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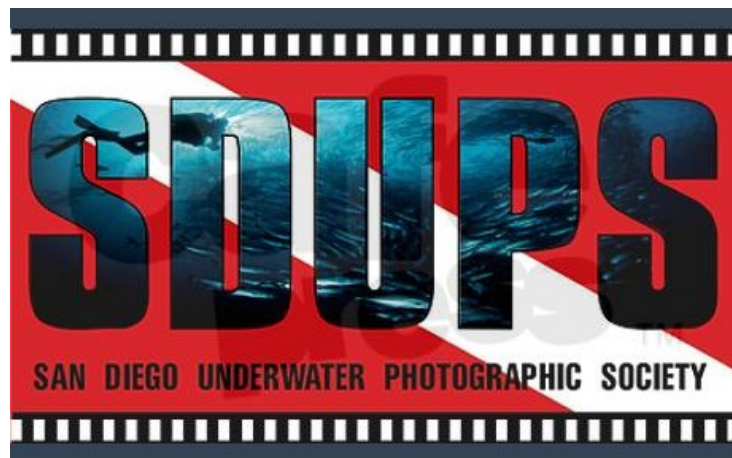
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September 2021

President's Message

SDUPS Members - It is hard to believe it is already the end of September! I was so happy to see everyone that made it to our Summer gathering last month. Thank you again to Mike and Francine Poirier who opened their beautiful home to us with gorgeous views, delicious food, and great company. Times like this are a great reminder of how passionate we are about our love of the ocean and exploring the underwater realm through a lens, and how much fun it is to share stories of trips in the past and what is in store for the future. Keep exploring!

Amy Baldwin-Granger, *President*



September SDUPS Meeting Presentation

Presentation description - In this presentation, a research team from UCSB will share about the Spotting Giant Sea Bass project, a years-long effort to identify and track individual giant sea bass based on their unique spot patterns. Researchers use photos and videos of giant sea bass submitted by recreational divers throughout California, whose spot patterns are then annotated and matched to prior sightings of the same individual in the database using a computer algorithm. With the information generated by this project, scientists, fishery managers, and conservationists will learn more about the enigmatic population of this protected species.



CALENDAR

September 23rd - 7 pm SDUPS Meeting Summer Auditorium

Presentation - **Molly Morse & Conner Jaine** - Spotting Giant Sea Bass Project

September Competition - "Back to School" - School of fish

October Competition - Occupied with Octos - Octopus encounters



September Competition

Harold Dorr – 1st Place Advanced



“Back to School”

Bob Yin – 1st Place Advanced



Bill Ring – 2nd Place Advanced



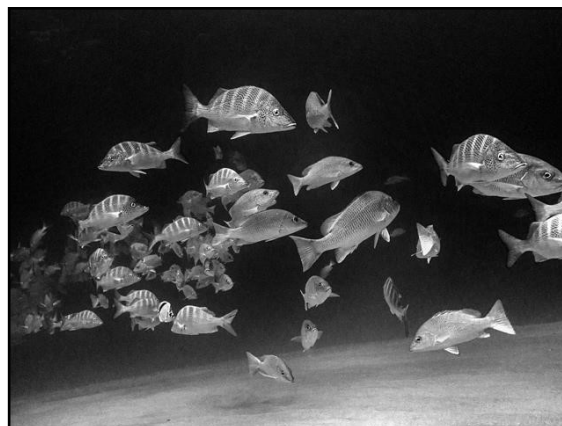
Paula Selby - 3rd Place Advanced



Robert Casagrand– 1st Place Amateur



Amy Baldwin/Granger - 2nd Place Amateur



September Competition

Nan Oselett– 2nd Place Amateur

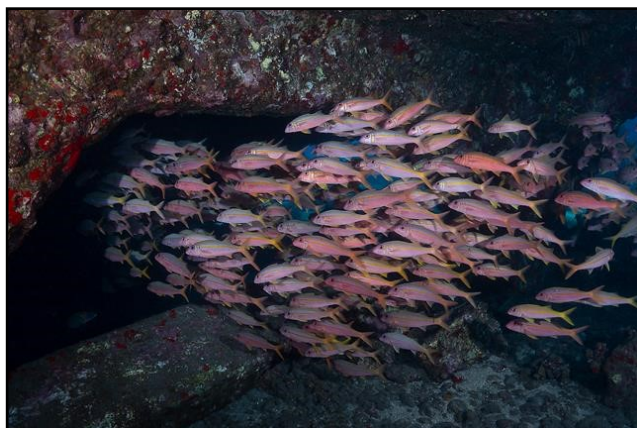


"Back to School"

Lois Miller – 3rd Place Amateur



Jack Der - 1st Place Novice



Charlotte Seid - 2nd Place Novice



Silvana Ghiu - 3rd Place Novice



Video Competition September

1st place - **Kris Carner**

2nd place - **Bob Yin**

3rd Place - **Bill Ring**

SDUPS August 26th Meeting



Our August SDUPS meeting was attended by approximately twenty-five members and guests. Our president **Amy Baldwin/Granger** opened the meeting by asking that guests introduce themselves.

The August Competition winners were announced with a video and slide show put together by **Kris Carner**. The topic for August was "Playing in the Sand". Many interesting images were submitted by the members.

We then took a break for refreshments which were provided by **James Logan & Cindy Liphay**. Thank you for your help, it's very much appreciated.

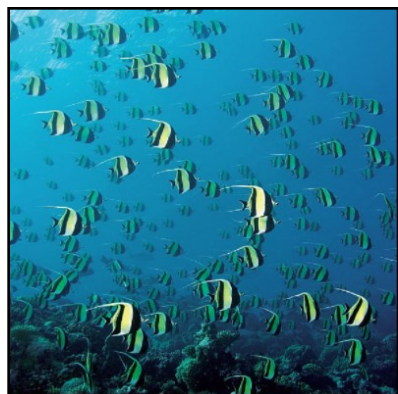
Amy then introduced our speaker for the evening, **Mandy Etpison**. Mandy and her husband, **Patrick Colin**, are owners of NECO Marine, in Palau. Mandy gave a very exciting presentation on the marine life in and around the Rock Islands of Palau. Using beautiful still images and videos, Mandy started by talking about the fresh water lakes in the islands that contain Jellyfish. In particular she mentioned Jelly Fish Lake and because of the water warming, the jelly's vanished for two years. They are now making a comeback. Mandy went on to talk about the various studies that her company has been doing in the Palau Islands. A database of Manta Rays has been established with hundreds of Mantas being identified. One very interesting video on this subject was a tiger shark feeding on a dead manta. Mandy also talked briefly about how Neco Marine is also partnered with the Palau Dugong Awareness Campaign. A major portion of Mandy's presentation centered around the many fish aggregations that take place around some of the rock islands. For example, hundreds and hundreds of Moorish Idols will gather on the reefs at certain times of the year to spawn. These and other aggregations coincide with the various phases of the moon and with the tides. An interesting fact is that when the Moorish Idols head out from the reef into deeper water to actually spawn, this attracts a feeding frenzy of gray reef sharks.

Club members who have been to Palau, recognized many of the dive sites that Mandy talked about. In fact some members have presented images of the fish aggregations mentioned in her presentation. After watching this very information and beautiful presentation, it got the excitement going for many to visit these beautiful islands of Palau. Thank you Mandy for a most enjoyable presentation. For more information, visit: <http://www.necomarine.com/>



Special Guest Mandy
& President Amy

Amy then closed the meeting with a few brief announcements and thanked everyone for coming.



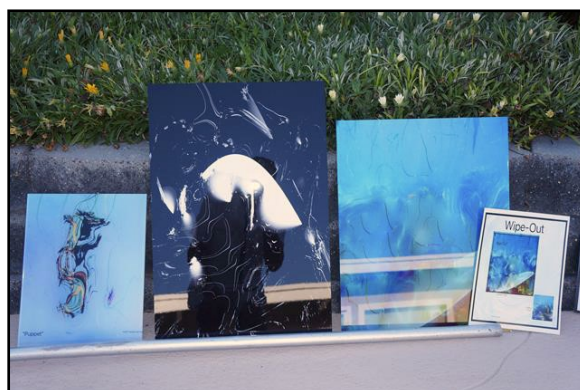
SDUPS Club BBQ August 28th

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon when about twenty SDUPS members gathered at the home of Mike & Francine Poirier's for a club BBQ. There was plenty of talk about local and far away diving. It was great to get to know members other than at club meeting setting. Some of us long time members have know each other for years, but it was nice to get to know some of the newer members.

Mike had fired up the BBQ to grill hamburgers and hot dogs. Members contributed with their favorite pot-luck dish. This included salads, appetizers, casseroles, and some wonderful desserts.

Nan Oselett set-up a display of some of her latest art work. Nan is a snorkeler at La Jolla Shores and takes pictures with her Go-Pro. Doing some manipulation in a photo editing program, she comes up with some beautiful abstract works of art.

It was a fun afternoon and we'd like to thank all those who made it to this club event.



SDUPS Member Profile - Cindy Liphay

When the winning competition videos are announced at our SDUPS meetings, it is not unusual for **Cindy Liphay's** name to be mentioned as having been part in the creation of the video. Cindy has applied her talents to underwater video for nearly twenty years.

Cindy first ventured underwater on SCUBA in 1974 on a resort dive in the Barbados. She made additional SCUBA dives in Hawaii and Cozumel in the 1980's, where she took her first underwater photos of a sunken airplane with a Minolta Weathermatic 110 camera. Cindy was certified for SCUBA in 1996 in the warm springs in Florida. When she returned to San Diego and dove in the Pacific at Marine Room, she took a humiliating tumble in challenging surf and colder water!

In 1999, Cindy became part of the Catalina Island Conservancy Divers where she assisted on various research dives around Catalina Island. The CCD research "diving with a purpose" was such a great experience that Cindy wanted to get her favorite dive buddies involved. By that time (2002) her Marine Street rescuer, most trusted dive buddy, and co-worker **James Logan** had assembled a group of dive buddies who shared the perfect chemistry of fun and camaraderie.

With a lot of help from those friends, Cindy arranged for the CCD scientists to return to San Diego to offer another research diving class. It was such a success that Cindy was offered the position of logistics dive planner for Italian Gardens, and leader of the first and only San Diego team.

Shortly after becoming CCD research certified, members of that same team took their first tropical fun dive trip together to Cozumel where they hired a videographer to document an underwater birthday party. By the next Cozumel trip in 2003, Cindy was diving with her first "state of the art" standard definition Sony video camera encased in an Ocean Images electronically controlled housing and two "video lights" comprising of dive lights equipped with diffusers.

Cindy still uses the same housing, now redesigned and retrofitted to hold a Sony HD handycam, with three Sola video lights and a GoPro 7 mounted on top. She and her better half, James, have returned to Cozumel many times since that trip along with several SDUPS dive buddies. Having befriended dive masters and boat operators, they now plan custom fast boat dive adventures accommodating their underwater photography desires. She says that Cozumel is still her favorite dive destination.

I asked Cindy what her favorite underwater video subject is and she explained that she enjoys capturing humorous behaviors of underwater animals. She completed an animation course and presented a video at SDUFEX titled "Just for Laughs" where an animated model of her first Minolta 35mm camera on a tripod walks along the ocean floor and snaps a flash photo of a resting shark!

Cindy says that with time, the bar has been raised for underwater video, and as a result, she has honed her skills to include creation and selection of music, editing, and development of stories. She is now cre-

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SDUPS Member Profile - Cindy Lipthay

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ating her own music scores for video using MagixMusicMaker and has assisted **Chuck Nicklin**, **Marty Snyderman**, and **Bob Yin** to compliment their underwater videos and slide shows.

Cindy has been a member of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society since 2004. As a relatively new member, she showed a video of an underwater birthday party with a birthday cake and candles that had bubbles rising from them. She still has the cake.

In addition to capturing underwater video, making music, and editing, Cindy does oil painting and completed a beautiful painting showing a scene from one of her Hawaii visits.

I asked Cindy to share advice for any diver who would like to improve their underwater videos. She responded that they should get the brightest lights that their budget allows and learn to aim them for effect. Cindy shared that with video, lighting is the most important tool to bring out color and enhance the quality. As for equipment, she said that the GoPro is an excellent choice to begin shooting underwater video.

SDUPS is densely populated with creative and artistic people. Cindy Lipthay is an amazing artist. We all got a sneak preview of her latest project at our first in-person "welcome back" SDUPS meeting in July. Cindy and Bob Yin masked up and teamed up to create the video "What Happened to You", a story reflecting on our Covid lockdown blues, light heartedly depicted by underwater sea creatures with an extra splash of humor.

Submitted by - **Harold Dorr** - Membership Chair



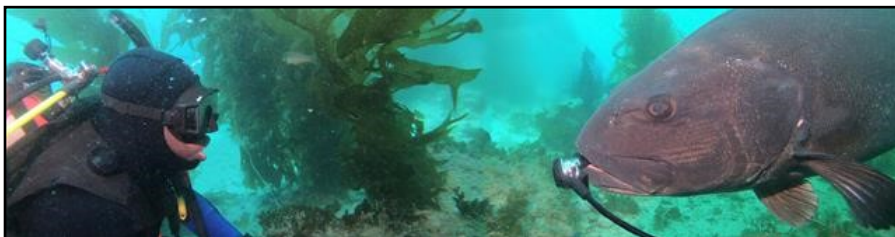
First Dive - 1974



Cindy has entered one of her films in the upcoming San Diego Film Exhibition. You can watch it on-line October 15-25, 2021.

Check out some of Cindy's videos at

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We thank all filmmakers for their outstanding contributions.
Our thanks also go to the judges.

We hope the exhibition will bring you joy. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
SDUFEX



I NEED YOUR HELP!

EDWIN MAIDESIL

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**Edwin is a 27 year old dual Palau and US citizen
He has been diving since he was 10 yrs old,
and became the youngest Palauan PADI instructor in 2015 at age 19.**

**Edwin has the chronic kidney disease IgA nephropathy.
This is an illness that causes inflammation which damages kidney tissues,
and leads to end-stage kidney disease. Edwin's kidneys failed last year, and he needs a
kidney transplant to survive, which is why he had to move here from Palau.**

**Right now Edwin is on the transplant waiting list at UCSD, where,
unless he can find a living donor, it will take 6-10 years for an organ to become available.
He is currently receiving blood dialysis for 4 hours, three times a week.**

**If you know of anyone
who would be willing to donate one kidney, blood type O+,
please contact Edwin. All donor expenses will be paid for.
Hospital stay for a donor is normally 3 days.**

**Edwin is currently living with his aunt and uncle in La Jolla and has a job there,
but they are returning to Palau in October, so Edwin is looking to rent a room or studio
either in La Jolla or Carmel Mountain road area. If you know of any places available,
or anyone willing to rent out a room, please let him know!**



Dear Dive Club,

We would like to ask you to remind your members that the online version of Scuba Show 2021 is still available to them, and has been updated. In fun, we are calling it 'Scuba No-Show' because of the event's cancellation. We've reimagined this year's online event as 'A Diver's Resource' - a place where dive enthusiasts can find information on new gear, travel, COVID updates by company, and Show specials. The deals and resources from our exhibitors have been updated, and are available to your members through the end of the year. This resource is free to divers and to the companies that would have been at the Show.

If you will please pass this on in your correspondence, the highlights of Scuba No-Show for your members include:

149 companies with...

102 immersive destination and product videos

71 destinations offering travel specials

78 destinations providing COVID updates about the status and requirements of travel to your favorite or bucket list destinations Dive manufacturers are showing 151 new products, including 15 products that have just been added to the showcase. And your members can watch 5 of our most highly requested seminars on demand:

• WHY DIVERS DIE: A REVIEW OF DIVING FATALITIES IN 2020 • SAFETY AND PRACTICAL ISSUES FOR THE OLDER DIVER • DIVING IN THE ERA OF COVID-19 • GETTING BACK INTO THE WATER WITH YOUR CAMERA SYSTEM • SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S BEST BEACH DIVES

The information in this resource will be available and kept current while we patiently wait another year to gather in person. The next Scuba Show is scheduled for May 14-15, 2022.

Here are the links to Scuba No-Show:

Home: <https://scubashow.com>

Exhibitor Showcase: <https://scubashow.com/showcase/>

Product Showcase: <https://scubashow.com/new-product-showcase/>

Seminars: <https://scubashow.com/2021/05/21/2020-seminars-on-demand/>

Finally, we will soon be resuming publication and launching a new website for California Diving News, and want to make sure we have the correct information to help promote membership in your dive club. We will be in touch with a request to update your information. In the meantime, we realize that we are working from a dated email list here, please let us know if you should be removed or who should be included.

Thank you, and I very much appreciate you passing this on to your membership.

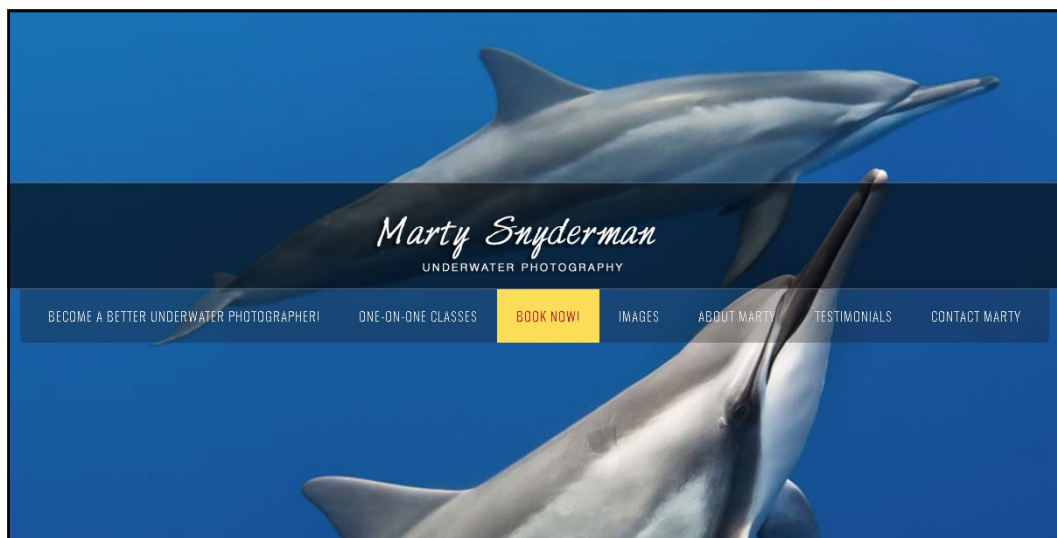
Sincerely, **Mark Young** - Publisher *Dive Training Magazine*

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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.

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📍 Palau

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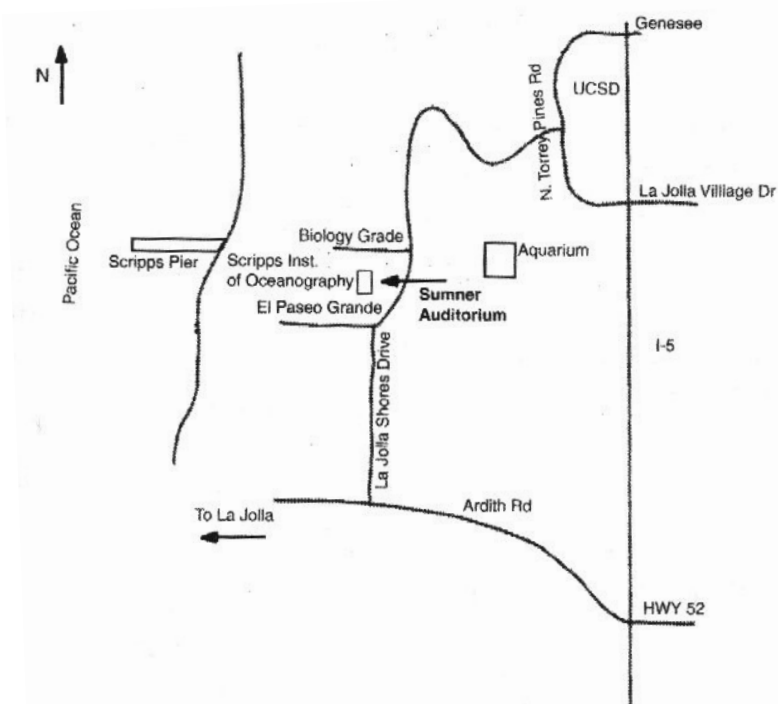
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Competition Schedule for 2021

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 - ??	Awards/Party

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