



The Goby

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November 2020

President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members - The Holiday Season is coming up fast. Because of Thanksgiving, our November meeting will be one week early on the 19th of this month. See the Zoom meeting announcement below.

At the November meeting, nominations for club Board positions will be opened. Then they are closed and voting will then take place. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the workings of the club and would like to be nominated to a position, drop me an email stating so. The Board sets the tone and direction for the club, so it's up to you to get involved. The current Board has made some suggestions but you can still put your name in the hat.

For the month of November, the Competition is "Photo Shopped". Get your creative juices flowing and submit an image that you have manipulated, added to, or created from scratch. Let us see your knowledge of a photo editing program. Be sure to follow the instructions and deadlines in the notice that was sent out.

Speaking of competitions, the categories for next year, 2021, will be listed in the January Goby. Normally the subject for January each year is an image you had taken in the previous year (2020). Seeing there hasn't been much diving because of the COVID19, the board decided that the subject would be the "Best of your Portfolio". It can be from any year.

The presentation for the November Zoom Meeting will be "Drone Photography" by past President **Jami Feldman**. Drone stills or videos can make a good presentation into a great presentation. I'm sure this will be a very interesting topic.

I don't expect any changes in our not being able to meet at Sumner Auditorium anytime soon. I will be sure to let everyone know if that does happen.

Mike Poirier - President



SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, November 19th 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: rngr900 (RNGR900 small letters)



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8522077435?pwd=VVJ2Y3B5NVpKek5HV25wSjBDWWNHdz09>

Internet Corner - Mike Poirier - Photo Contest

Many of you SDUPS Club Members have entered our monthly photo contests or may have entered an outside contest. It can be frustrating some times when you keep submitting and don't get any winning results. I came across an article by professional underwater photographer **Alex Mustard**. Alex gives a few tips that might help in selecting an image to submit in any photo contest. Click on the link below to check this article out. I apologize for the ads that will show up but I think the tips are worthwhile.

One thing that I've come to realize is to not take any contest too seriously. Yes, submit your best image but if you don't place, don't take it to heart. The more you enter, the more you will get a feel for what makes an image a winner. There's a lot of competition out there so keep trying.

<https://www.scubadiving.com/how-to-place-in-underwater-photo-contests?>

CALENDAR

**November 19th 7:00 pm SDUPS
online Zoom Meeting.**

November Competition - "Photo Shopped"

Presentation - **Jami Feldman** Drone Photography

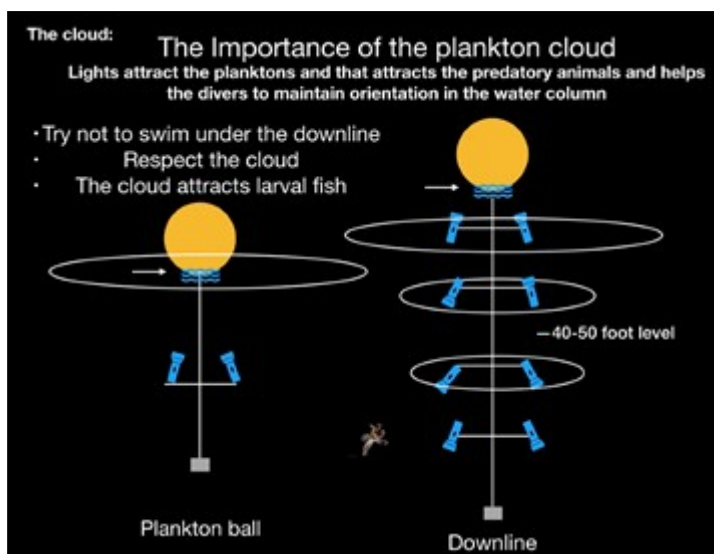
November 26th- Happy Thanksgiving



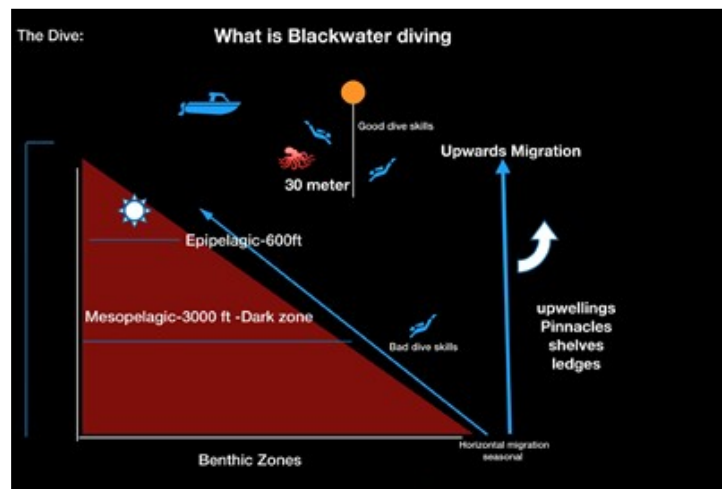
Refreshments for the
November Meeting?
Bring your own Popcorn

SDUPS Zoom Meeting October 22nd

If you missed our October Zoom Meeting, you missed a wonderful presentation by **Mike Bartick**. Mike is a working Underwater Photographer residing in Anilao, Philippines. He has an insatiable love for finding unique marine life, observing and photographing its behavior, and sharing his insight and knowledge with others. His curiosity and drive for first hand experience has lead him across the globe in search of that special critter encounter. Mike is a widely polished, award winning photographer, writer and international public speaker with work appearing monthly in various magazines, websites and internet publications. Mike also hosts photo clinics, workshops and seminars at the Crystal Blue resort, concentrating on the different aspects of Underwater Photography and the natural history of South East Asia and the Indo-Pacific.



Mike is co-owner of the Crystal Blue Resort and would love to have you visit to try this Blackwater diving or for some of the best macro diving in the Philippines. I have personally attended a photo workshop at the resort and found it to be very worthwhile. For more info, click on this link.
<http://www.divecbr.com/>



Mike's talk for the meeting was, "Blackwater Diving - the ultimate photo op". He delved into the world of open ocean diving at night. Mike walked us through how the dives are conducted, how to prepare for and what to expect on a black water dive. As you can see by some of the slide images, Mike went into detail on all aspects of this

type of night diving. He discussed the various forms of marine life, how to photograph them, talking about camera and strobe settings. Mike's enthusiasm for this type of diving showed with his excitement as he presented both still images and videos of the subjects he has captured with his camera.



October Competition

"With Claws"

Paula Shelby - 1st Place Advanced



Matt Meier - 2nd Place Advanced



Bill Ring - 3rd Place Advanced



Robert Casagrand - 1st Place Amateur



October Competition

"With Claws"

Dan Kestly - 2nd Place Amateur



Nan Oselett - 3rd Place Amateur



Jonny Thai - 2nd Place Novice



Wyatt Glynn - 1st Place Novice



Stats for the October Competition "With Claws"

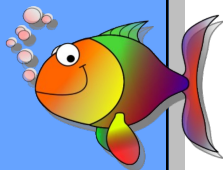
Still Entries:

Novice = 4

Amateur = 4

Advanced = 8

Videos = 3



Video Competition October

1st place - Bill Ring
1st place - Kris Carner
3rd place - Bob Yin

Doug Bonhaus - 3rd Place Novice





Photo by Mike Poirier

Critter Corner

Harlequin Shrimp, *Hymenocera* is a species of saltwater shrimp found on coral reefs in the tropical Indian and Pacific oceans. It is usually considered the only species in the genus *Hymenocera*, but some split it into two species: *H. picta* from the central and east Pacific where the spots are deep pinkish-purple with a yellow edge, and *H. elegans* from the Indian Ocean and west Pacific where the spots are more brownish and have a blue edge. They reach about 5 centimeters (2.0 in) in length, live in pairs and feed exclusively on starfish, including crown-of-thorns starfish. It does seem to prefer smaller, more sedentary starfish, but as these generally are not sufficiently numerous for its needs, it commonly will attack *Acanthaster*, both reducing its consumption of coral while under attack, and killing it within a few days.

Description: The *Hymenocera*, or Harlequin shrimp, is usually cream colored or white with occasional spots. Around the Pacific Ocean, many of these shrimp will have red spots while the Indian Ocean shrimp typically have purple spots while its close cousin, the Hawaiian *H. picta*, has purple and red spots on their body, the shrimp have two walking legs on each side and large claws, or cheliped. The claws and eyes appear to look flattened and thin. On its head the shrimp have "petal-like sensory antennules" to smell out their prey. Their body usually reaches up to 5 cm or 2 inches, and the male is just a little bit smaller than the female.

Habitat: These shrimp are typically found in Hawaii through the Indo-Pacific below the intertidal zone on coral reefs. They prefer temperatures of 72-82 degrees Fahrenheit, but are very rare because of the changing coral reefs.

Diet: Harlequin shrimp's only source of nutrition comes from starfish. They are very skilled at flipping over the slow starfish on its back, and eating the tube feet and soft tissues until it reaches the central disk. They, usually one female and one male, use their claws to pierce the tough skin and feeding legs to help them maneuver the starfish. Sometimes the starfish will shed the arm that the shrimp attacked and regrow (the shrimp can then re eat it), but it is usually too wounded to regrow. They may also feed on sea urchins, because they have tube feet as well, but that is rare and only if they're very hungry.

Behavior/Reproduction: The Harlequin moves at a very slow pace and in waves. It also may have toxins from its prey (the starfish) which could make it distasteful and potentially dangerous for predators. The shrimp also moves its claws almost constantly. When it comes to males and females, the females are larger and have colored abdominal plates unlike the males. "The female produces between 100 to 5,000 eggs per season depending on environmental factors." The male and female are often seen together in the wild and work together to not only reproduce but also eat food.

The above image was taken in Bali At Seraya Secret which is just a little southeast of Tulamben.

Zoom Meeting

SDUPS Members and Guests

Because of the coronavirus, the November SDUPS Meeting will be held online as a Zoom meeting and because of Thanksgiving, a week early. You are invited to join us on Thursday November 19th at 7 pm.

Our guest speaker for the evening will be **Jami Feldman** - Drone Photography

The instructions for joining the meeting are as follows:

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Any questions about joining us, please contact me (uwmike64@gmail.com)

Hope to see you on Zoom – Mike Poirier - President

SDUPS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The duties of the Officers and Directors of the Corporation shall be as follows:

(a) **President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall supervise and administer the business affairs of the Corporation subject to the control of the Board of Directors. The President shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the members and at all meetings of the Board of Directors unless unavailable to attend such meetings. The President may appoint assistants to corporate committees as necessary.

(b) **Vice-President:** The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, or in the event of the President's refusal to act, perform all the duties of the President. In such circumstances, the Vice President shall have all powers of, and be subject to the restrictions of the President. The Vice President shall otherwise have such powers, and perform such other duties as may be imposed by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The specific duties of the Vice-President shall include, but not be limited, to the following:

- (1) manage and arrange the site and program for each monthly meeting, including the scheduling of speakers and presenters;
- (2) anticipate, engineer and supervise the technical requirements for all meetings;
- (3) select the categories for the competitions of the monthly meetings to be announced in the January newsletter for the coming year.

(c) **Secretary/Historian:** The Secretary/Historian shall keep at the principal office of the Corporation, or at such place as the Board of Directors may order, a book of the minutes of all meetings of Board of Directors, and of the members. That book shall include:

- (1) the time and place of each meeting;
- (2) whether the meeting was regular or special; and if special how authorized, noticed, and the names of those present;
- (3) the names of those present at the Director's meetings;
- (4) the proceedings of all meetings;
- (5) distribution and collection of ballots for the monthly competitions;
- (6) counting and tallying of said ballots;
- (7) maintenance of records of accumulation of competition points of members for annual awards and advancement.

The Secretary shall also act as Historian of the Corporation and in that capacity shall generate, coordinate, and maintain the compilation of items commemorating the activities of the Corporation.

Additionally, the Secretary shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Article of Incorporation Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(d) **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall deposit all funds of the Corporation with such depositaries as are designated by the Board of Directors, shall disburse such funds as are ordered by the Board, shall keep and maintain adequate and correct books of account showing the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, and shall open such books of account to inspection by any director or member upon request at reasonable times. Additionally, the Treasurer shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(e) **Membership Coordinator:** The Membership Coordinator shall maintain a roster of the names and ad-

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dressess of each member in good standing with the Corporation. The Membership Coordinator shall coordinate the introduction, recruitment, qualification and payment of dues for all corporate members. Additionally, the Membership Coordinator shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(f) **Newsletter Editor:** The Newsletter Editor shall compile, edit , and produce the monthly newsletter of the Corporation. The Editor shall insure that the newsletter is sent to the membership at a time that allows arrival one week prior to the scheduled monthly meetings. Additionally, the Newsletter Editor shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(g) **Dive Trip Coordinator:** The Dive Trip Coordinator shall schedule and organize all Corporation sponsored dive trips. Additionally, the Dive Trip Coordinator shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. The specific duties of the Dive Trip Coordinator shall include the following:

- 1) where applicable, arrange for transportation to and from the dive site;
- 2) where applicable, reserve dates aboard charter boats;
- 3) maintain a list of participants for each dive trip, and when necessary a wait list;
- 4) where applicable, maintain records monies paid, including deposits of participant members;
- 5) insure all participating members have signed and dated a release form prior to the diving activity.

(a) **Activities Officer:** The Activities Officer shall organize all special club activities other than the monthly meetings, dive trips, and the annual photo-festival. Specific activities include the annual Awards and Officer Installation Banquet, and the annual Christmas Party plus any other special activities scheduled by the Board of Directors. Additionally, the Activities Officer shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(b) **Webmaster:** Webmaster shall be the term designating the individual responsible for managing and maintaining the Corporation web site. Specific duties are subject to change as technology expands. Additionally, the Webmaster shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be required by the law, the Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, or those duties prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

(c) **Directors at Large:** There shall be elected by the membership a maximum of three (3) Directors at Large. An outgoing President shall automatically be one of the three (3) positions for a single term of office. Should the President remain in office, all three (3) positions will be available to be filled. Officer duties are non-designated, however upon designation by the Board, they may be directed to assume a vacant position. This will be accomplished by majority vote of the remaining Officers and Directors. Assumption of an office by a current Director will not require subsequent approval by the membership at large.

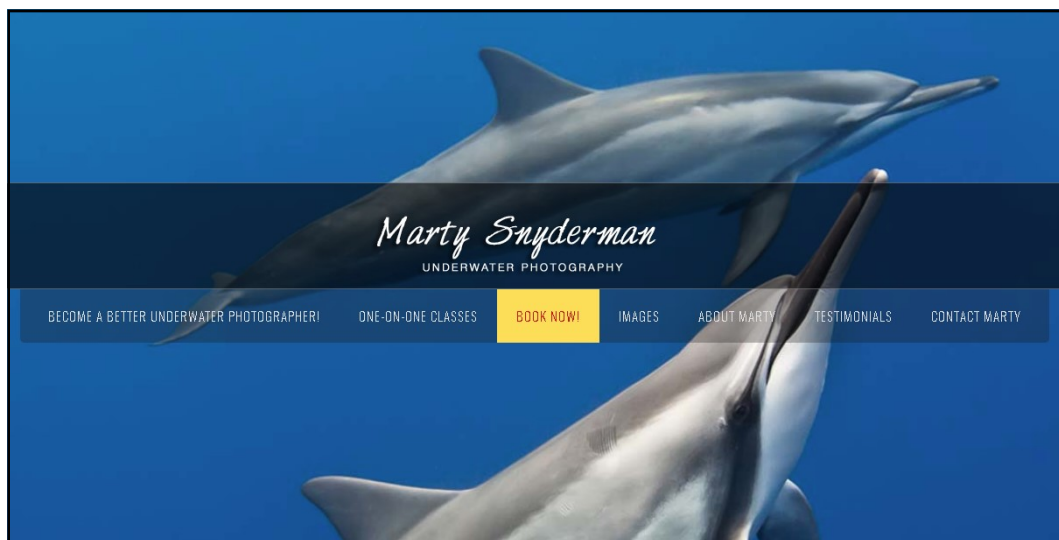


Photo Classes

One-on-one online classes in underwater photography with **Marty Snyderman**

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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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Lita is a member of SDUPS and offers club members a **15% discount** when you order online at NoSeeUmNoMore.com (**promo code is "SDUPS"**). You can also purchase her natural bug spray/itch relief at Ocean Enterprises, City Farmers, Mount Laguna Store, Mount Palomar Store or Nomad Adventures.

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Palau, The Palau Pacific Resort

📍 Palau

📅 **Departs:** Nov 20th, 2020 | **Returns:** Nov 28th, 2020

🐾 **Hosts:** Jeff Bunker, Rocio Bunker, Werner Kurn

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

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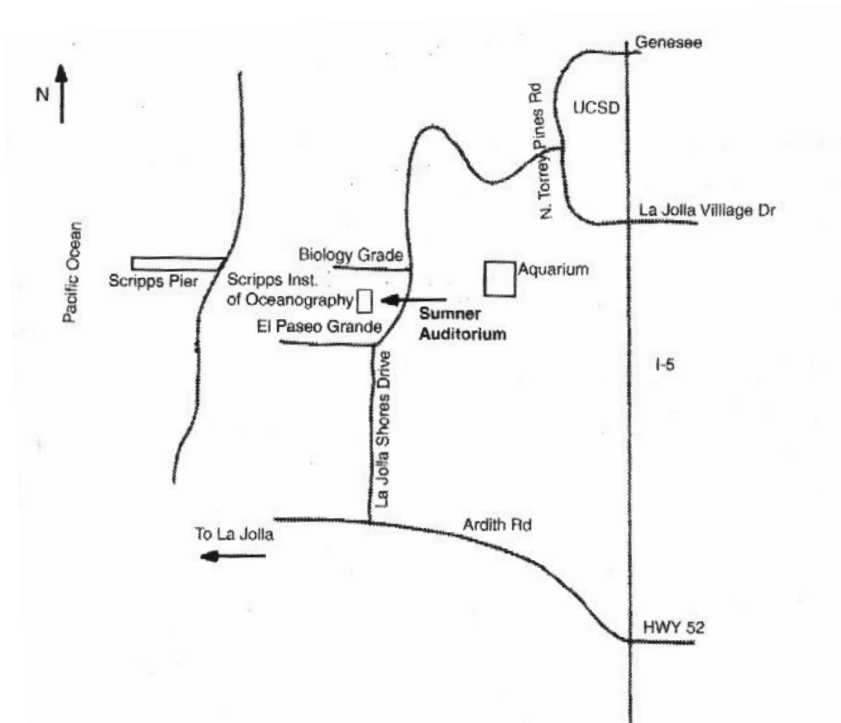
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Erin Chandler
Johnny Thai
Jami Feldman

Appointed Positions

Mike Poirier - Goby Editor
Dave Hinkle - Tech Advisor
Jami Feldman - Web Master
Skip Greenhoe - Dive Trips
Daina Bucher - Social Media



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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