

## **President's Message**

Some of you may have attended the webinar that was sponsored by the S. D. Underwater Film Exhibition (UFEX). It was a very worthwhile online learning experience. I got online a little late but was able to take in most of the session. The first part was viewing and comparing

still images and video footage. The team explained how the images were taken, camera settings, and where they were taken. There was a section of the Do's & Don'ts of capturing images using both systems. A portion of the presentation on video was, "Don't Forget Topside Footage" which reminds us to tell a story about your dive trip presentation.

"The Ethics of Editing" and the "Ethics of Taking Images" was pointed out. With editing ethics one of the points was, edit your image the way you think the photo should look. Erin stated that just about every image taken underwater needs a little help in Photoshop. Don't look down on an image that has been Photo Shopped. Only if the rules of a contest state what you

can or can not do, should you worry about changing an image. Taking pictures ethics includes not harassing wildlife, or moving critters for a better shot. It's also thinking about the next person who wants to take a picture of the same animal.

The session lasted more than an hour and a half. Time well spent. After thinking about the images and videos shown, I felt proud of our club members as we take and show some beautiful still and video images ourselves.

Because of the coronavirus, we haven't been able to have our meeting a Sumner Auditorium for a few months now. With all the talk about Zoom meetings, your board members decided to give it a try. The June 25th SDUPS Meeting will be an online Zoom Meeting. This will be an experiment as we haven't done anything like this before. The meeting will start at the normal time of 7 pm. It will be much shorter than our face to face meeting, about forty minutes. We will have one speaker and then a question and answer period. I appreciate the help from board members who put this all together, especially **Dick Miller** and **Amy Baldwin/Granger**. To join the meeting you will need a computer, tablet, or phone with a camera. I'm sure there will be a learning curve to this new meeting format. See the instruction below.

\*\*\* We have a new **SDUPS Sponsor**. See Page 6 for the details.

I will keep you informed about when we can again meet at Sumner. Take care & be safe - Mike Poirier - President

SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, June 25th at 7 pm. Join us to see old friends and an U/W presentation.

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https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8522077435?pwd=TE55NUFad0xaS1RVSHpSZmFZMGQyZz09

- Meeting ID number: 852 207 7435
- Theeting Password: 163823

SDUPS member **Martha Shaw** wants to invite club members to submit images for "The 7th Annual World Oceans Day Photo Competition". This open and free photo competition seeks to inspire the creation and dis-



semination of imagery capturing the beauty and importance of the ocean and humankind's relation to it, hoping to contribute to actions to preserve it. Click on the link below for more information:

https://www.unworldoceansday.org/index.php/world-oceans-day-photo-competition





## **CALENDAR**

June 25th 7:00 pm SDUPS online Zoom Meeting.

June Competition - "Anemones"

Presentation - Weiwei Gao, Jolla Shores

**April 25th** - SDUPS Film Festival. See notice page 5 **Has Been Postponed** 

Refreshments for the June Meeting? Bring your own Popcorn



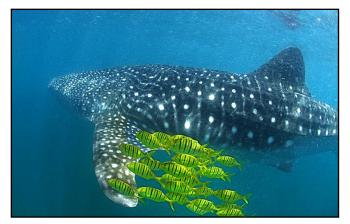
Bob Pooley - 1st Place Advanced



Bob Yin - 3rd Place Advanced



Harald Dorr - 2nd Place Amateur



- "Yellow"-

Matt Meier 2nd Place Advanced



Dan Kestly - 1st Place Amateur



Erin Chandler - 2nd Place Amateur





"Yellow"-

Robert Casagrand- 3rd Place Amateur



Jerald Pratt - 1st Place Novice



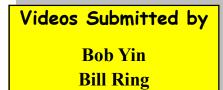
Wyatt Glynn - 2nd Place Novice

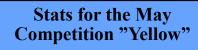


Martha Shaw- 3rd Place Novice









Still Entries: Novice = 4Amateur = 7Advanced = 9Videos = 2 The Goby

## **Critter Corner**



#### Rabbitfish - Siganus puellus.

Rabbitfishes or spinefoots are perciform fishes in the family Siganidae. The 29 species are in a single genus, Siganus. In some now obsolete classifications, the species having prominent face stripes colloquially called foxfaces-are in the genus Lo. Other species, such as the masked spinefoot (S. puellus), show a reduced form of the stripe pattern. Rabbitfishes are native to shallow waters in the Indo-Pacific.

#### **Description and Ecology**

All rabbitfish have large, dark eyes and small, somewhat rabbit-like mouths, which gives them their name.

Most species have either bright colors or a complex pattern. The largest rabbitfish grows to about 53 cm (21 in), but most species only reach between 25 and 35 cm (10 and 14 in).

Another unusual feature among rabbitfishes is their pelvic fins, which are formed from two spines, with three soft rays between them. The dorsal fin bears 13 spines with 10 rays behind, while the anal fin has seven spines and nine rays behind; the fin spines are equipped with well-developed venom glands. The sting is very painful, but it is generally not considered medically significant in healthy.

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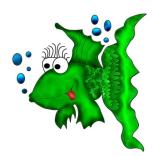
All rabbitfish are diurnal (active in the day, sleep at night); some live in schools, while others live more solitary lives among the corals. Rabbitfish sleep in crevices in the reef matrix at night. They are herbivorous, feeding on benthic algae in the wild.

Rabbitfish are pelagic spawners. Many are fished for food, and the more colorful species—especially the foxface—are often kept in aquaria. In aquaria, they eat a variety of fresh vegetables and algae.











Our 51st Annual SDUPS Film Festival is scheduled for Saturday April 25h. The free event will be held at Sumner Auditorium. I realize this is an early notice, but it's time to start thinking about putting together a still, video, or combination of both show. Your show can be of the travel log type, or maybe zeroing in on an undersea animal to show the audience. Use your imagination and put together something special and entertaining. We need at least **20 shows** for the two part evening event. Here are the general film guidelines:

1. All entries should be limited to 5 minutes long, not including titles or credits where underwater footage is not used. Absolute length including titles and credits may not exceed 5 minutes 30 seconds.

2. A Minimum of 50% of the footage must have been taken underwater.

3. Videos/images should not show deliberate harassment of the marine creatures unless this harassment is the ecological point of the video.

4. Please ensure that you have all rights to any media that is used in you presentation (s) such as music, visual footage, personal, copyright, or any other legal rights.

5. Files can be in the following formats: ProShow, .mov, mp4, mp2.

**\*\*April 5th** will be the deadline to submit film for the festival. Submissions can be brought to the March 26 SDUPS meeting on DVD/thumb drive or sent via dropbox to uwmike@att.net. Any questions can be directed to the same email address.

Deadline for submissions: APRIL 5th

# SDUPS Film Festival - 2020

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Sharing a session with Marty is also a great way to re-fresh your photography skills before your next diving vacation. If you only get to dive a few times a year, during your next trip you are likely to spend a few days relearning and refreshing your skills. A session or two with Marty before your trip can turn the frustration and lost time from having to relearn into fun dives and pleasing photographs.

How It All Works The one-on-one program is completely customizable to your knowledge, skill level, and personal goals. Marty will use Zoom software to work with you. He has licensed a version of the software that enables the two of you to keep the sessions private.

During each session, Marty will share his expertise and help you gain a better understanding of various factors involved in underwater photography, and he will suggest techniques for you to employ that can help you improve your underwater photography. Each session can be up to 60 minutes long. The cost for a session is \$65.00 U.S. Any additional time that you will not be not charged for is provided at Marty's discretion or through the purchase of another session.

For more information on Marty's Classes, click on the link: www.martysnyderman.com





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## **Monthly Meetings**

Usually the fourth Thursday of each month 7:00pm (No meeting in December)

#### Sumner Auditorium Scripps Institute of Oceanography 8602 La Jolla Shores Drive La Jolla, CA 92037

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## **Competition Schedule for 2020**

January - 23rd	Best of 2019	July - 23rd	Available Light
February - 27th	Texture	August - 27th	Spots
March - 26th	Eyes	September - 24th	Round
April - 23rd	Make Me Smile	October - 22nd	With Claws
May - 28th	Yellow	November - 19th	Photo Shopped
June - 25th	Anemones	December - ??	Awards/Party

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