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President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members,

Scuba Show was a big hit. Thank you to **Paula Selby** for setting it up and creating an amazing new banner for our club, **Maxine Baker, Dick Miller, and Cindy Liphay** for manning the booth for both days of the event. What a great way to showcase our club and all that we do. Thank you to our members that stopped by and spent some time with us while enjoying the Scuba Show. We met some new friends that seemed very interested in our club. We did get a lot of San Diegans to come by for a while and chat.

There are so many ways to volunteer and help out the club and also earn participation points that goes to your year end raffle tickets. So please consider and participate in any of our upcoming events.

Our next event is the La Jolla Library Exhibit and I am sure that Cindy could use some volunteers. We will also be participating in the La Jolla Art in August. Volunteers are welcome. Please check out the Goby to keep up to date on all club events.

Thank you for your time and support. See you at the next meeting.

James Logan - President SDUPS



SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting, June 26th 7 pm**. Join us to see old friends and enjoy an U/W presentation.

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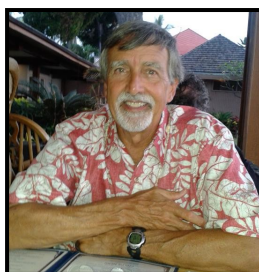
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Because of a vacation in July, the Goby for next month may be delayed. It all depends on if I have an internet connection or not where I'm staying. I will do my best to keep you informed of club events and happenings. Have a wonderful summer, **Mike Poirier** - Goby editor.



CALENDAR

June 26th– 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (Map page 11)

Presentation: **Stephen Frink**, world renown Underwater Photographer.

June Competition - Humans & the Sea

July Competition: Mid-Water

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June Competition

Mike Coufer – 1st Place Advanced



Jack Der – 2nd Place Advanced



Gayle Van Leer – 3rd Place Advanced



Tom Baker - 1st Place Amateur



Matt Wilbur - 2nd Place Amateur



Katherine Mauser - 3rd Place Amateur



June Competition

"Humans & the Sea"

Matthias Scheer – 1st Place Novice



James Logan – 2nd Place Novice



Alex Toh - 3rd Place Amateur



Video Competition June

1st Place - **Matthias Sheer**

2nd Place - **Bob Yin**

3rd Place - **Kristin Carner**

Stats for the June Competition: Humans & the Sea

Still Entries:

Novice =

Amateur =

Advanced =

Videos =

Votes Cast =



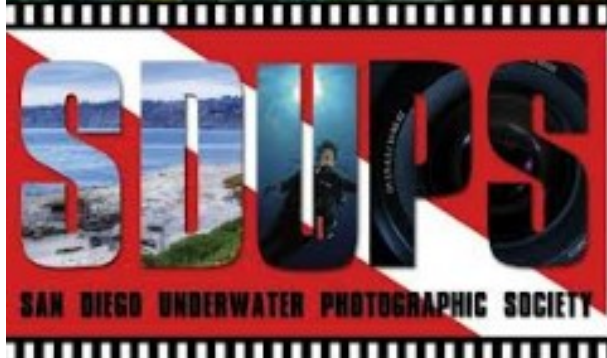
Stephen Frink

photographic

Presenting on
June 24, 2025
8:00 pm at
Sumner Auditorium
Scripps Campus

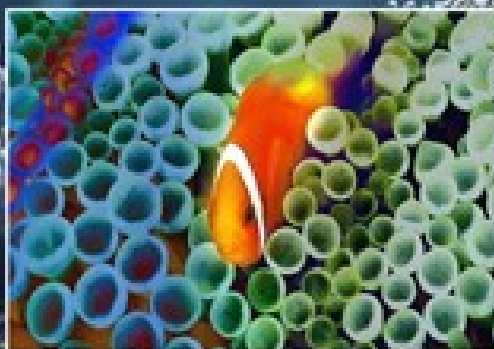


Paula Selby will be joining Stephen Frink via Zoom while on a photographic expedition with him in La Paz, Mexico. Stephen will talk about the evolution of his career in underwater photography and will share several photos published in Alert Diver magazine and other public venues. Stephen is among the world's most frequently published UW photographers, with a career spanning four decades. He arrived in Key Largo in 1978 (where he first met Paula Selby) to open a small studio dedicated to UW photo services, primarily renting cameras and processing E-6 slide film, but he soon began to receive assignments to photograph and write articles for the consumer dive publications of the day. He worked as a photojournalist for Skin Diver magazine for 17-years, covering much of the Caribbean, Bahamas, and Florida Keys for the publication. Subsequently he worked as the Director of Photography for Scuba Diving magazine. For the past 10 years Stephen has been the publisher of Alert Diver Magazine, a beautiful coffee-table collectible magazine for the members of the Divers Alert Network. <https://stephenfrink.com/about/>



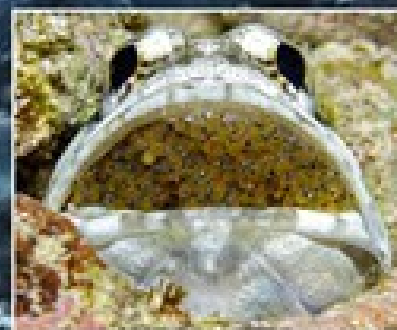
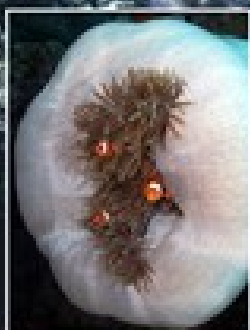
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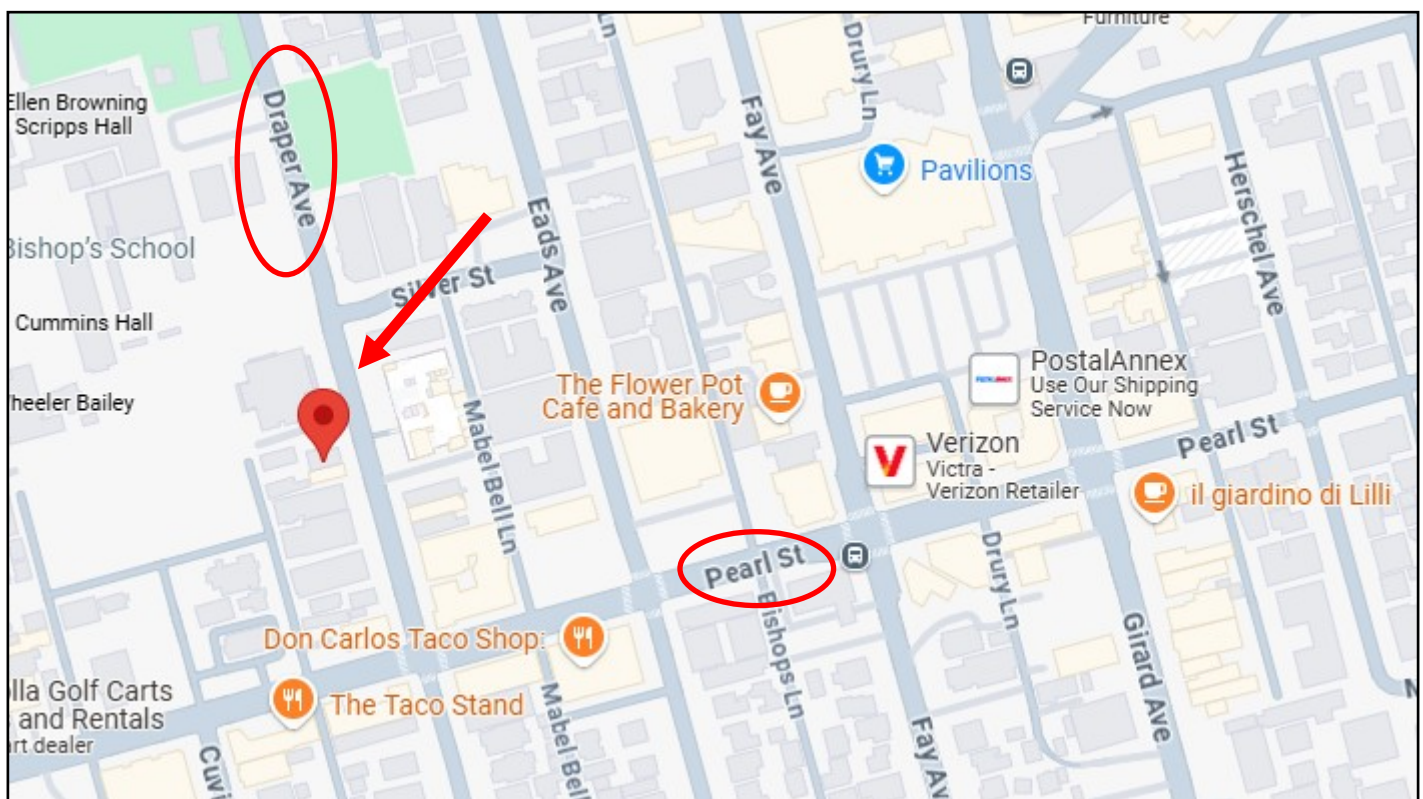
Come Meet The Photographers
Reception July 26, 2025 • 3 - 5 pm





SDUPS at the La Jolla Library
7552 Draper Ave.
June 27 to September 9
Reception - Saturday July 26th 3 to 6 pm

SDUPS Members will again display some of their best Underwater Photographs with a special exhibition at the La Jolla Library this summer. Meet the photographer's at a reception on July 26th. Snacks & refreshments will be available. The reception is open to all, hope to see you there.



SDUPS at the SCUBA Show

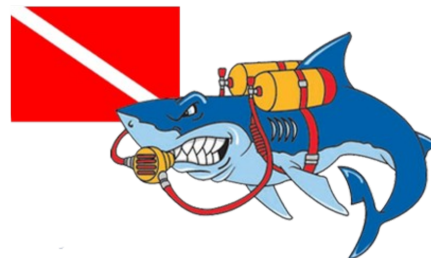
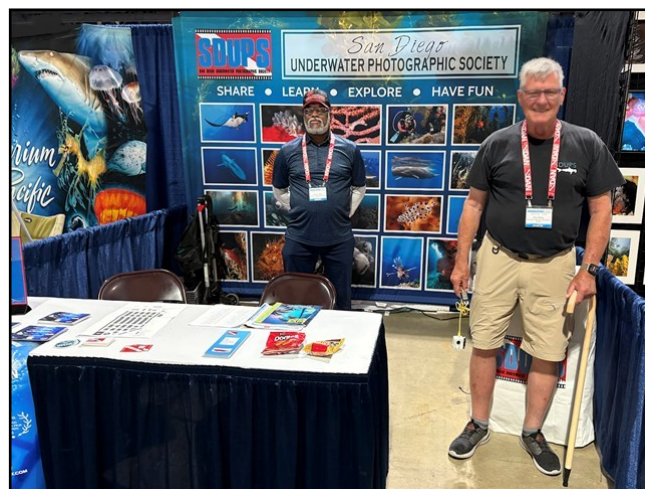
The Scuba Show was buzzing with the energy and enthusiasm of 9,000 underwater enthusiasts eagerly immersing themselves amid the 260 exhibitors, including SDUPS and OCUPS (next to us).

One of our own active members, **Charlotte Seid**, held a seminar on Exploring Deep-Sea Life Beyond Scuba Depths.

A BIG Thank You to Vice-President **Paula Selby** for the design and setting up of the SDUPS booth.



Who's That Shark?



SDUPS General Meeting May 22nd

A beautiful warm San Diego evening with good surfing waves made for some tight parking for the May SDUPS meeting at Sumner Auditorium. Never the less, about fifteen members showed up for what was a special presentation.

President **James Logan** got the meeting underway and explained because of the type of meeting we were having, why it was impracticable to make it a Zoom meeting also. For this meeting James had invited members to showcase their camera rigs and share there story about how they got involved with under-water photography and how they progressed in updating their equipment. It was very interesting because of the different cameras and accessories that were shown. Each person talked about their early days of U/W photography and why they are using the camera they presently own. Most everyone shared that the type of photography they like the most, dictates the type of camera used. Some shoot macro exclusively, others wide angle, and others mostly shoot video. One member for example, **Walter Heim**, is a shark shooter and his rig is set up especially for that. Some of the setups were simple point-and-shoot systems whereas others were massive dome port heavy systems. We would like to thank the half dozen or so members who hauled their gear down to the meeting.

As always, **Cindy Liphay** provided some delicious snacks for our intermission. This provided time for a lot of talk and questions about the different camera setups.

Last on the agenda for the evening was going over the May competition results. The theme, "Dominant Color" provided some very interesting and beautiful images.

That reminds me that you can check out past competition winners on the Club's updated website. Past web-master, **Jami Feldman**, got together with James and gave him the expertise in working on the website, As you know, James has his hands full being President, so we are looking for someone to be the full time webmaster. He's assured us that it's a very easy job for someone and it would be a big help for the club. Any volunteers?

It was a very informative and fun meeting. Thank you all who attended.



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Contact Beth at:
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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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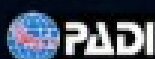


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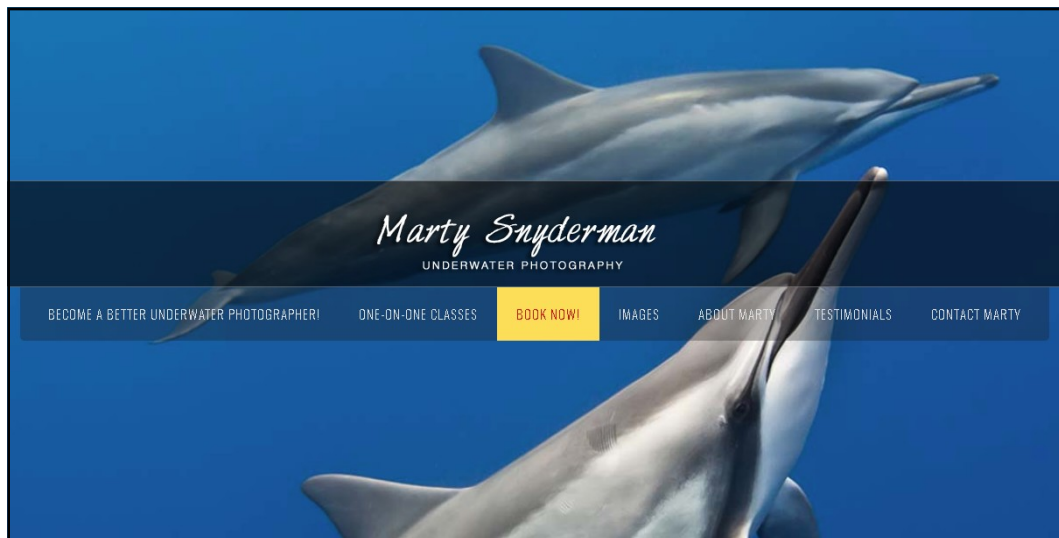


Sumner Auditorium Parking Map



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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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

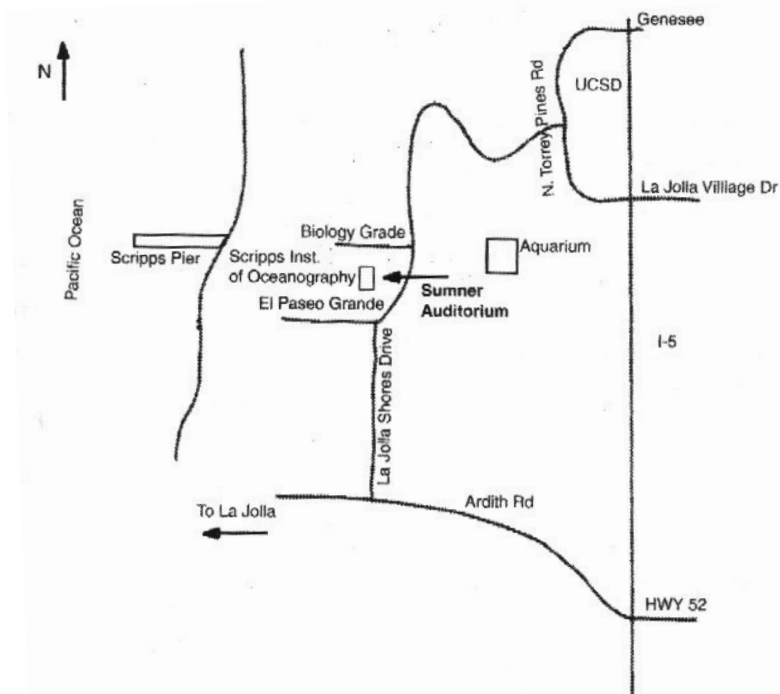
(No meeting in December)

Sumner Auditorium
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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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