

# NICKI MEHARG CV

**CAMERA ASSISTANT, 2ND CAMERA  
& DIVE SAFETY.**

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## PASSPORT , MEDICAL & VACCINATION STATUS

- BRITISH PASSPORT
- IRISH PASSPORT
- VALID HSE MEDICAL
- TRIPLE COVID VACCINATED
- NHS COVID PASSPORT
- OTHER OVERSEAS VACCINATIONS UP TO DATE.

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## SKILLS

- CAMERA OPERATION
- CAMERA ASSISTING
- KIT TECHNICIAN
- SPECIALIST CAMERAS & GRIP
- BESPOKE EQUIPMENT DEVELOPMENT
- DRONE OPERATION
- ICE DIVING
- CCR DIVING 200+ HOURS
- OPEN CIRCUIT DIVING 4000+ DIVES
- FREEDIVING 4000+ DIVES
- FULL FACE MASK & COMMS
- DIVE SUPERVISING
- SAFETY DIVING
- POWER BOAT OPERATION
- DIVE MEDIC TECHNICIAN
- HUMAN FACTORS & TEAM BUILDING
- MENTORING
- ADOBE CREATIVE SUITE
- 3D VISUALIZATION
- HORSE RIDING/ CLIMBING/KAYAKING

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## CREDITS

**Aurora Expeditions -Lead Snorkel guide, Antarctic and South Georgia.**  
Nov 23 - Jan 2024.

**Disney/Nat Geo - Wildstar Films -NDA- Camera Assistant/Safety diver**  
Sept-Oct 23

**Disney/Nat Geo - Nutopia - NDA - Camera assistant/safety diver (Polar expedition)**  
July 23

**BBC NHU/Apple - NDA - Camera assistant/safety diver** June 23

**Disney/Nat Geo - Nutopia - NDA - Camera assistant/safety diver (Polar)** May 23

**Netflix / Silverback Films - NDA - Camera assistant/safety diver VFX**  
May 2023

**Disney/ Nat Geo - Silverback Films - NDA - Camera assistant/safety diver** March/April 23

**BBC NHU - Planet Earth 3 - Camera assistant/ safety diver** Feb 2023

**Wildstar Films - NDA - Camera assistant/ safety diver** Jan 2023

**SKY History/ Honey Bee films -Shipwrecked S2 - Ross Kemp - Safety diver/ camera assistant/ 2nd camera.** August/ Sept / Dec 2022

**SKY TV/ True to Nature - Whales with Steve Backshall - Safety diver/ camera assistant** Sept-Oct 2022

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## CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- REVO HELITROX CCR DECO PRO 2021
- TDI OPEN CIRCUIT DECO PRO 2021
- TDI OPEN CIRCUIT HELITROX
- TDI OPEN CIRCUIT ADVANCED NITROX 2021
- HUMAN FACTORS IN DIVING 2021
- DIVE MEDIC TECHNICIAN 2021
- O2 PROVIDER
- DAN FIRST AID AT WORK 2021
- FREEDIVING FOCUSED COACHING CONCENTRATING ON STAMINA, EQUALISATION TECHNIQUES AND DEPTH FOR MEDIA WORK. 2021/22
- GUE FUNDAMENTALS TEC 2020
- CCR WORKSHOP AND HOUR BUILDING 200+ HRS
- FLYBY DRONE TRAINING 2020 GVC & A2CFOC
- REVO MOD 1 CCR AIR DILUENT DECO PRO 2019
- HSE PART IV 2019
- RYA POWERBOAT 2 2015
- SSI FREEDIVING INSTRUCTOR 2014
- PADI MSDT 2012 (FULL TIME INSTRUCTOR FOR 3 YEARS EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & ASIA)
- INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE BA HONS 2004
- CHILD PSYCHOLOGY AND EDUCATION POLICY BA HONS 2000
- ART FOUNDATION HND 1997 (PHOTOGRAPHY, PRINT MAKING & GRAPHIC DESIGN FOCUS)

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## CONSERVATION WORK

- CELTIC DEEP 2019 - 2021
- SKOMER MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE VOLUNTEER STAFF DIVER 2015 - PRESENT
- N.A.R.C (NEPTUNE'S ARMY OF RUBBISH CLEANERS) CORE TEAM MEMBER 2015-PRESENT
- GHOST DIVING VOLUNTEER DIVER ACTIVE IN EGYPT CHAPTER 2020 - PRESENT

**Nat Geo/Disney/ Wildstar Films -NDA - Safety diver/ camera assistant/ 2nd camera.** July - August 2022

**BBC / Silverback Films - Camera assistant/safety diver, researcher - Wild Isles.** September 2021, July 2022  
UK based landmark series.

**Apple TV+ / Offspring films - NDA series. Polar Shoot.**  
April 22 - May 2022  
Camera assistant, 2nd camera and dive safety. Working under ice in extreme conditions.

**BBC NHU - Frozen Planet - Production assistant** Dec 21 - Jan 2022  
Conducted logistics, research and communications with location facilities  
Acted as temporary AP, ran kit co-ordination. Prepared dive PRA.

**BBC Drama - Casualty - Safety diver.** October 2021

**BBC NHU - Deadly predators - Safety diver/second camera/ camera assistant.** October 2021

**Netflix/ Silverback Films - Life on our Planet - Camera assistant/safety diver** September 2021,

**BBC NHU - Deadly predators - Safety diver/second camera/ camera assistant.** August 2021

**SKY TV/ True to Nature - Sharks with Steve Backshall - Safety diver/ camera assistant.** August 2021

**SKY history/ Honey Bee films -Shipwrecked - Ross Kemp - Safety diver/ camera assistant/ 2nd camera.** July - August 2021 Series 1

**BBC - Dr Who - Safety diver/ Camera assistant.** July 2021

**BBC NHU - Green Planet - Safety Diver/Camera assistant.**  
June 2021

**Channel 5/ Firecracker films - Robson Green series - On screen contributor/safety diver.** June 2021

**Channel 4/ Truenorth Productions - Epic Wales - on screen contributor.**  
June 2021

**Netflix/ Silverback films: Our planet II - Lead diver / Camera assistant.**  
February - April 2021

**BBC / One tribe TV - "Wonders of the Celtic deep" BBC Wales Dive safety/ local knowledge.** August 2019 - October 2020

**Under the water media / Camera Assistant.**  
Various studio based commercials & music videos. May 2019 - August 2019

- WE SWIM WILD - MICROPLASTICS INLAND WATERWAYS SURVEYOR 2019 - PRESENT
- SEASEARCH - VOLUNTEER DIVER 2015-PRESENT
- MALDIVES WHALES HARK RESEARCH PROGRAMME - VOLUNTEER 2018

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## CAREER ROLES

### Celtic Deep

June 2019 - October 2021

Co founder of Celtic Deep - A wildlife conservation tour based in Pembrokeshire. I set up the infrastructure for trips, sourcing all our boats and skippers, the locations and permissions through my relations with conservation groups. I created our safe practice guidelines and operations.

Celtic Deep takes people to swim in the open sea with wildlife such as blue sharks, puffins, seals and anything else that we may encounter.

We worked with the NRW, Wildlife trusts and various other organisations gathering data on the species we encounter. Creating a great resource for them in an area that hadn't been regularly studied before. We were working to create a code of conduct with the Pembrokeshire coastal forum and NRW for tours who wish to do similar. This is to ensure good practice for the safety of customers and wellbeing of wildlife.

### Silverback films: Underwater kit technician (freelance basis).

August 2020- November 2020 & ongoing when needed.

### Esprit film and television : Operations manager/ Trainee camera tech.

August 2019 - August 2020. Ongoing kit room work when needed

### Divemaster / Dive instructor 2012-2015

I worked for 3 seasons in Amorgos, Greece as a divemaster and then dive instructor. I was lead instructor and ran the dive centre. I carried out all daily duties inclusive of training staff, admin and kit maintenance/ filling cylinders. In the winter seasons I worked in Koh Lanta, Thailand ( 6 months) Freelancing for different dive centres. I then lived and worked in Dahab - Egypt, Bali and India. I learnt alot of field craft and observational knowledge of animal behaviours/ local topography and environmental conditions from the different regions I worked in.

### Interior Architect and designer 2001-2012 2015-2019

I was an interior architect for many years managing projects from conception to completion inclusive of surveys, drawing packages, tendering contracts, planning and building control. On site logistics. Handover and snagging. I worked with clients from boutique one off projects to multi million roll out projects in UK, UAE, Europe, North America, Canada and New Zealand.

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## REFERENCES

### Rob Taylor: DOP

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### Elly Salisbury : Deputy Director of Production, Silverback Films

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### Neil Brock: Dive Supervisor

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### Sameh Sokar : GUE Tech/CCR instructor

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