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President's Message

SDUPS Members

Our summer weather is here. I'm expecting a day in the 90's tomorrow. Getting in the water is one way of staying cool. I hope you have made plans to enjoy the summer whether you stay in beautiful San Diego or are going on an international travel trip.

Our first face to face SDUPS Meeting at Sumner Auditorium was a big success. It was like the days before COVID. Members showed up both in person and online. A great presentation topped off the evening. See the story on page 4. We will also be meeting at Sumner for the June meeting. Again it will be a hybrid meeting so if you can't join us in person, experience it all online. Our presenter for the evening is member **Matt Meier**. Matt is a professional underwater photographer who writes articles for online dive magazines. Matt will be talking about underwater camera settings.

As your Goby editor, I'm always open for members to submit articles for our newsletter. This month I received word from **Bob Yin** while on a dive vacation in the Philippines with two other SDUPS members. See the short dive report on page 5. It looks like they are having a wonderful time and having great weather. On an exotic dive trip, you never know what the weather may bring. It seems these guys were very lucky.

Some members have made it to the San Diego County Fair and have commented on the photo exhibit. We always head right to the underwater portion of the show but there are plenty of other categories with beautiful images. My wife and I have set a date to go in a couple of weeks. Remember that the Fair is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. Check out the Fair's website before you go to be sure.

Speaking of underwater exhibits, the "San Diego Underwater Film Exhibition" is planned for Saturday October first. This show highlights some of the best underwater videos from around the world. It is usually a two night event but is only one night this year. I'm sure tickets will go fast. I'll try to keep you informed when they finally do go on sale. See the flier on page 8.

NOTICE: I will be on vacation for about three weeks in July. This should not interrupt sending out the July Goby. I say should not, I'm just hoping to have a good internet connection where I'll be staying.

Everyone take care, stay safe and enjoy your diving wherever it may be. Mike Poirier - *President*



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

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(<https://zoom.us/download>) or

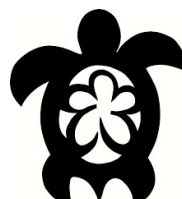
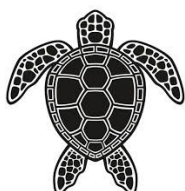
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CALENDAR

June 23rd – 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (map page 7)

Presentation - **Matt Meier** - U/W Camera settings

June Competition: crabs/crustaceans
See page 2

July Competition - Structures - U/W wrecks, rigs, structures

See Special Deal - Camera System on Page 6

June Competition

"Crabs/Crustaceans"

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



Dan Kestly – 2nd Place Advanced



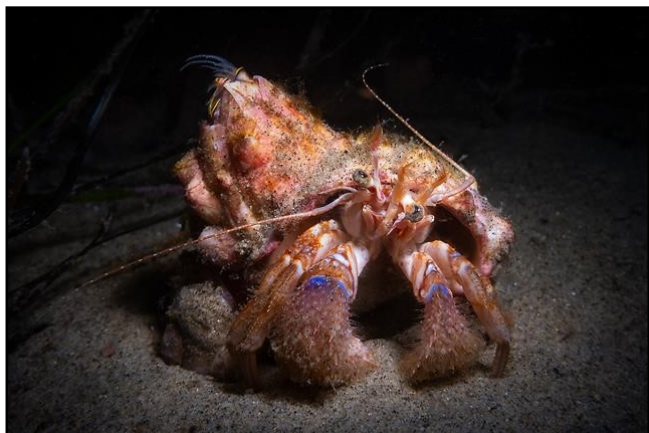
Mike Couffer– 3rd Place Advanced



Silvana Ghiu – 1st Place Amateur



Jack Der – 2nd Place Amateur



Nan Oselett - 3rd Place Amateur



June Competition

"Crabs/Crustaceans"

Matt Wilbur - 2nd Place Novice



Haley Chasin – 1st Place Novice



Marty Fabrick – 3rd Place Amateur



Beth Besom - 2nd Place Novice



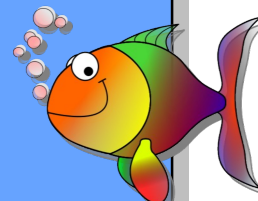
Video Competition June

1st place - Bill Ring
2nd place - Jack Der
3rd Place—Bob Yin

Stats for the June Competition "Crabs/Crustaceans"

Still Entries:
Novice = 7
Amateur = 4
Advanced = 11
Videos = 3

Votes Cast = 29



SDUPS May 26th Meeting

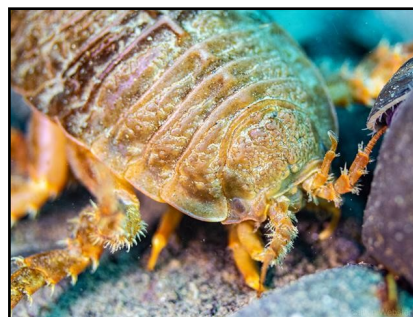
Our first SDUPS Meeting at Sumner Auditorium was a great success. We had twenty-one members and guests in attendance and seventeen attending online. Our two tech, **Beth Beason** and **Johnny Thai** did a wonderful job of setting up this hybrid meeting. It was great getting back to our old haunt. It felt like being home again.

Our President Mike Poirier, opened the meeting the usual way by welcoming everybody and inviting guests to introduce themselves. A few announcements were made and we jumped right into the monthly competition. For the month of May the category was "Black Background". Board member, **Amy Baldwin/Granger** as always, put together a great slide presentation of the month's winners.

It was then time for an intermission. I would like to thank **James Logan** for providing the refreshments for the evening. The break gives members a chance to chat about diving, trips, cameras, and much more.

After the break, Mike then introduced our guest speaker for the evening. **Caitlyn Webster** is a cold water diver to the extreme. See the Bio below. The Arctic and Antarctic are her favorite places to dive. Being a warm water diver, it sent shivers through me. It was a fabulous presentation with plenty of pictures and stories to keep us all very interested. Thank you Caitlyn, it was very much appreciated.

Hopefully we will be able to continue using Sumner for the rest of the year. Also we will try to continue the hybrid meeting as it seems popular with people who can't make the meeting in person.



Brief bio: Caitlyn Webster is a professional photographer, marine biologist, and (polar) diver across all seven continents. She shares a contagious enthusiasm for the exploration and stewardship of our global ocean through her research, images, and award-winning films. From sleepless nights collecting the gametes of nocturnally-spawning corals to braving the large gape of leopard seals in the sub-zero waters of Antarctica, she has worked intimately with marine wildlife from pole to pole. Her photographic work has been featured by the likes of National Geographic, the BBC, and Lindblad Expeditions. In her own words, "my career has been a dream, a wild adventure, and a devastating awakening all in one". Currently, Caitlyn is based in San Diego conducting oceanographic research with Scripps Institution of Oceanography. After thousands of dives around the world, her favorite places to film underwater have been deep within the caves of the Yucatan's cenotes and the frigid waters of the sub-Antarctic, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

Dive Report

Club members **Bob Yin, Bill Ring,** and **Joel Bergsma** are on a tropical dive trip in Puerto Galera Philippines. Bob sent the following report.

Hi, As luck would have it, it turns out to be a great three week schedule. We, just three of us, have the exclusive use of the huge boat, crew of 4 including the chef, plus two dive guides (critter spotters), and there is hardly any divers around due to COVID. I am pacing myself with just 2 or 3 dives of 80-90 minutes each daily. Weather is excellent, also. Love, Bob

From the Tourism Bureau

Puerto Galera is famous for its excellent beaches, coral reefs, and exquisite dive sites. The novice and even the veteran scuba diver will surely have extraordinary discoveries and adventures at every turn!

Easy beginner dives amongst pristine corals and advanced high intensity drift dives through deep canyons await scuba diving enthusiasts in Puerto Galera.

The opportunities for underwater photography are second to none. The area is well-known for having a high concentration of marine biodiversity — one of the richest in the world!

There are over 40 dive sites to choose from! Most of them are within less than 10 minutes from Sabang shoreline. This means that you spend more time diving, and less time travelling.





Sumner Auditorium Parking Map



SUBMIT YOUR FILMS

Entry Deadline:
June 15, 2022

2022
San Diego
Undersea Film Exhibition

LIVE EVENT
Saturday, October 1
Qualcomm Hall, San Diego

Submission &
event info at
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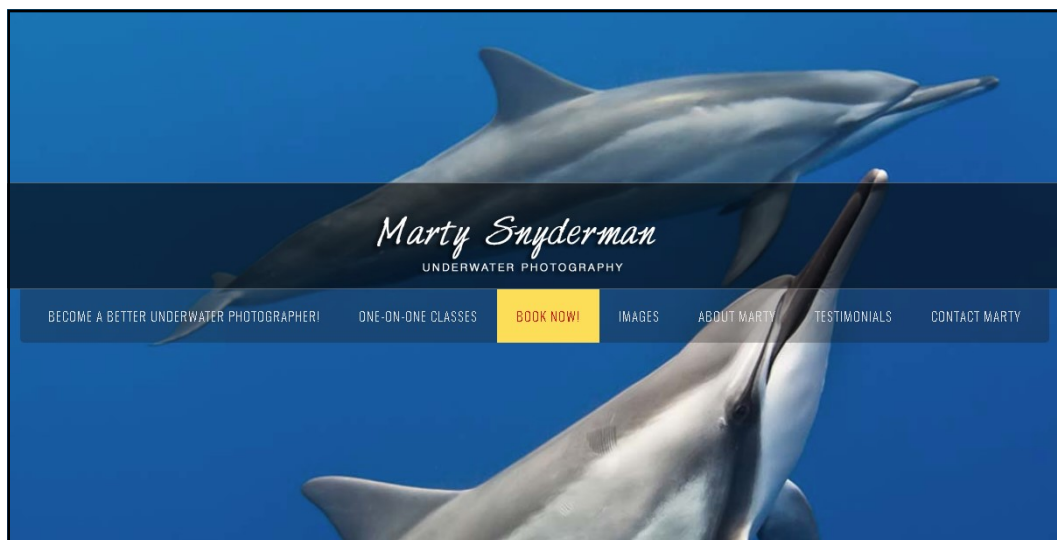


Photo Classes

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

20% of the class fees are donated to SDUPS



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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

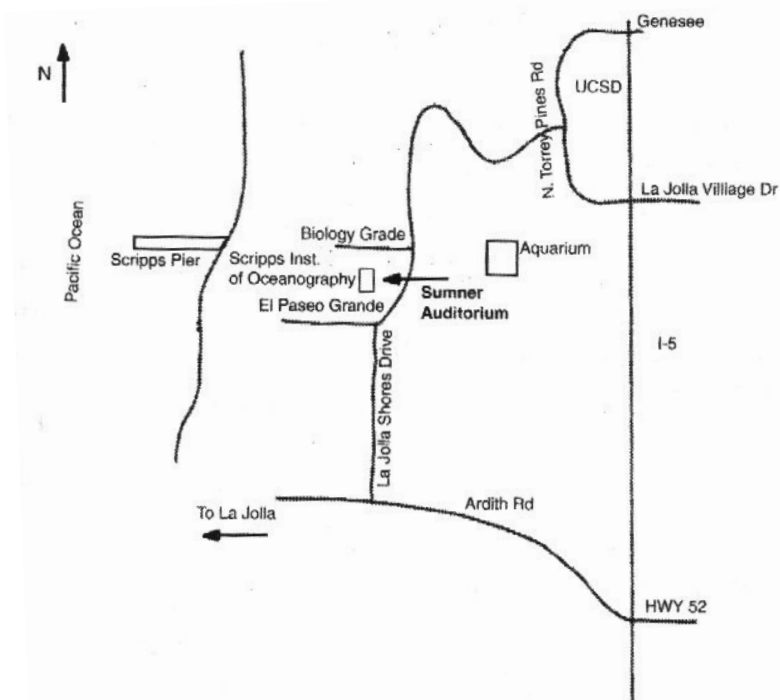
(No meeting in December)

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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, feed-ing, fighting or mating	September	Black & White - Black & White images
April	Spring has Sprung- images of juve-niles	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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