

The Goby

San Diego Underwater Photographic Society

Volume 65 Issue 6

Established 1961 - <http://www.sdups.org>

June 2026

President's Message

Hello SDUPS Members and Friends,

What an incredible weekend we had at the **2026 Long Beach Scuba Show**. Our booth was buzzing from start to finish, and I couldn't be prouder of how our club showed up.

A **huge thank you** goes out to every member who volunteered their time—whether you helped set up, greeted guests, shared your photography knowledge, or simply brought your enthusiasm. Your presence made our booth welcoming, lively, and truly representative of the spirit of SDUPS.



We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to the **many visitors who stopped by Booth #614** to learn about underwater photography, chat with our members, and sign up for more information. With 53 sign-ups and countless conversations, this year's show gave our club tremendous visibility and momentum.

Looking Ahead: La Jolla Library Exhibit

Our next major event is right around the corner. The **SDUPS Underwater Photography Exhibit** at the La Jolla Riford Library opens **July 5th** and will run through September 6th.

To prepare, we need a few volunteers to help with **receiving photographers' prints on July 1st from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** at the library. This is a simple but important task—checking in prints, confirming labels, and helping ensure everything is ready for installation. Please contact **Cindy** at cindylipthay@gmail.com. If you're available to assist on July 1st, your help would be greatly appreciated.

James Logan - SDUPS, President

SDUPS online **Hybrid Zoom Meeting, June 25 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=UEJtUG0rczl3bEhOcW15LzlydJZdz09>



CALENDAR

June 25 – 7 pm SDUPS Hybrid Meeting at Sumner Auditorium (Map page 10)

June Competition Winners

Pages 2 & 3

June Presentation – **Walter Marti**

Page - 4

SDUPS May Meeting -Page 5

SDUPS at the SCUBA show - Page 6

Ocean Enterprises - Page 7

SDUPS at the Library - Page 8

Walter Monk Day - Page 9

June Competition

"Nudibranchs"

Greg Volger – 1st Place Advanced



Harold Dorr – 2nd Place Advanced



Dick Miller – 3rd Place Advanced



Melissa Foo - 1st Place Amateur



Katherine Mauser - 2nd Place Amateur



Doug Bonhaus - 3rd Place Amateur



June Competition

"Nudibranchs"

James Logan – 1st Place Novice



D'amy Steward– 2nd Place Novice



Victor Ramos - 3rd Place Novice



Video Competition June

- 1st Place - **Walter Marti**
- 2nd Place - **Kristin Carner**
- 3rd Place - **Bill Ring**



Stats for the June Competition:

Nudibranchs

- Still Entries:
- Novice = 4
- Amateur = 7
- Advanced = 14
- Videos = 6
- Votes Cast = 36



WALTER MARTI

Presenting
**Introduction to DaVinci
 Resolve 21 Video Editing Suite**

June 25, 2026, 7:15 pm
 at Sumner Auditorium
 Scripps Campus



DaVinci Resolve 21 is a major post-production suite by Blackmagic Design that merges professional video editing, color grading, visual effects (VFX), audio post-production, and full RAW photo editing into a single, comprehensive software application. Walter will introduce us to all of DaVinci's panels, including the new Photo Panel, and he will review some of the cool tools and AI features such as Text to Speech as they relate to underwater imaging.



Walter Marti is a seasoned underwater videographer who has been captivating audiences with his enthralling underwater films for decades. In 1974, Walter's journey as a diver began, and he soon discovered his passion for documenting the underwater world. In 1979, embracing the world of underwater video and armed with camera equipment, he embarked on a mission to capture some of the mesmerizing beauty of marine life. His dedication to his craft has led him to become a highly respected figure in the realm of underwater videography.



Over the years, Walter has explored the depths of the oceans, chronicling the lives of diverse marine species. His underwater documentaries have earned him numerous accolades, including an Honorable Mention in Cinematography at the 2003 International Wildlife Film Festival. He has also been a regular contributor to the Long Beach Scuba Show's Film Festival and the San Diego Undersea Film Exhibition.

Walter is a prominent practitioner of blackwater diving—drifting over deep ocean trenches at night to capture larval creatures and bioluminescent organisms rising from the abyss. He regularly leads specialized international video workshops, partnering with dive resorts like the [Crystal Blue Resort](#) in Anilao, Philippines, and [The Smiling Seahorse](#) in Thailand. His instructional clinics teach camera setup, light positioning, storytelling, underwater etiquette, and post-production editing using DaVinci Resolve.

Walter's work goes beyond merely capturing stunning underwater visuals; he is also an advocate for marine conservation. Collaborating with organizations like the Ocean Defenders Alliance, he raises awareness about the importance of protecting our fragile underwater ecosystems.



SDUPS Meeting May 28th

The May 28th SDUPS Meeting was very well attended with over thirty five in attendance. Our President **James** started the meeting in the usual way by welcoming everybody, acknowledging the board members and visiting guests.

James then showed a short video from Netflix entitled "Remarkable Bright Creatures" with actor Sally Fields who plays a widow who forms an unlikely friendship with the curmudgeonly Marcellus — a giant pacific octopus that lives at the aquarium where she works. Unbeknownst to Fields, Marcellus is on a mission to solve a mystery that will heal the widow's heart and lead her to a life-changing discovery.

Next, James introduced **Kevin Lee** our speaker for the evening. Kevin is a renowned



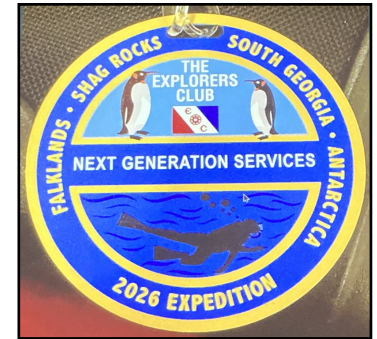
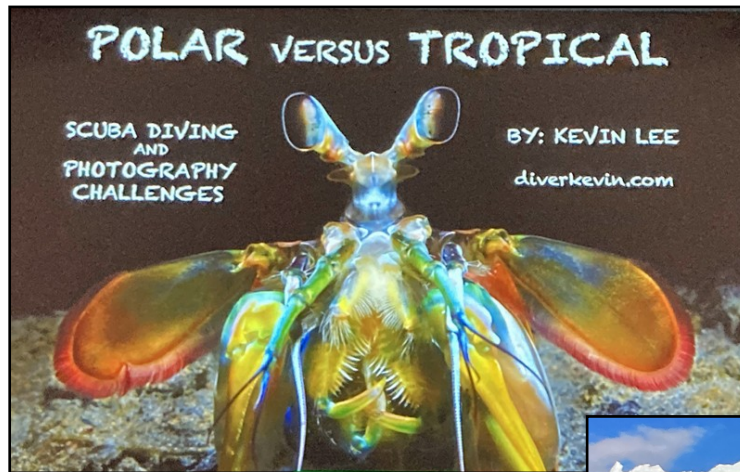
U/W photographer who has traveled the world. His presentation centered around diving in both the freezing Antarctica waters to the warmer tropical waters. Kevin explained what the travel was like getting to the most southern continent then the actual diving. The water temp was a cold 31F and took extra precautions. Kevin shared images of animals both underwater and above water. He then talked about diving in tropical locations such as the Philippines and Indonesia.

As you can imagine, the images were very different. Beautiful tropical fish and nudibranchs. To the right you can see how Kevin sets his strobes for macro photography. It was a very informative and entertaining presentation. Thank you Kevin

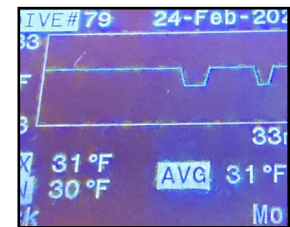
We took our refreshment break with again a big thank you to **Cindy Liphay**.

After the intermission, it was on to the May image competition. The theme was showing "Detail". Many interesting images were submitted by all three levels of competition. It also looks like more people are voting and that's a good thing.

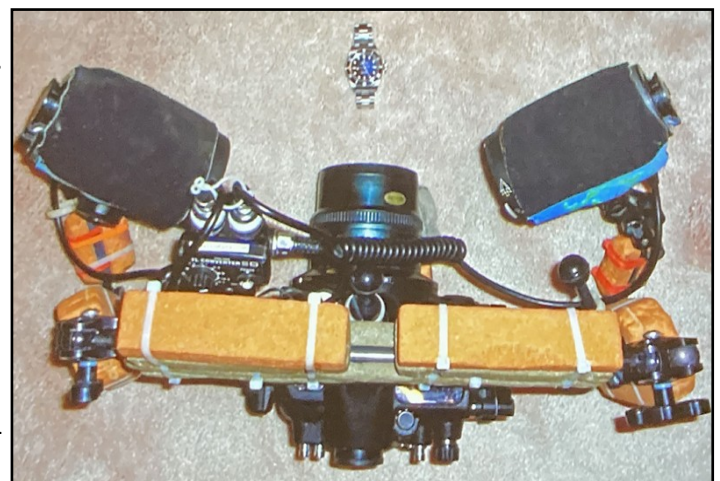
James wrapped up the evening with a few announcements and thanked everyone for coming.



Antarctica Above Water

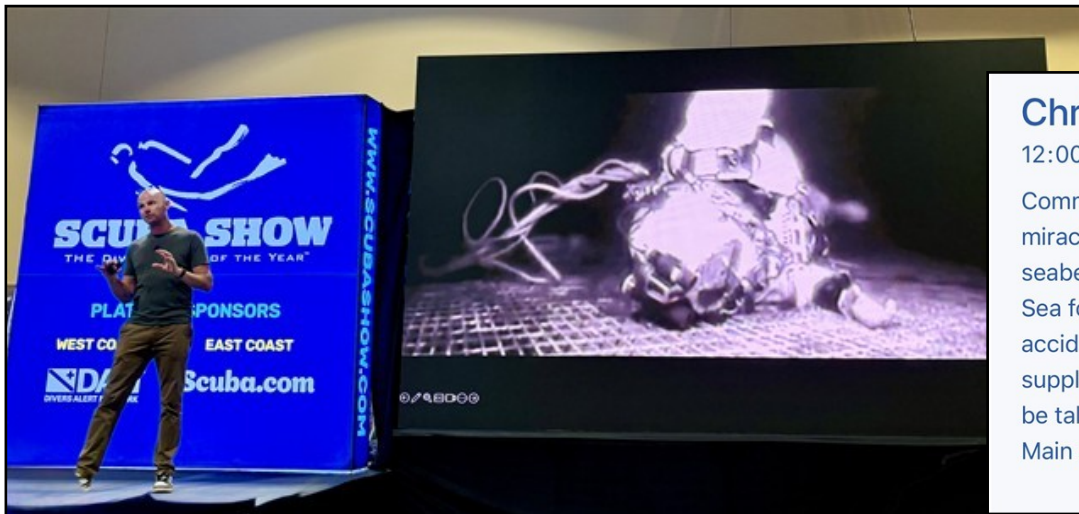
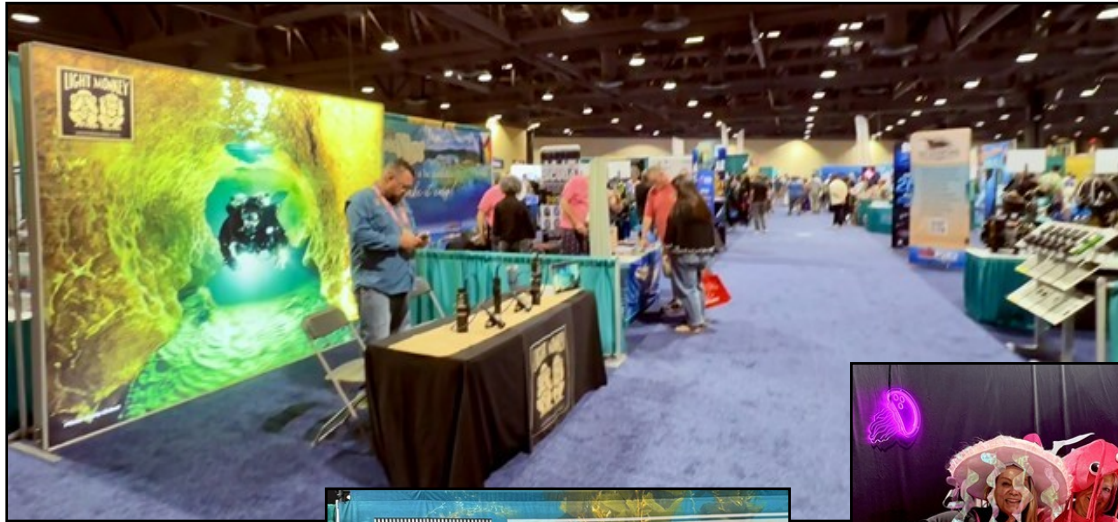


Computer showing water Temp.



Kevin's Macro Strobe Setup

SDUPS at SCUBA Show 2026



Chris Lemons

12:00pm • 1h

Commercial diver Chris Lemons miraculously survived being on the seabed some 100m down in the North Sea for 40 minutes after a freak accident cut him off from his surface-supplied gas, light and heat, and he will be talking about this incident on the Main Stage.

Ocean Enterprises Meet and Greet Event



Members from SDUPS attended the recent "Meet & Greet" event at Ocean Enterprises, one of our clubs sponsors.

The event was designed to get divers to mix with one another and learn about the local diving community.

SDUPS's attendance was to introduce the club to people who don't know about us.



San Diego Underwater Photographic Society

Presents

“IN THE OCEAN”



5

July 5, 2026 to September 6, 2026

La Jolla Riford Library

7555 Draper Ave., La Jolla, Ca 92037

Come Meet the Photographers • July 18, 2026 • 3 - 5 pm



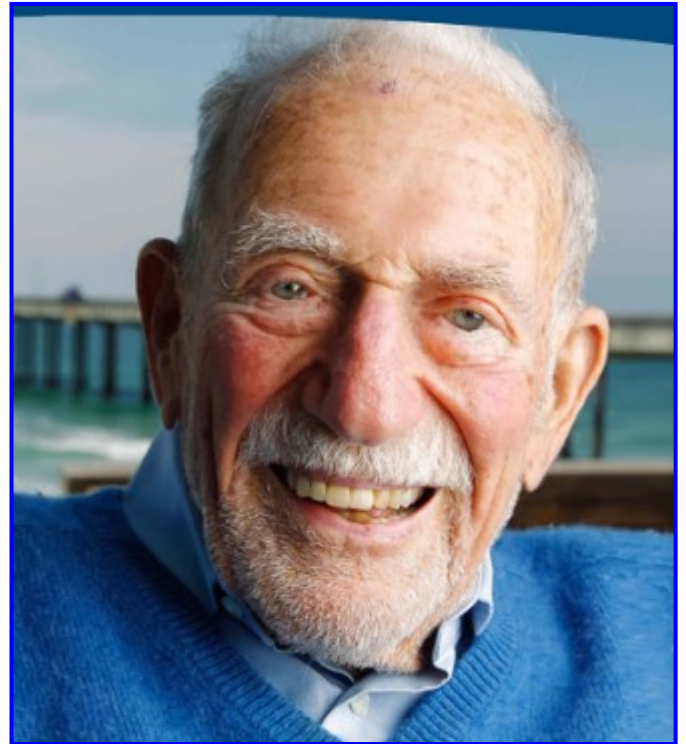


HISTORY

Based in La Jolla, California and established in 2017, The Walter Munk Foundation for the Oceans was founded by Walter and Mary Munk to continue Walter's legacy of daring exploration and discovery in the field of oceanography.

Through the Foundation, Walter Munk established partnerships with leading researchers in Baja California, Mexico working to understand and protect the vulnerable *M. munkiana* species of ray — named after Walter. Walter and Mary also selected Lake Altaussee, Austria to begin comprehensive long-term studies with leading Austrian researchers about the lake's history, geology, ecology and response to climate change.

Following Walter's death in 2019 at the age of 101, the scientists and educators at WMFO continue Walter's legacy of education and outreach. Today the Walter Munk Foundation for the Ocean supports the enduring programs Walter and Mary started, with a renewed focus for developing engaging, exciting and impactful ocean science and education initiatives. Join us!



SDUPS has once again been invited to participate in **Walter Munk Day** on Saturday, October 3rd, 2026, at La Jolla Shores

We're calling for volunteers to help us:

- Welcome guests and share what SDUPS is all about
- Represent the club at our booth
- Talk with families, students, and ocean lovers
- Help inspire the next generation of underwater photographers
- Support the event team with light setup and community engagement



If you can volunteer for a shift or stay for the full event, we'd love to have you.

Every hour helps. Every smile helps. Every conversation helps.

Contact SDUPS Club President, **James Logan** or V.P, **Paula Selby** if you would like to help out.....

Sumner Auditorium Parking Map

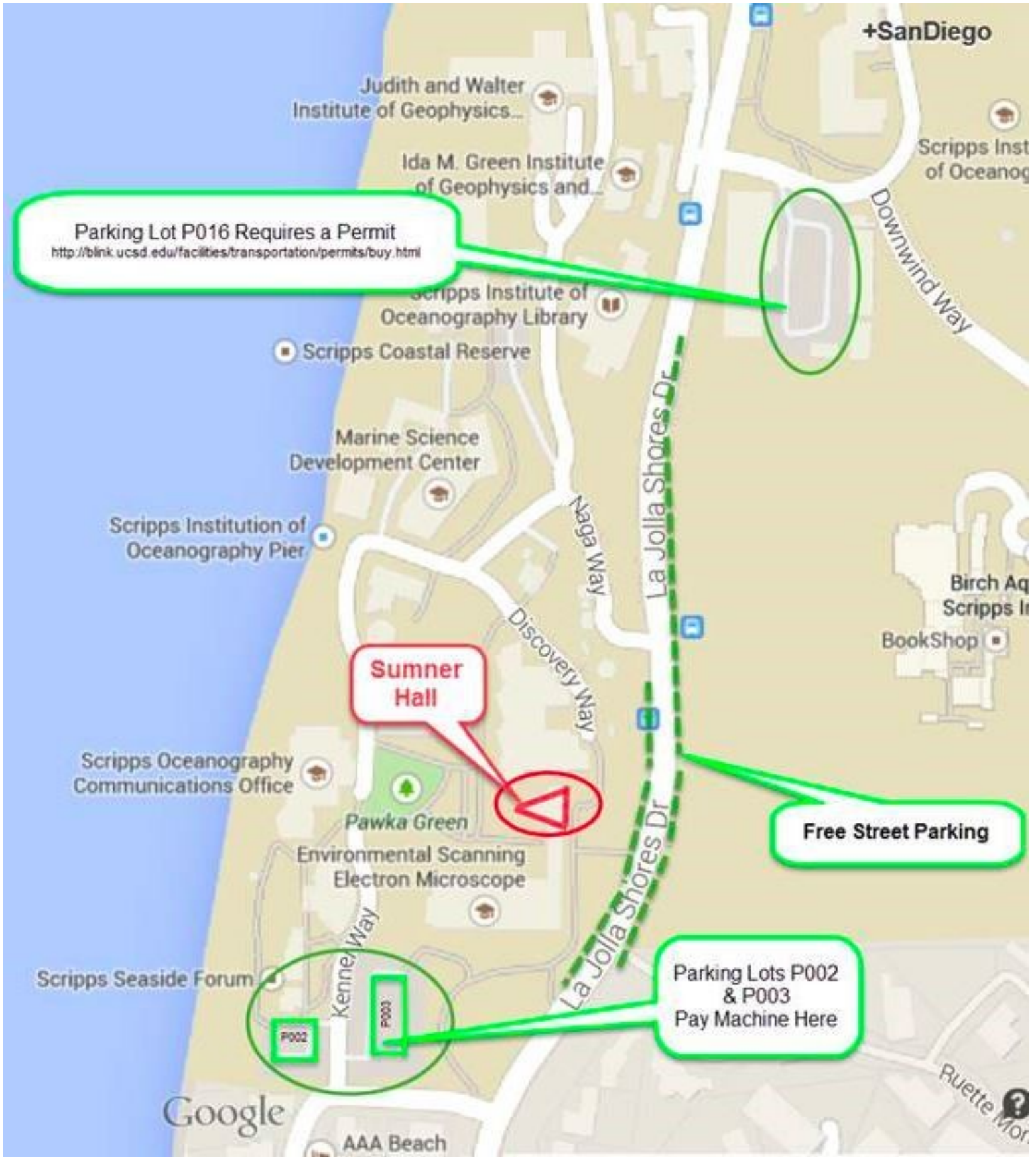
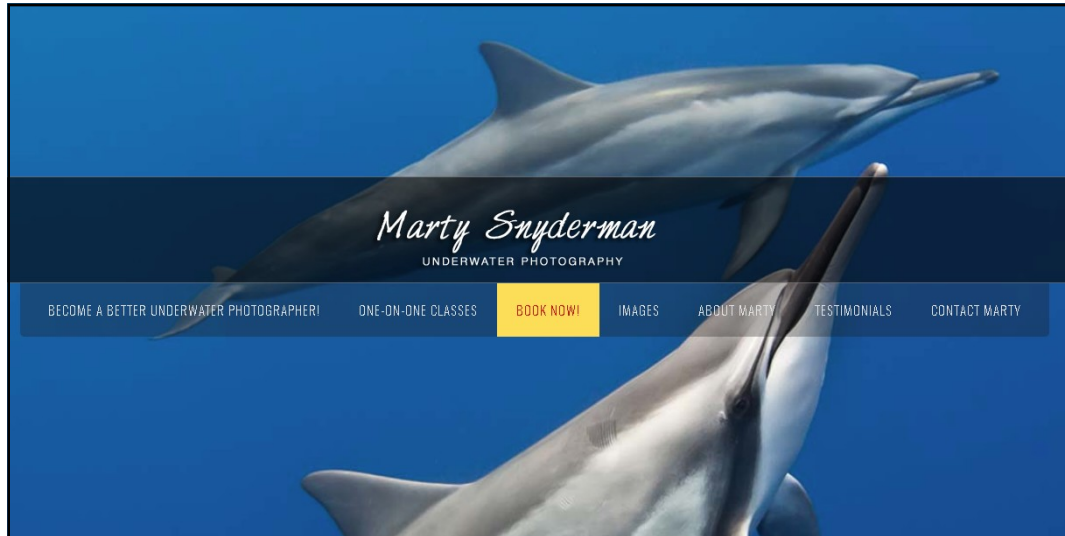


Photo Classes

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

SDUPS SPONSORS



San Diego's #1 family-owned dive center for training, gear & travel.

15% OFF

Show this coupon at checkout for 15% OFF in store purchases for SDUPS members only. Exclusions apply, call store for details.





TRAVEL WITH US!
OUR UPCOMING TRIPS

 <p>TUBBATAHA on the Philippines Aggressor II</p> <p>June 13 - 20, 2026 Starting at \$4,845</p>	 <p>SEA OF CORTEZ on the Nautilus Belle Amie</p> <p>July 24 - 31, 2026 Starting at \$3,145</p>	 <p>PALAU at the Palau Pacific Resort</p> <p>November 22 - 29, 2026 Starting at \$4,575</p>
---	--	--

(858) 565 - 6054
 info@oceanenterprises.com
 @oceanenterprises
 www.oceanenterprises.com

www.oceanenterprises.com

NELSON PHOTO

Where cameras, supplies and good service come together

3625 Midway Dr. Suite J, San Diego CA, 92110 | (619) 234-6621

<http://nelsonphotosupplies.com/>





SDUPS SPONSORS

House of Scuba
5141 Santa Fe St. Ste A
San Diego, California 92109

House of Scuba is offering members a 5% discount on most gear at the store and it will also be giving members a 5 fill air or 3 nitrox fill card. Air cards are not transferrable, so if members do not dive locally and therefore can't use the air card, they can still take advantage of the 5% discount on already guaranteed best prices. A list of members will be kept at the store for the air cards. www.houseofscuba.com

All Natural Insect Repellent

Lita's All Natural Insect Repellent products are proven effective worldwide in preventing, and treating, insect bites with natural ingredients and applications last approximately 6 hours. Lita's All Natural also offers insect repellent candles in a variety of scents.

Lita's products meet TSA requirements for carry-on or checked luggage. All containers are refillable and recyclable.

Receive a 15% discount with promo code SDUPS at: www.LitasAllNatural.com

Our Products

- Natural Insect Repellent (Yellow Label)
- 2-in-1 Natural Insect Repellent & Itch Relief (Green Label)
- Natural Insect Repellent Candles

.Contact info: NoSeeUmNoMore@aol.com



BACKSCATTER
UNDERWATER VIDEO & PHOTO

Go to: <https://www.backscatter.com/>



Competition Themes For 2026

Month	Topic Name	Description	Bonus
January	Best of 2025	Select your favorite underwater footage from 2025	Tell why you chose this entry (use note field in submission form)
February	Popping Up/Out	In honor of Groundhog Day, composition with subject(s) popping up/out of a hole or from behind a barrier	More than one subject together
March	Behavior - Different Species	Composition that shows different species interacting in same way	Shows a symbiotic relationship (a close & recurring interaction, beneficial)
April	New Beginnings	Showcase eggs, newborns, or juveniles	Vertebrate subject(s) - fish, reptile, bird, mammal)
May	Attention to Detail	Examples include tiny subjects, close-ups of large subjects or other artistic intention that emphasizes details	Repeating pattern/texture
June	Sea Slugs	Any marine gastropod without a shell - Nudibranchs, Sear Hares, Sapsuckers, Headshield Slug, etc.	Provide the common or scientific name (use note field in submission form)
July	Big, Bright & Sunny	Wide angle Composition with prominent	Ambient light only
August	Shooting the Surface	Subject is on the surface (boat, swimmer, bird, etc.) footage shot from your perspective. Over/under, silhouettes, or	Sky is visible
September	Leafy	Animals resembling vegetation (such as sponges, tunicates, anemones, pipefish, seahorses, sea dragons)	Autumn colors -strong use of red, orange, and/or yellow
October	Spooky	Open to your interpretation. Examples: "dark & stormy", compositions or a scene that is scary for other reasons.	Shows something not alive (dead animal remains or inanimate objects such as wrecks)
November	Photoshopped	Creative editing/manipulation using digital programs such as PhotoShop. No restrictions. "Your entry must include your underwater work somewhere in the composition, Anything else used must be royalty/copyright free.	Add a title (use note field in submission form) Can be creative or humorous

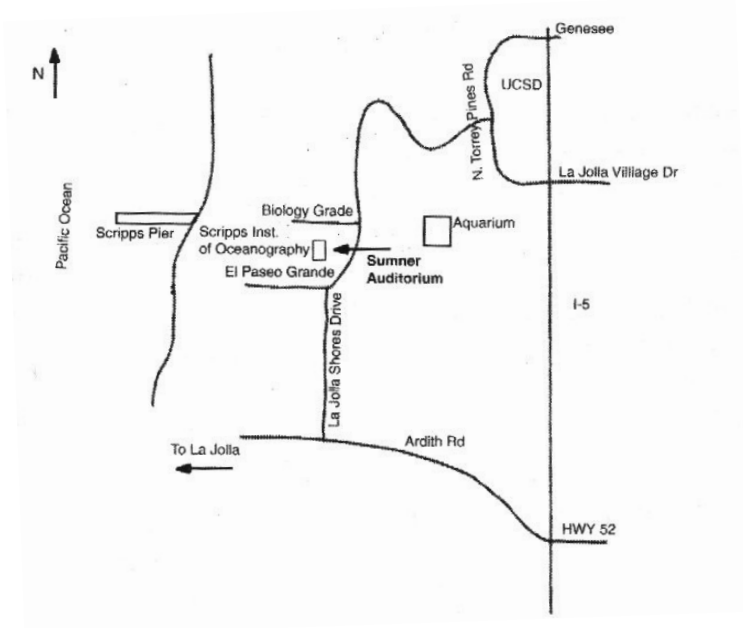
Monthly Meetings

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>



2026 Board of Directors

President

James Logan
sdups1961@gmail.com

Vice President

Paula Selby
plselby@cox.net

Secretary

Dick Miller
rngr900@cox.net

Treasurer

Bill Ring
wring@san.rr.com

Membership

Harold Dorr
blueox25@gmail.com

Activities

Cindy Liphay
cindyliphay@sbcglobal.net

Board Members at Large:

Herb Gruenhagen
Greg Volger
Jami Feldman
Beth Besom

Appointed Positions

SIO Liaison - Charlotte Seid
Mike Poirier - Goby Editor
Dave Hinkel - Equipment Tech
Kris Carner - Web Master
Kris Carner - Social Media
Beth Beason - Computer Tech
Walter Heim - Historian



The Goby is a monthly publication of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society, which holds copyrights to its format and all content. Images contained in the Goby are the property of the submitting photographer, who also holds the copyrights thereto. No use of The Goby or its contents may be made without the written permission of the San Diego Underwater Photographic Society, the submitting photographer or both. © 2026 San Diego Underwater Photographic Society