NEXT MEETING:
Tues. August 10, 2010

Meeting Schedule

August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

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

Cover Shot
Shen Collazo

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!

Tips & Techniques
with
Steve Kovacs & Shen Collazo
Intra-Club Contest Winners July 2010
Dive Schedule
2010 Intra Club Contest Subjects
Links to Photo Contests & Classifieds

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Shen Collazo will be talking to us about underwater “snoot” photography. Snoots are basically cylindrical devices attached to your strobes and used to reduce the light output to a very narrow beam. The resulting beam of light can then be carefully aimed to isolate the main subject and eliminate the background, reduce backscatter, or provide dramatic directional or backlighting. When done right, the resulting photographs are both unique and dramatic. Come to the meeting and find out how to step up the drama in your photographs.
For those photographers who enjoy shooting tiny subjects, Reefnet’s SubSee diopter is a great tool to add to the arsenal. Most macro lenses allow a magnification of up to 1:1 but adding the 10x SubSee diopter provides image magnifications of greater than 2:1 if used with a 100mm macro lens. The actual magnification ratio will depend on your camera lens and port geometry but basically the longer the focal length the greater the magnification. For example, an incredible 3.5:1 magnification can be achieved with a 200mm lens! The result can be a more detailed and dramatic super macro image.

The image quality is surprisingly sharp and, because the diopter attaches directly onto the outside of many underwater housing ports, it can easily swing into place when you need it and swung out of the way when you don’t.

Like any new piece of equipment there is a learning curve and a few tricks that can be utilized in using the diopter efficiently. I will discuss its use, present some photographic examples of what can be achieved, and answer any questions related to its use.

To read more about the SubSee diopters, go to the REEFNET website:

https://reefnet.ca/products/subsee/
Folks- early sign up and payment helps us to keep the boat just for us photographers- so... if you are interested-
please bring payment to the meeting.

We are off to a great start- what a line up! There should be sign up sheets at the next meeting or contact Carol Schurtz if you wish to sign up..

Aug 15th Boynton: Afternoon dive with Underwater Explorers
$58 not including tip. This is a 6 pack, so reserve early- space will fill up fast. August 15 (Sunday)
Underwater Explorers, Boynton Beach
12:30 show-1:00 Go
First paid get the spots.
E mail Carol Schurtz and send money to Patrice Marker

I95, Exit 57, Boynton Beach Blvd. Go East as far as you can go. The road will make a right turn around some brand new high-rise condominiums, and you will find yourself in the Boynton Beach Marina. The Explorer is located in slip #13. https://securec7.ezhostingserver.com/diveboyntonbeach-com/indexs.cfm

Sept 26- Oct 3rd Bonaire Coral Spawn Trip

CORAL SPAWN Aug 29-30-31 in Key’s with Captain Slate’s in the Keys Atlantic dive center http://www.captainslate.com/
The boat is to go out on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Cost is $55.90 per night Plus tip.
Check in by 7 for a 7:30- 8 departure.
Call the boat directly at 1-800-331-3483 to make reservations and pay them directly.
Tell them you are with the photographic society so we will be on the same boat.
Send me an email to let me know When you have completed your payment.
We usually stay at the Suites of Key Largo. It’s a nice 1 bedroom townhouse, full kitchen, queen bed with room for blowup mattress and with a pull out couch and 2 full baths $99.00+. Phone: 305-451-5081 Email: keylargofsuites@supertelinc.com
Website: Information and Reservations

Sept 5 Starfish, Lantana time tba

Sept 18 or 19 MV Castor for the Goliath Grouper dive tba

Oct 3 Miami Wreck Dives TBA

Oct 16 Pumpkin Carving and Costume Dive Blue Heron Bridge
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST:
July Masters: Polka Dots

1st Place: Linda Ianniello

2nd Place: Steve Kovacs

3rd Place: Shen Collazo

4th Place: Susan Mears

5th Place: Steve Kovacs
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST
July CHALLENGERS: Bars & Stripes

1st Place: Shen Collazo

2nd Place: Alena Carlini

3rd Place: Judy Townsend
FUTURE INTRA-CLUB CONTESTS

AUGUST
M - Squid/Cuttlefish
C - Octopus

SEPTEMBER
M - Close Focus W/A
C - Reef Scapes

OCTOBER
M - Carry da Load
C - Hitchin a Ride

NOVEMBER
VIDEO DUE
M - Commensalism
C - Cleaning Station
CREATIVE

DECEMBER
HOLIDAY PARTY

2010 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 Alena Carlini at audiovisual@sfups.org by 12 noon on the Sunday before the meeting.

Once an image has won in any category, it must be retired from further competitions.

Alena will send you a confirming email to let you know she has received the file. Send to audiovisual@sfups.org

If you can’t find your newsletter- you can always check on our website. www.sfups.org For our new members, winning shots accumulate points throughout the year. Challengers may compete in both Challengers and Masters categories. Only 2 entries per month -per person (except on the day contests). Masters are those who have previously won Photographer of the year, and they may only compete in the Masters categories.

The person with the highest points wins the illustrious title of “Photographer of the Year” and is awarded a beautiful trophy. Please see the website for the point system. Good luck! Bonne chance!
CONTEST SUBJECTS

MASTERS

FEBRUARY
Odd Couples – main subject of the photo is two fish/creatures that are not of the same species doing something together. The key word is odd – this excludes cleaning or symbiosis which are “normal” for the featured species.

MARCH
Jellies – includes jellyfishes, box jellies, salps, and other free-swimming gelatinous or jelly-like animals.

APRIL
Silhouettes – subject must be very dark to black against a light background.

MAY
Pretty in Pink Patterns

JUNE
Humor – may include divers.

JULY
Polka Dots – a fish or creature that has well-defined dots, not irregular splotches.

AUGUST
Squid or Cuttlefish

SEPTEMBER
Close Focus Wide Angle – forced perspective - the main subject is very close to the lens and looks larger than life when compared to the wide angle background.

OCTOBER
Carry the Load – a creature physically carrying something. (e.g. crab with urchin on back, jawfish with rock in mouth, cardinalfish with eggs in mouth).

NOVEMBER
Commensalism – two different animals living together in a symbiotic relationship in which one or both benefit but neither is harmed (e.g. Shrimp-goby with its host shrimp, anemonefish in host anemone).

CHALLENGERS

Sand Dwellers – fishes or other mobile creatures that make their home in the sand (animals, not plants; may include anemones, sea pens - which are soft corals, mushroom corals - which are hard corals).

Sea Slugs - must be a gastropod mollusk which includes headshield slugs, sapsucking slugs, side-gill slugs, seahares and nudibranchs. Does not include flatworms.

Ambient Light – no strobes, photos taken in shallower water work best.

Bars & Stripes – subject must have contrasting vertical (bars), horizontal (stripes) or oblique bands or lines of color.

Reef Scapes – reef scenes shot with a wide angle lens.

Hitching a Ride – a fish or creature riding on another fish/creature. (e.g. a remora on a shark, a shrimp on a nudibranch).

Cleaning Stations - must feature the cleaner and its client(s).

SPECIAL (November)
“Creative” – anything goes (no points for this one, just have fun & let your imagination run wild).

To be announced: Sometime between May and October there will be an on-the-day contest in which contestants participate in a dive or dives and submit up to two of their photos taken on those dives. This one is for points, open to all club members. Space may be limited depending on the venue, so sign up early once this is announced.
PHOTO CONTESTS

August 15th Deadline
The CORAL E-Current Photo Contest is a bi-monthly contest held by the Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL). Enter your favorite coral reef photograph for a chance to win a copy of the beautiful photography book, Reef. Winners will be featured in CORAL’s electronic newsletter. The deadline to submit entries is the 15th of the month prior to publication of the bimonthly newsletter.

http://www.coral.org/resources/photo_contest

DEADLINE:
August 30, 2010
Are you a TRAVELOGRAPHER?? How would you know unless you know what one is? Travelographers make their travel plans with a purpose. They’re an active group that prefers to visit places that are off the beaten path and don’t mind paying extra to do so. They travel for adventure, photography and to broaden themselves culturally. Does that sound like you or someone you know? Enter your most outstanding travel photographs, sponsored by Popular Photography and American Photo. Winners will be selected by a panel of distinguished judges and will be published in upcoming issues of Popular Photography and American Photo.

http://www.popphoto.com/travelographer2010/

September 6, 2010
After the public success of the International Submarine Image Festival, the Oceanogràfic de la Ciudad de las Artes y las Ciencias has the pleasure to announce the second edition of the FIIS from the 1st to 3rd of October on its premises.

Website doesn’t seem to be up, but there is an email address: fiis@oceanografic.org
For Sale:

Canon Powershot S80 Digital Camera. . . . . $155.00

High end 8.0 megapixel point & shoot camera. Like new condition. Comes with original box, software, cords, leather case, battery charger and extra battery. This camera is a perfect candidate for use underwater. Canon and Ikelite have made housings for it.

Subal C20 Housing for Canon 20D camera, excellent condition. Comes with a Subal 180 magnified viewfinder installed. (This is an excellent viewfinder and sells for an add on of $1250.00 on new housings and $1450.00 retrofit). Includes 2 Ultralight base adaptors for strobe arms. No ports are included. Subal housing with the 180 viewfinder . . . . . . . $2,000.00.

Canon 20D 8.2 megapixel DSLR camera. Comes with two batteries, battery charger, one 1 gig and one 2 gig compact flash card . . . . . . $275.00

Two Inon Z220 strobes. Includes Ultralight strobe adapter for strobe arms. . . . . . . $250.00 each.

Two Sea & Sea Sync Cords for use with Sea & Sea or Inon strobes. . . . . . $65.00 each.

Total package price for all of the above . . . . . $2,750.00

Contact Susan Mears -- photofish@mindspring.com
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:

Steve Jarocki, 8907 W. Oakland Pk. Blvd., Sunrise, FL 33351

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