



The Goby

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President's Message

Fellow SDUPS Members - It's November and we are nearing the end of the year for SDUPS activities. Our last official general meeting will be the November meeting and note that it is one week early because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Speaking of holidays, our annual Holiday & Awards Party will be on Sunday evening December 4th. We will have a nice sit down dinner with the Photographer of the Year Awards announced right after. See the flier on page two for complete information. Because of our holiday event, there is no general meeting in December with the next meeting being on January 26th 2023.

There will be new competition category themes for 2023 and those will be announced in the January Goby. I will also publish the general rules for the monthly competitions in January.

One of my favorite competition themes is the November competition of images that can be edited and Photo Shopped. I find it a lot of fun coming up with an idea and learning the various tools in Photoshop to produce an image. As you can see for the winning images on page 3 & 4, members used their imaginations and came up with some very interesting concepts.

Because we just went back to Standard Time, parking at Sumner Auditorium will be greatly improved. It will be too dark for the surfers. For safety, be sure to lock your car. I know parking is limited around Sumner but this should alleviate the problem for the winter.

One of the bigger items on the agenda for our November meeting, is the continued nominations and voting of club officers for 2023. The Board of Directors have made their recommendations for the various positions, but members may nominate at this meeting.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable and festive Thanksgiving Holiday. Be grateful that you can spend time with family, loved ones, or even lucky enough to go on a dive trip in a faraway land.

Be safe while diving. Later - Mike Poirier - *President*



Zoom

SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting**, November 17th, 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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85134104135?pwd=UEJtUG0rczI3bEhOcW15LzlydIZJdz09>

CALENDAR

November 17th— 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (map page 6)

Presentation: **Dick Miller** - How Do We Get The Most Out of Photography? Intention!

November Competition: Image Editing, Photoshopped images

November SDUPS Meeting one week early on the 17th.

December 4th - Holiday/Awards party, see flier page 2



Sunday December 4th 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 again be held this year at Marie Callender's Restaurant. The facility has a nice banquet room off the main dining area. The cost of the dinner will \$23.99 per person. The meal options will be a Slow Roasted Pot Roast, Roasted Turkey Dinner, or Honey Glazed Salmon. All dinners include cornbread, fountain drinks, ice tea, or coffee, and a slice of pie. A special dietary/vegetarian meal 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.

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

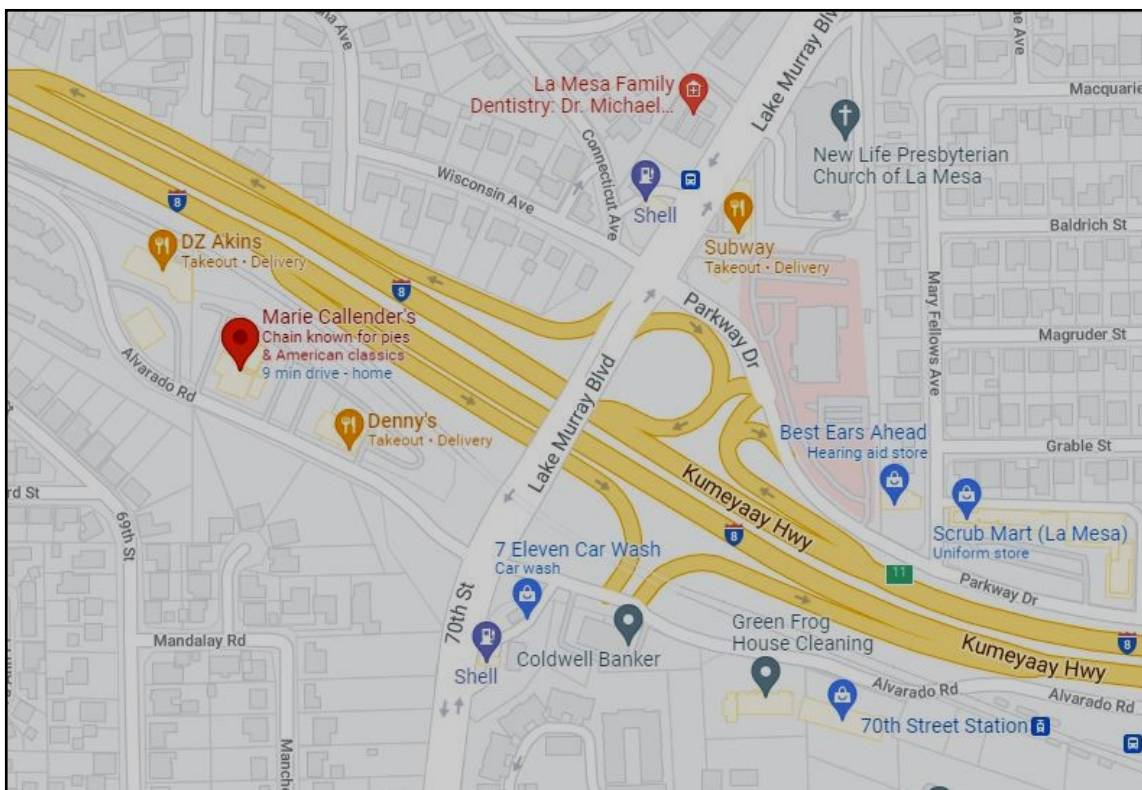
RSVP



Save the date - Sunday evening December the 4th.
RSVP by Monday the 28th of November.

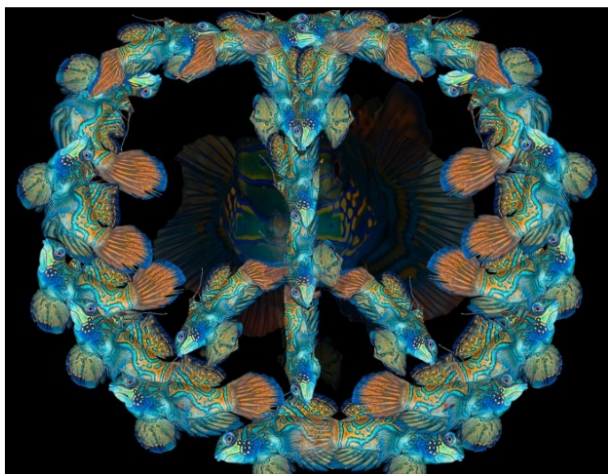
Email Mike Poirier at uwmike64@gmail.com with your dinner choice & number of people

Cost is \$23.99 per person to be paid in cash or check the night of the dinner.



November Competition

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



"PhotoShopped"

Amy Baldwin/Granger– 2nd Place Advanced



Bill Ring – 3rd Place Advanced



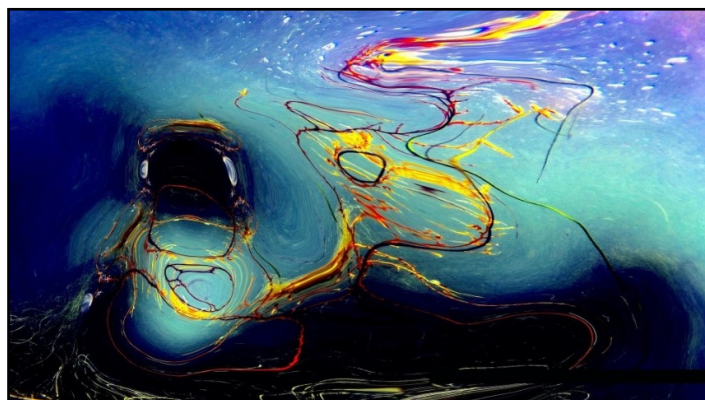
Paula Selby– 3rd Place Advanced



Jack Der – 1st Place Amateur



Nan Oselett – 2nd Place Amateur



November Competition

Lois Miller – 3rd Place Amateur



"PhotoShopped"

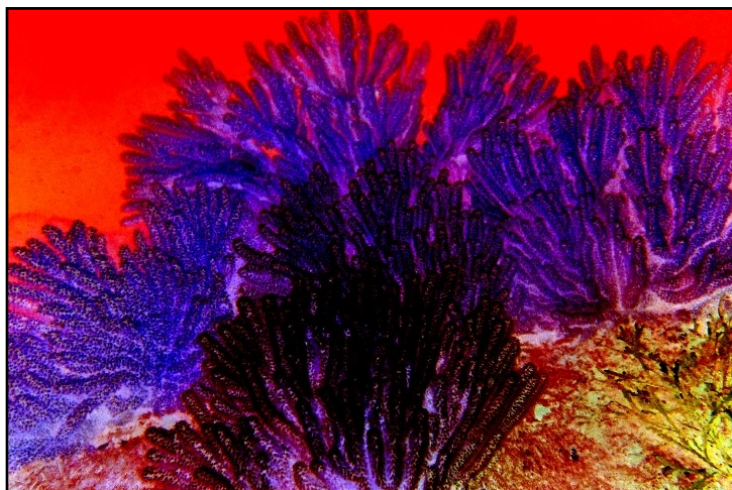
Helge Weissig - 1st Place Novice



Mike Carr – 3rd Place Novice



Doug Bonhaus - 2nd Place Novice



Video Competition November

1st place - **Jack Der**

2nd place - **Bill Ring**

3rd Place - **Bob Yin**

Stats for the November Competition: PhotoShopped

Still Entries:

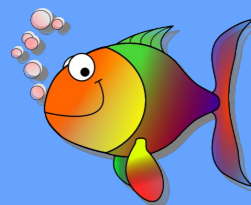
Novice = 5

Amateur = 4

Advanced = 8

Videos = 4

Votes Cast = 30



Critter Corner

Photo - Mike Poirier

The green **humphead parrotfish** (*Bolbometopon muricatum*) is the largest species of parrotfish, growing to lengths of 1.5 m (4.9 ft) and weighing up to 75 kg (165 lb.).

It is found on reefs in the Indian and Pacific Oceans, from the Red Sea in the west to Samoa in the east, and from the Yaeyama Islands in the north to the Great Barrier Reef, Australia, in the south.

Other common names include bumphead parrotfish, humphead parrotfish, double-headed parrotfish, buffalo parrotfish, and giant parrotfish.

Species Description

Unlike wrasses, it has a vertical head profile, and unlike other parrotfishes, it is uniformly covered with scales except for the leading edge of the head, which is often light green to pink. Primary phase coloration is a dull gray with scattered white spots, gradually becoming uniformly dark green. This species does not display sex-associated patterns of color change. The adult develops a bulbous forehead and the

teeth plates are exposed, being only partly covered by lips. The species is slow-growing and long-lived (up to 40 years), with delayed reproduction and low replenishment rates.

This species is gregarious and usually occurs in small aggregations, but group size can be quite large on seaward and clear outer lagoon reefs, exceeding 75 individuals.

Camera Review

While on my recent dive trip to Bali, two of my fellow divers were using the Olympus TG-4. They were also using on & off, a red filter, depending on their depth. Both still images and videos were coming out beautiful. I was amazed at the quality of the images they were getting. I decided to do a little research on the camera and found out there is an upgraded to their TG-4 model, the TG-6. Just Google this camera to find out more information. The brief review below does not get into the optional underwater housing, but again Google for more info.

I know there are several members in our club that are using this model camera and hopefully we might get a presentation on it.



The Olympus Tough TG-6 is the company's sixth-generation premium underwater camera. It features a 12 Megapixel sensor, 4X optical zoom lens, numerous sensors and, of course, serious protection against the elements.

Key specifications

- 12MP, 1/2.3" BSI-CMOS sensor
 - 25-100mm equivalent F2.0-4.9 stabilized lens
 - Waterproof to 15m (45ft), shockproof from 2.1m (7ft), crushproof to 100kgf (220lbf), freeze proof to -10°C (14°F), dustproof
 - 3", 1.04M-dot display (non-touch)
 - Raw support
 - 1cm (0.4") minimum focusing distance
 - 20 fps burst shooting
 - Pro Capture mode saves photos before and after the shutter release is pressed, to help you capture the right moment
 - 4K/30p video
 - Built-in GPS, altimeter, compass, thermometer and accelerometer
 - Optional conversion lenses and flash accessories
- The TG-6 comes in black or red and is priced at \$379.

Sumner Auditorium Parking Map

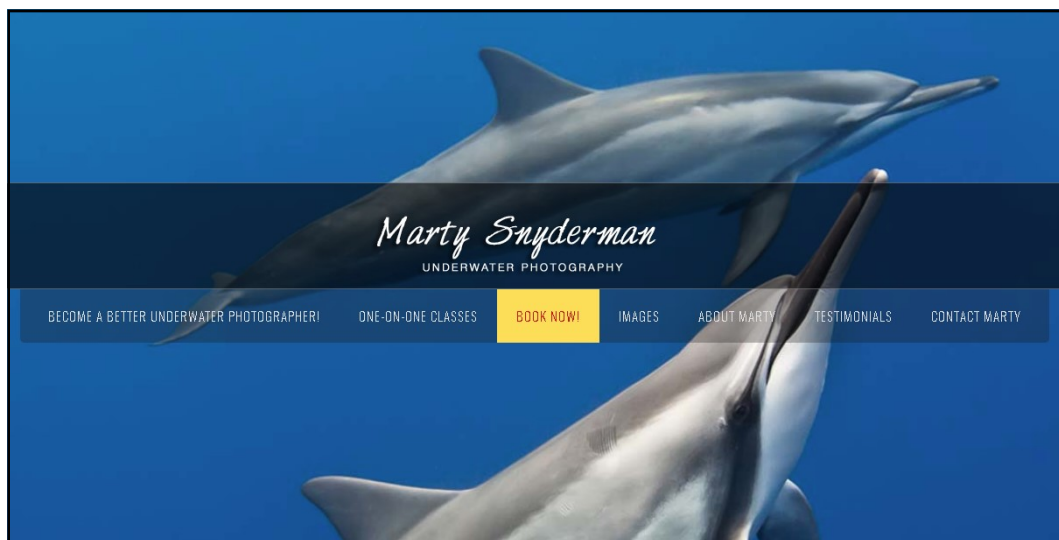


Photo Classes

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

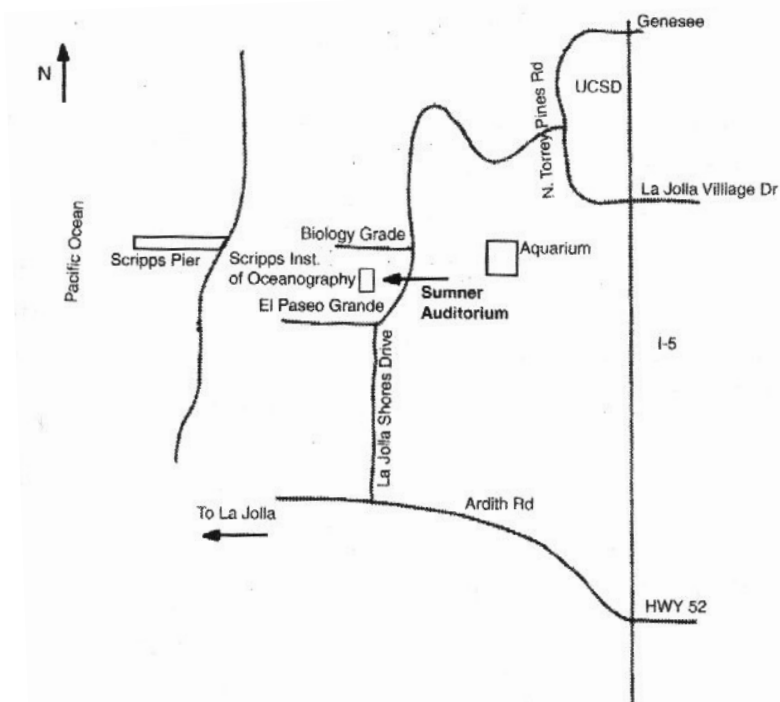
(No meeting in December)

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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	Dec. - 4th	Holiday & Awards/Party

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