



Rhode Island Blues

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Our blue shark photography trip takes place aboard the Snappa out of Narragansett, RI.



Much of the local fishing fleet stays at dock while we head out.



Through the shark cage on deck we see one of a few working fishing boats on the water.



We travel about 32 miles from Point Judith into deeper water.



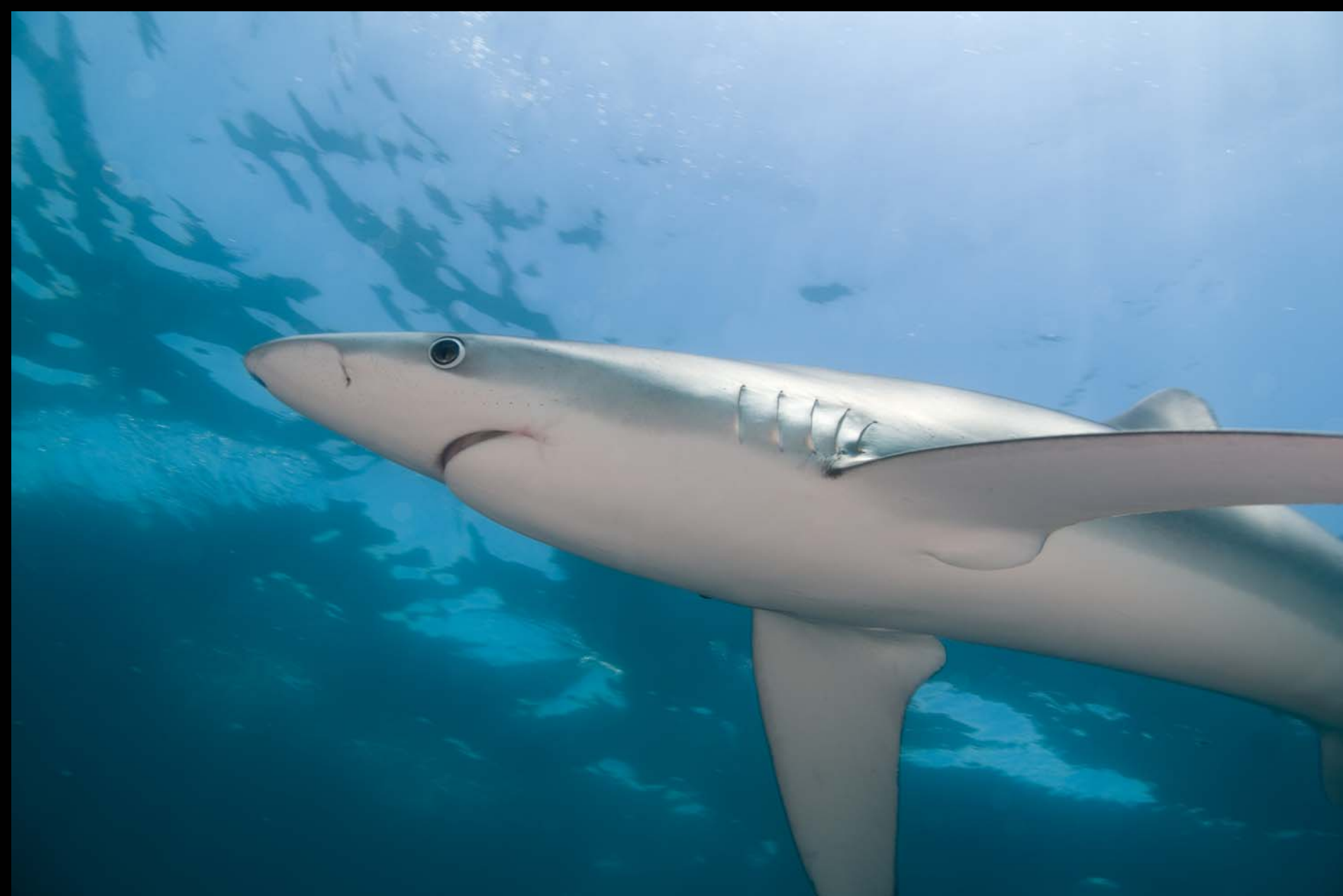
The first blues appear shortly after we set a chum slick and bait.



Julie takes a shot of me with a small one.



This is my view from underwater.



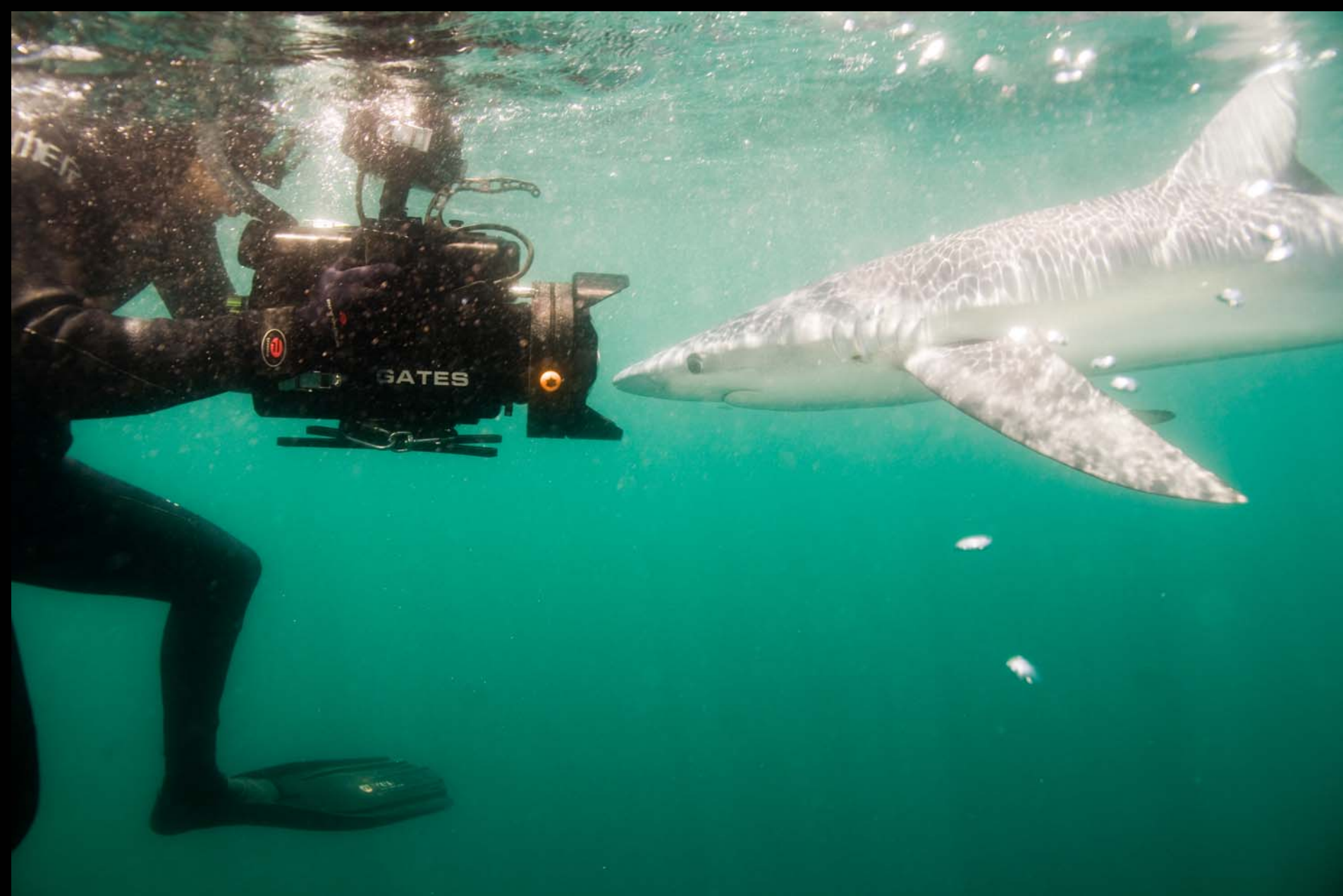
Blues swim in the open ocean.



Long pectoral fins and a long slender body make them highly efficient travelers.



They exhibit a lot of curiosity. This one swims over for a closer look.



Another curious one checks out the video camera of Joe Romeiro (333 Productions).



Food can be sparse in the open ocean, so blues need to investigate any potential opportunities that they can find.



We must seem strange to them. As open ocean wanderers, they have probably never seen divers before.



This curious shark brushes my camera dome with its pectoral fin after a close pass.



Everything about these sharks seems long and slender...



...graceful in form and function.



They even have slender teeth – at least the bottom ones. They have broader serrated uppers that deserve respect.



We make three trips off shore over three days.



Blue sharks check us out each day.



Blue sharks travel great distances. Rarely if ever will the same blue shark show up on a different day of diving.



Other activity appears on the ocean. Here a trawler drags a net.



Here a humpback whale feeds.



The same whale pounds the surface of the water with its fluke.



It dives into the depths.



This is Julia.

Back under the water, all the smaller blue sharks make a hurried exit.





After a few minutes, something much larger appears from out of the murk.



People sometimes call blues “**great blue sharks,**” and this large male fits that description.



He is substantially longer and heavier than the other blue sharks.



He comes in close to check me out.



This blue is a top-of-the-line predator – an absolutely awesome last visitor of the trip.



The end.



What's that? What's that? What's that?