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President's Message

SDUPS Members

February is often a time to reflect on relationships of all levels – love, family, friends, and the world around us. We can also take this time to think about our relationship to change and challenges, both the unplanned kind (thank you COVID) and the goals we set for ourselves. Here at SDUPS we have a great mix of talent, from experts in the field of underwater and topside photography, to those that are just starting this addictive journey. No matter where you may fall on this scale, you have incredible value! We all have something to learn, and the more we know, the more we realize there is so much more to learn and so many ways to apply that knowledge. Just when you have things dialed in, throw a new piece of dive or camera gear into the mix and have fun feeling like you are starting over! I finally got drysuit certified a few months ago and got to experience this for myself, but I am absolutely loving it! I hope that no matter where you find yourself in life's challenges, big and small, that you feel surrounded with support and have faith in yourself to reach outside of what you think is possible.



Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to keep our club moving in virtual mode, from our Zoom monthly meetings to our online voting, and everything in between, you have risen to the challenge and I think we are doing an amazing job! We will continue to be flexible and find the best ways to connect until we can meet in person again.

SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, February 25th 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
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Amy Baldwin-Granger - President

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

Editor's Comments - Mike Poirier

We are into a new SDUPS year and I've had the honor of being the Goby editor for a number of years. One of my main objectives is to get the news about the activities, events, and projects of our club to people who aren't able to make general (zoom) or board meetings. Secondly, I hope the Goby can be entertaining also.

I am responsible for the majority of the articles along with the President. I am always open to members submitting stories, commentaries, dive reports, or dive trips. Any information related to our hobby of underwater photography will be welcomed. I have been doing a page called "Critter Corner" and if you have an image you'd like to share, send it to me and I'll do the research to go along with it. So if you are a want-to-be journalist or just have something of interest to share, shoot it to me and we'll include it in the Goby.

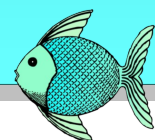
CALENDAR

February 25th - SDUPS Zoom Meeting See Note Above

Presentation - **Kevin Lee**, Nudi-branches of Scotland

February Competition - Fish Friends - your favorite fish

March Competition - Eyes of March eye/eyes prominent feature in photo



February Competition

"Fish Friends"

Bob Yin - 1st Place Advanced



Matt Meier- 2nd Place Advanced



Greg Volger - 3rd Place Advanced



Robert Casagrand - 1st Place Amateur



Amy Baldwin/Granger - 2nd Place Amateur



Video Competition February

1st place - Richard Kern
2nd place - Kris Carner
3rd Place - Jack Der

February Competition

"Fish Friends"

Richard Kern - 3rd Place Amateur



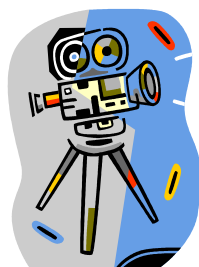
Silvana Ghiu - 1st Place Novice



Jack Der - 2nd Place Novice



Doug Bonhaus - 3rd Place Novice



Stats for the February Competition "Fish Friends"

Still Entries:
Novice = 4
Amateur = 4
Advanced = 11
Videos = 6



SDUPS Zoom Meeting January 28th

Because of the Covid19 pandemic, our first SDUPS General Meeting of the new year was again held as a Zoom Meeting. Attendance at this Zoom was one of the best as we had thirty-five members and guests present.

Our President **Amy** opened the meeting and asked any guests or first timers to introduce themselves. We had half a dozen new people in the audience.

Next on the agenda was our Social Media chairperson, **Kris Carner**. For the first time on our Zoom Meetings, Kris presented the winners of the January competition "Best of the Best". Kris did a fantastic job as her presentation went off without a hitch. It's a lot more work for Kris to put together the monthly competition on Zoom than having our meetings face to face. Thank you for all your hard work Kris.

Next our Zoom master **Dick Miller**, introduced our guest speaker **Dereck Tarr**. Dereck is a past SDUPS member, and underwater photographer, and an all around technical geek (in the best sense of the word). Over the years Dereck has been selling his photography utilizing the various platforms on the internet and wanted to share that with us. Using the screen sharing feature of Zoom, he shared various slides about how to use the internet to sell photographs. Dereck's presentation opened up many questions on the how's and why's of using this technology to promote your images. The difference of licensing an image and selling a print was discussed. One of the tidbits of information he shared with us was that no matter how you post your image on the internet, it can be stolen. There are ways around any safeguard. We thank Dereck for a very informative presentation.



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Because of covid-19, the SDUPS Board of Directors has decided that dues paid for this year, will also be good for 2022. Two years for the price of one.



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SDUPS Board Meeting - February 8th

SDUPS held its first 2021 Board Meeting on February 8th. Because of covid-19 the meeting was held via zoom. The following members were in attendance: **Dick Miller, Mike Poirier, Amy Baldwin/Granger, James Logan, Robert Casagrand, Herb Gruenhagen, Jami Feldman, Erin Chandler, Bill Ring, Kris Carner, Harold Dorr, Johnny Thai, and Walter Heim.**

Our President Amy opened the meeting and asked Bill Ring to give a treasurers report. Bill stated the club is in good financial shape. We didn't have many costs for 2020, again due to the virus.

Next item on the agenda, was a discussion about adjusting the dues for this year. The reasoning for adjusting the dues was that because we didn't have any in-person events for 2020 (monthly meetings, dive events, holiday party), that we should compensate members. It was decided that dues for 2021 would be good for 2022 also. Two years for the price of one. See dues form on page 8.

Next item was the website updates. Jami, our webmaster, has done a fabulous job on the club's site. We can now submit our monthly competition images and videos via the website. Also new is a membership/update contact information form. Please check out our website at: www.sdups.com

A discussion followed on our Monthly Competition Rules. Royalty free music must be used for all video submissions. If the music is recognized as not being royalty free, it will be sent back to the submitter. Also for the videos, the size should be: Still images: 1024 x 768 or 1920 x 1080 Video: .mpeg4, max 30 seconds, royalty free music only

It was also decided to mail the Photographer of the Year awards to the winners as we don't know when we'll be back to a face-to-face meeting. Mike will send them out shortly.

The meeting was coming to a close so a few items were mentioned but shelved. Those included a 2021 Film Festival, keeping current email list, and a Zoom Meeting host backup.

For our first Board Meeting, President Amy did a fabulous job as we accomplished a lot of club business.



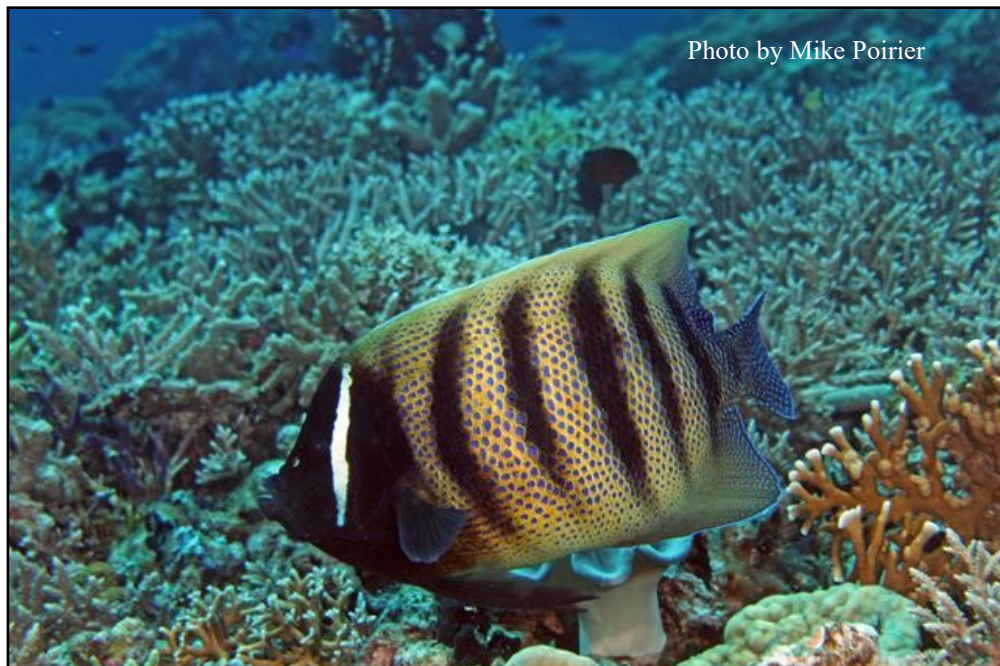


Photo by Mike Poirier

Critter Corner

The **sixbar angelfish** (*Pomacanthus sexstriatus*), also known as the **six banded angelfish**, is a marine angelfish belonging to the family Pomacanthidae.

Distribution

This species is native to the western Pacific Ocean. It is present in Australia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Micronesia, Myanmar, New Caledonia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Taiwan, Thailand, Vanuatu, and Viet Nam.

Habitat

This species commonly occurs in South Pacific reefs, most commonly in the Great Barrier Reef of Australia's northeast coast, at depths of 3 to 60 m. It inhabits coastal, lagoon and outer reef slopes in clear water, with a preference for coral-rich areas.

Description

Pomacanthus sexstriatus can reach a total body length of about 46 cm (18 in) in the ocean. These angelfishes have 13-14 dorsal spines, 18-23 dorsal soft rays, 3 anal spines and 18-19 anal soft rays. They have an easily recognizable very dark brown head. Body may have a yellow, silver white or cream coloration with black or brown vertical stripes (usually six on each side, hence the common name six bar and the species name sexstriatus). There is one white vertical stripe on each side of its head. Fluorescent blue spots speckle the entire body, fins and tail. On the top and bottom fin and tail are present fluorescent blue lines.

Like many juvenile angelfish, also the juveniles of this species have a pattern of white and light blue horizontal stripes on a dark blue background. The adult coloring is formed when they reach a length of 8-15 cm (3.1-5.9 in).

Biology and Behavior

The six-banded angelfish is often seen in pairs, as it mates with one partner and they stay together for life. These tropical marine reef-associated fishes are omnivore, eating worms, mollusks, and tunicates, sponges, corals and algae, and they are also known to eat other fishes' eggs. Adults prefer areas with rich coral growth. The



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SDUPS Member Profile - Mike Poirier

When you receive your Goby each month, in its typical state of perfection, have you ever wondered how long it took to create it, or how long it took to learn to put the whole thing together? **Mike Poirier** has been creating our monthly Goby newsletters every month for 16 years! What a gift to the SDUPS starting in 2006!

Mike Poirier began SCUBA diving in 1963 while he was in high school in the chilly waters of the state of Maine. He initially was a spear fisherman. He took a break from diving while serving in the Navy and raising a family. He eventually resumed diving and began taking underwater photographs while vacationing in Hawaii, using disposable film cameras to capture images of colorful fish, eels, and turtles in the clear waters. Mike joined the SDUPS in 2004 and upgraded his camera gear to a Nikonos V for four years, and then to a Canon point and shoot digital camera. Mike presently shoots a Sony NEX5 digital in a Nauticam housing. Mike's favorite subjects to shoot are frogfish and macro subjects.

Mike's favorite memory centers around a trip he took to Tubbataha in the Philippines while diving with his friend and SDUPS member, **Pete Fowler**. Mike, Pete and the guide were separated from the group and were visited by a friendly whale shark that hung around with them for at least 20 minutes, swimming back and forth between Pete and Mike. When they finally had to surface, the whale shark followed them up to the chase boat. Mike and Pete have taken tropical dive trips every year except two, since 2005.

When I asked Mike what advice he would give to newer members and photographers, he replied that they should join SDUPS, pay attention, and don't be afraid to ask lots of questions of fellow members. We are all here to share.

In 2006 Mike received the SDUPS Service Award as well as the Novice photographer of the Year. In 2007 he earned the Amateur Photographer of the Year. Mike received SDUPS Service Awards again in 2011 and 2015, and earned the Advanced Photographer of the Year in 2012. Mike has served as Vice President of the SDUPS for two years, President for four years, editor of the Goby for the past SIXTEEN YEARS, and presently serves as a Director on the club Board of Directors.

When I returned to the SDUPS after a long absence, I was new to digital photography and equipment. I was able to ask Mike for advice and found that he is open to answering member's questions, a really attentive listener, and responds with thoughtful and insightful answers. I really appreciated his help.

We are fortunate to have Mike's involvement and expertise in the SDUPS. If you haven't met him in person, make sure to find him at a meeting and say HI!

Submitted by **Harold Dorr** - *Membership Chair*

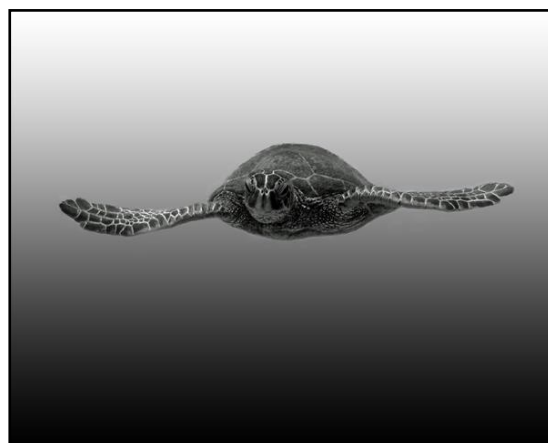
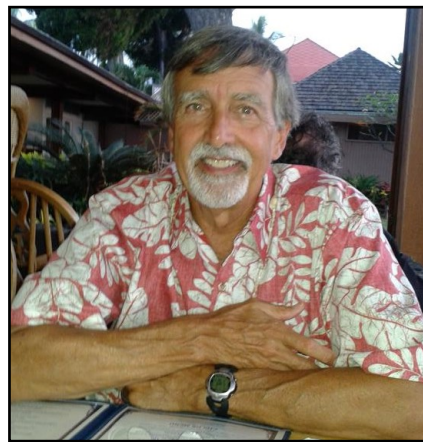
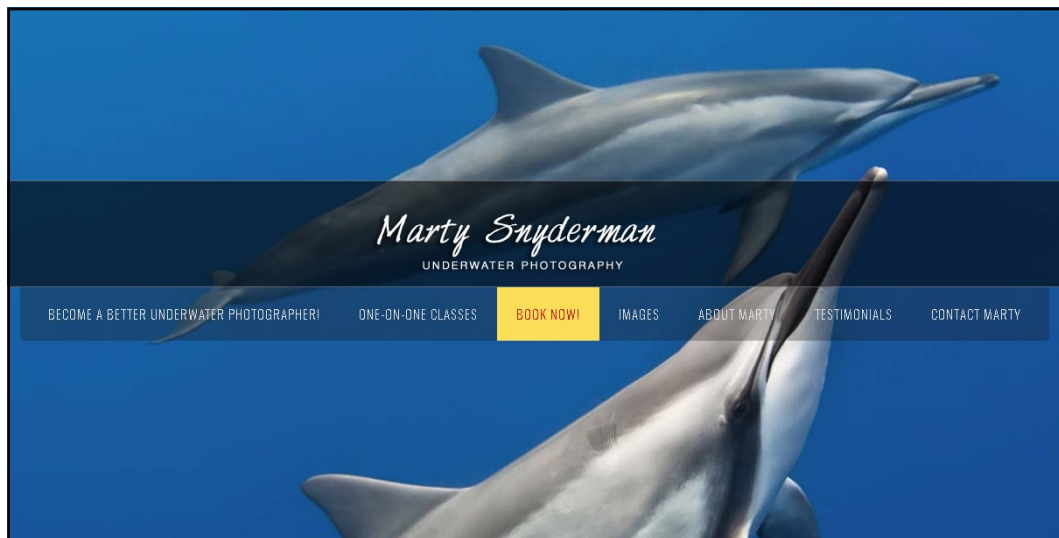


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Sharing a session with Marty is also a great way to re-fresh your photography skills before your next diving vacation. If you only get to dive a few times a year, during your next trip you are likely to spend a few days relearning and refreshing your 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.

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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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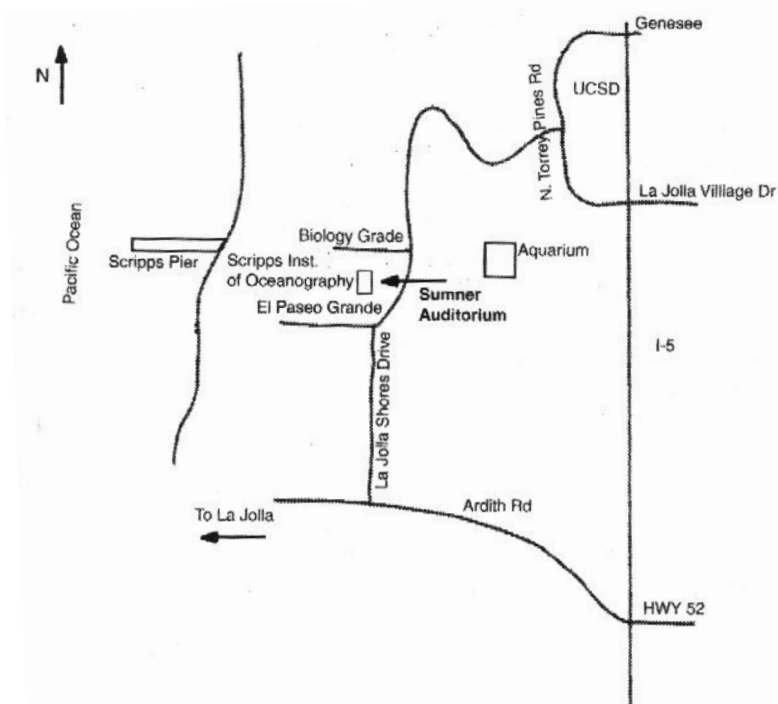
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Appointed Positions

Mike Poirier - Goby Editor
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Skip Greenhoe - Dive Trips
Kris Carner - Social Media



Competition Schedule for 2021

January	Best of the Best	July	Sunny Days - sunbeams, ambient light
February	Fish Friends - your favorite fish	August	Playing in the Sand - critters in/on the sand
March	Eyes of March - eye/eyes prominent feature in photo	September	Back to School - school of fish, pod of dolphins, group of animals together
April	Tails - tail the prominent feature	October	Occupied with Octos - Octopus encounters
May	Macro May - close up	November	New Life - eggs or juveniles of any species
June	June Gloom - dark tones/silhouette/black & white	December - ??	Awards/Party

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