

The Goby

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President's Message

SDUPS Members and Supporters,

I hope you are doing well this holiday season. I want to thank everyone that has made the last two years with COVID and other obstacles possible. I believe that as a club we are stronger and have learned new ways to operate which will serve us well in the future. There is always room for improvement and we hope you are excited to be a part of this process.

It has been an honor to serve as President this past year. One of my primary goals was to expand our ability to better serve all members, both those that can meet in person and those that are not able to, for whatever reason. I am very happy that we have made great progress in this area with our virtual voting and hybrid meetings, and look forward to continuing with this momentum.

Due to personal limitations that will be increasing next year, I made the decision not to continue as President into 2022. Thankfully Mike, who has years and years of experience with the club, offered to step up. Mike works tremendously hard in many aspects for the club and I trust that he will guide us to great things in the next year.

Again, thank you for being a part of making our club great. Even if you are not on the Board, you are a valued member and supporter and we definitely will be reaching out with ways that you can help make our experience even better.

Warmly, Amy Baldwin-Granger, 2021 President

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Congratulations!

The following members have advanced in the monthly photo competition starting in January:

Novice to Amateur - **Jack Der, Silvana Ghiu, and Wyatt Glynn**

Amateur to Advanced - **Amy Baldwin/Granger, Robert Casagrand and Richard Kern**

CALENDAR

January 27th – 7 pm SDUPS Meeting at Sumner Auditorium

Presentation - DEMA Dive Show-
Dick Miller
Diving Equipment Marketing Association

January Competition - Best of 2021

More info on the 2022 Competition Categories in the January Goby

SDUPS Annual Holiday & Awards Party



On Sunday evening December 5th, SDUPS held its Annual Holiday and Awards Party. This years event was held at Marie Callender's in La Mesa. Thirty-six members and guests attended. The evening consisted of dinner around six o'clock with raffle prizes given out. Then it was awards for the various Photographers of the Year (see page 3).

Everyone enjoyed the venue, with the food and service getting very good reviews. The staff, even though short handed, did a great job handling our crowd. We got to meet new members and renew friendships with others. There was a lot of chatter about upcoming dive trips with everyone hopeful for the new year bringing us some good news to travel.



SDUPS 2021 Photographer of the Year

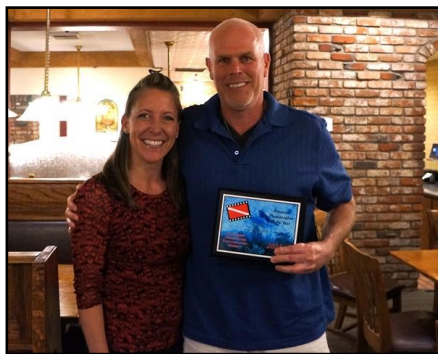
**SDUPS Club Service Award
Johnny Thai**



**Advanced Photographer of the Year
Greg Volger**



**Amateur Photographer of the Year
Robert Casagrand**



**Novice Photographer of the Year
Silvana Ghiu**



**Video Photographer of the Year
Kris Carner**



SDUPS Board of Directors 2022

I would like to thank those members who stepped forward and volunteered to be members of the Board. The new officers are as pictured:

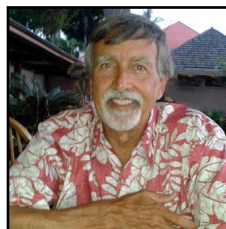
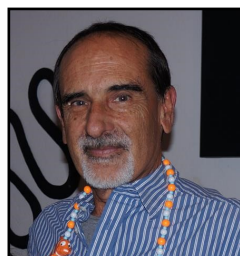
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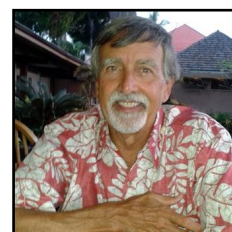
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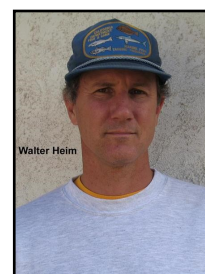
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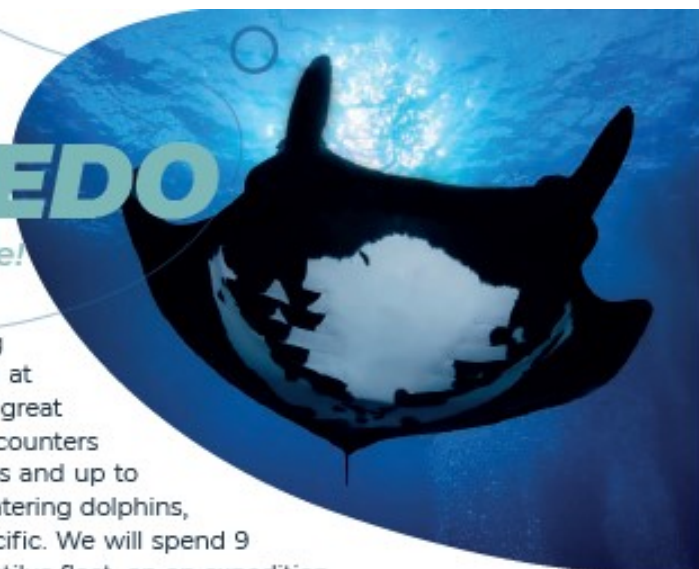




REVILLAGIGEDO

¡Giant mantas, sharks and much more!

The Revillagigedo archipelago, located about 240 miles off the Mexican coast, is considered one of the best diving destinations on the planet. Its geographical location is at the crossing of different ocean currents, which causes a great biodiversity of marine life. Diving here is known for encounters with large pelagic species such as giant oceanic mantas and up to 7 species of sharks. There's also the possibility of encountering dolphins, humpback whales and other species of the Eastern Pacific. We will spend 9 days aboard the magnificent ship UnderSea, of the Nautilus fleet, on an expedition that promises to excite the most experienced diver.



\$3.550

**price per person*

TRIP SCHEDULE

Charters 2022: January 7 - 15 and January 15 - 23

Day 1. Arrival to San José del Cabo, transfer to Sea Creatures dive center and check dive in Cabo San Lucas. In the afternoon, board the Undersea, welcome briefing and overnight onboard.

Day 2. Sailing day to the Revillagigedo archipelago.

Day 3 to 7. 5 diving days (3 to 4 dives per day) in San Benedicto, Roca Partida and Socorro islands. Possibility of snorkel with silky sharks one of the nights.

Day 8. Sailing day to Cabo San Lucas. Dinner and overnight onboard.

Day 9. Disembark in the morning (around 8:30 A.M.) TRIP END

Included in the price:

- 9 days / 8 nights accommodation on the Nautilus UnderSea private room (double occupancy).
- Full board package including water, coffee, tea and snacks 24h.
- Check dive at Sea Creatures on arrival (on request).
- 18-20 divespackage with 12l. tank.
- Briefings and dive masters in Spanish and English.
- Nautilus Lifeline Marine Rescue GPS.
- Kayaks and paddle boards
- Marine life presentations by specialists.
- Underwater photography workshops by Lluís Masuet
- Lluís Masuet will be documenting the journey and sharing his photos
- \$375 voucher to be spent onboard (Nitrox, bar, 15l tank or any other service).
- Mexican taxes (IVA 16%)

Not included in the price:

- International or national flights.
- Conam tax (\$65) and Socorro Island park fees (\$375).
- Nitrox (\$100) | 15l tank (\$60).
- Diving equipment rental.
- Alcoholic drinks.
- Tips
- Internet WiFi
- Any other concept not mentioned in "included in the price"



MORE INFORMATION

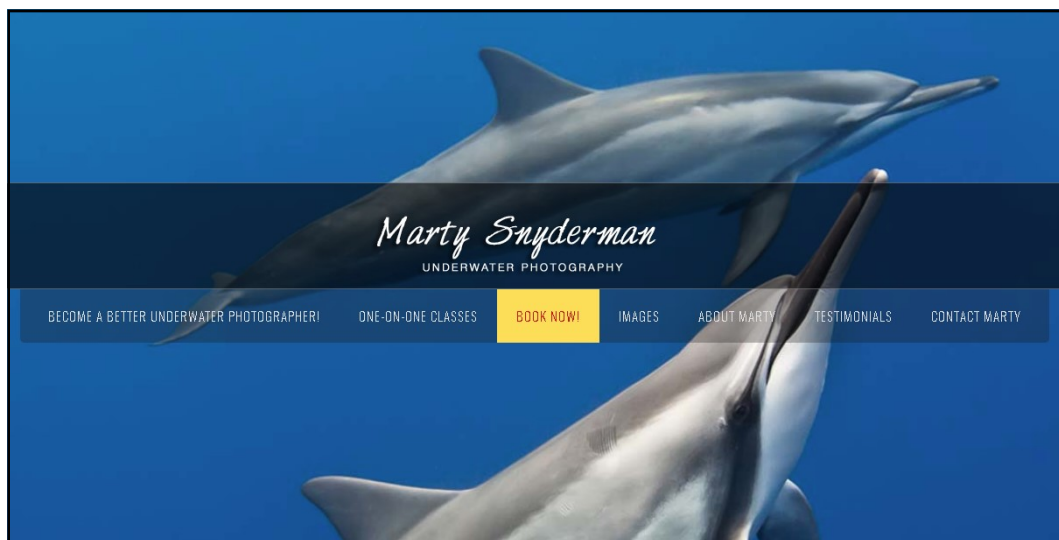
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Photo Classes

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

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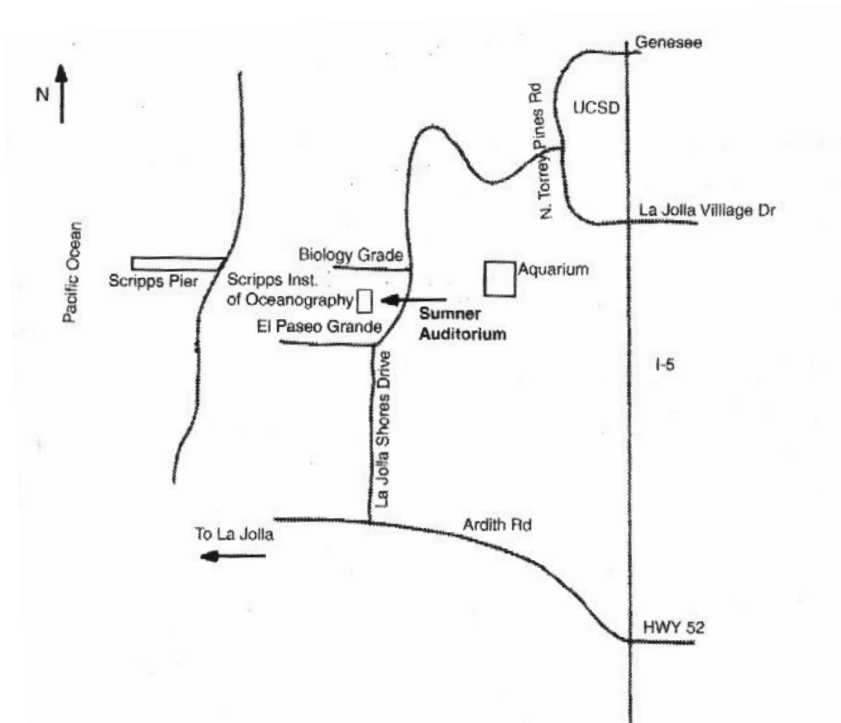
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Walter Heim - Competition



Competition Schedule for 2022

January	Best of 2021	July	
February		August	
March		September	
April		October	
May		November	
June		December - ?	Holiday & Awards/Party

More Information on Competition 2022 Next Month

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