

The Goby

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President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members - I hope everyone is well. The holidays are over and we are back into the routines of our lives.

I want to take a moment and share some words of encouragement to the photographers that are not submitting to the monthly competition, especially in the Novice Category. This month there were only two entries in the Novice Category. We need your help. This club needs your help by joining us in a fun and friendly competition. The monthly competitions are a good way to help us as Novice Photographers to get better at the very thing we love and that is to take underwater photographs. It's a chance to spark up conversations and get help on how to improve on that photograph by some of the very best in our club. I myself love putting my photographs in the competition and I have gotten a bit better with each competition. This category is meant to inspire, not intimidate. It is an opportunity to gain knowledge.

So please join me and the very few in our Novice Category and submit and become part of a fun and friendly competition that you will enjoy each and every month. Without you there will be no Novice Category for our Great club. I fear that in the near future there will be no Novice Category.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see more entries in the Novice Category.

James Logan SDUPS President



SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting**, February 27th 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: 859 403 9607

☞ Meeting Password: SDUPS1961



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CALENDAR

March 27th— 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (Map page 7)

Presentation: **Orian Poindexter** - Photographer and marine scientist. See Page 2 for mor information.

March Competition - Shallows - Winners on page 3 & 4.

April Competition - New Beginnings See page 11 for more description.

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More Species discovered off the Island of AI



Presenting on
March 27, 2025
8:00 pm at
Sumner Auditorium
Scripps Campus



Oriana Poindexter is a photographer and marine scientist. Her work opens dialogues about our relationship with the changing biodiversity of the ocean using traditional and alternative photo processes. Poindexter holds an M.A.S. in Marine Biodiversity & Conservation from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and a B.A. in Visual Arts from Princeton University. Her work has been published by Smithsonian Magazine, The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, and exhibited at the Oceanside Museum of Art, the Center for Fine Art Photography, and the San Diego Public Library, and many others. She creates art-science exhibits for Southern California's leading aquariums, most recently co-curating Hold Fast, for the Birch Aquarium at UC San Diego. Her works are held in private collections across the United States and in Europe.
www.orianapoindexter.com/

March Competition

"Shallows"

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



Bill Ring – 2nd Place Advanced



Dave Hinkel – 3rd Place Advanced



Denise Lew – 3rd Place Advanced



Harold Dorr – 3rd Place Advanced



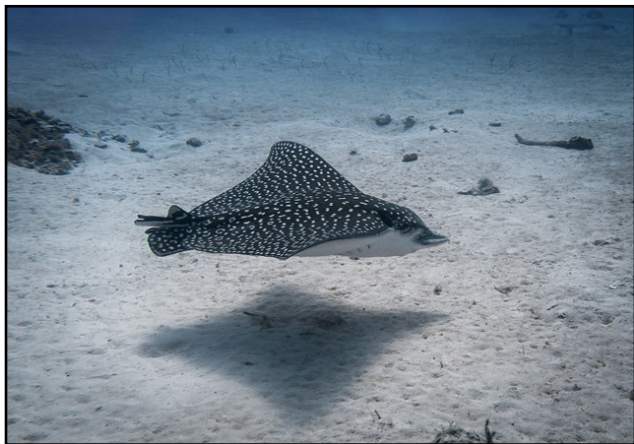
Ryan Vaickus - 1st Place Amateur



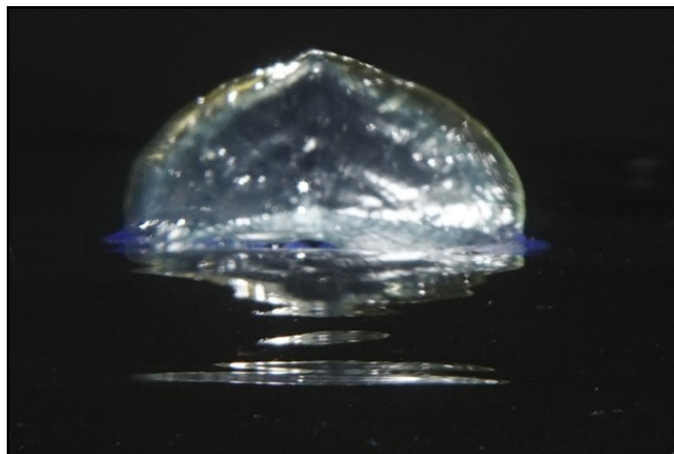
March Competition

"Shallows"

Elli Vaickus – 2nd Place Amateur



Ed Bonhaus – 3rd Place Amateur



Matthias Scheer – 1st Place Novice



Video Competition March

1st Place - **Kristin Carner**

2nd Place - **Bob Yin**

3rd Place - **Bill Ring**



James Logan – 2nd Place Novice



Stats for the March Competition: Shallows

Still Entries:
Novice = 2
Amateur = 4
Advanced = 16
Videos = 6
Votes Cast = 31



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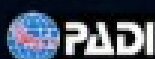


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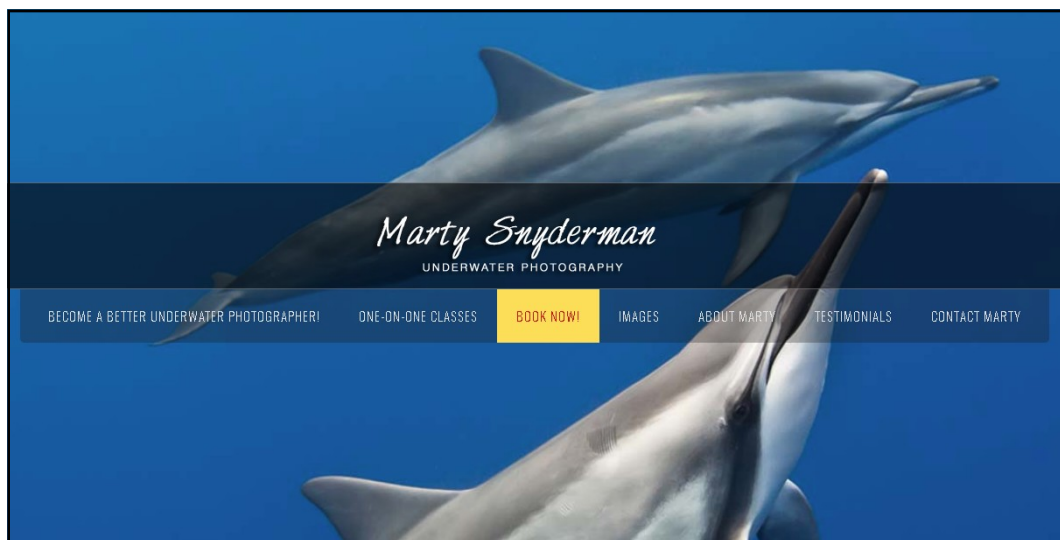
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Sumner Auditorium Parking Map



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.

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Competition Themes For 2025

Month	Theme	Description	Bonus Challenge (for bonus participation points)
January	Best of 2024	Best photo from 2024	
February	Behavior	Symbiotic, feeding, mating, cleaning	Composition includes a symmetrical element
March	Shallows	Less than 30 FT to the surface	Branching structures such as coral or kelp
April	New Beginnings	Eggs or young species	Footage taken within one month of competition deadline (honor system)
May	Dominant Color	One color dominates the image. No blk backgrounds, image must be in color, blue/green water does not qualify	Repeating patterns or textures
June	Humans & the Sea	Divers, snorkelers, free divers	Model is a SDUPS member
July	Midwater	Subject not touching the bottom nor the surface	Color red appears in the image (does not have to be the subject)
August	Bokeh	Japanese for the out of focus areas of an image.	Include creative title, add a fun fact, or write a haiku poem(5/7/5 syllables)
September	Schools	Schooling fish, etc..	Local to California
October	Camouflage	Sealife that blends into its background	At least one eye of the subject is visible
November	Photoshopped	Creative editing/ manipulation of footage using digital programs such as Photoshop, etc. No restrictions	At least one source of footage was taken in 2025 (honor system)



Monthly Meetings

Usually the fourth Thursday of each month

7:00pm

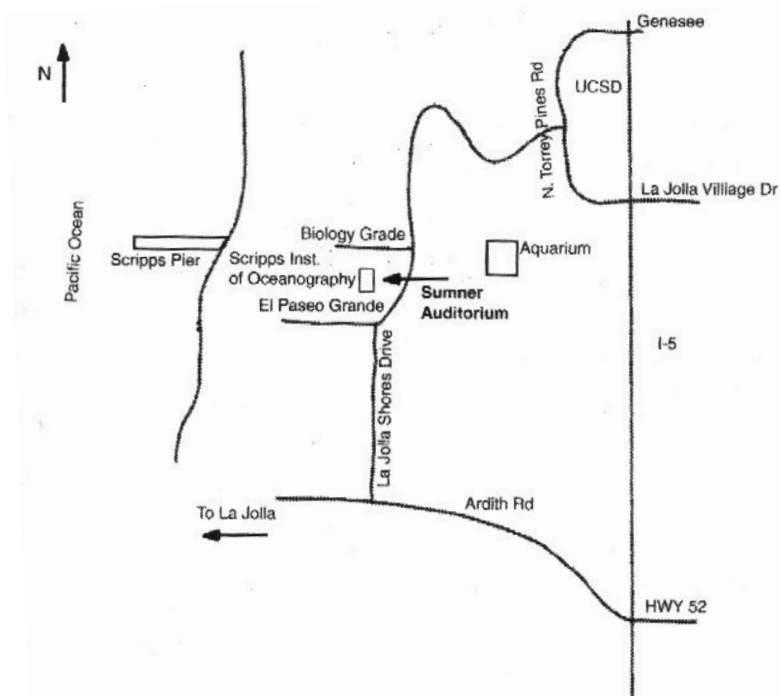
(No meeting in December)

Sumner Auditorium
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For more information

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Competition Schedule for 2025

January	Best of 2024	July	Midwater (subject neither on bottom or on surface)
February	Behavior (symbiotic, feeding, mating, cleaning, etc.)	August	Bokeh (A Japanese term for the aesthetic quality of the out-of-focus areas of an image)
March	Shallows <30 ft and Surface	September	Back to School (schooling fish, etc.)
April	New Beginnings (eggs, young, etc.)	October	Camouflage (sea life that blends into its background)
May	Dominant color (one color dominates image, no Blk backgrounds, image must be in color)	November	Image Editing - Edit using Photoshop or other tools. No restrictions, be creative
June	Humans & the Sea (divers, snorkelers, freedivers)	Dec. - TBA	Holiday Awards/Party

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