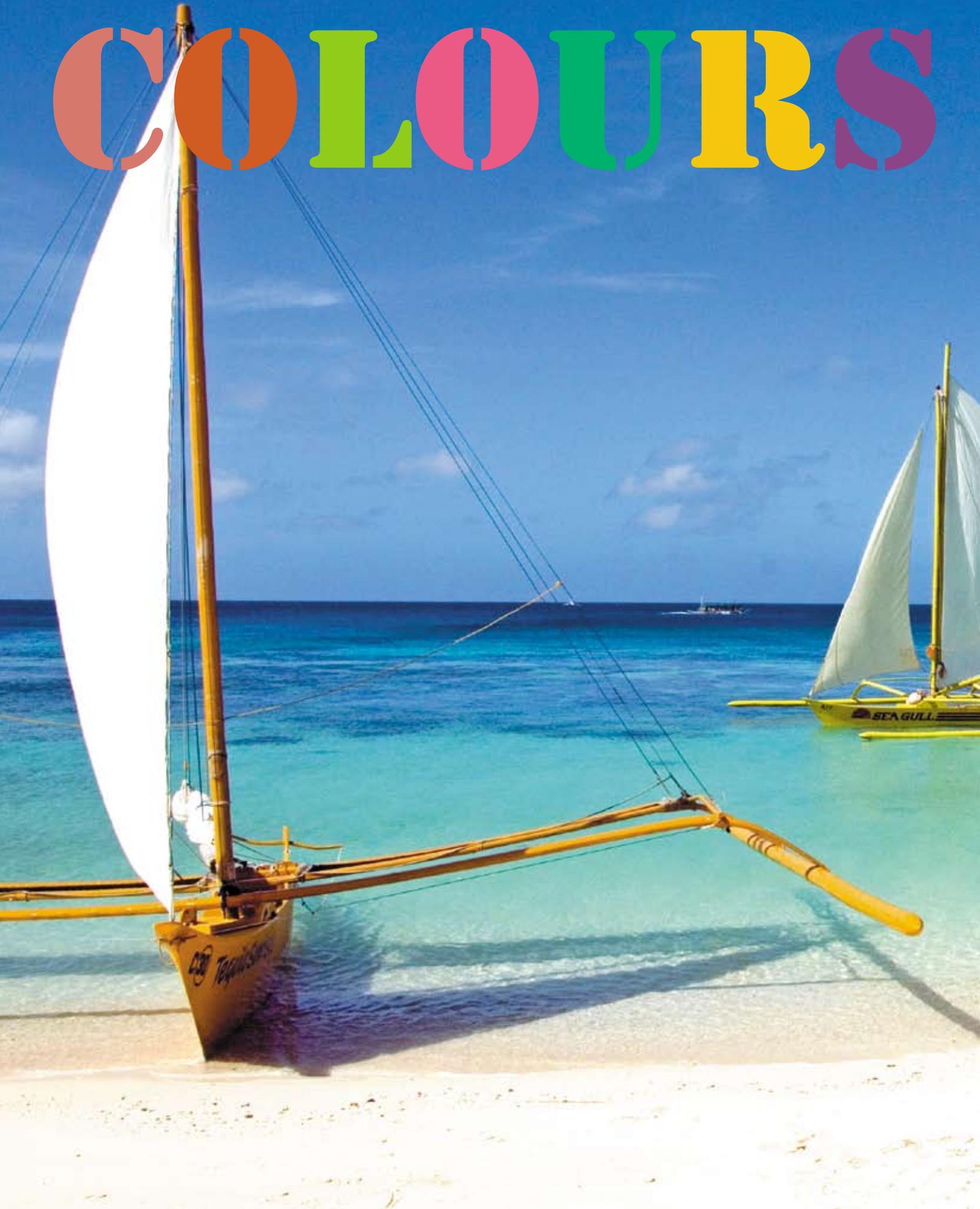


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PHILIPPINES

Professional photographer **Mike Smith** was on assignment in the Philippines and in addition to have a great place to chill out, he returned home with a lot of scintillating photos.

Photos **Mike Smith** / www.asiaphotostock.com







I was enjoying a beer having finished shooting seascapes, the famous Chocolate Hills and tarsiers (the world's smallest primates) at Bohol Island for a shipping company when this lovely fashion model strolled by (cover photo). After taking a few photos, I finished my beer.

I also visited Boracay a small island in the Visayas, Philippines. It's four kilometre long White Beach, with its superb soft sand and clear water, is popular with tourists. If you get away from the lively main resorts, restaurants and bars you can have the place to yourself. I love the early mornings, but you can get



good pictures any time of day. Bulabog beach on the opposite side of the island is more isolated and has taller waves making it a favourite with wind surfers and kite boarders. The stunning beaches, clear blue waters, colourful sail boats and dramatic sunsets make it irresistible for photographers and those looking for a great beach vocation.

Alona Beach on Panglao Island is a great base to chill out, scuba dive and dolphin watch. All the action is around the white, sandy beach and clear, blue water. There are good restaurants, bars and hotels to suit all tastes and budgets. Hundreds of bangka boats, with outriggers, are available for hire. [AJ](#)