NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING:
Tues. June 9, 2009

Future Meetings

June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8

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

Cover Shot
Linda Ianniello
photographed in
Komodo

Submit “Cover Photo” material to the
Newsletter Editor
Suzan Meldonian,
561-394-6391
or e-mail:
network@sfups.org
Please include a short
paragraph about the
photo, including camera
information and location.
DEADLINE IS THE
25th!

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Presented by Linda Ianniello

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Cuthona yamasui from Komodo, Indonesia
Press Release
New FIX LED1000DX and LED500DX Are Now Shipping!
The next generation of FIX LED Focus lights are here! Building upon the success of Fisheye’s HG20DX Halogen and LED48DX LED lights, these new lights harness the latest in LED technology to provide increased power and burn times.

LED1000DX (MSRP $599) and LED500DX (MSRP $299) are valuable tools for both still photo and video shooters. Wide even beams combined with outstanding output are ideal for video applications, and the lights variable power dial allows still photographers to dial in just the right amount of light for focusing.

Fisheye has carefully considered the feedback of users in the field, offering an improved locking mechanism, larger and easier to operate power dial, and a large knurled battery cap that is easier to open.

A wide range of accessories are available from Fisheye and other vendors allowing this light to be mounted on any camera system. Warming filters are available for video shooters, and red filters for sensitive marine life.

From the Editor

Summer is upon us. The waters have warmed up, and outside of a few thunderstorms, it is time to dust off that gear and get back in the water.

The Bubble Gals have been working hard to line up more club dives. Club dives give our photographers a time to dive together in a pristine dive with others of like mind and carefully buoyant atmosphere, which we all know is key to excellent photographs.

So, keep an eye on the Newsletter, the website & your emails for updates. Remember, your payment secures your spot!

Until next time!
Sharon asked me a while ago to do a presentation on “Nudibranchs of the World”.

First, nudibranchs are just one species of sea slugs, so I broadened the topic to include all sea slugs. (“Sea Slugs” are snails that have lost their shells or are in the process of losing their shells, order Opisthobranchia). Then, it is not in my nature to just do a presentation of pretty pictures, so I turned it around to “The World of Sea Slugs” so I can use my images to provide some insight into the lives of sea slugs.

I originally got interested in photographing sea slugs while diving with Anne DuPont. They have been her passion for many years, and she has pursued it to the point of being co-author of the book “Caribbean Sea Slugs”. Both of us are still avid hunters of sea slugs in the local area, and she searches for them during her time in the Bahamas each year.

I have traveled to quite a few dive locations around the world, and in each location I have tried to photograph every sea slug that either I or the dive guides can find - in the case of most exotic locations the dive guides have been invaluable. As I worked to identify each subject I began to learn about their lives - their anatomy, food, eggs, environment, etc. I found they are not just pretty photo subjects, but much more fascinating than the name “sea slug” implies.

For example, each sea slug has a specific diet and they don’t stray far from their food. So once you find the food source, you learn to look for the particular animal. Or, if you see the eggs, you also know there is an animal nearby. You learn which ones are out during the day versus night, and what environment they like. Surprisingly, the coral reefs in our area are not the best place to find sea slugs - we have found that for some reason a large variety of sea slugs like the current, rubble and hydroids of the Lake Worth Lagoon. In Irian Jaya they liked the channels between the islands which were also shallow with strong currents. And of course, a wide variety are found in the famous muck diving of Lembeh Strait.

In my presentation I will talk about these topics, and hopefully impart some of my knowledge and fascination with these animals. Then at the end I will present a few minutes of pretty pictures, to show why they DO make such great photo subjects!

Linda Ianniello
On-the-Day Contest Winners - Key Largo

1st Place  Sharon Baron

2nd Place  Fletcher Forbes

3rd Place  Fletcher Forbes
More Photo CONTESTS

Jun 1 Marmara Festivali, Turkey
http://www.marmarafestival.org/
**Note when you go to this site it is in Turkish, but there is an English conversion button in the upper right corner.

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. 3 minutes.

Jul 20 Deadline National Wildlife  National Wildlife® is 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.

August 31st   SUBIOS 2009

This is a great contest as only 2 images per person are allowed. Images must be sent by mail on a CD, and payment is in Euros- see website for full details. The minimum image size for contest entries is 1024 x 768 pixels. Images should be submitted in JPEG format. Contest entries may be submitted on a CD Rom
Marketing, Events & Incentive
Seychelles Tourism Board (STB)
P O. Box 1262, Victoria
Mahé
Seychelles
BOOK AHEAD    PAY AHEAD
Payment due at booking. Refunds require cancellation at least one week prior the dive.

JUNE 6 : Miami Beach
RJ Diving
http://www.rjdiving.com
305-861-6277
LIMIT 15 DIVERS   $70 cash

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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 Megaladon 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.

4th of July
Safari Diver - Pompano 800-771-3483
10 Divers.. 1 Nite dive & watch the Fireworks or dive 2 times
Price $60 pp

Looking down the road in JULY, AUGUST: BUD & MARY’S-Islamorada
SPLASH DOWN-Boynton
QUIESSENCE- Key Largo

Send requests or suggestions to the Bubble Gals Carol or Sharon  AKA: "THE BUBBLE BROADS"
FUTURE
INTRA-CLUB
CONTESTS

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 MAY:
CHALLENGERS: Brittle Stars

1st Place: Christopher Guglielmo
2nd Place: Kim Cook
3rd Place: JMichael Schmale
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST May:
MASTERS: Sea Cucumbers

1st Place: Rob Myers

2nd Place: Christopher Guglielmo

3rd Place: Amaury Cruz

4th Place: Rob Myers

5th Place: Suzan Meldonian
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.

June
M Predators or predation – an animal in the act of stalking or feeding on another animal
C 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)

July
M 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).
C Seagrass – image must feature seagrass or a seagrass bed as the dominate subject.

Aug
M Teeth - images must show teeth.
C Weapons – any structure used for offense or defense other than teeth (e.g. sea urchin spines, mantis shrimp raptoral appendage, crab “claws”).

Sept
M Reflections – image must include a reflection of the primary subject.
C Beneath the sun – image must contain a sunball, shafts, or rays of sunlight.

Oct
M Haunted castles – reef or wreck scene with a spooky ambience.
C Goulies – any animal that looks ghoulish or frightening.

Nov
M Fall colors – must include a substantial amount of orange or red.
C Turkeyfish aka Lionfish: any fish of the subfamily Pteroinae.

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.
This little fish is so sad you missed the dive on Starfish Enterprise. Capt. Craig and Dive master Linda pulled off another great underwater experience for us! As usual we saw the whale sharks, the sun fish and the giant squids. Sometimes it is soooo boring! We had a great breakfast at the bait shop and the weather turned from cloudy to sunny just like magic and the seas were flat! Visibility was good and we were able to stay together as a group of 4. As we all know staying together is very unusual! We saw lots of big lobsters and one had a green eel for a bunk mate. As we were taking the surface interval and munching down cookies and soda, a BIG Leatherback Turtle surfaced just off the boat!!!! Really! Of course we all had a fit as no one was ready to get in the water. If we had seen him underwater we probably would have drowned ourselves chasing him for a photo. Ok, that's my story and I am sticking to it! Mad Mermaid!
Linda Ianniello is the SFUPS Featured Photographer for June 2009.

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**Parting Shot**

**Parting Shot Photo** by Linda Ianniello

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South Florida Underwater Photography Society

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

SFUPS is a Non-Profit Organization promoting interest in Underwater Photography. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (January- November) at 7:30 p.m. at the El Palacio Hotel (formerly Holiday Inn- Pro Player), 21485 N.W. 27th Avenue, Miami.

Annual Dues are $35.00 (individual), $45.00 (family) and $20.00 for “Out of Area” non-participating members. Dues are payable each January. After June 1st, dues are prorated to 1/2 of the above rates for new members only.

A Membership form must be filled out, signed and returned along with payment, a copy of your C-card and dive insurance. Make checks payable to SFUPS and send to: 359 Cottonwood Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33487.

Membership forms can be found on our website at www.sfups.org and will also be available at the meetings.

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Reticulidia fungia from Banda Sea, Indonesia

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