

The Goby

San Diego Underwater Photographic Society

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President's Message

Fellow SDUPS Members, Happy New Year.

I hope that everyone had a safe and festive holiday. It was good seeing some familiar faces at the Christmas party. I was also very happy to see some new faces as well.

New Year, New Challenges.

So, question. **How Can I Help?**

How can I make SDUPS work for you?

How can this board serve you and the club?

How can the SDUPS Board bring you the experience you are looking for at SDUPS?

This is your club as much as it is mine and you have a voice. We need to hear that voice.

The board and I need to hear your ideas. We need your help in making the club experience be everything you want it to be.

It is our pledge to give all of us the experience of the SDUPS that we are all looking for. We have many challenges and to be frank. I'm a little scare. Not to run the club, but of letting you down. I know the club means a lot to many people as it does me. So, we are rowing in that same boat together.

Our in-house attendance is very low and I would like to change that. I would also like to get back some past members and generate new members, but I would need your help to complete that goal.

So, I challenge you to come back to the in-house meetings and use your voice, share your ideas. Help us make SDUPS the club you look forward to coming to every month of the year.

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Hope to see you at the next meeting - James Logan - President



Zoom

SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting, January 26th, 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

Zoom

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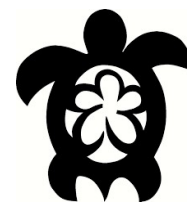
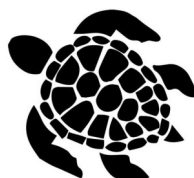
CALENDAR

January 26th – 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (map page 8)

Presentation: Alfred Pagano is a printer and photographer. He was the owner and founder of Giant Photo.

Competition for January - Best of 2022

Competition for February - Intention - Tell a story with your image



January Competition

Walter Heim – 1st Place Advanced

Walter requested his image not be published in the Goby. His winning entry will be shown at the Meeting

"Best of 2022"

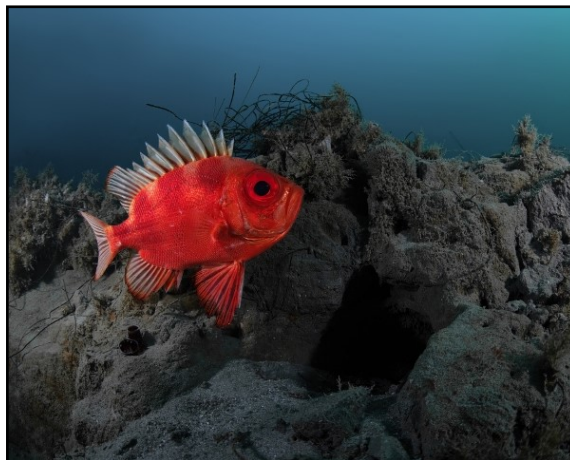
Silvana Ghiu – 2nd Place Advanced



Amy Baldwin/Granger – 2nd Place Advanced



Mike Couffer – 3rd Place Advanced



Helge Weissig – 1st Place Amateur



Jack Der – 2nd Place Amateur



January Competition

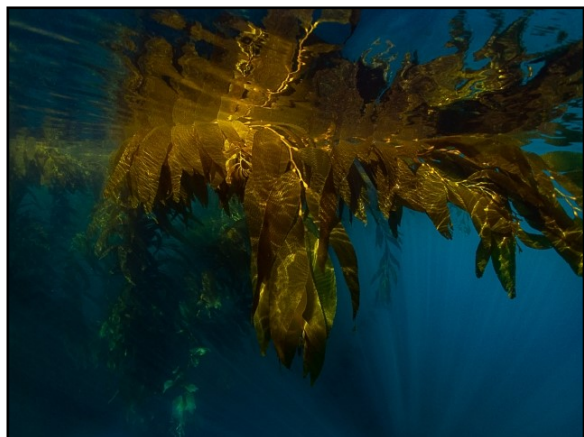
Louis Miller - 3rd Place Amateur



Charlotte Seid – 2nd Place Novice



Christine Dorrity - 3rd Place Novice



"Best of 2022"

Beth Besom – 1st Place Novice



Matt Wilbur– 2nd Place Novice



Video Competition January

1st place - **Kristine Carner**

2nd place - **Jack Der**

3rd Place - **Bill Ring**

3rd Place - **Polly Rogers**

Competition Categories 2023

January – *Best of 2022*

February - *Intention, Tell a Story*

March – *Grey Scale, Black and White*

April – *Sandy Bottom*

May – *Abstract, Original/color*

June – *June Gloom, Photo with predominant dark colors or silhouette.*

July – *Sunlight on the surface from below*

August – *Structures*

September – *Close up, macro or micro*

October – *Wide Angle. Seascapes*

November – *Photoshopped, Creative Editing using Software*



Monthly Competition Rules

SDUPS Photo Competition Rules

1. You must be a member of SDUPS
2. You can submit one image each month in your respective division.
3. Division is determined by accumulated points
 - A. Novice: 25 points or less
 - B. Amateur: 26 to 70 points
 - C. Advanced: 71 points or more
4. New members may choose which division, Novice, Amateur, or Advanced, when first joining. After that time, you can not change division and will compete in that chosen division.
5. Advancement between divisions occurs at the end of each year.
6. Points are awarded for placement in the competition:
 - A. 1st - 5 points
 - B. 2nd - 3 points
 - C. 3rd - 1 point
 - D. In case of a tie, all tying photographers will be awarded the corresponding point value of their placement.
7. Photo Modification:
 - A. Allowed: Cropping, Sharpening, Removal of noise/backscatter, Color Adjustments (Levels, Hues, Color Balance, Dodge & Burn)
 - B. Not Allowed: Alterations of Image Content, Removal or Addition of Subjects or Material. For example, removal/adding a diver, fish, etc.
8. Submit .jpg files with 1920 x 1080 pixel count.
9. Photographer of the Year recognition and corresponding award shall be given to the member in each division who earns the most points during that calendar year. This recognition and corresponding award will be given during the SDUPS Officer's Installation and Awards Banquet, or its equivalent.
10. Voting for the winning images is by secret ballot at each meeting. Anyone present at the meeting may vote. The Secretary/Historian is solely responsible for tallying and keeping an accurate record of all members current point status, and is available for any questions arising on this topic.
11. Adopted Environmental Awareness Guidelines:

Marine life should never be stressed or endangered for the sake of a photo. Entries in our monthly competitions exhibiting the following behavior will be disqualified:

 - A. Diver visibly damaging (i.e. gear dragging into) the environment.
 - B. Animals with signs of diver induced stress (i.e. puffed puffers, inking octopus).
 - C. Animals moved to an unnatural environment or risky location.
 - D. Animals being fed artificial food from divers (i.e. chum visible in photograph).
 - E. Marine life being harassed (i.e. touching corals, seahorse tails).



Monthly Competition Rules

Video Competition Rules

1. Media Types: Window's Media (.wmv), QuickTime (.mov), AVI's, or .mpgs will be accepted. PLEASE put your short video clip into one of these formats for easy display. DVD's will no longer be accepted.
2. Submission: All videos must be copied to the club computer before 6:30 pm the night of the competition.
3. All videos must be under 30 seconds. There can be multiple clips within your video. Any video over the 30 second RULE will be disqualified.
4. The video subject is to be the same as the still competition for the month.



2023 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION/RENEWAL

Single \$35 Family \$50 Student \$15 (21 & under)
New Member This is an Address Correction

Name 1

E-mail Address 1 (very important)

Name 2

To pay by check - payable to **SDUPS**
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Photographic Society
c/o Bill Ring
12525 Salmon River Road
San Diego, CA 92192**

To pay securely online: go to www.sdups.org and click on the Membership Tab

I had the privilege of going on four dive trips arranged by Chuck over my years of diving. Those trips were special because of Chuck's present. All facets of the trip always came off without a hitch. Each resort or live-aboard we went to always provided fantastic diving.

Chuck had a warm, friendly, and loving attitude about the people that he was with. It didn't matter if you had just met him or had known him for a long time. He treated all people equally.

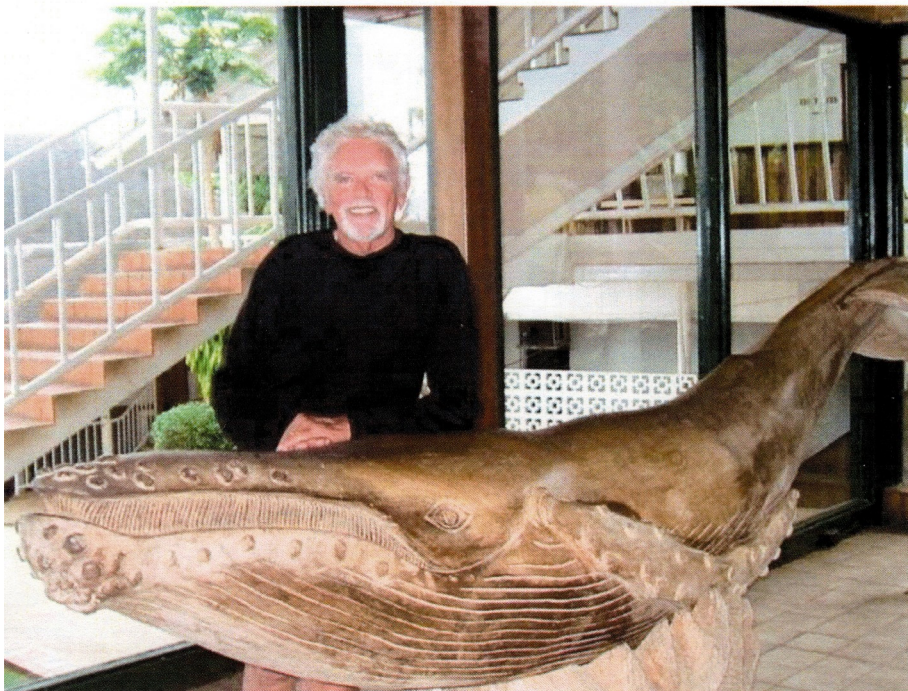
I remember going to Chuck's Diving Locker in Pacific Beach many years ago when I first joined SDUPS. Chuck had a pool across the street from the Diving Locker and one evening our club jumped in for an underwater photography instruction session. He was always there to help.

Many may not know but Chuck was instrumental in starting SDUPS and the SDUFEX video organizations. He was a professional underwater photographer and videographer. He was a cameraman on a few of the James Bond movies and on the Jacquelyn Beset movie *The Deep*. His life revolved around diving and adventure, both above and below the water.

A gentle and humble man that will surely be missed.

Your Editor - *Mike Poirier*

Charles Richard Nicklin, Jr



September 4, 1927 – December 7, 2022

Notice of Underwater Talk ATTENTION: nudibranch nerds (really anyone who enjoys mollusks).

The informal and no-cost Southern California Unified Malacologists meeting will be in San Diego on Saturday Feb 4. The attendees are mostly professional scientists, but also citizen scientists, scuba divers, shell collectors, and nature lovers. As the name suggests, we don't take ourselves too seriously!

WHEN: February 4th, 2023 9AM –3PM (more or less)

WHERE: 2392 Kincaid Rd, San Diego, CA 92101

Parking is free with Lab-issued permit (obtain at the front desk)!

Lunch will be on your own (lots of options nearby!) but snacks and coffee will be available ?

This meeting will be in-person only –please COVID test yourself (limited tests available on-site). Masks will be available but are not required at this time.

Please RSVP by January 25th to Wendy Enright (wenright@sandiego.gov) and Charlotte Seid (cseid@ucsd.edu) with your info:

NAME

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Sumner Auditorium Parking Map

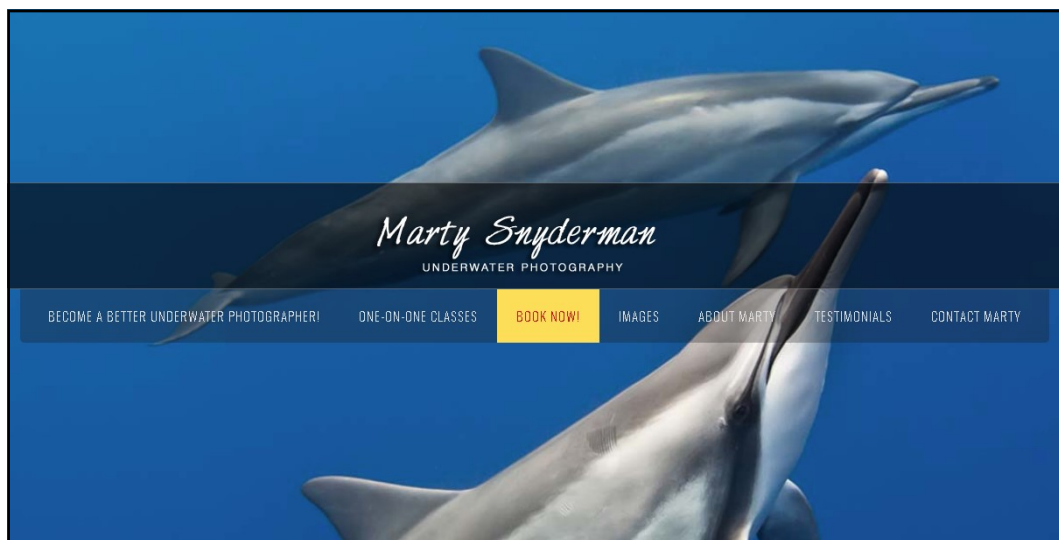


Photo Classes

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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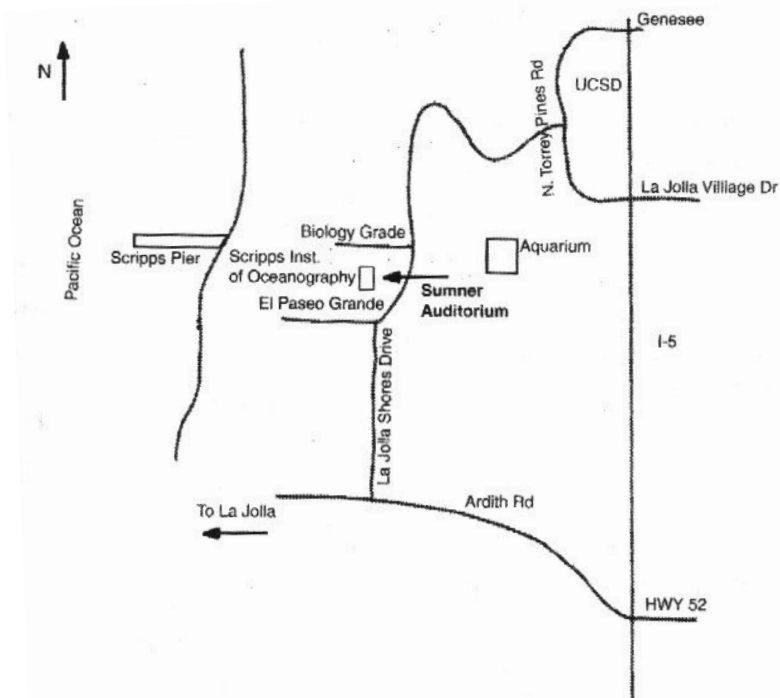
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Competition Schedule for 2023

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April	Sandy Bottom	October	Wide Angle/Seascapes - Reef, Kelp, Etc.
May	Abstract, Original/Color	November	Image Editing - Edit using Photoshop or other tools. No restrictions, be creative
June	June Gloom - Predominant dark Colors or Silhouette	Dec. - ?th	Holiday & Awards/Party

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