

The Goby

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President's Message

SDUPS Members - We're getting better. The SDUPS July Zoom Meeting was very successful. We had twenty-six members and guests attend. The presentation for the evening was by **Cary Humphries** who is a captain with the dive boat Horizon Charters. Cary gave a very informative and entertaining presentation on the "Great White Sharks of Guadalupe Island". He started off with a little history of the diving at the island which began with the first trip in 1993. Since that time it has evolved into one of the best dive trips to see the Great Whites up close. Cary also got into some of the scientific aspects of the trips with many well know scientist doing research on these sharks onboard the Horizon. Shark Biology was another topic on Cary's list. With charts and graphs we got an education on shark activity and behavior in this region. With still images and a few videos, we got to see just how beautiful and amazing these animals are. There was time for a few questions and answers about these apex predators.

I would like to first thank Cary for speaking with us, it was great. Also a big thank you to **Dick Miller** who hosted the Zoom Meeting, our VP **Amy Baldwin/Granger** for getting this evenings speaker, and **Daina Buchner** for getting the word out on social media about the meeting.

I've been the editor for the Goby for the last fifteen years now and I try to make the newsletter as interesting as I can. I'm always open to suggestions from the members on how I can make it better. Also I would like to encourage members to put together an article that would interest other members of the club. It could be a trip report, a new U/W camera technique, or a new critter that you've photographed. The subject could be much along the same lines as the monthly presentations at our meetings.

Talking about meetings, it doesn't look probable that we will be meeting face to face very soon. I really miss the whole meeting concept with people, the competition, and the intermission time when we get to talk to each other about diving and U/W photography. Hopefully this will change in the near future.

Take care & be safe - Mike Poirier - President



SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, August 27th at 7 pm. Join us to see old friends and an U/W presentation.

- ☞ Download the Zoom app to your computer (<https://zoom.us/download>) or
- ☞ Click on the Link below
- ☞ Meeting ID number: 852 207 7435
- ☞ Meeting Password: 163823

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CALENDAR

August 27th 7:00 pm SDUPS online Zoom Meeting.

August Competition - "Spots"

Presentation - **Matt Meier** - Macro, Lembeh Strait

SDUPS Film Festival. **Has Been Postponed** See notice page 5

Refreshments for the August Meeting?
Bring your own Popcorn

July Competition

- "Available Light" -

Paula Selby - 1st Place Advanced



Matt Meier - 2nd Place Advanced



Bob Yin - 2nd Place Advanced



Greg Volger - 2nd Place Advanced



Mike Couffer - 3rd Place Advanced



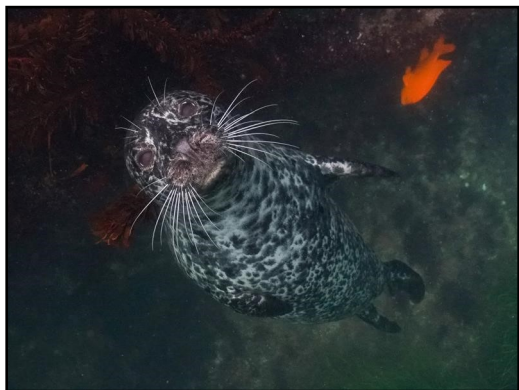
Dan Kestly - 1st Place Amateur



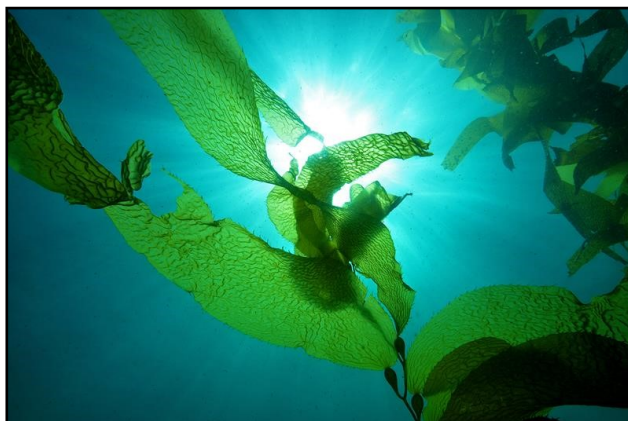
July Competition

- "Available Light" -

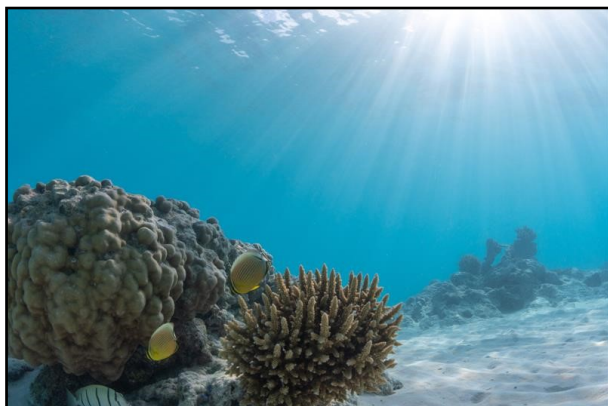
Erin Chandler - 2nd Place Amateur



Robert Casagrand - 3rd Place Amateur



Wyatt Glynn - 1st Place Novice



Joyce Moore - 2nd Place Novice



Stats for the July Competition "Anemones"

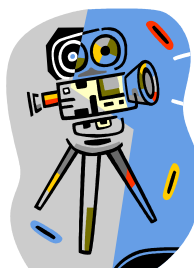
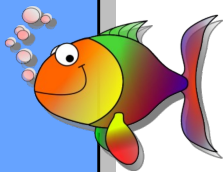
Still Entries:

Novice = 2

Amateur = 6

Advanced = 8

Videos = 10



Video Competition

March

1st place - Bob Yin

2nd place - Bill Ring

April

1st place - Bill Ring

2nd place - Bob Yin

May

1st place - Bill Ring

2nd place - Bob Yin

July

1st place - Bob Yin

1st place - Daina Buchner

2nd place - Bill Ring

3rd place - Jackie Patay

Critter Corner

Adult Bicolor Parrotfish



Teenager Phase?



Juvenile Phase

Spotted Parrotfish *Cetoscarus ocellatus*, also called Bicolor Parrotfish, is a species of parrotfish belonging to the family Scaridae. This, I think, is one of the most beautiful parrotfish. The coloring is just stunning, like a psychedelic rainbow. One of the amazing things about this fish, is the transformation from the juvenile state to the adult. You wouldn't know it is the same fish.

Description

Cetoscarus ocellatus can reach at maturity a body length of about 30–80 cm (12–31 in). This species has a long snout and shows 14-15 pectoral rays; 5-7 median predorsal scales and 3 rows of scales on cheek. The color of the *Cetoscarus ocellatus* varies between genders as well as between adults and juveniles.

Juveniles are usually white with a thick orange band that surrounds the head, except snout and chin. They have a black circular spot on their dorsal fin and a thick orange band on their rounded tail.

Females of the initial phase have a dark purple to reddish brown head, finely spotted with black ventrally. Body shows dorsally a broad, pale yellowish zone while below it is bluish gray. Scales are rimmed and spotted with black. Median fins are brownish red and caudal with a whitish crescent posteriorly.

The brightly-colored terminal males are green, scales are rimmed with pink, head and anterior body show numerous small pink spots. An orange line is running from mouth to anal fin.

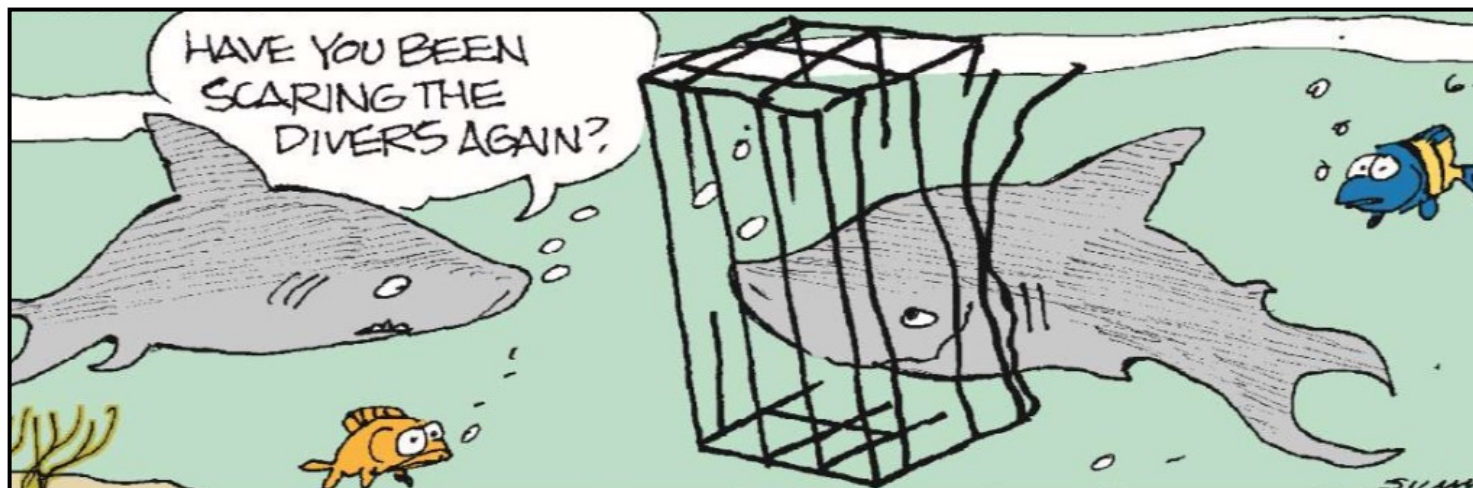
Distribution

Cetoscarus ocellatus is widespread in the coastal waters of Indian and Pacific Oceans. These fishes are found along the southern east coast of Africa, from Somalia to South Africa, in Australia and in Southeast Asia (The Coral Triangle region) and north to southern Japan.

Habitat

These fishes are associated with coral reefs, and can be found at depths between 1 and 40 m (3.3 and 131.2 ft). They vary in habitat. Some prefer coral reefs, while some prefer seagrass beds algal beds, mangroves and rocky reefs

The images to the left were taken on a trip to Palau but I have seen this parrotfish in other areas of Indo-Pacific.





Our 51st Annual SDUPS Film Festival is scheduled for Saturday April 25th. 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~~

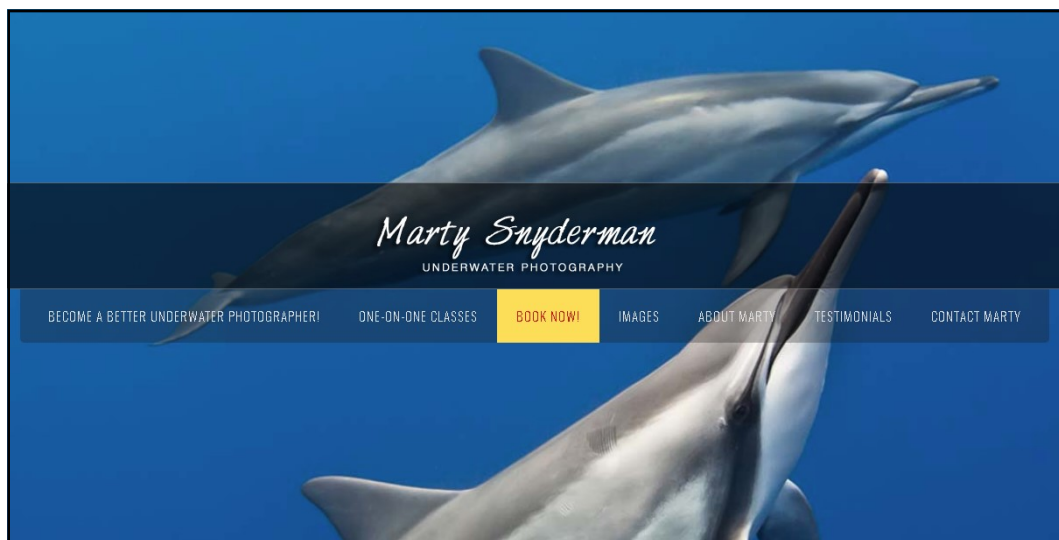
SDUPS Film Festival - 2020

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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 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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7:00pm
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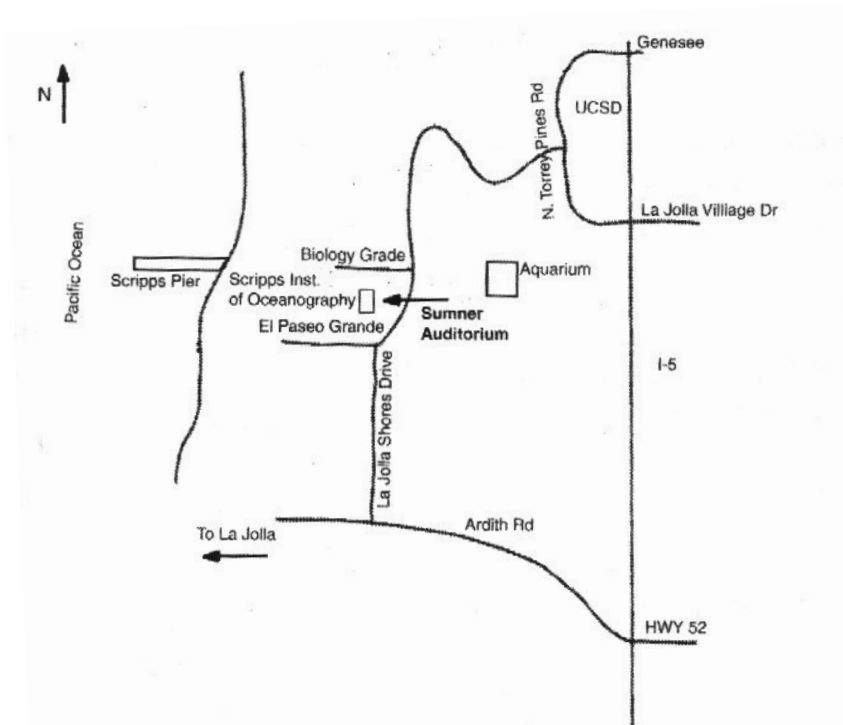
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Competition Schedule for 2020

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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