off an expedition** in 2015! Just mention 'Christmas Offer' in your email.

A non-refundable holding fee of £150 must be paid before 17:00 on 17th Dec 2014. There is no need to specify a start date, location or duration at time of booking, but remember the 15% discount can only be applied to expeditions with start dates in 2015. Expedition must be a minimum of 2 weeks in duration. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Terms and Conditions apply.