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**TAWALI RESORT PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

Presented by Wayne MacWilliams
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7:30 PM at
**El Palacio**
(formerly the Holiday Inn)
21485 N.W. 27th Avenue, Miami
305-621-5801

Cover Shot
Wayne MacWilliams

Submit "Cover Photo" material to the Newsletter Editor
Suzan Meldonian, 561-394-6391
or e-mail: newsletter@sfups.org
Please include a short paragraph about the photo, including camera information and location.
DEADLINE IS THE 25th!
Richard Ladisky will give us a short report on this year’s Beneath the Sea Convention.
This destination is a world away. The topography/culture and people are all very special in their own unique way. I guess for me, to describe the culture is like you were going back to a place in time when people needed to depend on the land and sea for sustenance. But, alas-thank God for air-conditioning! To observe this mountainous terrain rising out of the ocean; rich in foliage, birds, insects, and orchids is a sight to behold. But when you observe closely you are amazed that these rich forests are growing on nothing but jagged rocks and sustained by their own leaves and rain-amazing.

Tawali resort is nestled in a picturesque rainforest canopy on the side of a mountain, overlooking the ocean. It was not uncommon for people to be sitting on the veranda outside the main dining room and see a pod of dolphins hunting or frolicking. Some saw a large pod of pilot whales swim by, I was somewhere else during that sighting - of course.

The rooms were the largest and most comfortable we have experienced in a dive resort so far. The food was surprisingly quite plentiful and delicious on both the live aboard and resorts. The crew was attentive and friendly at both places. The live aboard was nice, the crew/food made up for any shortcomings.

Now for the important stuff - the swimmy things . . . Unfortunately for our group, they had experienced a typhoon about a month before our arrival. Hence, the viz was a bit of a challenge on the majority of the dives. Not a real problem, if you come prepared - change your lens. My images were 99.365% macro. I will say that the one dive that had the poorest viz and downright friggin cold was probably the most memorable.

When you have 7 large - no I mean 7 huge manta rays coming at you in squadron fashion, that is something you don’t soon forget. We also did several muck dives and of course saw things that truly only a mother could love.

I was however a bit disappointed overall, in the reef diving. I have no problem with saying that some of the reefs were quite nice, but that percentage of truly nice dive sites was far smaller than I had hoped. I had anticipated world-class kick butt diving in such a remote location. I had expected that we would see the best dive sites the region had to offer. Perhaps the typhoon had something to do with it. I think I still got a couple of decent images, so if you have a couple minutes that you aren’t doing anything - come see! Hugs and kisses, Wayne and Miriam MacWilliams.
Palm Beach Post Focus on Nature Photo Contest!

Enter your digital photos, and vote for your favorites!

The Palm Beach Post will begin accepting your outstanding photos of Florida nature for the 2009 Focus on Nature Photo Contest on April 6. We are accepting DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS ONLY. Five photos TOTAL per entrant are allowed in the categories of Animal Life, Plant Life, Landscapes/Scenics, Close-ups and Oceans. Please review the rules first before uploading any entries.

The last day for submissions will be April 25, 2009.

One grand prize winner will receive a $100 gift card to Amazon.com and the first place winners of each of the five categories will get a $25 gift card to Amazon.com. In addition, the grand prize winner and first, second and third place winners of each category will win a day-long nature photography workshop with nature photographer John J. Lopinot.

What makes a great photo?
Nature photographer John J. Lopinot gives some useful tips.
http://www.palmbeachpost.com/accent/content/accent/nature_2008_howto.html

2009 Underwater Photo and Video Competition
Enter NOW - Contest entry period extended until April 10, 2009 (late entry fee waived)
Outside Contests:

Deadline: May 1, 2009
Celebrate the Sea 09 - Call for entries
To be held from 12-14 June, Manila
http://www.celebratethesea.oneocean.com/

Jul 20 Deadline National Wildlife

OUR BIGGEST PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION EVER!

National Wildlife® is now accepting entries to our 39th annual contest. Winning photographs will be published online and a selection will appear in the December 2009 issue of the magazine. visit www.nwf.org/photozone.

June 11-14, Savannah, GA Blue Film Festival
Honoring Dr. Sylvia Earle
http://www.blueoceanfilmfestival.org/blueoceanfilmfestival.html

Deadline: June 15, 2009 VIDEO!!!!
Sensational Seas Two issues call for submissions
http://www.sensationalseas.com/sequel.htm
Deadline for consideration is June 15, 2009
The company is hoping to gather "unique video from the marine world, of fish and creatures that are very rare or are behaving in a very unusual way or engaged in a rarely observed behavior."

We have a number of videographers in our club who've shot some incredible footage and really should consider entering their wild behaviors into this. They are looking for 3 minute entries.
BOOK AHEAD  PAY AHEAD
Payment due at booking. Refunds require cancellation at least one week prior the dive.

APRIL 18:  Kick off dive “On the Day Contest”
*Captain Slate Key Largo*
305-451-3020
12:30pm Show  1:00pm Go
http://captainslate.com/index.php
Benwood for Macro
Christ statue for Wide angle
Limit 20  $60.00 PP

APRIL 25:  Special Request Night Dive At Blue Heron Bridge
*Little Deeper in Palm Beach*
561-436-5299
http://www.littledeepercharters.com
7:30pm Show  8 pm Go  High tide: 9:42 pm
Limit 20  $37.28 PP
Anyone wanting to spend the night and dive in AM let Bubble Carol know! She can find reservations at a very reasonable motel on the intracoastal by the bridge.

MAY 2:  Blue Heron Bridge  (I 95 to Blue Heron Blvd, head East-park in Phil Foster Park by the bridge).
FREE! Bring your own food and drinks. Bring your own gallon jug of hot water to rinse off after diving.
Meet the gang at the bridge. Get there early for parking. Really! Be there by 12:00 to get ready to plunge in the water. High tide: 3:37 pm In Water by 2:30 THIS IS FREE and is a world class Muck Dive. Critters-a-plenty!

MAY 30  : Lantana
*Starfish Enterprise*
5611-212-2954
http://www.idivestarfish.com
limit 12 divers $64.00
7:30 show 8 AM go

JUNE 6  : Miami Beach
*RJ Diving*
http://www.rjdiving.com
305-861-6277
LIMIT 15 DIVERS  $70 cash
TENNECO TOWERS AND REEF
ADVANCED CERTIFICATION NECESSARY  1 PM Go

JULY 11, and some are also going JULY 12
BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! VENICE “SHARK TOOTH DIVE” this is the MOST AWESOME DIVE OPP
http://www.floridawestscuba.com/
941-486-1400
10 am to 4pm  Spend all day diving for the Megalodon teeth! Limit 7 spots Weather Dependent
Cost approx $80  DETAILS TO FOLLOW
Hotel recommendations: Hampton Inn or cheapo Motel 6 - Sharon and Carol are booked for Sunday.

Looking down the road in JULY, AUGUST:  BUD & MARY’S-Islamorada  SPLASH DOWN-Boynton QUIESSENCE- Key Largo  Send request or suggestions to the Bubble Gals Carol or Sharon  AKA: “THE BUBBLE BROADS”
## 2009 PHOTO CONTEST RULES

### Digital Files:
Realizing that some computer adjustments are necessary for digital files, we ask that only minor adjustments be made in the computer. Only minor cropping, color adjustments, backscatter removal and sharpening are allowed. No extreme computer manipulation, removing items or adding items to the image.

- Images will be submitted prior to the meeting so that they can be compiled for easy viewing and judging.
- Image size should be no greater than 1024 pixels on the long side and the file size should be less than 1.4 megabytes. Images should be submitted in JPEG format.
- Each image file name must include your name, month, category, and number. Use “mastr” for Masters Category and “chall” for Challengers category. For example an image submitted by John Doe for the January Challengers contest would be named: JDoe-JanChall-1.jpeg
- Entries must sent via email to Bob Weybrecht at audiovisual@sfups.org the Friday night before the Monthly meeting.

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<td>Eyespots – ocelli or any color mark or structure that resembles an eye.</td>
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<td>Warning! – any type of threat or warning display (offensive or defensive)</td>
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<td>Sea cucumbers – any member of the Class Holothuroidea.</td>
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<td>Brittle stars – any member of the Class Ophiuroidea except basket stars (family Gorgonocephalidae).</td>
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<td>Predators or predation – an animal in the act of stalking or feeding on another animal</td>
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<td>Herbivores or herbivory – an animal in the act of feeding on algae or seagrass (e.g. grazing parrotfishes – even if feeding on “dead” or live coral; tangs; plant-eating molluscs)</td>
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<td>Red Algae – any algae of the Phylum Rhodophyta (e.g. crustose corallines, and a huge variety of red to purple or brownish delicate lacy to fleshy seaweeds – mostly small).</td>
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<td>Seagrass – image must feature seagrass or a seagrass bed as the dominate subject.</td>
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<td>Weapons – any structure used for offense or defense other than teeth (e.g. sea urchin spines, mantis shrimp raptorial appendage, crab “claws”).</td>
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<td>Reflections – image must include a reflection of the primary subject.</td>
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<td>Beneath the sun – image must contain a sunball, shafts, or rays of sunlight.</td>
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<td>Haunted castles – reef or wreck scene with a spooky ambience.</td>
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<td>Ghoulies – any animal that looks ghoulish or frightening.</td>
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<td>Fall colors – must include a substantial amount of orange or red.</td>
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<td>Turkeyfish aka Lionfish: any fish of the subfamily Pteroinae.</td>
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TBA: On-the-day contest; digital creations.

*If you are uncertain about what qualifies as an animal or plant category, please consult a reputable guidebook such as Humann/deLoach’s Reef Set. If still in doubt, contact Rob Myers or Mike Schmale well before the contest. They will be happy to clarify this or look at a potential submission to confirm if it fits the category.*
FUTURE INTRA-CLUB CONTESTS

APRIL
M - Eyespots
C - Warning!

MAY
M - Sea Cucumbers
C - Brittle Stars

JUNE
M - Predators
C - Herbivores

JULY
M - Red Algae
C - Sea Grass

AUGUST
M - Teeth
C - Weapons

SEPTEMBER
M - Reflections
C - Beneath the Sun

OCTOBER
M - Haunted Castles
C - Ghoulies

NOVEMBER
M - Fall Colors
C - Lionfish

WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST MARCH:
CHALLENGERS: GRUNTS

1st Place: Fletcher Forbes

2nd Place: Fletcher Forbes

3rd Place: Shen Collazo

5th Place: Sharon
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST MARCH:
MASTERS: SNAPPER

1st Place: Wayne MacWilliams

2nd Place: Rob Myers

3rd Place: Christopher Guglielmo

4th Place: Michael Schmale

5th Place: Sharon Baron
Richard began scuba diving for lobsters and wrecks in New England in 1981. Shortly after he decided to join his love of diving with his passion for photography and started photographing underwater. Licensed in amateur radio in 1958, he was able to talk to people around the world and was lured by their exotic locations. With a teacher’s “summers off” schedule, he started visiting these places 4 to 6 weeks at a time, for both land and underwater photography. He was in the ill-fated Teacher in Space program, used his radio license to communicate with the cosmonauts on Mir, and still talks to the astronauts on the shuttle and International Space Station. His work and adventures have appeared in many periodicals, the latest being Parade Magazine and Scuba Diving Magazine, both nationwide and the Hartford Courant Travel Section.

Rich has been asked to present work for six years at the largest consumer diving convention, Beneath the Sea. His presentations have been in demand at dive clubs and civic organizations, as well as municipal functions. He also teaches photography, instructs and practices ballroom dancing around the world with his wife, and enjoys traveling as a photo-journalist in the Indo-Pacific Rim. Rich retired from high school teaching four years ago, after 35 years in public education. He resides in Farmington, Connecticut and Boca Raton, Florida.

Also joined recently: Bill Watts & Chip Bunnell

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| Canon EOS 20D 8.2 MP SLR camera body (with box and all supplied accessories): $420 |
| Ikelite housing for 20D (needs viewfinder & has other issues - check with seller if interested): $195 |
| Housing and body together: $590 |

| Canon EOS D60 6.3 MP SLR camera body (with box and all supplied accessories): $250 |
| UK-Germany aluminum housing for D60, with macro port and extension rings: $350 |
| Housing and body together: $500 |

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A Miniature Melo, a type of headshield slug, found in Lake Worth Inlet. Without a doubt one of the most beautiful creatures I’ve ever seen.

With our new website, and all the new digital images you’ve been taking, we need to really, really update our website. So don’t waste any time. Go to www.sfups.org for guidelines. We can’t wait to see your latest images!