

getting in the water first and being on our own. (Ph: 33-0494 38 35 85; fax 33-0 94 38 30 72)

GREECE

Aquatic World, Agia Efima, July 2001, Bob Lamberton (rdlamber@artsci.wustl.edu) **St. Louis, MO.** Vis: 80-100 ft. Water: 68 to 79 F, calm no currents. Experience: 251-500 dives. We try to get in a few dives each summer in Greece, where work takes us. The only dive operation on Cephallonia is Aquatic World (www.aquatic.gr) and were very pleased. Most of the diveable waters of Greece are off limits to divers for the protection of antiquities on the seabed, but Kyriakos and Mike have some fine sites, rich in fish by Mediterranean standards, legal, and only ten minutes from the dock in their two well-maintained RIBs. This is the only place I've seen Med parrotfish (*Sparisoma cretense*). As at other Greek sites, summer water temps are comfortable near the surface, but below the thermocline (40 ft in this instance) the temp plunges to 70 or less and most of us want more than 3 mm of neoprene. Excellent vis and a very professional dive operation. (Ph: 003 0674 62006; e-mail info@aquatic.gr; website www.aquatic.gr)

MEDITERRANEAN

Medes Islands

Calypso Diving, Miramar Beach Hotel, July 2001, Michael McCroskey, Houston, TX. The Medes Islands are reportedly the only national marine park in the Mediterra-

nean. A search at Google (using L'Estartit) will produce a wealth of information. It is some 70 km North of Barcelona on the Costa Brava and worth the trip. The diving is not Caribbean, but surprisingly good. We went to Barcelona on business and decided to try the Mediterranean. We discovered a small group of islands, recently protected that are recovering rapidly. The water is fairly cold (70 F), so a full wet suit is advisable, but the schools of fish, hardy coral species, and other life made it well worth the effort. We had a group of four divers and dove with Calypso Diving (email calypso@grn.es). Peter and Jacquelyn were great hosts and ran a good operation. Two of us used their gear and found it to be quality equipment in good repair. Their tanks were all steel with both normal k-valves and DIN valves. Both 12 liter and 15 liter tanks were available. The boat was converted from a small harbor tug, but served well for the 15-20 minute ride. Prices for gear and diving were reasonable. Miramar Hotel on the beach was quite adequate, but lacked some conveniences (like A/C and soap). It was clean, reasonably priced, and perfectly located for both diving and surface activities. <http://interhotel.com/spain/en/hoteles/4890.html>) (Calypso Ph/fax: +34 972 751488; e-mail calypso@grn.es; website <http://www.grn.es/calypso/>)

PORTUGAL

Azores

Aquarius Diver, Team Acores, Terceira, August 2000, Marilyn