

The Goby

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President's Message

November is full of reminders of how much there is to be thankful for each day. If the past two years have taught us anything it is to be flexible, to look for new ways of doing things, and to work on moving forward no matter what. May you always find joy in making the world around you a better place, even just for one person or situation at a time. We can accomplish so much when we are filled with gratitude, appreciation, and kindness. I am very thankful for all of the hands that have made this past year possible for SDUPS meetings and events. We have made some great progress and I am looking forward to seeing us grow upon that next year. I hope you are too!

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving,

Amy Baldwin-Granger, President



SDUPS online **Zoom Meeting**, November 18th 7 pm. Join us to see old friends and an U/W presentation.

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SDUPS Holiday Party & Awards



Save the date - Sunday evening December the 5th. RSVP by Monday the 29th of November.
Email Mike Poirier at uwmike64@gmail.com.
See page 5 for all the details.

CALENDAR

November Meeting One Week Early

November 18th - 7 pm SDUPS Meeting on ZOOM - See above

Presentation - Turks & Caicos - **Dick Miller & Kris Carner**

November Competition - New Life - eggs or juveniles of any species

December 5th - SDUPS Holiday & Awards Party - See Flier Page 5

November Competition

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



"New Life"

Jami Feldman – 2nd Place Advanced



Bill Ring - 3rd Place Advanced



Robert Casagrand – 1st Place Amateur



Amy Baldwin/Granger – 2nd Place Amateur



Nan Oselett - 3rd Place Amateur



November Competition

"New Life"

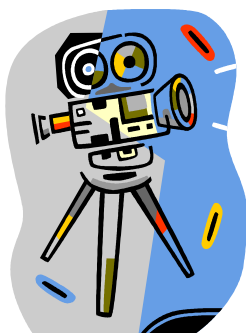
Beth Besom - 1st Place Novice



Jack Der - 2nd Place Novice



Silvana Ghiu - 3rd Place Novice



Video Competition November

1st place - **Bob Yin**

2nd place - **Bill Ring**

2nd place - **Jami Feldman**

3rd Place - **Beth Besom**

SDUPS October 28th Meeting

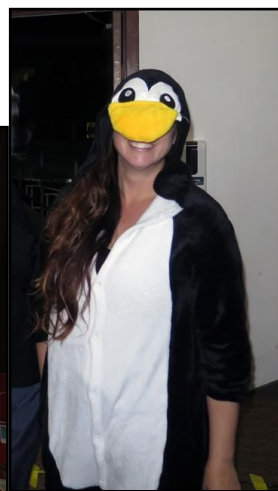
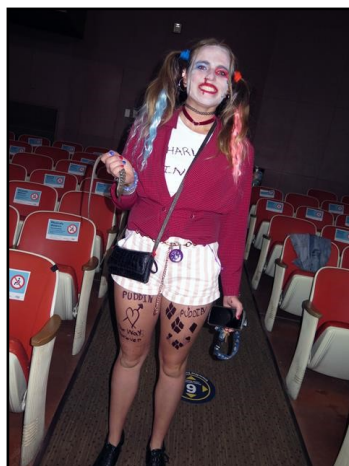
Our SDUPS October Meeting was well attended with approximately twenty five in person members and guests and with about three on the Zoom part of the meeting. Yes it was called a hybrid meeting. Our president **Amy** is trying her best to make our monthly meeting available both in person and on Zoom for people who can't make the meeting for some reason or another. There are still a few kinks to be worked out but it's coming along very well.

Amy then welcomed a few guests and talked about our photo show at the La Jolla Library coming up soon. (see story on page 9). Then it was on to the showing of the October Competition winners. A thank you to **Kris Carner** for putting that together.

We took a short intermission for snacks and catching up with friends and swapping dive stories. Thank you to **Jackie Patay** for providing the refreshments. Your help is very much appreciated.

After the break, Amy introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Doctor **Ian Grover** (see last month's Goby for his bio) who is an emergency medical physician with the hyperbaric chambers at UCSD. Ian talked about the two chambers in San Diego County. One in Hillcrest and the other in Encinitas. He made a point in telling us that the one in Encinitas is for wound care only and not for dive related treatment. Ian's presentation included the resources available to the diving community and also dive safety measures we can practice. He gave a little history on the hillcrest chamber that was put into operation in 1985. This chamber is used for both wound and dive related treatment. UCSD also trains technicians in Hyperbaric Medicine. In talking about dive safety, Ian pointed out that it's important to find out if a chamber is available if you are traveling to a remote location. Due to money constraints, many chambers around the world are shutting down. Dive insurance was stressed as being very important. Some of the other subjects that Ian touched upon were: breath hold diving, aviation decompression sickness, Arterial Gas Embolism and COVID-19 and diving. He also mentioned that most diving accidents are in two categories. Older divers run into trouble with heart problems and with younger divers it's panic. Both avoidable with medical check-ups and training. Ian closed his talk with providing us with the Dive Medicine Clinic phone number 619-471-9210 which is available to answer questions related to diving. Thank you Doctor Grover for a very interesting and informative presentation.

Being close to nine and with all business taken care of, Amy closed the meeting thanking everyone who attended.



SDUPS Members Celebrate Halloween



Sunday December 5th SDUPS Holiday Party & Awards



5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:00

Marie Callender's

6950 Alvarado Road San Diego 92120

Our Holiday & Awards Party will be held this year at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The facility has a nice banquet room off the main dinning area. The cost of the dinner will \$20 per person. The meal options will be a Slow Roasted Pot Roast, Roasted Turkey Dinner, or Honey Glazed Salmon. A special dietary/vegetarian meals can be provided. There is a Bar in the Restaurant so beer, wine, or mixed drinks are available.

Our SDUPS Photographer of the Year Awards will be presented. If you have entered the monthly competitions, you should plan on being there, Also our year end raffle will take place with some nice gifts to be given away.

This is our last event for the year. It will be a fun time to celebrate the Holiday's and be with fellow SDUPS members. Hope to see you all there.

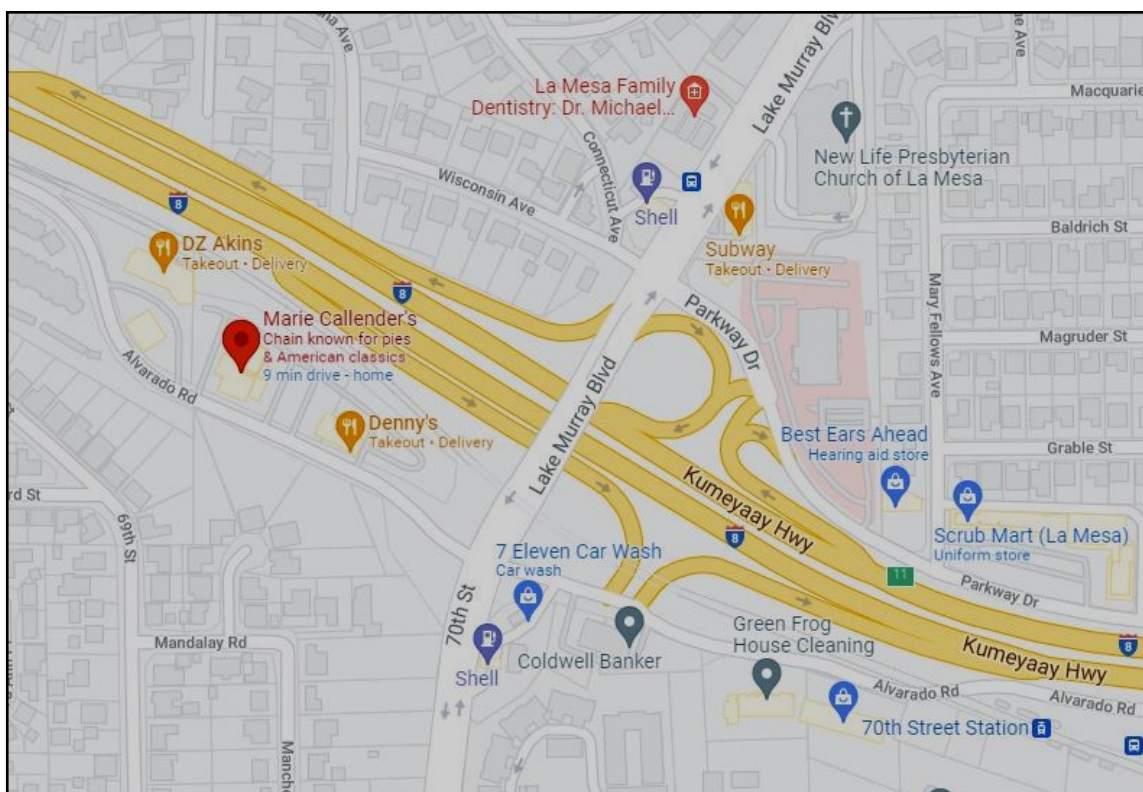
RSVP



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RSVP by Monday the 29th of November.

Email Mike Poirier at uwmike64@gmail.com with your dinner choice & number of people

Cost is \$20 per person to be paid in cash or check the night of the dinner.



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- Introduction by Tec Clark, founder and host of ScubaGuru.com

Dan Orr has more than 50 years of diving experience, including 23 years at Divers Alert Network (DAN), retiring in 2013 as President. Dan has also been honored by his peers as the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors including the NOGI Award in Sports/Education, the Leonard Greenstone Award for Diving Safety, the Our World-Underwater Award, Beneath the Sea's Diver of the Year, the Wyland Foundation Award for Lifetime Achievement, and the DEMA Reaching Out Award. He is a member of the Hall of Fame for Disabled Divers, the Diving Industry Hall of Fame, and the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame.

Betty Orr worked for DAN and DAN Services for 23 years, retiring in 2013 as Vice-President of Insurance Services. She then served as Managing Editor for *Dive Training Magazine* and *Dive Center Business Magazine* until 2020. She has a Master's degree in Biology and is an inaugural year inductee into the Women Divers Hall of Fame.

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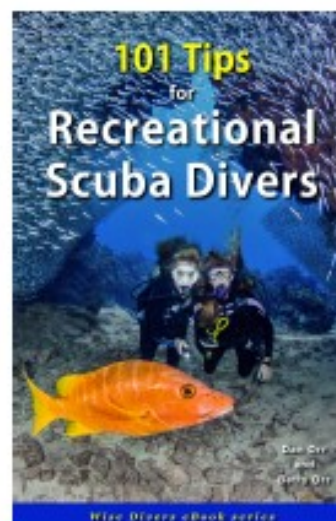
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Critter Corner



Spiny waspfish, *Ablabys taenianotus*, also known as the Spiny Cockatoo waspfish, or Spiny Leaf Fish, is a small fish species that belongs to the scorpionfishes family Scorpaenidae.

Description

This fish can be up to 6 inches (15 cm) in length. The body compressed laterally, endowed with a dorsal fin starting from the top of the head until joining practically the superior base of the caudal fin. When the dorsal fin is

spread, it looks like a crest resembling the one on a cockatoo. The thorns of the dorsal fin are venomous. This fish mostly stays on the substratum and moves by means of its pectoral fins. Its color varies from cream to dark brown, with irregular spots.

Distribution and Habitat

This species occurs in the tropical West Pacific Ocean, from Malaysia to Japan and from Indonesia to Australia. *Ablabys taenianotus* lives at depths from 2 to 60 ft (1 to 18 m) on sandy, silty or rubble bottoms, and also in fields of sea grass.

Behavior

This species is benthic and nocturnal. It is an opportunistic predator and ambushes passing prey while mimicking a crumpled, dead leaf or a drifting piece of seaweed. It allows itself to drift with the moving water in the way that an inert object would do. It may be found singly or in pairs. The fish feeds on small shrimp and other tiny crustaceans that pass near its mouth.

Note

Waspfish can be distinguished from the Leaf Fish that belongs to the Scorpionfish family, by the Dorsal Fins that begin above or in the front of the eyes. Most species sway back and forth to mimic debris as they wait for their victims to venture close. The above image was taken in Lembeh Strait.

Rare "cotton candy lobster" caught in Maine

A lobsterman made the catch of a lifetime off the coast of Maine last weekend. **Bill Coppersmith** trapped a 1-in-100 million iridescent lobster, also known as a "cotton candy" lobster.

Coppersmith has been fishing for 40 years but has never had a catch like the one he made in Casco Bay.

He named it Haddie, after his granddaughter.

Haddie will not end up on a plate — right now the crustacean is hanging out in a tank at Get Maine Lobster in Portland until a permanent home at an aquarium can be found.

The color change is the result of a rare genetic mutation that is not considered helpful to the lobster because they aren't able to blend in with their environment.



SDUPS Underwater photographers in the local papers

BY ASHLEY MACKIN-SOLOMON La Jolla Light OCT. 26, 2021 & Union Tribune Oct 27, 2021

For the first time since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the La Jolla/Riford Library will have an art exhibit to showcase the works of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society.

“An Ocean Fantasy” opens with a reception at 4 p.m. Friday at 7555 Draper Ave. and will be on view through Dec. 31.

Seemingly coming full circle, one of the library’s last shows before shutting down in March 2020 also was an exhibition of SDUPS works.



Dolphins in the Surf by Greg Vloger

“The library and some of the art committee members wanted to get a show going now that the library is open again,” said curator Diane Ryason. “The last one was great, very well-received, and the reports back from everyone was that the viewers enjoyed it. And it’s a different time now, a different climate. They are looking forward to this.”

Included in this exhibit are photographs by **Jack Der, Jami Feldman, Silvana Ghiu, Frankie Grant, Mike Poirier, Marla Matin, Dick Miller, Nanette Oselett, Greg Volger and Robert Yin.**

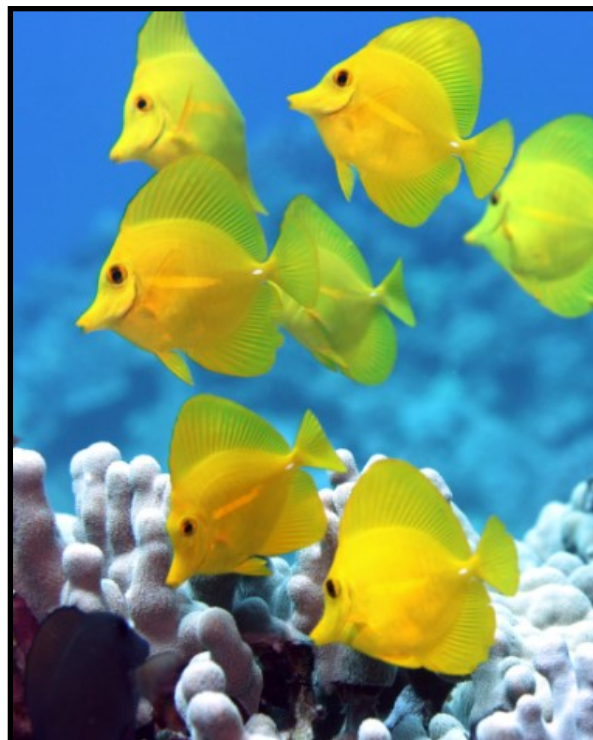


Juvenile Barramundi by Mike Poirier

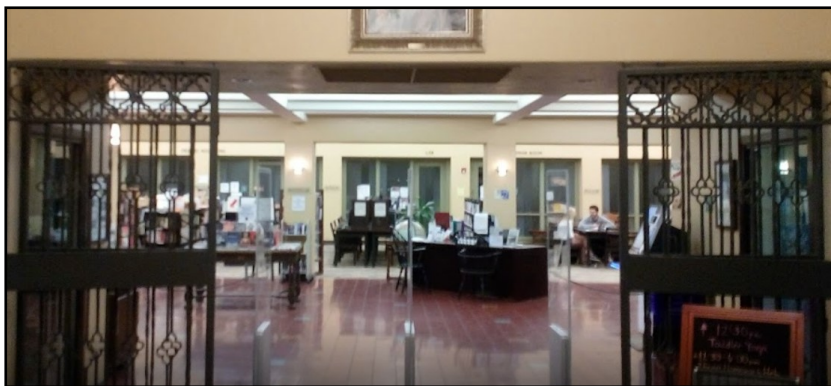
“There are some amazing works by these artists,” Ryason said. “There are some photographers that are the new kids on the block. But there are others that have been doing this a long time. They all go to the ocean, to places like Singapore and the purple coral reef of Catalina Island.

To read the full Union Tribune article, click [here](#) than on the link.

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Yellow Tangs by Mike Poirier



***SDUPS "Ocean Fantasy" at La Jolla Library
Reception - October 29th***



Included in this exhibit are photographs by Jack Der, Jami Feldman, Silvana Ghui, Frankie Grant, Mike Poirier, Marla Matin, Dick Miller, Nanette Oselett, Greg Volger, and Robert Yin. The exhibit will be on view until December 31st.

A big thank you to Jami Feldman for coordinating with the La Jolla Library and setting up the exhibit.

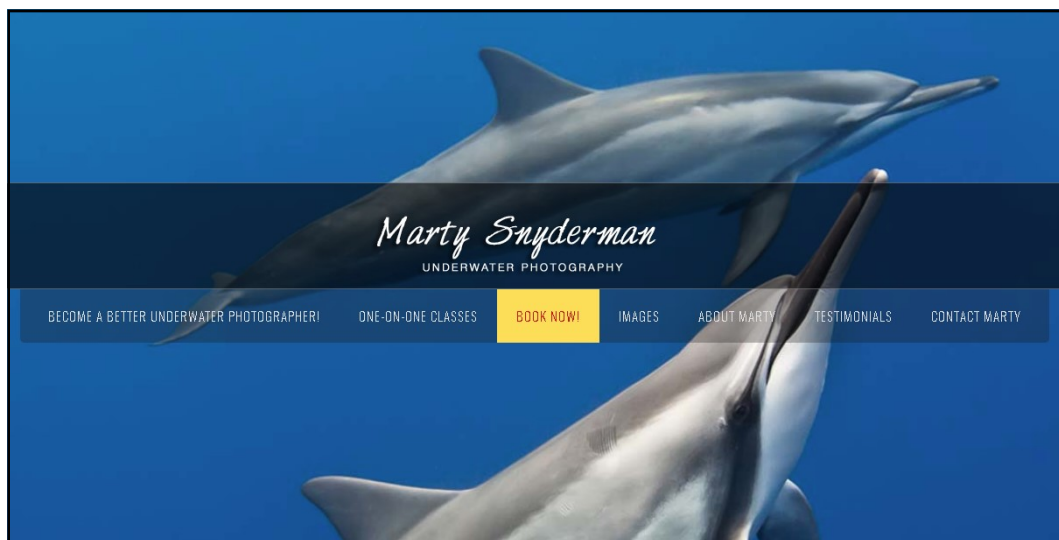


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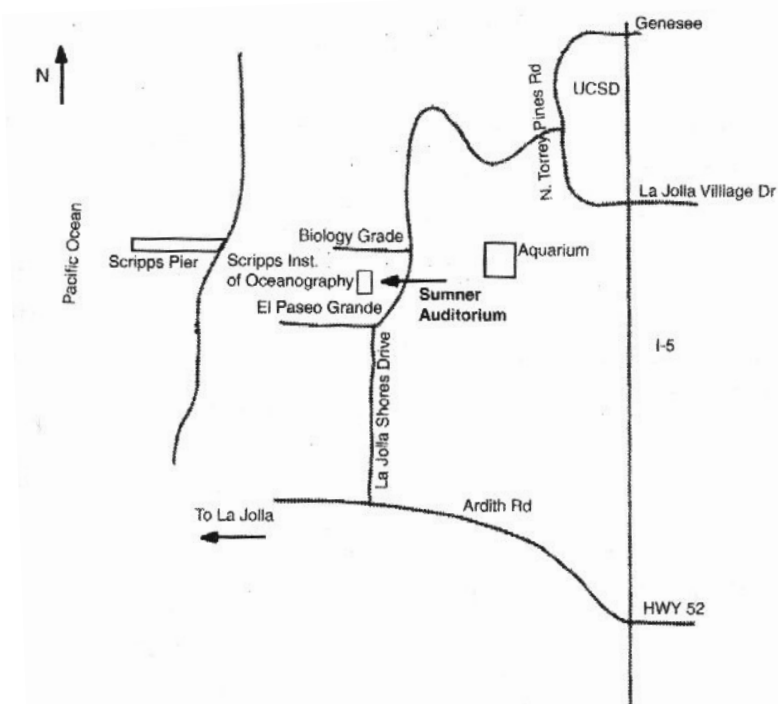
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January	Best of the Best	July	Sunny Days - sunbeams, ambient light
February	Fish Friends - your favorite fish	August	Playing in the Sand - critters in/on the sand
March	Eyes of March - eye/eyes prominent feature in photo	September	Back to School - school of fish, pod of dolphins, group of animals together
April	Tails - tail the prominent feature	October	Occupied with Octos - Octopus encounters
May	Macro May - close up	November	New Life - eggs or juveniles of any species
June	June Gloom - dark tones/silhouette/black & white	December - 4	Awards/Party

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