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President's Message

SDUPS Members

I first want to apologize for our April Zoom meeting. Technically it didn't go very well. Trying to switch between PowerPoint to a video kept all the viewers hanging on for a long time. We will try to do better the next time.

It has been a long time but we are finally getting to go back to Sumner Auditorium for our May meeting. If all goes according to plan, it will be a **hybrid meeting** with the face to face meeting blue toothed over to another computer set up to Zoom the meeting out. See the login & password below. Hopefully we won't have any technical problems but there always seems to be some glitches.

As of right now we will not be required to wear a mask but feel free to do so if you will be more comfortable. Also being daylight saving time, and with the surfers, parking is always tight. See map on page 4. Plan to arrive early to find a parking spot.

As you will read about on page 6, the SDUPS booth at the Long Beach SCUBA Show went very well. I again would like to thank the members who made this possible. We received a lot of positive comments from the convention attendees.

I dropped off an image at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar this week. One of my images was rejected. I found out the some of that judges are very critical. I had added in Photoshop, a vignette around the edge of the picture. The judges didn't like that. So I learned that Photoshop work is to be kept to a minimum.

I hope members have been getting in some local diving. I haven't received any reports but I'm sure many of you are diving. I have heard that there are members making plans for warm water diving trips. The Philippines and Indonesia is what I'm hearing. I myself am looking into a Philippine trip in September.

OK! Hope to see many of you at our May meeting. It will be nice to see you all face to face rather than on a computer screen.

Dive safely and enjoy life. Mike Poirier - *President*



SDUPS **HYBRID Zoom Meeting, May 26th** at 7 pm. Join us at Sumner Auditorium or if you can't make it, join us online.

- ☞ Download the Zoom app to your computer (<https://zoom.us/download>) or
- ☞ Click on the Link below
- ☞ Meeting ID number: 852 207 7435
- ☞ Meeting Password: rngr900 (RNGR900 small letters)



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

CALENDAR

May 26th – 7 pm SDUPS Meeting at Sumner Auditorium

Presentation - Caitlyn Webster
Ice Diving

May Competition: Black/Dark
Background See Page 2

June Competition: crabs/crustaceans



May Competition

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



"Black/Dark Background"

Dan Kestly – 2nd Place Advanced



Amy Baldwin/Granger – 3rd Place Advanced



Wyatt Glynn – 1st Place Amateur



Silvana Ghiu – 1st Place Amateur



Jack Der - 2nd Place Amateur



May Competition

"Black/Dark Background"

Frankie Grant – 3rd Place Amateur



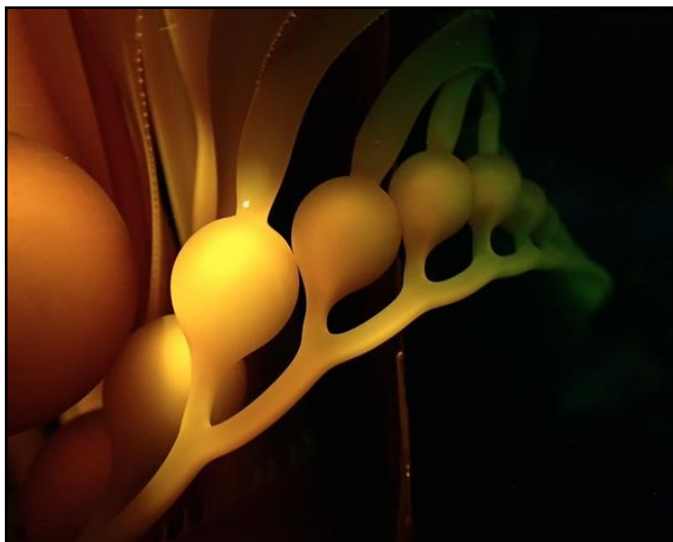
Helge Weissig – 1st Place Novice



Matt Wilbur - 2nd Place Novice



Charlotte Seid – 3rd Place Novice



Video Competition May

1st place - Jack Der

2nd place - Bob Yin

3rd Place—Bill Ring

Sumner Auditorium Parking Map





Photo - Mike Poirier

Critter Corner

Crocodile Flathead (*Cymbacephalus beauforti*), also known as De Beaufort's flathead or Giant flathead, is a member of the order Scorpaeniformes, which also includes the scorpion fishes and stone fishes.

Description: The Crocodile Flathead is a medium-sized fish which grows up to 50 cm (19.7 in), but the average size mostly observed is 35 cm (13.8 in). The body is elongated and the head is particular because of its flat appearance like a crocodile. They have lappets at the rear of their globular eyes, which help to break up the outline of the black iris and improve their camouflage. Juveniles begin black with few white spots and a white line behind the head. The adults have a body

coloration which can vary in intensity according to the surrounding. The body is covered with a pattern like a mosaic of beige to brown spots or even greenish to grey separated by an interlacing of blue lines which ideally camouflaged them with their habitat.

Distribution and Habitat: It is widely distributed throughout the tropical waters of the center of the Indo-West Pacific. Crocodile Flathead dwell in sandy patches, rubble, and seagrass where their camouflage is most effective, usually associated with reefs or mangroves in shallow water and protected areas. They are found in a range of depth from 2 to 30 m.

Alimentation: Crocodile Flatheads are carnivorous, their diet is based on small fish and crustaceans. Their predators are larger sharks, larger fish, and parasites.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Canon Powershot G15

camera with 2 batteries/charger
\$200 FG15 Fantasea housing with
adapters for ports/ diopters \$300
Fantasea BigEye Lens F Series for
G15, G16, and G7X \$200

\$700 entire package or best offer.

Very gently used camera and housing. The BigEye Lens has never been used and has the plastic protective coating on it. This has been my back-up camera and housing and used for one dive trip to Palau (~ 40 dives) plus a few La Jolla Shores dives before I bought my Sony a6300 system.

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SDUPS at SCUBA Show 2022

It had been two or three years since the last SCUBA Show because of COVID. Well it opened up this year big as ever. Maybe a few things missing like try SCUBA pool and the continuous underwater video films, but all and all a great show.

With the hard work of Vice-President **Dick Miller** and **Mike Couffer**, the SDUPS Booth was a success. Dick & Mike had set up the display on Friday night to get everything ready for the two day show. The underwater images by our club's members were just fantastic. The show attendees who stopped by to get a closer look, were over the top with compliments. You should all be proud of the fine art that was displayed. The prints will be available to the members at the next meeting.

During the two days, **Mike Couffer**, **Dick Miller**, **Mike & Francine Poirier**, and **Kris Carner** took turns manning the booth and answering questions show attendees might have had about the club. I would say that most visitors were from north of San Diego but we did have a few from San Diego who asked for information and were invited to attend a club meeting.

Club member **Dave Hinkle** was on hand at his booth for his underwater camera shop, Blue Abyss. Dave mentioned that he is going to be moving his shop so stay tuned for more information on that.

As far as the show itself goes, you could get some amazing deals on equipment and travel. Low prices for show goers only. From the Florida Keys to Indonesia, discount travel offers were presented. If you have never been to a SCUBA Show, you might want to think about it for next year.



SUBMIT YOUR FILMS

Entry Deadline:
June 15, 2022

2022
San Diego
Undersea Film Exhibition

LIVE EVENT
Saturday, October 1
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Submission &
event info at
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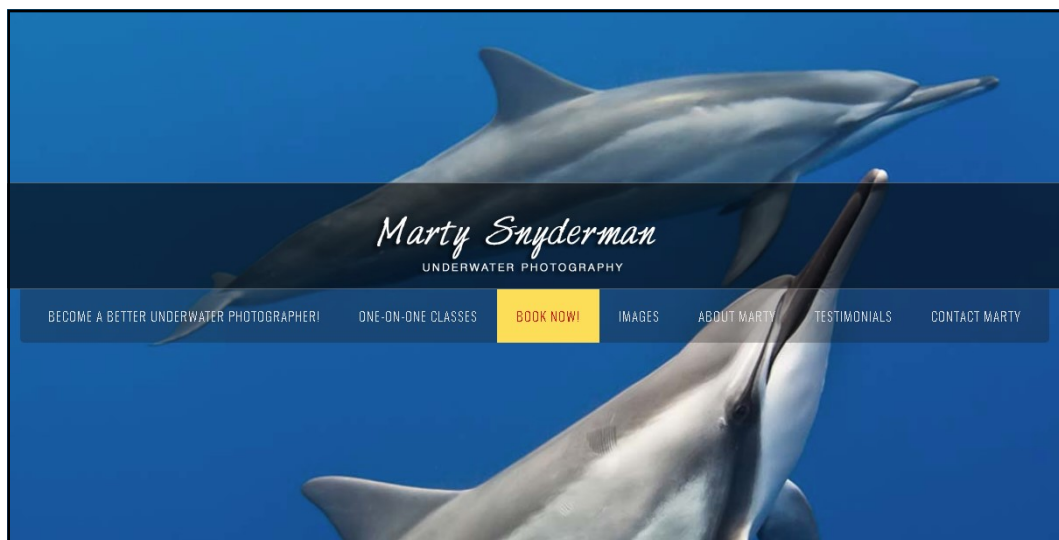


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20% of the class fees are donated to SDUPS



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

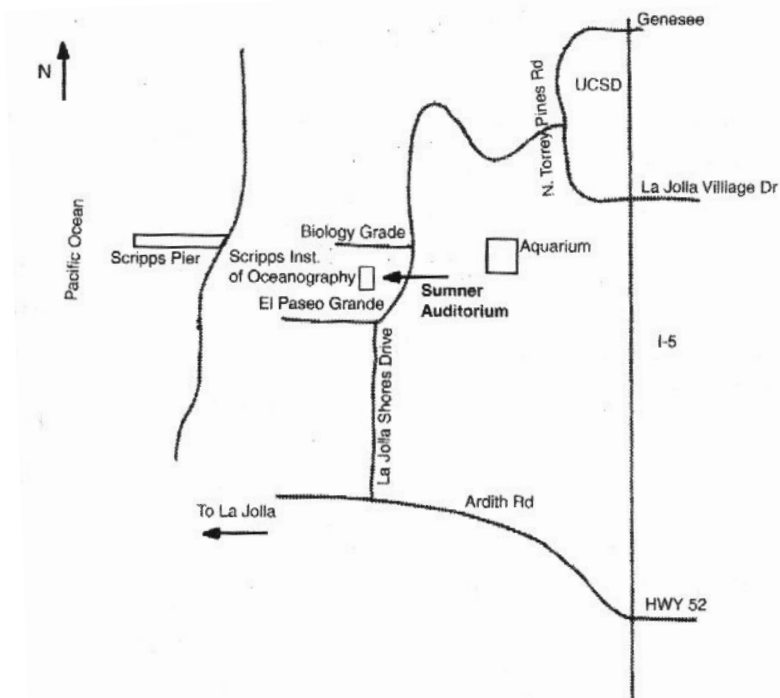
(No meeting in December)

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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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