

# The Goby

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## President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members

**Exciting News - Our club website is back up and running and has been updated. Please visit our updated website. ([www.sdups.org](http://www.sdups.org))**

The Board would like to thank **Jami Lesile Feldman** for stopping by to teach and help me get the website functioning again. Thank you, Jami. With that said. If anyone would be willing to help with managing the website, please reach out to me and we can spend some time going over the details. Surprisingly the website is setup very well and easy to do once you know what to do.

The club needs members to volunteer and help in several areas. For the most part, it does not take a lot of time. For example, the La Jolla Library Exhibit is coming soon. Cindy and Jami will need help with several tasks to make this event a successful one. So please consider volunteering and giving these amazing women some much needed help. This is just one event that we have going on, so there is plenty of volunteering that needs to be had. Thank you in advance.

Last month and this month competitions were some fun ones. The number of submissions especially in the Novice group was outstanding. Outstanding job to everyone, please keep the momentum going.

I would like to see the voting number be a bit higher. Voting is easy and can be done from your home computer at your convenience. I know how valuable your time is. I and the members that submit content for the monthly competitions truly appreciate you taking the time to vote. So, please show your support for your favorite SDUPS Photographer and Videographer.

Thank you for your time and support. See you at the next meeting  
**James Logan** - President - San Diego Underwater Photographic Society



SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting, May 22nd** 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



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8594309607?pwd=UEJtUG0rczI3bEhOcW15LzlydlZJdz09>

## CALENDAR

May 22nd– 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (Map page 9)

Presentation: Camera Workshop

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# May Competition

**Greg Vogler** – 1st Place Advanced

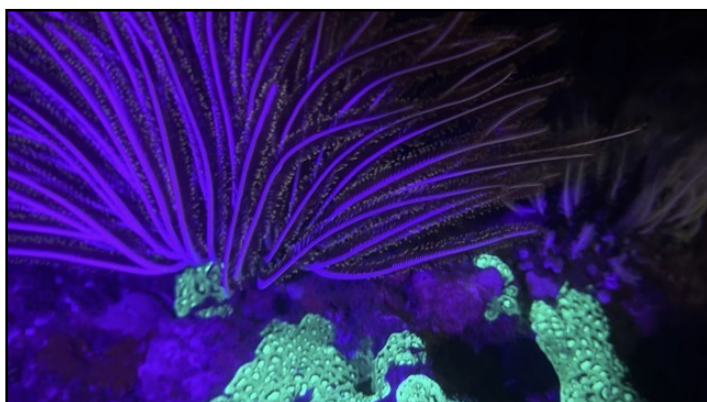


## "Dominant Color"

**Denise Lew** – 2nd Place Advanced



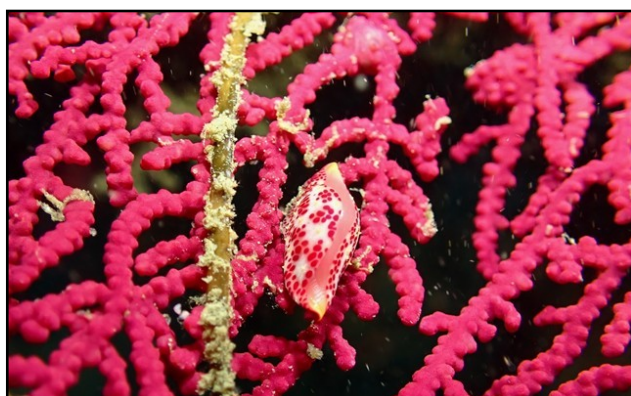
**Dick Miller** – 3rd Place Advanced



**Tom Baker** - 1st Place Amateur



**Charlotte Seid** - 2nd Place Amateur



**Matt Wilbur** - 3rd Place Amateur



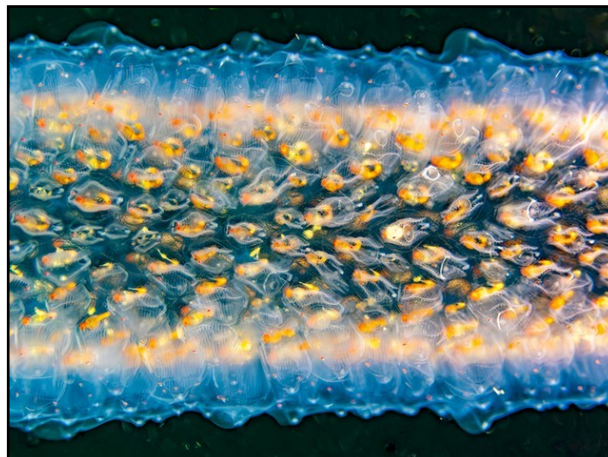


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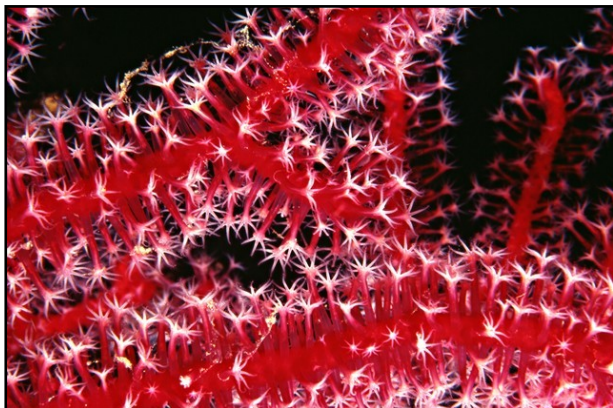
**Katherine Mauser** - 3rd Place Amateur



**Matthias Scheer** – 1st Place Novice



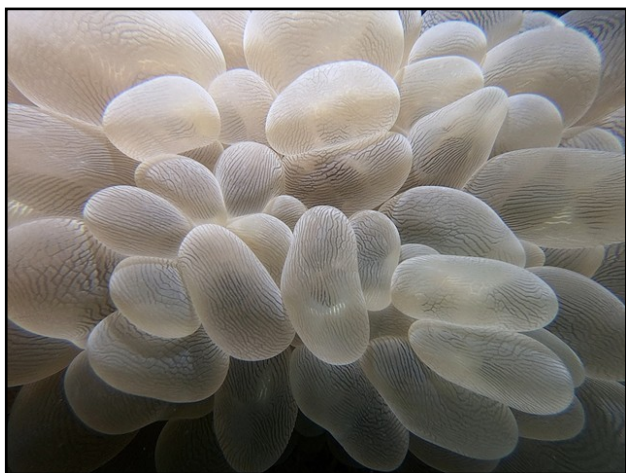
**Diane Hotz** – 1st Place Novice



**Elain Masters** – 2nd Place Novice



**Cindy Lipthay** - 3rd Place Amateur



## Video Competition May

1st Place - **Walter Marti**

2nd Place - **Kristin Carner**

3rd Place - **Bill Ring**

## Stats for the May Competition: Dominant Color

Still Entries:

Novice = 5

Amateur = 7

Advanced = 11

Videos = 6

Votes Cast = ?





## ***SDUPS General Meeting April 24th***

We had a very nice turnout for the April SDUPS Meeting. It was great to see that many members person to person. President **James Logan** opened the meeting in the regular way with stating the evening agenda, introduction of guests, and introduction of Board Members. He also presented some 2024 awards to members who couldn't attend our Awards Dinner in December.

James also put together a great little video of a recent dive trip to the Philippines. He highlighted their stay at the Marco Vincent resort in Puerto Galera. There was no shortage of beautiful undersea creatures in his film. It gave us a wonderful idea of the great diving and photo opportunities in the Philippines.

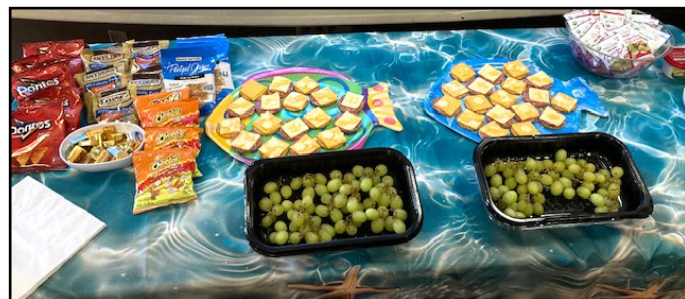
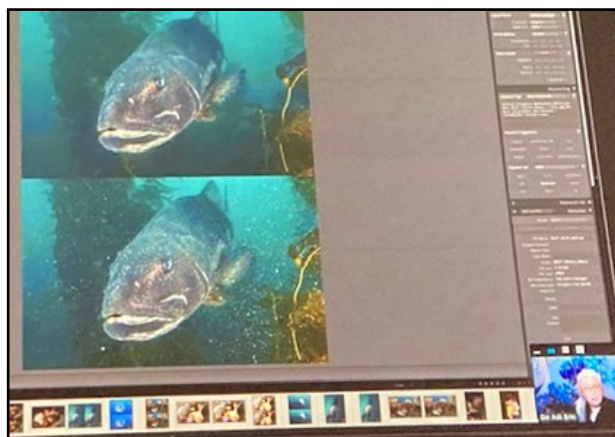
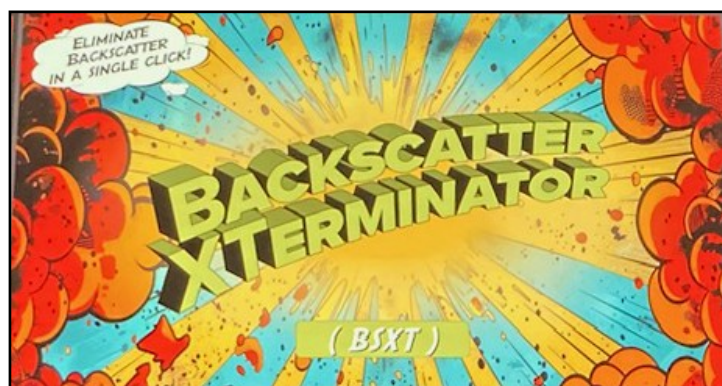
Next up was the showing of the May Competition winners. As you remember the theme was "New Beginnings (eggs or young)". All three levels of the competition presented beautiful images.

It was time for a break and refreshments. As always, **Cindy** did a wonderful job. Thank you for efforts Cindy, it's very much appreciated.

Our main presenter for the evening, **Erin Quigley** was then introduced. Erin is a certified expert with Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom. Erin wanted to explain and showcase a new plug-in for the forementioned editing programs. "Backscatter Xterminator" is this new plug-in that takes just one click to do away with annoying backscatter. Using some AI magic, it does an unbelievably great job. Erin went through a complete tutorial on how to use the plug-in and make the magic happen. It is only available for Photoshop and Lightroom which leaves us users of Photoshop Elements in envy. You could tell of Erin's excitement as this is certainly a game changer in the world of underwater photo editing. For more information on Backscatter Xterminator, click on this link:

[BackscatterXTerminator - Go Ask Erin](#)

We thank Erin for a wonderful presentation.



Cindy Lipthay treats us to wonderful refreshments Again



## ***SDUPS & SCUBA SHOW 2025***

### ***We Need Your HELP!***

**Paula Selby** is coordinating this year's exhibit and would like members to send photos and videos up to 10 minutes in length to display at the show. Photos should be at least 4 MB in size and should have a horizontal format. Paula will be printing a backdrop with member photos, 10' x 8', and will mix any other photos with the videos on a slide show that will loop continuously at our exhibit.

Members can submit their photos and videos using this link:

<https://form.jotform.com/251066546010043>

For larger video files, if they cannot submit the form using the file upload link above, then they can use a free file transfer service such as Wetransfer.com and email to Paula at [plselby@cox.net](mailto:plselby@cox.net). She will select a variety of photos to print. Paula would like to have all submissions by **May 15, 2025**.

# SCUBA SHOW 2025

## MAY 31 & JUNE 1

## LONG BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

### LOCATION

Long Beach Convention Center  
Hall C

300 E Ocean Blvd.  
Long Beach, CA 90802

### EXHIBITION DATES

May 31 & June 1, 2025

### 2025 EXHIBIT HALL HOURS

Scuba Radio Pre- show warmups each day from 9:15am to 10am. Fun and games and giveaways

Saturday May 31, 2025 – 10am to 6pm

Sunday June 1, 2025 – 10am to 5pm

[www.scubashow.com](http://www.scubashow.com)





## Classifieds - FOR SALE

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Bob Yin is selling a Inon S2000, Purchased it new directly from Inon Japan and has hardly ever used it. It includes all the main accessories such as the mirror tripping, etc. It is very compact and yet powerful enough for most shooting. Like New \$150

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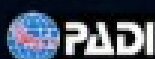


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# SCUBA SWAP

**JOIN US TO BUY AND SELL USED DIVING AND  
UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY GEAR**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH**




**8:00 - 12:00**

**6082 EDINGER AVE - HUNTINGTON BEACH**

**Parking is located across the street. PLEASE BE AWARE: Mario's, the mexican restaurant will tow after 11:00am. Please use the crosswalk to arrive and get home safely!**

## **WANT TO SIGN UP TO SELL YOUR OLD GEAR?**

**We'd love to have you come out to support and sell your old gear (we all have it!) If you'd like to sign up, here's what you need to know:**

-  **\$25 for a standard parking lot size space - can be individual or shared**
-  **Your spot must be reserved in advance as we expect to fill up. Please email Cindy Shaw at [CindyDives@gmail.com](mailto:CindyDives@gmail.com) to claim your spot!**
-  **Payment can be made the same day via cash or check - or paid in advance via Zelle to [OCUPSJane@gmail.com](mailto:OCUPSJane@gmail.com). Spot must be reserved in advance either way**

**WILL HAVE A FREE  
TABLE WITH ALL  
REMAINING  
DONATIONS GOING  
TO GET INSPIRED!**





## Sumner Auditorium Parking Map

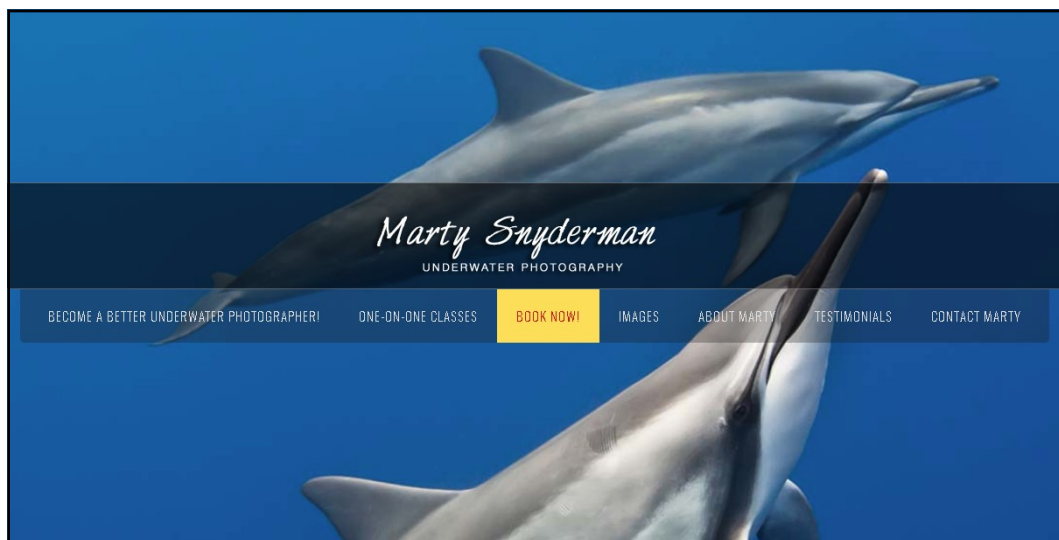


## Photo Classes

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 not 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](http://www.martysnyderman.com)



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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**  
**Scripps Institute of Oceanography**  
**8602 La Jolla Shores Drive**  
**La Jolla, CA 92037**

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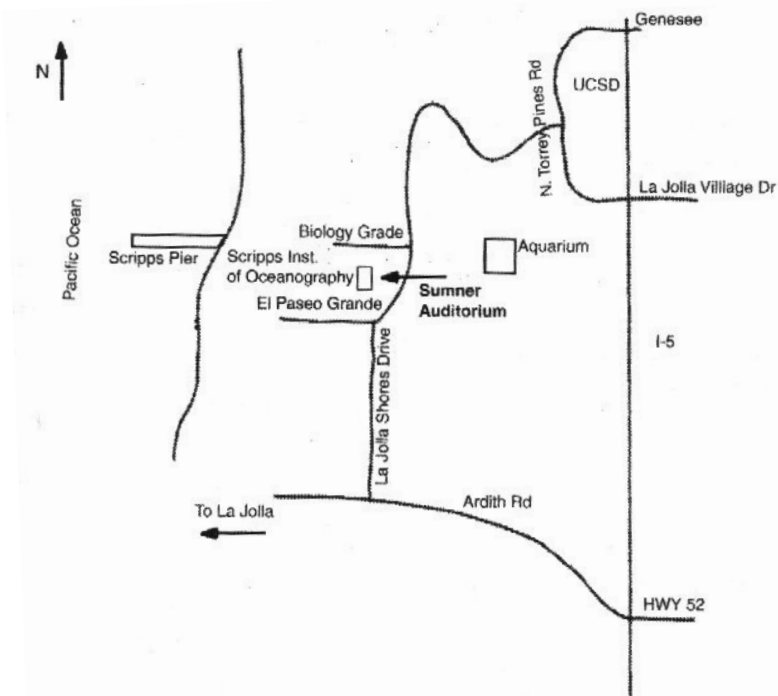
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### Appointed Positions

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 Vacant - Web Master  
 Vacant - Social Media  
 Beth Beason - Computer Tech  
 Walter Heim - Competition



## 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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