



Opposites

warm tropical water, at the transition between sand and healthy seagrass, creates a sense of comfort and ease. Yes, this is a tiger shark—so NEVER LOSE EYE-TO-EYE contact. Whenever I shoot shark photos, particularly of ambush hunters such as tiger sharks and great white sharks, I always use a very wide-angle lens and shoot from the hip.

Photo 3 is very similar to Photo 1, at first glance—a shark emerging from a black void. But, in this photo, this lemon shark does not portray anything near the menace of the tiger shark. Notice that in this photo, the subtle pink of the mouth also draws your immediate attention to her needle-like teeth. In fact, she appears to be smiling, which is something lemon sharks regularly appear to do. These are helpful shark-identifying features, which help make a dive more interesting and safer for a diver who understands and recalls the differences in shark behavior between these two species.

between the mystery and primeval fear engendered in seeing sharks at night, when compared to viewing them during the day, as they glide through the sea. We can all thank the movie *Jaws* for that. The

Photo 4 was taken on a daylight dive, and therefore automatically not as threatening to divers and photographers. The beautiful and curious lemon shark in the photo has come over to visit and investigate the diver, and me, the photographer. Have you noticed the big smile on the diver's face? Lemon sharks are among the friendliest and most fun to have around during a dive. They are exceptionally social and love to play like puppy dogs!

Night and day, each create a totally different atmosphere. Dark—foreboding and mysterious. Day—warm, inviting and friendly. They are Yin and Yang—opposite, but interconnected, attracting forces. Visit: garyrosephotos.com



Opposites do Attract!

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I am not one who likes to quote clichés. But in this case, for this article, there could not be a better title than “Opposites do Attract!” As soon as I thought about which photos to use to illustrate this story, my thoughts immediately brought me to these four photos, which are two pairs of night and day captures. They absolutely draw me in and attract me every time I view them.

There is a definite contrast

same beautiful sharks, when seen in daylight, evoke a feeling of warmth and curiosity. Sharks, by nature, are very inquisitive and cannot help but provoke wonderment and curiosity when we see them in the water or view them in photographs.

In Photo 1, we can immediately feel the mystery of this beautiful, metallic-appearing tiger shark, emerging from the blackness behind her. The subtle pink of her mouth draws attention to her razor-sharp, serrated teeth. Also, the power of her body is clearly seen, as it fades into the dark behind her. In Photo 2, the crystal-clear and

All photos were taken with a Nikon D500 camera, Tokina 10-17mm lens, Nauticam housing and Inon Z330 strobes. Tiger shark at night (top left). She appears from the mysterious dark. Focus is on her mouth and the power of her body fading into the dark. Exposure: ISO 320, FL 17, f/16, 1/125s; Tiger shark at day (top center). The transition between sand and seagrass, along with the clear, tropical warmth of the water, evokes a sense of ease and comfort. Exposure: ISO 100, FL 17, f/10, 1/200s; Lemon shark at night, always smiling (center). The needle-like teeth are highlighted. Exposure: ISO 100, FL 10, f/8, 1/125s; Lemon shark at day, always smiling and sociable (above). Exposure: ISO 200, FL 10, f/8, 1/125s

