NEWSLETTER OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

www.sfups.org

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Oct 12, 2010

Meeting Schedule

October 12
November 9
December 14
Holiday Party

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

Cover Shot
Michael Schmale

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!

Male redfin anthias (Pseudanthias dispar) displaying, Komodo

Presentation:
with
RETURN TO INDONESIA
with Mike Schmale & Lynne Fieber
& intro to the EVIL EMPIRE w/Phil Rudin
yunh un ahh !!!
Tribute to Rick Smith
Intra-Club Contest Winners September 2010
Dive Schedule, INFO ON HOLIDAY PARTY
2010 Intra Club Contest Subjects
Links to Photo Contests & Classifieds

All images in this newsletter are copyright protected and may not be used without written consent of the photographer. For information on how to contact the photographer contact the Newsletter Editor.
Return to Indonesia will present an underwater tour through Ambon, the Komodo islands and the northwest coast of Bali. These images were taken on a trip Lynne and I made last December and January with fellow SFUPS members Wayne and Miriam MacWilliams. We found that all three of these locales provided a great mix of beautiful reefs AND great muck diving, a rare combination.

Our trip began in Ambon with the newly relocated Maluku divers. The new facility was not quite finished but fully operational. This location provides close access to the many great muck diving sites in Ambon Bay. Known for its muck sites, Ambon did not disappoint with a wide range of dark sand, rubble and sea grass habitats as well as some very rich debris fields/junk yards under two large fishing piers at either end of the bay. This variety of habitats made for varied critters and the fishing docks were a reliable spot for many spawning mandarin fish around twilight. We were also surprised to find some very nice reef spots within a short boat ride from the resort, although some are only accessible in calm weather. One of our favorite spots, which combined some reef and some muck/rubble, was located just at the end of the runway of the nearby airport, about 5 minutes from the resort.
After a week at Maluku divers we headed to Bali to board the Komodo Dancer for a 10 day cruise to Komodo. After a bouncy crossing to Lombok we made our way along the northern side of the Sumbawa island chain leading to Komodo National Park. The diving along the way was varied and a bit unpredictable. The time of year, December – January is not the preferred season for most boats to visit Komodo. The waters were much warmer at this time of year but the currents and visibility at many dive sites were difficult for the crew to predict. Nevertheless, we soon learned that there were many great sites to choose from around Komodo, such as Cannibal Rock, Manta Alley and Castle Rock, so that we could find good diving every day. Again, we were entertained by a mix of big reefs and muck/rubble diving. Not to mention some entertaining and exciting encounters with Komodo dragons on land. We disembarked at West Flores and returned to Bali for the last leg of our trip.

We headed to Bali’s northwest coast to explore the dive sites around Menjangan island. On previous trips to Bali we had limited our diving to the NE coast in the vicinity of the Liberty wreck so we were anxious to explore new areas. We already knew of a nice place to stay on the beach in the NW, Taman Sari resort. They have an amazing artificial reef project which has been going for years right off the beach. They are growing dozens of species of corals on rebar frameworks which are electrified with weak DC current to accelerate the coral growth. Don’t know about the science behind this but the corals are growing great, even though this area is in a fairly protected bay, hardly a prime reef growing environment. We were impressed. A great place to snorkel between dives or on non-dive days. While at Taman Sari, we took advantage of two very different dive destinations. Menjangan island is a well known national park about 40 min boat ride from the dive shop at the resort. While not as biodiverse as more remote locations in Indonesia, the island offers a variety of nice reefs and walls. In stark contrast to this was a newly discovered muck diving site about 15 min car ride east of the resort. This spot was a black sand/soft bottom shore dive with a max depth of about 15 ft. Our enthusiastic guides let us log multiple 2 hour dives, finding plenty of frogfish (9 on two dives), bizarre nudies we had never seen before, strange octopi, Pegasus sea moths, etc.

All in all, a great trip and, yes, we can’t wait to get back.
Hope you enjoy the show. – Mike
Join us October 12th 2010 for a presentation by Phil Rudin on the arrival of the new **EVIL** (Electronic Viewfinder/Interchangeable Lens) cameras to the world of underwater photography.

Phil will display an array of cameras, lenses, housings and accessories from Athena, Inon, Nauticam, Olympus, Panasonic, Sony and ZEN Underwater. These cameras all have the same sensor sizes as most DSLR cameras and produce same image quality. All include either 720p or 1024p video and include a growing list of lens choices from macro to fisheye. These cameras are far advanced from the consumer cameras of the past and are very well priced for their image quality. A short presentation of EVIL images will be included.

For Phil’s latest review on the Olympus Pen E-PL1 mirror-less camera and PT-EP01 housing checkout Underwater Photography Magazine at the following link:  [http://www.uwpmag.com/download.html](http://www.uwpmag.com/download.html)

For more images from the Olympus mirrorless camera and Olympus 9-18 zoom with the Zen Underwater port,  [http://www.zenunderwater.com](http://www.zenunderwater.com)

Olympus E-PL, Olympus 9-18 zoom, Zen Dome Port
CALL FOR VIDEO ENTRIES IS NOW ! ! !

NOVEMBER is VIDEO PRESENTATIONS
Please get your 5-7 minute video clip to Alena Carlini as soon as possible to allow her time to put this together into a lovely show. Please contact her for specifics regarding program conversions and what is acceptable at Audiovisual@sfups.org

NOVEMBER: BOARD OF DIRECTORS : A General vote will take place at the November meeting for the 2011 Board of Directors Elections.

Anyone who is interested in participating on the 2011 Board of Directors must contact Sharon Baron no later than October 23rd, 2010 at baronmedical@gmail.com

Our Board of Directors keeps us running smooth bringing us wonderful speakers and keep us informed about our world of underwater photography.

NOVEMBER: DIGITAL CREATIONS

Intra-Club Contest
This is not for points- just for fun. Winning entries will be included in the end-of-the-year Holiday Slide Show. Throw a little holiday spirit into the mix!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUNDAY DECEMBER 12 4:30PM until....

Reservations now being accepted
send payment to Patrice Marker
Cost: only $33.00 per person !

9100 State Road 84
Davie, Florida  33324  Phone 954-423-1961

Pine Island Plaza located on the southern side of I-595 west, between Nob-Hill Road, and Pine-Island Road. Directions from Fort Lauderdale:
Go west on I-595, exit Nob-Hill Road and go east on the southern access way to I-595. Bear right and turn right and then left to Vienna Café & Wine Bar.
http://viennacafeandwinebar.com/
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST  Sept:
Masters:  Close Focus Wide Angle

1st Place: Steve Kovacs

2nd Place: Steve Kovacs

3rd Place: Shen Collazo

4th Place: Bernd Meier

5th Place: Suzan Meldonian
WINNERS of the INTRA CLUB CONTEST
SEPT CHALLENGERS: Reef Scapes

1st Place Patrice Marker

2nd Place Ximena Olds

3rd Place: Tony Barros
Members in the News

Deb Devers has photos that were published in the Aug/Sept issue of “Ultramarine Magazine”, a top marine magazine in the UK in an article on “Sea Snail Reproduction.”

Her photos were of an Apple Murex snail laying eggs that she photographed at the Blue Heron Bridge!

Congratulations to Deb!

Linda Ianniello was a guest speaker at the Colorado Dive Show!

CONTEST SUBJECTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>MASTERS</th>
<th>CHALLENGERS</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>OCTOBER</td>
<td>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).</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NOVEMBER</td>
<td>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).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SPECIAL (November) open to all “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.
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!
PHOTO CONTESTS

NCUPS SEA 2010
is accepting entries now through October 8, 2010.

Every year a lucky underwater photographer or videographer wins the prestigious Bob Commer Award of Excellence and this year it may be your turn! Last year’s winners are available to review on the SEA Competition web page at http://www.ncups.org.

Categories for 2010, rules, regulations, and entry instructions are on the NCUPS website now! Upload images via the online upload process and/or get your prints and videos in the mail. Don’t wait til the last minute!

Ocean Art Photo Competition
Deadline: November 14, 2010

Underwater photography competition with $60,000 USD worth of prizes and 11 categories. Judges include Marty Snyderman, Bonnie Pelnar, Martin Edge and Chris Newbert

http://www.uwphotographyguide.com/underwater-photo-contest

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 each . . . . $250.00
Two Sea & Sea Sync Cords for use with Sea & Sea or Inon strobes . . . . . each . . . $65.00

OR

Total package price for all of the above . . . . $2,750.00
Contact Susan Mears -- photofish@mindspring.com
Dystrophy.
in organizing a race that raised $30,000 for Muscular Board of Directors of OPBRA where he was instrumental world in the modified class. From 1981-1982 he was on the Champion and his boat "Renegade" placed third in the for two years. In 1981, he was Southeastern U.S. In 1980, Rick joined ADBA and raced offshore powerboats Captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard. Miami based dive operation grew, Rick earned his 100-ton dive charter business, Pisces Divers, in 1977. As the North invaluable when he decided to open his own retail and All of Rick's teaching and retail experience proved his unyielding friendship, mentoring and guidance that he shared with those that had the distinct privilege of knowing him and working with him along the way.

Rick Smith was born in Philadelphia, PA., the oldest of four children. His family moved to Miami in 1948 where he was raised and completed school, graduating from Miami Edison Senior High. Rick attended Miami-Dade Community College for two years.

Following school Rick enlisted in the Florida Army National Guard in 1964. He volunteered for and was accepted into the 20th Special Forces Group Airborne, achieving the rank of Sergeant, in Intelligence and Operations, before being honorably discharged in 1970.

In 1969, Rick began a long and extensive scuba diving career, earning his initial certification at Miami-Dade Community College from Bob Friedman. His next step was Advanced certification from Underwater Unlimited and eventually Cave Diver certification issued by Tom Mount in 1972. Natural progression resulted in Instructor ratings from NAUI, YMCA, NASDS, PADI and IAND. Furthering his expertise, Rick also became a Red Cross WSI and CPR instructor.

While working for Underwater Unlimited from 1971 to1976, Rick gained retail experience, taught diving and literally certified thousands of students at Miami-Dade Community College.

All of Rick's teaching and retail experience proved invaluable when he decided to open his own retail and dive charter business, Pisces Divers, in 1977. As the North Miami based dive operation grew, Rick earned his 100-ton Captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard.

In 1980, Rick joined ADBA and raced offshore powerboats for two years. In 1981, he was Southeastern U.S. Champion and his boat "Renegade" placed third in the world in the modified class. From 1981-1982 he was on the Board of Directors of OPBRA where he was instrumental in organizing a race that raised $30,000 for Muscular Dystrophy.

In 1985 while enjoying the success of Pisces Divers North Miami, a second location was born and Pisces Divers Miami Beach opened as the first full service marina based dive store/boat operation in Miami. His fleet included two of the first locally based live-aboard operations, Deep Diver and Island Diver, which operated between Miami and the Bahamas. During the 13 years that he owned Pisces, Rick maintained an active management style, involving the day-to-day operation of the retail shop, teaching open water through leadership-level dive classes and running local and Bahamian dive trips as the primary captain of record. Rick also played and instrumental role in establishing and promoting Miami-Dade County’s extensive artificial program and pioneered many of the techniques and protocols that are still in use today by local dive operators to safely dive these sites. Rick's operation also maintained a loyal institutional client base including Miami Dade Community College, University of Miami and Barry University. During this time, he also became one of the original Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Dive Operators.

Throughout his life, Rick had the honor and privilege of being associated with numerous pioneers in the dive industry. Close friendships with Bob Friedman, Tom Mount, Rick Frehsee, Dick Rutkowski, Lou Fead, Spencer Slate, Mike Kevorkian and other mentors provided him with a rich and varied view of the diving world.

After selling Pisces Divers, Rick continued to operate boats and work with other successful charter operations including Peter Hughes' Cat Dancer, Undersea Miami, H2O Scuba and Diver's Paradise. Rick also went back to school to fulfill a long time interest in the medical field. Attaining his certification as an EMT, followed by certification as a Hyperbaric Chamber Operator, Rick went on to work at the Mercy Hospital Diving Medical Center from 1992 to 1994. After completing his paramedic training in 1995, Rick obtained at job at Miami Children’s Hospital as a flight paramedic and emergency training coordinator on their pediatric Life Flight Program. In 2003, Rick also started Aqua-Medic, a very successful small business engaged in teaching CPR/First Aid to institutional, educational and corporate clients as well as the sale of AED devices and related training.

With Captain Rick's passing, his legacy lives on in the local dive community. He as been a mentor to many, some of whom today own their own successful businesses and others who have chosen different paths in the dive industry or other walks of life. Most who knew Rick and who have had the privilege of working with him, being his friend or just having a taken a class taught by him, would agree that he was a larger than life figure and left a lasting and meaningful impression on all that knew and cherished Rick. His loss is immeasurable and we are better for having known him.

Captain Rick is survived by his wife Carlene, his daughter Jeanne and her husband Mike; son's Rickey, David; and his grandchildren Kaylee, Kobe, Carson, Cenaton & Collin.

A service to celebrate Captain Rick’s life will be announced shortly…
Parting Shot
by
Michael Schmale

Michael Schmale
is the SFUPS
Featured
Photographer
for
October 2010

Visit www.sfups.org
to see
our galleries

Your on-line gallery
comes with your
paid membership.
Take Advantage!

JOIN
SFUPS

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.