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President's Message

Fellow SDUPS Members & Divers - We are in the middle of summer here in San Diego and it has proven to be a hot one. So far this August, it's been about ninety degrees almost every day at my house. Hope you are keeping cool by doing some diving



whether it is locally or you are able to travel to a tropical location. As the summer winds down, the parking for our monthly meetings should get better as the days get shorter. If you do park on the street, remember to lock your car as a member years ago lost some gear with a break-in.

We had a very informative guest speaker at our July meeting. **Brook Peterson** mainly talked about macro photography with a great presentation. See the write up on page five.

Some of us are lucky enough to be able to travel this summer. I myself will be going to Bali for a dive trip with friends from Hawaii the end of September into October. Should be fun. **Herb Gruenhagen** has graciously stepped up to take over the meeting duties for September. Please support Herb in any way you can help.

Amy Baldwin/Granger is heading to the Red Sea to meet up with her husband Brian who is stationed in Bahrain for a little R & R next month. Amy does a wonderful job handling the monthly competition. She will need someone to cover for her for the October competition. She is leaving the end of September so if you can help, please contact her soon. (amylynn829@yahoo.com)

As summer comes to an end, the club has to start thinking about club officers and board of directors for the next year 2023. Nominations will take place in October and November and voting will take place at the November meeting. The current board members have helped me out tremendously this year and I'd like to thank them very much. We still have a few months before nominations but I just wanted everyone to start thinking about it.

It looks like we will continue the Zoom Meetings for those who for some reason or another, can't make the meetings at Sumner Auditorium. I would like some feedback on how you feel about the Zoom meeting. Is it something you enjoy or is it very handy for you to attend the meeting without having to travel to La Jolla? Let me know your thoughts.

I hope life is treating you all well and that you are safe from the viruses that are floating around. Take care for now and if you can, do some diving and take those great U/W images. Later - Mike Poirier - *President*



SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting, June 23rd 7 pm**. Join us to see old friends and enjoy an U/W presentation.

- 🔗 Download the Zoom app to your computer (<https://zoom.us/download>) or
- 🔗 Click on the Link below
- 🔗 Meeting ID number: 851 3410 4135
- 🔗 Meeting Password: SDUPS1961



CALENDAR

August 25th – 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (map page 8)

Presentation - **Wyatt Glynn**, Taveuni: Diving Fiji's Garden Island

August Competition: Nudibranchs
See pages 2 & 3

September Competition - Black & White

For Sale - Camera Systems on Page 6 & 7

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85134104135?pwd=UEJtUG0rczI3bEhOcW15LzlydIZJdz09>

August Competition

Paula Selby – 1st Place Advanced



"Nudibranchs"

Bill Ring – 1st Place Advanced



Dick Miller – 2nd Place Advanced



Amy Baldwin/Granger – 3rd Place Advanced



Greg Volger – 3rd Place Advanced



Silvana Ghu – 1st Place Amateur



August Competition

"Nudibranchs"

Jack Der – 2nd Place Amateur



Lois Miller - 3rd Place Amateur



Haley Chasin - 2nd Place Novice



Mike Carr – 1st Place Novice



Gary Atkins – 3rd Place Amateur



Video Competition August

- 1st place - **Bob Yin**
- 2nd place - **Bill Ring**
- 3rd Place - **Beth Besom**
- 3rd Place - **Jack Der**

Stats for the August Competition "Nudibranchs"

Still Entries:

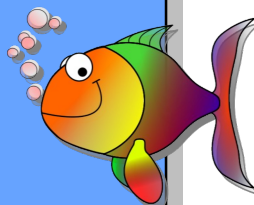
Novice = 8

Amateur = 4

Advanced = 9

Videos = 4

Votes Cast = 32



Macro Single Strobe Lighting

Macro single strobe positioning is just like wide-angle, with the strobe directly over the housing in the 11:00 or 1:00 position. The precise position also depends on the angle of the subject, as you want the light to come from the side of emphasis – usually the face or front of the subject.

Single strobe shooters can also try the close-focus macro position by turning the strobe inward and lighting the subject with the edge of the cone of light. Remember that stability is essential for this technique.

Brent Durand is an avid California scuba diver, surfer, writer and photographer. He has a web-site that offers many tutorials on underwater photography, Lightroom techniques, camera gear, photo courses, and more.

Visit Brent's site by clicking on the link below.

<https://tutorials.brentdurand.com>

SDUPS July 28th Meeting



For our July SDUPS meeting, we had the privilege to have as our speaker for the evening, **Brook Peterson**. Brook drove down from LA to give a very informative and entertaining presentation on the aspect of Macro Photography. This is the type of underwater photography that most of us got started with as beginners. Brook explained all the “ins and outs” of taking great macro, including camera & strobe set-up, composition, subject matter, and more.

With a PowerPoint presentation, she explained how to take and make great macro images.

For a little more information about Brook, I copied the following information from her web-site”

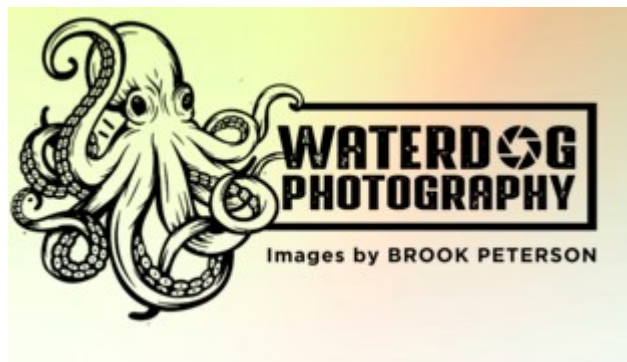
“As a passionate underwater photographer, I have an insatiable desire to share the beautiful life I am able to see happening in the sea. My photographs are a way for me to document the things I have seen in the most artistic way possible. The more I visit the ocean, the more I love this valuable resource and the more my desire to preserve it grows. I hope to convey my feelings of respect and awe to others who may not have the opportunity to scuba dive, and share those feelings with those that do. I also love photography and have spent many hours learning my skill. For any budding photographers out there, I hope to share some tips for better underwater images through my tutorials page. Please feel free to contact me with comments or suggestions for future tips.”

Speaking of Brook’s web-site, I would invite you to visit her site as it contains much more information than was presented at our meeting. It contains beautiful images of her work, tutorials on macro, wide angle photography, equipment, travel & workshops, and much more.

Brook is going to Anilao in the Philippines next year for a “**Macro Madness**” workshop, February 16 - 26, 2023 at the Crystal Blue Resort. Please visit her web-site for more information. Click on the link below.

I would like to thank Brook for making the trip down to San Diego, and giving us a wonderful presentation on underwater photography. It was very much appreciated.

[Underwater Imaging Tutorials and Blog by Brook Peterson \(waterdogphotographyblog.com\)](http://waterdogphotographyblog.com)



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June 15, 2022

2022
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Undersea Film Exhibition

LIVE EVENT
Saturday, October 1
Qualcomm Hall, San Diego

Submission &
event info at
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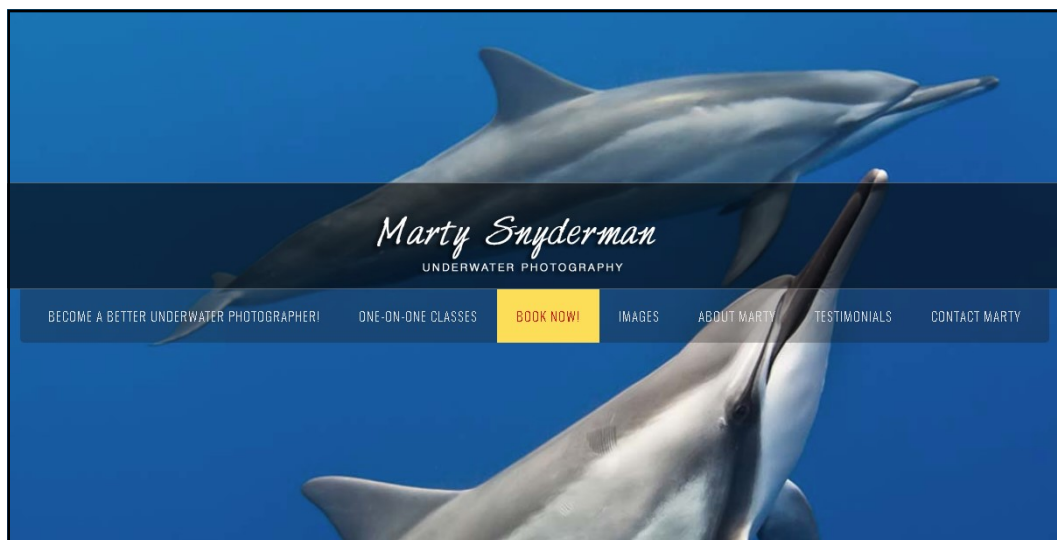


Photo Classes

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

Classes are scheduled at your convenience and customized to match your goals

20% of the class fees are donated to SDUPS



BECOME A BETTER UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHER! Underwater photography is a learned skill. So, you might as well learn from the best, an excellent photographer that is also an excellent teacher. Your instructor, Marty Snyderman, is that person.

When taking classes from Marty, you will receive one-on-one instruction as you review your images, discuss ways to improve your underwater photography, refine the techniques you are using, and learn new techniques, concepts, and skills that will help you create the photographs you want to make. The sessions center around techniques and are not tied to any particular make, model, or type of camera or camera system that can be used to make still photographs underwater.

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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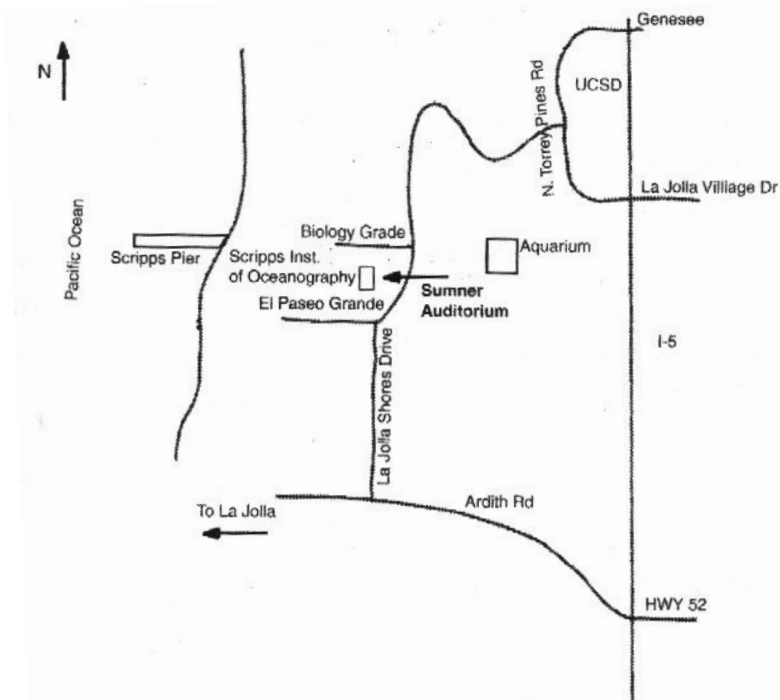
Monthly Meetings

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

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For more information
check the SDUPS web page

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Competition Schedule for 2022

January	Best of 2021 (or most recent dive)	July	Structures - wrecks, rigs, structures u/w
February	Love is in the Air - images that make you smile & think of Love	August	Nudibranchs - Our little sea slug friends
March	Animal Behavior - cleaning, feeding, fighting or mating	September	Black & White - Black & White images
April	Spring has Sprung- images of juveniles	October	Wide Angle/Seascapes - Reef, Kelp, Etc.
May	Black Background	November	Image Editing - Edit using Photoshop or other tools. No restrictions, be creative
June	Don't be Crabby - crabs/ crustaceans	December - ?	Holiday & Awards/Party

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