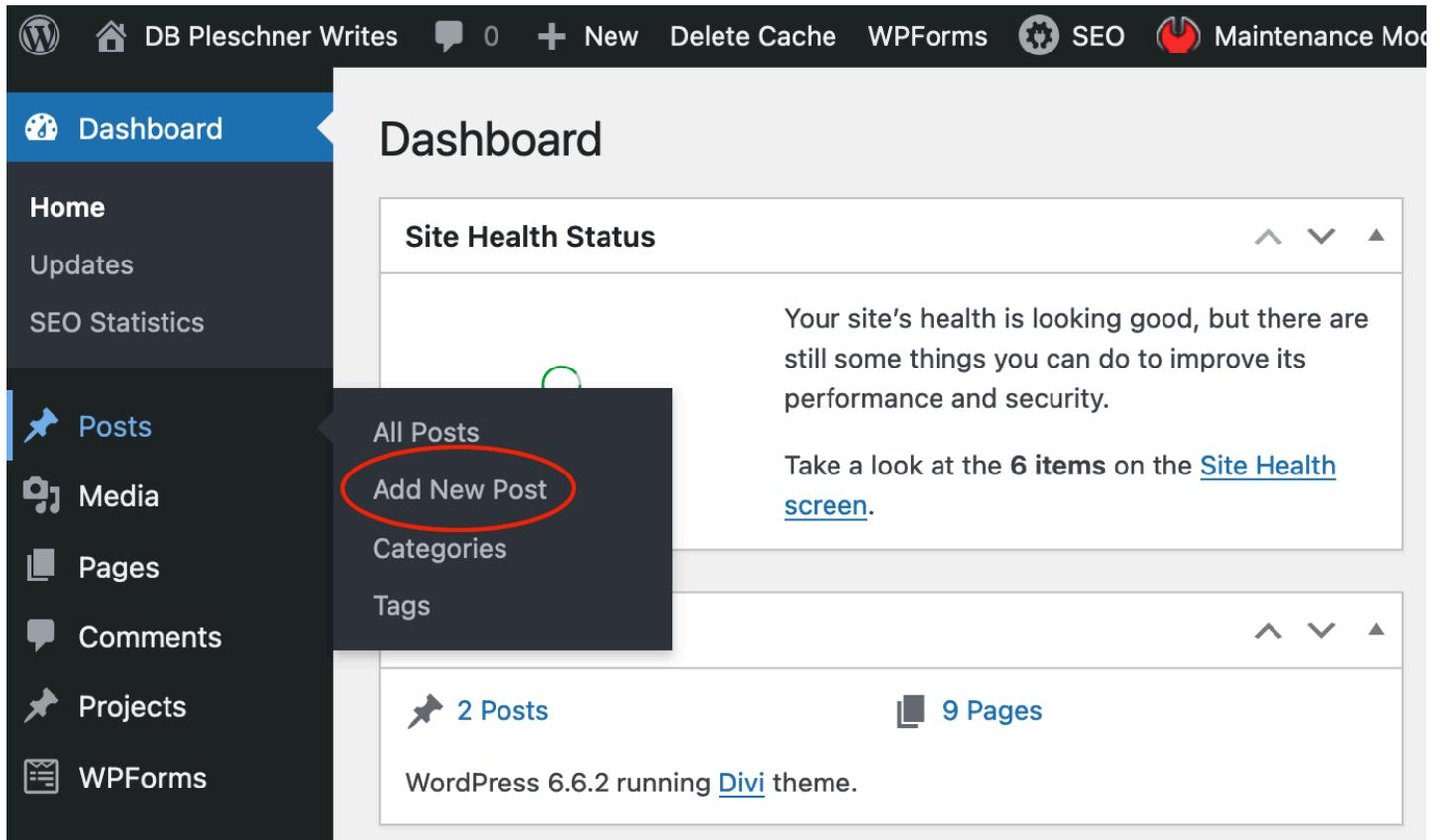
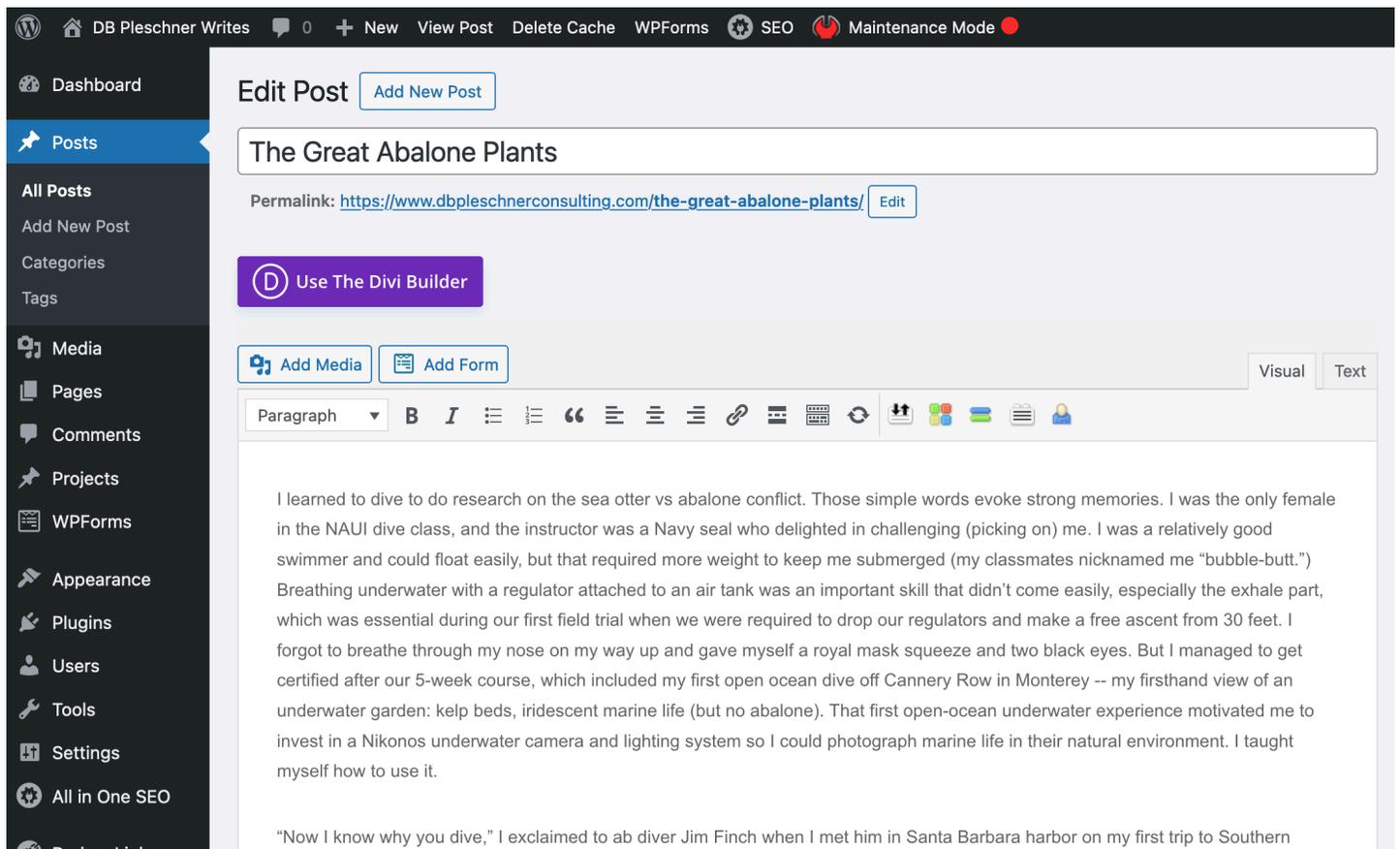


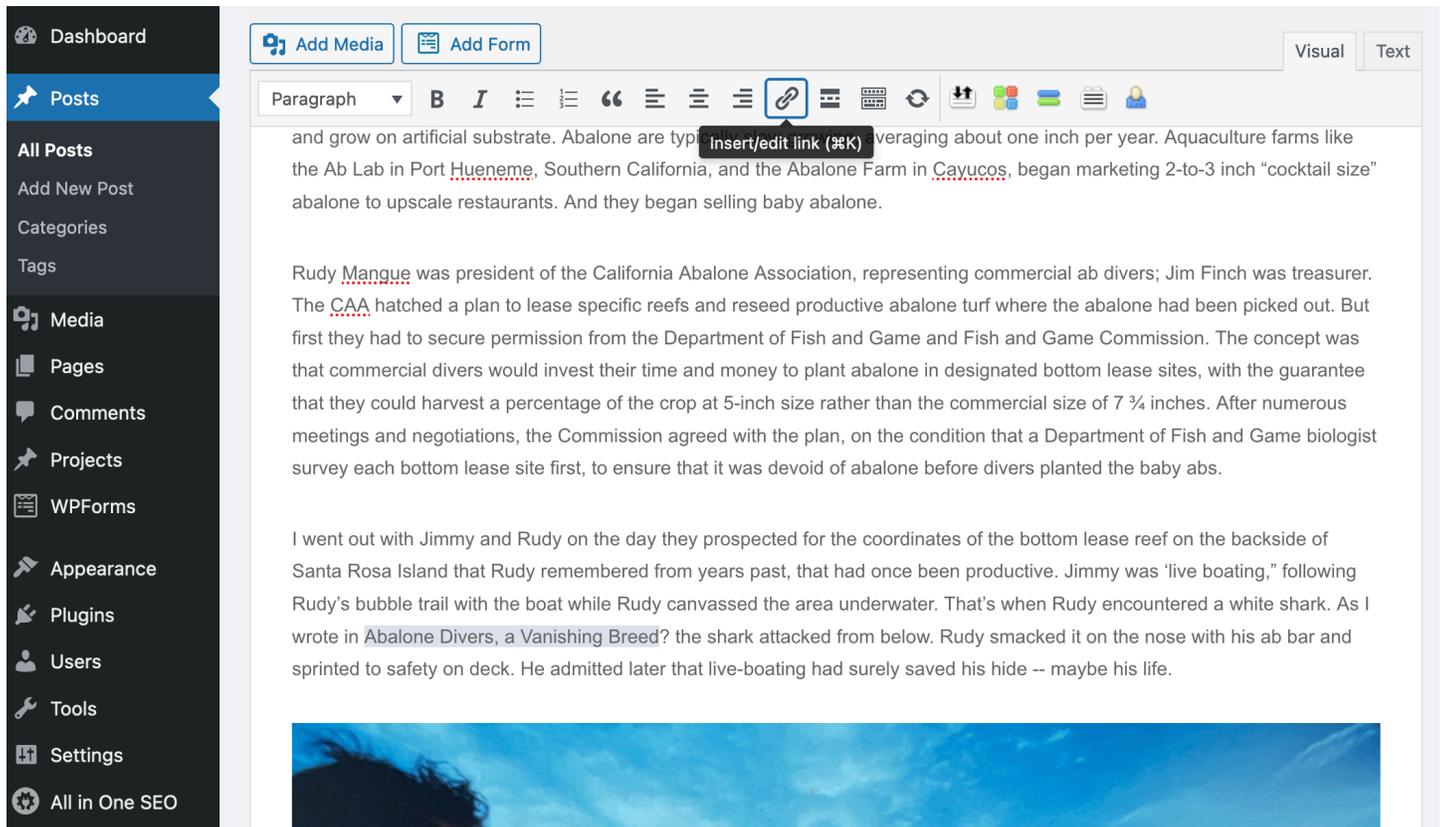
Create New Post: Hover over “Posts” and click on “Add New Post”



Add Text: Paste Header into Subject Line and Blogpost Text into Editor



Add a hyperlink: 1) highlight text and click on link symbol



The screenshot shows the WordPress editor interface. On the left is a sidebar with navigation options like Dashboard, Posts, Media, and Settings. The main editor area shows a text block with the following content:

and grow on artificial substrate. Abalone are typically averaging about one inch per year. Aquaculture farms like the Ab Lab in Port Hueneme, Southern California, and the Abalone Farm in Cayucos, began marketing 2-to-3 inch "cocktail size" abalone to upscale restaurants. And they began selling baby abalone.

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I went out with Jimmy and Rudy on the day they prospected for the coordinates of the bottom lease reef on the backside of Santa Rosa Island that Rudy remembered from years past, that had once been productive. Jimmy was "live boating," following Rudy's bubble trail with the boat while Rudy canvassed the area underwater. That's when Rudy encountered a white shark. As I wrote in *Abalone Divers, a Vanishing Breed?* the shark attacked from below. Rudy smacked it on the nose with his ab bar and sprinted to safety on deck. He admitted later that live-boating had surely saved his hide -- maybe his life.

Below the text is a blue-tinted image of a shark's head.

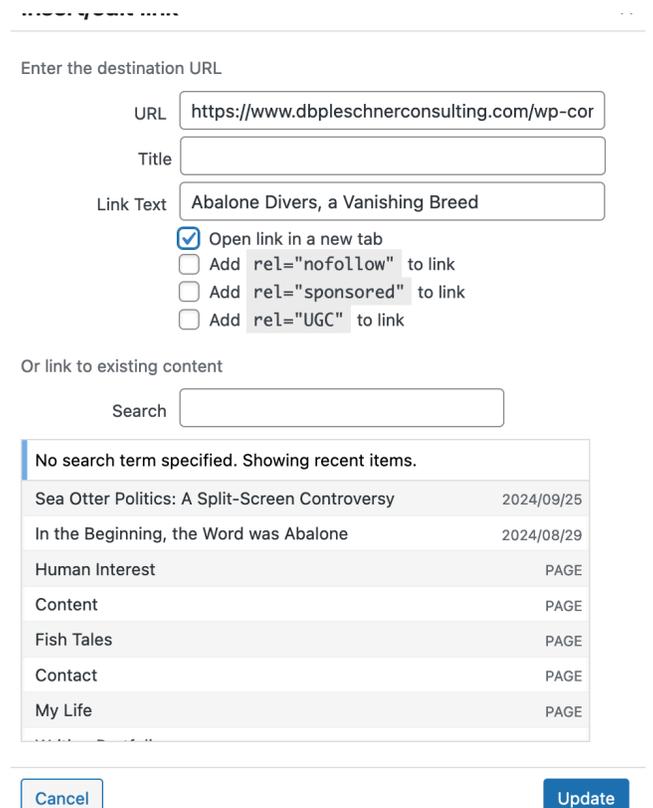
In the editor toolbar, the link icon (a chain link) is highlighted with a red box. A tooltip above it says "Insert/edit link (%K)".

2) Paste link url into pop-up field. If link stays in same tab, click blue arrow. To open link in new tab, click gear symbol for link options and go to 3) =>



The screenshot shows a link pop-up field. The input field contains the URL: `!024/08/Abalone-Divers-Vanishing-Breed.pdf`. To the right of the input field are two icons: a blue arrow pointing left and a gear icon. Below the gear icon is a button labeled "Link options".

3) Check "Open Link in New Tab" and click "Update"



The screenshot shows the "Link options" dialog box. It has the following fields and options:

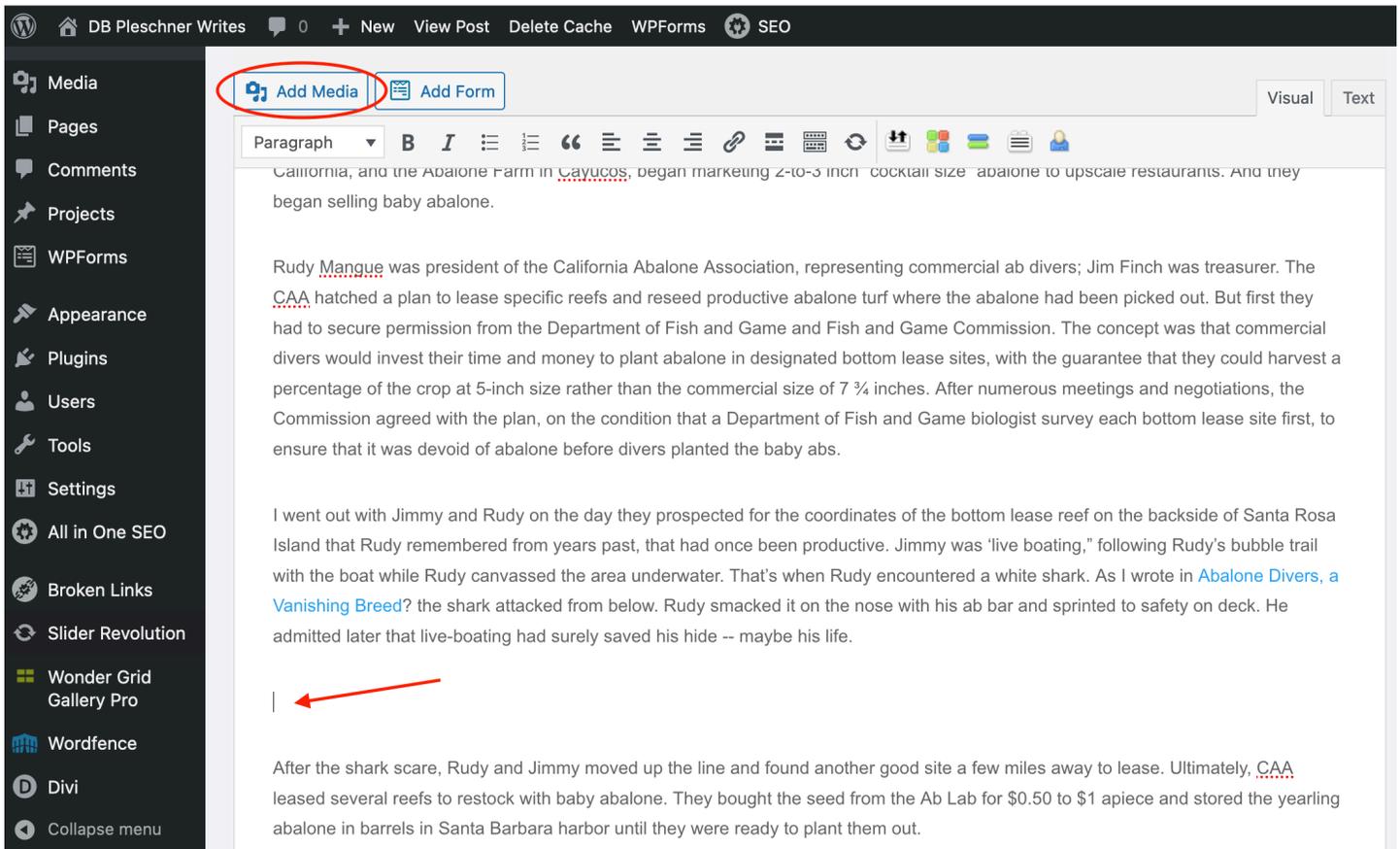
- Enter the destination URL:
 - URL: `https://www.dbpleschnerconsulting.com/wp-cor`
 - Title: (empty)
 - Link Text: `Abalone Divers, a Vanishing Breed`
- Options:
 - Open link in a new tab
 - Add `rel="nofollow"` to link
 - Add `rel="sponsored"` to link
 - Add `rel="UGC"` to link
- Or link to existing content:
 - Search: (empty)

Below the dialog box is a list of recent items:

No search term specified. Showing recent items.	
Sea Otter Politics: A Split-Screen Controversy	2024/09/25
In the Beginning, the Word was Abalone	2024/08/29
Human Interest	PAGE
Content	PAGE
Fish Tales	PAGE
Contact	PAGE
My Life	PAGE

At the bottom of the dialog box are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Update".

Add Image: Place Cursor on desired image location, then click “Add Media”



The screenshot shows the WordPress editor interface. On the left is a sidebar with various menu items. The main content area contains several paragraphs of text. The 'Add Media' button is circled in red in the top toolbar. A red arrow points to a vertical cursor line in the text area, indicating where an image will be inserted.

Media
Pages
Comments
Projects
WPForms
Appearance
Plugins
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All in One SEO
Broken Links
Slider Revolution
Wonder Grid Gallery Pro
Wordfence
Divi
Collapse menu

Paragraph **B** *I* [List icons] [Link icon] [Image icon] [Media icon] [Undo icon] [Redo icon]

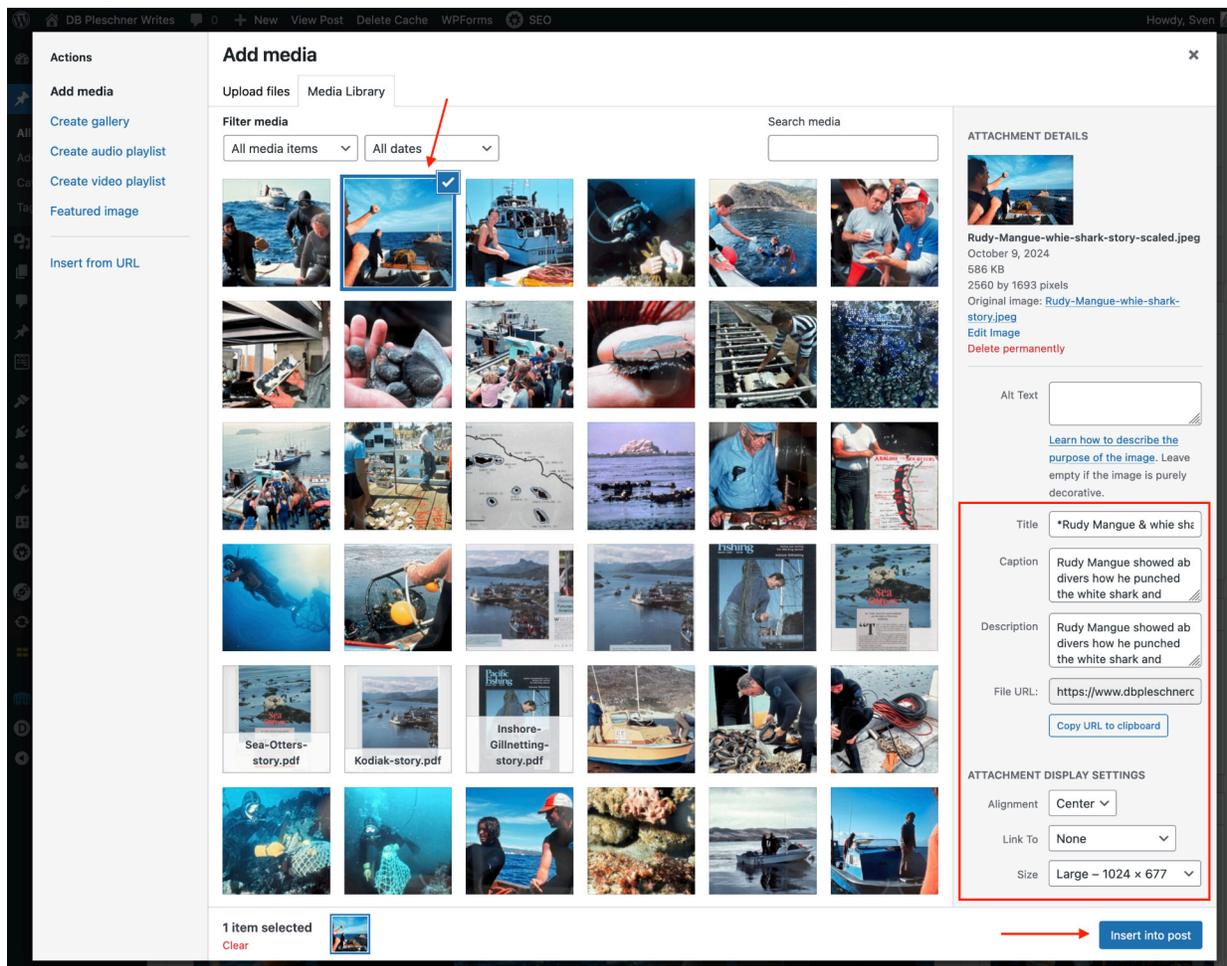
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After the shark scare, Rudy and Jimmy moved up the line and found another good site a few miles away to lease. Ultimately, CAA leased several reefs to restock with baby abalone. They bought the seed from the Ab Lab for \$0.50 to \$1 apiece and stored the yearling abalone in barrels in Santa Barbara harbor until they were ready to plant them out.

Select image (or upload new file), add caption, alignment, size, then “Insert”



The screenshot shows the 'Add Media' modal window. It features a grid of image thumbnails, with one selected. The right-hand panel shows the configuration options for the selected image, including title, caption, description, file URL, alignment, link to, and size. A red box highlights the configuration options, and a red arrow points to the 'Insert into post' button.

Actions
Add media
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Create audio playlist
Create video playlist
Featured image
Insert from URL

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Filter media
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Search media

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Rudy-Mangue-white-shark-story-scaled.jpeg
October 9, 2024
586 KB
2560 by 1693 pixels
Original Image: Rudy-Mangue-white-shark-story.jpeg
Edit Image
Delete permanently

Alt Text

Learn how to describe the purpose of the image. Leave empty if the image is purely decorative.

Title Rudy Mangu & white sh
Caption Rudy Mangu showed ab divers how he punched the white shark and
Description Rudy Mangu showed ab divers how he punched the white shark and
File URL: https://www.dbpleschmerc
Copy URL to clipboard

ATTACHMENT DISPLAY SETTINGS

Alignment Center
Link To None
Size Large - 1024 x 677

1 item selected
Clear

Insert into post

Place & Upload all other Images, then select/add Category, Tag, and Featured Image

The screenshot shows a WordPress post editor with a dark sidebar on the left containing navigation options like Dashboard, Posts, Media, and Settings. The main content area has a text editor with a paragraph and two images. The first image shows a woman on a boat, and the second shows her handing a bag to a diver. The right sidebar contains meta-data and selection options. The 'Categories' section is highlighted with a red box, showing a list of categories with 'Fish Tales' selected. The 'Tags' section is also highlighted, showing a tag 'Abalone' added. The 'Featured image' section is highlighted, showing a thumbnail of the boat image with a 'Set featured image' button.

Categories

- Fish Tales
- Breaking News
- Legislation
- Opinion
- Research
- Uncategorized
- View from the Ocean

Tags

Abalone

Featured image

Click the image to edit or update

[Remove featured image](#)

[To add Featured Image, Click “Set Featured Image” then select/upload from Media Library (no caption or size necessary)]

The screenshot shows the WordPress Media Library interface. A red box highlights the 'Featured image' section at the top left, which contains a 'Set featured image' button. Below this is a grid of image thumbnails. The 'Attachment Details' panel on the right shows the selected image's metadata, including title, caption, and description. The 'Set featured image' button is also visible at the bottom right of the interface.

Featured image

[Set featured image](#)

Attachment Details

1st-Great-Ab-Plant-San-Miguel-Is-landscape-Large.jpeg

October 9, 2024

329 KB

1280 by 872 pixels

[Edit image](#)

[Delete permanently](#)

Alt Text

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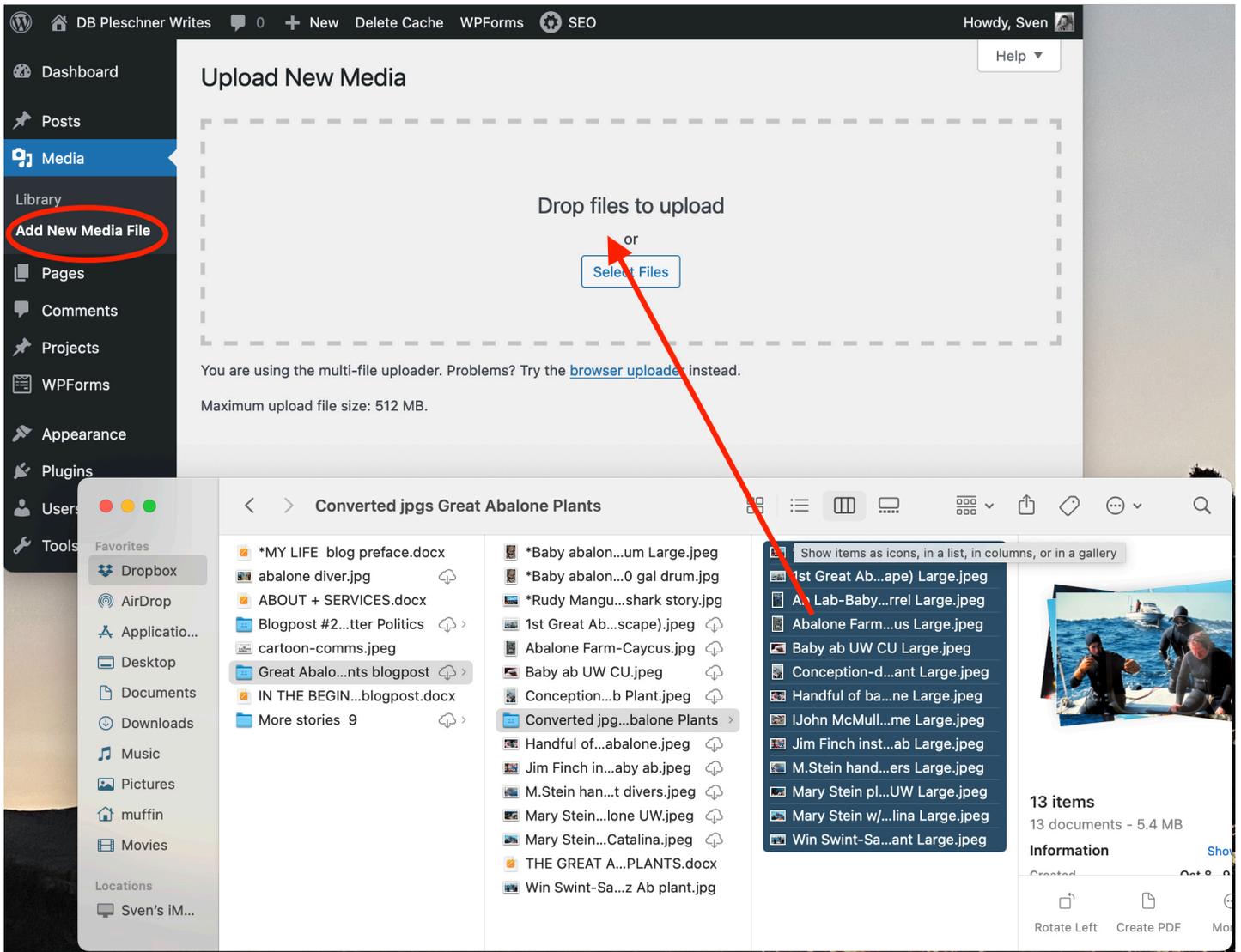
Title 1st Great Ab Plant San Mi

Caption

Description

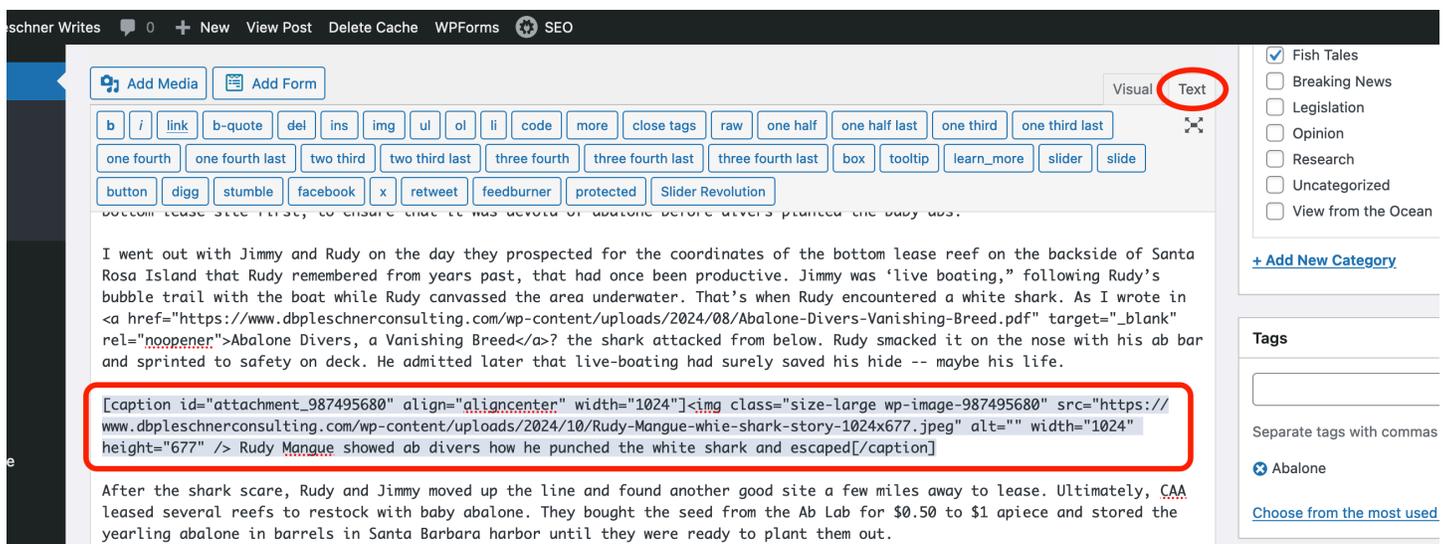
[Set featured image](#)

Recommended: Add all images into Media Library before starting new post



The image shows two overlapping screenshots. The top screenshot is the WordPress 'Upload New Media' interface. The 'Add New Media File' button in the left sidebar is circled in red. A red arrow points from this button to the 'Select Files' button in the main upload area. The bottom screenshot is a file browser window titled 'Converted jpgs Great Abalone Plants'. It shows a list of files, including various JPEG images and DOCX documents. A red arrow points from the 'Select Files' button in the top screenshot to the file browser window.

Formatting Trick: By Going to "Text" tab in Visual Editor, it can sometimes be easier / cleaner to move around images by cutting/pasting the code.



The image shows a screenshot of the WordPress Visual Editor. The 'Text' tab is selected and circled in red. Below the editor, a code block is highlighted with a red box, showing the HTML code for an image caption:

```
[caption id="attachment_987495680" align="aligncenter" width="1024"] Rudy Mangué showed ab divers how he punched the white shark and escaped[/caption]
```

The code block is used to format the image caption in the post content.

Save Draft, Preview, Publish Post:

All changes made get autosaved within seconds, but still ok to save draft every now and then.

Preview: to see what the current draft will look like once published, click on preview, which will open a new tab

Once everything looks good, click the blue publish button and your post will instantly be live. The blue publish button will change to an “Update” button. (you can always unpublish if you publish by accident)

The screenshot shows the WordPress 'Edit Post' interface. The title is 'The Great Abalone Plants'. The permalink is <https://www.dbpleschnerconsulting.com/the-great-abalone-plants-2/>. The status is 'Draft'. The visibility is 'Public'. The publish date is 'Publish immediately'. The AIOSEO score is 79/100. The categories are 'Fish Tales', 'Breaking News', 'Legislation', 'Opinion', 'Research', 'Uncategorized', and 'View from the Ocean'. The 'Publish' button is circled in red.

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Add New Post

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Permalink: <https://www.dbpleschnerconsulting.com/the-great-abalone-plants-2/> Edit

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Visual Text

I learned to dive to do research on the sea otter vs abalone conflict. Those simple words evoke strong memories. I was the only female in the NAUI dive class, and the instructor was a Navy seal who delighted in challenging (picking on) me. I was a relatively good swimmer and could float easily, but that required more weight to keep me submerged (my classmates nicknamed me “bubble-butt.”) Breathing underwater with a regulator attached to an air tank was an important skill that didn’t come easily, especially the exhale part, which was essential during our first field trial when we were required to drop our regulators and make a free ascent from 30 feet. I forgot to breathe through my nose on my way up and gave myself a royal mask squeeze and two black eyes. But I managed to get certified after our 5-week course, which included my first open ocean dive off Cannery Row in Monterey -- my firsthand view of an underwater garden: kelp beds, iridescent marine life (but no abalone). That first open-ocean underwater experience motivated me to invest in a Nikonos underwater camera and lighting system so I could photograph marine life in their natural environment. I taught myself how to use it.

Publish

Save Draft Preview

Status: Draft Edit

Visibility: Public Edit

Publish immediately Edit

Don't update the modified date

Duplicate This

AIOSEO Score 79/100

Move to Trash Publish

Categories

All Categories Most Used

Fish Tales

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