



# The Goby

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## President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members

**Scam Alert** - Unfortunately, we have been targeted. I have sent out a message earlier this month about this scam.

Let me be perfectly clear again. I or no one from this club will never contact a member for money to help paying a vendor. Those requests are handled by me and the Treasurer of the club. The only time you would be requested to make a payment will be during the renewal time for membership. At that time, you have several options to make payment. Enough said about that.

**Now, on to brighter things.** The Website is looking amazing. As of next month, **Kris Carner** has offered to take over managing the website and social media. We currently have the Website, Facebook and Instagram. I encourage everyone to go to our pages and look at what we have going on. Also, please feel free to post on either of our pages if you would like to. It's a great way to post your photos and short video clips. It's great way to keep our club updated on what is going on with local diving. The club has been getting some great press this month. We have an article in the La Jolla Light Newspaper. I posted a screenshot and added a link to it on our Facebook and Instagram page. Please go to our pages and take a look. Also, we have an article coming out in the La Jolla Living Magazine. One of our lucky members will get their photo as the cover. We have also been working on a new brochure and business cards for the club. Giving us a fresher looking. So, I am very excited about that. And of course, the library exhibit is continuing on. Lots of things going on.

Finally, we have **Andy** and **Allison Sallmon** as our guest speakers for this months meeting. I am excited to have them back with us this month. Go to our website to read the flyer for details of their presentation.,

I want to take a moment to say Thank You to **Paula Selby** (Vice President) and **Cindy Liphay** (Activities Director aka Snack Lady). These ladies have been working very hard (and I mean very hard) to promote you and this club. **Ladies - a job well done!**

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, July 24th** 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

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## CALENDAR

July 24th– 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (Map page 10)

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August Competition: Bokeh Japanese for the out of focus areas of an image.

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# July Competition

**Greg Volger** – 1st Place Advanced



## "Mid-Water"

**Dave Hinkel** – 2nd Place Advanced



**Jack Der** – 3rd Place Advanced



**Mike Poirier** – 3rd Place Advanced



**Doug Bonhaus** - 1st Place Amateur

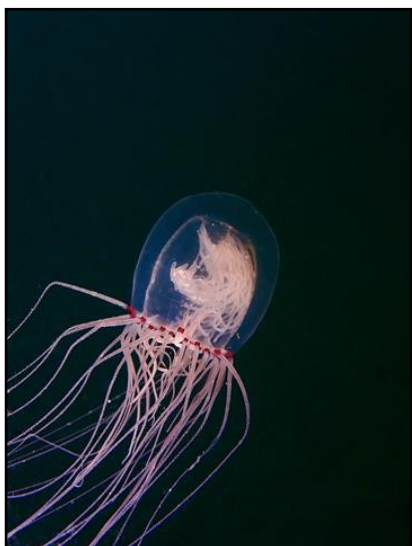


**Ryan Vaickus** - 2nd Place Amateur



# July Competition

Katherine Mauser - 3rd Place Amateur



Matthias Scheer – 1st Place Novice



Katherine Mauser - 3rd Place Novice



## Video Competition July

1st Place - Walter Marti  
2nd Place - Kristin Carner  
3rd Place - Bob Yin

## "Mid-Water"

Charlotte Seid - 3rd Place Amateur



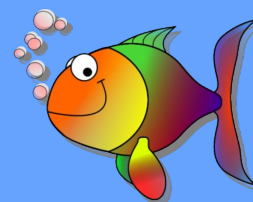
Susan Scheer – 2nd Place Novice



## Stats for the July Competition: Midwater

Still Entries:  
Novice = 3  
Amateur = 5  
Advanced = 13

Videos = 10  
Votes Cast = 28





# ANDY SALLMON & ALLISON VITSKY SALLMON

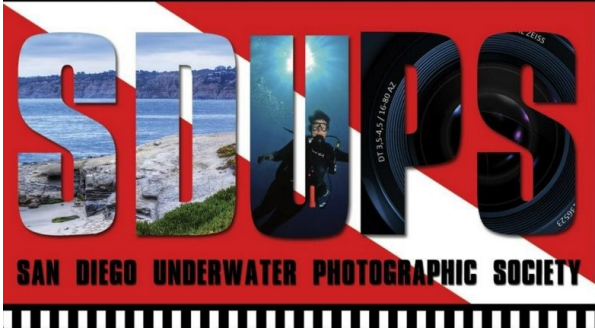
Presenting on  
**July 24, 2025**  
8:00 pm at  
**Sumner Auditorium**  
**Scripps Campus**



Local underwater photographers, Andy Sallmon and Allison Vitsky Sallmon, are a photography/writing team that has been working together since 2010. Individually and together, their work has been recognized in dozens of international underwater and nature photography competitions, graced the walls of aquariums and museums, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Smithsonian Institute, and extensively published in magazines and books on diving, nature, and photography. Additionally, Allison is the founder and president of Dive into the Pink, a nonprofit organization that mobilizes the diving community to join the fight against cancer, and she is a proud member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame.

Andy & Allison's topic will provide tips & techniques for shooting in green water.

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## ***SDUPS General Meeting June 26th***

### SDUPS June26

Our June SDUPS Meeting had twenty members and guests in attendance at Sumner Auditorium. President **James Logan** welcomed everyone and introduced three new guests.

The agenda for the evening was to start off with our Vice-President **Paula Shelby** on Zoom from the Sea of Cortes, followed up with underwater pro photographer **Stephen Frink**, again on Zoom from the Florida Keys. We would then take a break for refreshments prepared by our famous snack preparer **Cindy Lipthay**. The meeting would come to a close after the winners of the June photo competition was reviewed.

Paula was at the Sea of Cortes to study, photograph, and survey the Mobula Rays with other photographers and scientists. She also explained some of the conservation efforts being looked into and some of the troubles these beautiful rays are up against. Paula shared some beautiful images of the Mobula rays with some very impressive overhead shots of just how big these migrations can be. Hundreds if not thousands in these gigantic schools. Thank you for sharing your trip with us Paula.

Paula then introduced her good friend **Stephen Frink** who she has been on many dive trips with. Stephen was live from his home in Key Largo Florida. Like many SDUPS members who call La Jolla Shores their backyard, Steve calls Key Largo his backyard. He presented images that he has taken that showcase the reefs in his area. One of the things that Steve pointed out with his images was what the reefs were like when he first moved there many years ago, to what they look like today. Many of the beautiful corals of yesteryear are just not there anymore. He talked about some of the restoration efforts that are underway but you could tell he misses how the reefs were. Stephen also shared images of some of the wrecks in the area that were sunk as artificial reefs. He also touched upon dive shops and dive boats in the area. In case you are not familiar with Stephen, he has been an underwater photo journalist publishing articles for Skin Diver magazine among others, and is now the publisher of "Alert Diver" magazine, the publication for DAN, Divers Alert Network. (<https://stephenfrinkphoto.com>) A big thank you to both Paula and Stephen for an educational and informative evening.

James then ended the meeting with announcements about the SDUPS La Jolla exhibit and the soon to be coming La Jolla Art Walk.



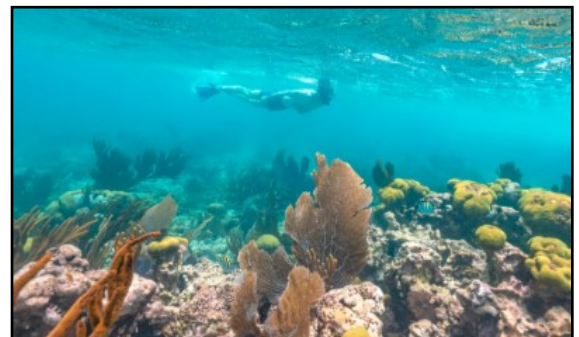
Mobula Rays - The Mating Game



Mobula Ray Discovery Team



Pro U/W Photographer - Stephen Frink



Key Largo Reef



# Our library exhibit is featured in today's edition of the La Jolla Light newspaper!

## LA JOLLA LIBRARY

### Returning exhibit takes guests into the underwater world

'Life in the Ocean,' showcasing 57 pictures by local photographers, is on display through Sept. 25

By Noah Lyons  
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Visitors to the La Jolla/Riford Library over the next 2½ months can be transported into the wonders of the ocean with the return of an annual exhibit.

"Life in the Ocean," now in its fifth year, showcases 57 pictures by local underwater photographers who belong to the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society. This year's free show opened June 28 and continues through Thursday, Sept. 25, in the library's Community Room at 7555 Draper Ave.

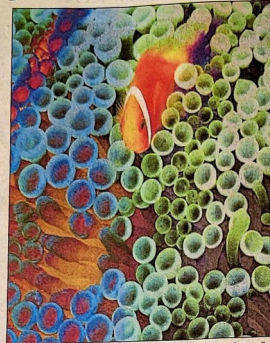
A reception for the photographers will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 26.

"Life in the Ocean" is made possible through the support of Friends of the La Jolla Library, its arts committee and library branch manager Dana Sanchez.

The Underwater Photographic Society was formed in 1961 as a social club where members promote underwater photography and videography. The group meets the fourth Thursday of each month at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Summer Auditorium in La Jolla and typically features a guest speaker and a themed photo competition.

Any given meeting includes a variety of photographers and divers in a wide range of ages and skills.

"We have artists from every walk of life," said group President James Logan, who has a photo in the library exhibit. "Some of the members in our club have been there from the



Robert Yin's submissions for this year's "Life in the Ocean" exhibit in La Jolla were taken on a trip to the Philippines. **ROBERT YIN**

beginning of its conception. ...Most of them dive locally, so they get to display a lot of what San Diego underwater has to offer."

One of the most acclaimed and longest-standing members is Robert Yin, an underwater photographer for 62 years and a society member in both San Francisco and San Diego since 1968. Yin estimates he's done 5,000 dives during that span. Five of Yin's photos are featured in this year's "Life in the Ocean," all selected from a trip to the Philippines, where he first started diving and loves its warm waters and remarkable animal diversity.

"The underwater is so rich with materials and more variety of fishes and other things than on land by hundreds of times," Yin said. "So it opens up a big realm of different kinds of subjects you can work with."

Also in this year's lineup are four photos from Matthias Scheer, a

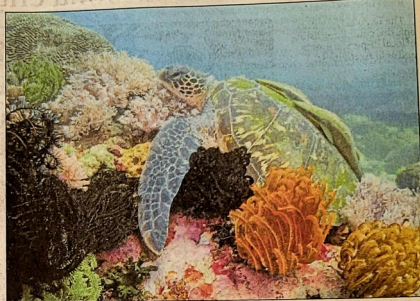
whale-watching captain for Big Blue Photo Boat at Mission Bay and a member of the Underwater Photographic Society since the early 2010s.

Scheer's photos include an orca and its calf, a blue whale tail, a baby humpback whale and a humpback tail at sunset. This is Scheer's first time being featured in the exhibit.

"I'm just glad that I could get all my photos together," he said. "I have a bit of a backlog since ... starting whale watching, and I'm really happy to share them in a forum, the La Jolla Library, that I spend quite a bit of time at."

Selecting which photos made the cut for the exhibit was a tall task for Diane Ryason and Patricia Jasper, a pair of experienced curators, volunteers, philanthropists and local art lovers.

This year, they had a batch of 120 pictures to choose from. Ryason, a former Underwater Photographic Society member,



James Logan, president of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society, has this photo of a green sea turtle in the "Life in the Ocean" display in La Jolla. **JAMES LOGAN**



Matthias Scheer says this picture of a baby humpback whale is his favorite of his photos in the "Life in the Ocean" exhibit. **MATTHIAS SCHEER**

said the selection process lasted a couple of months.

"I look at it from a critical visual art standpoint first of all," Ryason said. "Then (I ask) 'Would this image, this creature ... be interest-

ing to someone who doesn't perhaps know what it is?'"

"You can grab a camera and go take a picture and you might be really good at that," she continued. "But it takes another level of skill

to photograph underwater and to get to those places, too."

Jasper and Ryason's goal in curating the exhibit is

See EXHIBIT on Page B1

Submitted by Cindy Liphay

The La Jolla/Riford Library's Community Room is the home of the "Life in the Ocean" exhibit through Thursday, Sept. 25. **ROBERT YIN**

## EXHIBIT

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to have the same caliber of display as other galleries in La Jolla.

And for the Underwater Photographic Society, the collaboration is an opportunity to educate and entertain.

"This library has been a tremendous opportunity to have our photographs showcased," said Cindy Liphay, the society's activities director. "Otherwise, it's sort of a shame for people to hone their skills for so many years or decades but not have

an audience to appreciate these photographs.

"Our objective is not just to show off our pictures but to bring some awareness about the ocean to some people maybe who have never

even seen the ocean before."

Learn more about Friends of the La Jolla Library at [lajollalibrary.org](http://lajollalibrary.org) and the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society at [sdups.org](http://sdups.org).



***A Handy Tip  
By  
Dick Miller***

**Low-Scratch Tube Brush Sets with Handle**



Useful, small dimension, tube wire brushes.

Several months ago, I suggested to the meeting that I had discovered a supplier of small dimension, two brushes that could be used to clean out 1/4"20 and other threaded areas on underwater housings. I intended to share this information with the membership, but I lost the suppliers contact information. I rediscovered it recently so I am writing this note to let the members know where they can find these wire brushes. The best part is you can buy only one or as many brushes as you wish? They're very inexpensive. The wire brushes that I got were about 2mm or 3mm in diameter up to as much as 5/16" and work very well. It must be said don't attempt to use a power driver of any kind. Using a Dermal tool or electric drill will result in bending the brush and destroying it. These are only good for manual use.

Here is the website for the company.

<https://www.mcmaster.com/products/brushes/brush-style~tube/>



***SDUPS at the La Jolla Library  
7552 Draper Ave.  
June 27 to September 9***

SDUPS Members will again display some of their best Underwater Photographs with a special exhibition at the La Jolla Library this summer. The Underwater Photo Exhibit will be at the Library until September 9th,

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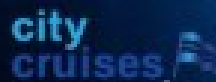


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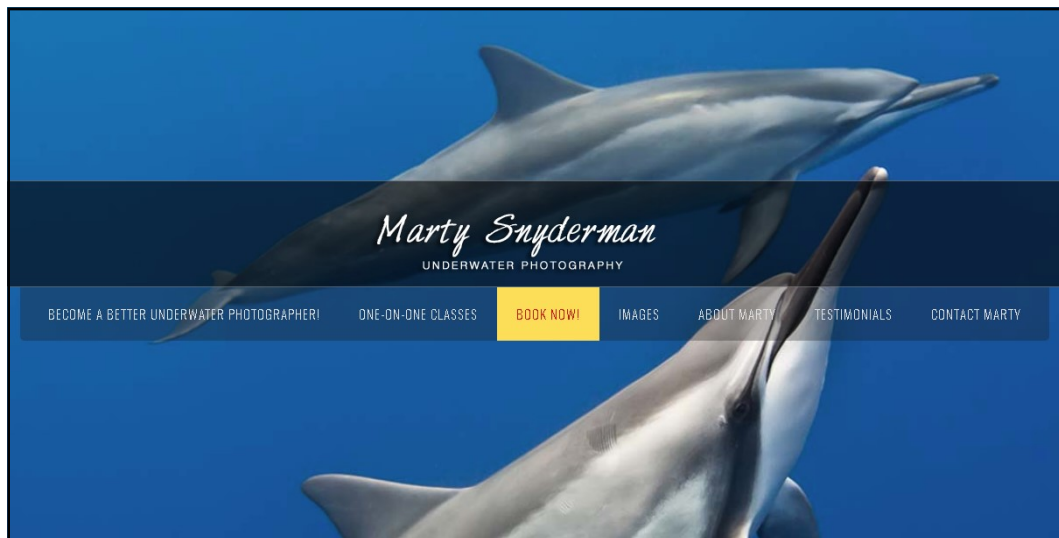
## Sumner Auditorium Parking Map





## 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



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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

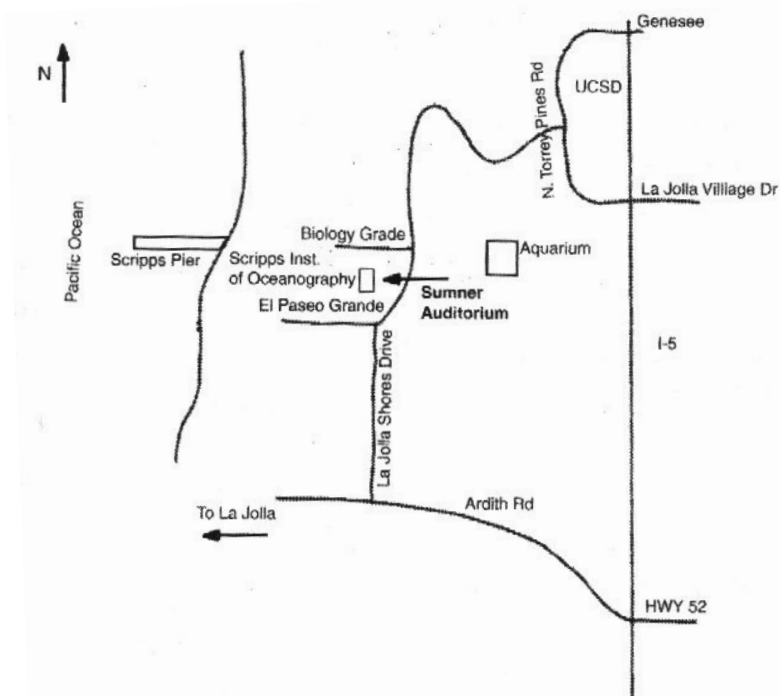
(No meeting in December)

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

For more information

check the SDUPS web page

<http://www.sdups.org>



## 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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