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Wayne Mac Williams

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Please include a short paragraph about the photo, including camera information and location.
DEADLINE IS THE 25th!

Isaac Hadid
Southern Technical Service
Digital cameras and their maintenance

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Eel surrounded by Anthias and shrimp in cleaning station, Bali.

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Reef Fish Florida & Caribbean iPhone app

This guide to the most common shallow-water reef fish in Florida and the Caribbean includes 444 gorgeous underwater photos together with extensive notes for each. All content is by experts in the field: leading marine life author Robert Myers, photographers Robert Myers and Patrice Marker and others. It is $4.99 at the iTunes store. A link to the iTunes store can be found at Rob and Patrice’s website: http://seaclicks.com. There is also a ‘Lite” version you can download for free to try it out.

HTML code for link directly into the iTunes store:

iTunes Link for Reef Fish Florida and Caribbean
This month a group of SFUPS enthusiasts drove over to Venice for our annual shark tooth dive with the Florida West Scuba School. We stayed at the Tropical Breeze, a small local mom and pop motel which is animal friendly for those who want to bring their pets.

On Saturday afternoon we dove off the Hammerhead, a nicely equipped dive boat into the greenish mirky Gulf waters. No, we did not see any oil, but it was on our minds. There was an overcast making the temperature comfortable. Our cute divemaster Claire opened a box of fossilized teeth from over 10 million years ago from prehistoric horse teeth, mastodon teeth, stingray stingers, manatee bones, whale bones, megalodon teeth and pieces from other prehistoric animals. Then it was off the boat we went in search for our treasure.

The dive was no deeper than 30 feet with viz about 8 feet at the most. We were trained by Claire to look for the shapes of the teeth since they would be mostly covered with growth. On Bob Kaye’s first dive within minutes he found the largest Megalodon tooth of the group. Diane Randolph later proceeded to find the smallest tooth measuring about the size of a pinhead. It was a fun weekend had by all and we’re looking for another trip over to Venice.

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..

July 26  On-The-Day Contest!! NIGHT DIVE with Little Deeper
at Blue Heron Bridge
This is a Twilight & Night Dive
6:00 Show 6:30 pm GO  Hi Tide is 8:24 & its a full moon so expect current
Cost $35.00 Tip Not included- this is a 1 tank dive  dive is up to 2 hrs.
Extra weight is recommended as is a shallow dive.

Aug 14  Keys  TBA

Sept 25-  Oct 3  Coral spawn in Bonaire  or with Slate's in the Keys

Aug 28  Jupiter  TBA

Sept 5  Starfish, Lantana

Oct 3  Miami Wreck Dives TBA

Oct 16  Pumpkin Carving and Costume Dive  Blue Heron Bridge
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST:
June Masters: Humor

1st Place: Christopher Guglielmo

2nd Place: Steve Kovacs

3rd Place: Michael Schmale
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST

June CHALLENGERS: Wide Angle Featuring Sponges

1st Place: Michael Schmale

2nd Place: Shen Collazo

3rd Place: Steve Jarocki
FUTURE INTRA-CLUB CONTESTS

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!
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

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).

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

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.

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

Wide Angle featuring Sponges – a sponge or group of sponges as the main subject of the W/A photo.

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).

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

SCA The Student Conservation Association Deadline July 4
https://contest.thesca.org/ This is a free contest to anyone 15 yrs or older. We invite you to submit digital photos of green spaces that matter. Photos can be of an awe-inspiring view from a national park or of your backyard garden. We are looking for photos of places where you connect to the natural world.

National Wildlife Deadline is July 6.
http://www.nwf.org/PhotoContest/ is now accepting entries to our 40th annual contest. Cash prizes totaling more than $30,000 — including two $5,000 grand prizes — will be awarded to the winners in three divisions: Professional, Amateur and Youth. Winning photographs will be published online and a selection will appear in the December 2010 issue of the magazine. Enter today!
Visit our 2010 Contest page for entry details and categories. .

Congratulations to our amazing

SFUPS WINNERS AT RSMAS!

Macro
1st Place Steven Kovacs, Moore Haven, Fla., USA
3rd Place Kirk Kilfoyle, Hollywood, Fla., USA

Fish or Marine Animal Portrait
1st Place Steven Kovacs, Moore Haven, Fla., USA
2nd Place Matt Potenski, Sayreville, N.J., USA
3rd Place Judy Townsend, Boca Raton, Fla., USA

If you’d like to see these amazing photos.... click here!
http://www.rsmas.miami.edu/support/advancement/uw-2010/uw-2010-winners.html
NEW MEMBER ALERT!

A warm welcome to Jonathan! He joined us on the Bio Blitz dive - came all the way out from Chicago and has now decided to join our club!

Jonathan Lavan, a citizen scientist, a professional actor and a nature speaker has been SCUBA Diving for over twenty-five years. As a SCUBA Diver he has been a teacher, photographer and research associate for many different organizations. Jonathan is currently a diver at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago. He previously worked as a Diver and Staff Member at the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. He also frequently works with the Reef Environmental Education Foundation. He is a staunch environmentalist and educator of young people. He is currently in pre-production on a travel show featuring SCUBA and cooking.

THE CLASSIFIED’S

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
BP OIL SPILL Update: ‘Gulf State Diving' Website Launched

New York, NY – To aid in providing vacationers and water sports enthusiasts with accurate and current first-hand information of water conditions and proximity of oil emanating from the recent spill, and to counter misconceptions that the entire Gulf coast is contaminated and closed to water-sports activities such as scuba diving and snorkeling, the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association, DEMA, recently launched a new website- www.gulfstatediving.com. The site is updated with “real-time” posts by dive stores, dive boat operations and other dive industry related businesses in the Gulf State region to demonstrate that divers are still active and dive sites remain open and free from oil.

“The entire recreational diving industry has been impacted by this environmental tragedy – by the actual damage to sensitive wetlands and aquatic resources, and also by the perception that all recreational diving and fishing has been halted due to the spill. This perception is far from the reality. A great majority of Florida Gulf Coastal waters are clear, clean and oil free and most of the area in the Gulf region is “open for business” for scuba diving, snorkeling and other water-sports activities,” stated Tom Ingram, Executive Director of DEMA.

The website allows dive related businesses to post links to videos, store websites, the latest dive site information and more. DEMA is also providing scuba divers and water sports enthusiasts with an outlet to share accurate and current news of the water conditions they experienced with its recently launched Gulf State Diving Facebook page. The inaugural link on the site is to video taken on June 13 during a calm and clear underwater dive to the aircraft carrier Oriskany, the world’s largest artificial reef, located 22NM off the Pensacola, Florida coastline. “The weather was beautiful, the seas flat calm, the visibility was clear at depths greater than was 80feet, the fish were abundant, and there was no oil to be found! I have made this particular dive more than 100 times and this one ranked in the top three!” stated certified scuba diver Michael Day of Pensacola, provider of the video.

“Scuba diving and snorkeling in Florida account for 8.8 million visitor-days annually and more than 4,200 chartered dive trips are taken to the Oriskany. Dive-related expenditures drive an economic impact of $3.6 million in local output, hundreds of jobs and $1.4 million in local income. The negative economic impact to local dive businesses and the $60 billion Florida tourism industry overall can be devastating if the negative perception continues and in turn, the trend of cancellations continues to increase. The accurate and real-time information provided on the Gulf State Diving website should help put the image of actual conditions back into proper perspective,” stated Ingram.

DEMA, the Diving Equipment & Marketing Association, is an international organization dedicated to the promotion and growth of the recreational scuba diving and snorkeling industry. With more than 1,600 members, this non-profit, global organization promotes scuba diving through many initiatives including consumer awareness programs, media campaigns and sponsorship of the DEMA Show, a trade event open only to companies doing business in the scuba diving, action water sports and adventure/dive travel industries.
Parting Shot
by
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Wayne MacWilliams is the SFUPS Featured Photographer for JULY 2010.

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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:

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.

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