Meeting Schedule

Apr 10
May 8 Video!
Jun 12
Jul 10
Aug 14
Sep 11
Oct 9
Nov 13
Dec 9
Holiday Party

NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Mar 13, 2012
7:30 PM at
El Palacio
Sports Hotel
21485 N.W. 27th Ave,
Miami, 33056
305-621-5801

Cover Shot
Fletcher Forbes

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Suzan Meldonian,
561-394-6391
or e-mail:
newsletter@sfups.org
Info about the image
is appreciated.
DEADLINE IS THE
25th!

Presentation:

Miracles in Action
March Intra Club Contest Winners
Results/TIPS on “How do you Travel”
2012 Intra Club Contest Subjects
New Member Alert!
Outside contests, Classifieds

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Miami, FL – March 29, 2012 – **ScubaNation**, One Nation Underwater, TV Show premieres on SunSports on Sunday, April 8, 2012. Adding to SunSports’ outdoor block, ScubaNation will wet the appetite of scuba and watersports fans alike with unique footage of some of Florida’s best dive spots. ScubaNation is fast paced and high energy. Founders Billy C and Mitch like to call it Jacques Cousteau on Rock-N-Roll!

**ScubaNation** is the brain child of 16-year South Florida resident, **Billy Catoggio**, a native of Malden, MA, whose passion since childhood has been the ocean, marine life, and scuba diving. Catoggio’s love of the ocean led him to Tallahassee, Florida, where he studied Marine Biology at Florida State University (FSU). Upon graduating he moved to Miami, Florida, where he took his diving experiences to a new level and worked a brief stint at the Miami Seaquarium, where he trained dolphins and sea lions.

Catoggio’s love of the ocean, marine life, and scuba diving, who is held a successful career in Human resource outsourcing for 13 years, but his passion to be a pioneer in the scuba diving industry never quieted. His desire to live his passion and be an entrepreneur took precedence in 2007 and the creation of the “Nation” ensued via the unique website for scuba enthusiasts, **ScubaNation.com**—a media rich, interactive, social portal for divers—through which they can dive, connect and share their unique underwater experiences. “The website helped us build our movement. Now, ScubaNation on SunSports will help us evangelize it!” shares Catoggio.

Catoggio co-hosts ScubaNation with business partner Mike “Mitch” Horne, an Army Veteran and accomplished technology and graphic design professional (also an FSU engineering graduate) who met Catoggio in 2007. He launched head first in the sport as a newbie and now, together with Catoggio, is exploring the “Nation” underwater and creating exciting programming which will wet the screens of thousands of Florida TV viewers. “Mitch took the reins and drove this thing to a whole new level. I’ve never seen anybody dive right in like this guy. Now, he’s the brainchild of most of the creative juices that flows into our show,” said Catoggio.

Season One of ScubaNation is dedicated to Florida, a state that has so much to offer divers. Showcased will be the diversity of destinations and animal life that is within the grasp of every diver. Most of our first thirteen episodes are concentrated throughout the state. Goliath Grouper congregation, Blue Heron Bridge, Manatees, and Wrecks and Reefs of the Keys are all unique episodes featured during season one. “It is a diver’s dream come true to create a show based on scuba diving,” shared Horne.

For more information, email: info@scubanation.com, call: 305-343-7260, or visit scubanation.com to view the sizzle reel.
Miracles in Action
Cindy Talbot who does volunteer work for children of Guatemala and the key chains are a way the organization raises money for their charity. I contacted Cindy and she explained the purpose of the charity, Miracles in Action, and directed me to the organization’s website to view the other beaded products they produce. I asked Cindy if she should come to our April meeting and explain the purpose of her charity and bring her beaded products that relate to underwater sea life. Cindy will sell the products that retail on the website for $8.00 or $9.00 to our club members for $5.00 and $6.00. To see some examples of these beaded products view their website: go to “store”, on the left side hoover over “key chains & zipper charms” when the sub-menu appears click on “fish & sea”. These are some examples of the products she will bring. The website doesn’t truly reflect the high quality of these products, they are all hand made by the people of Guatemala. When you see them you are not only going to want a few for yourself, but also gifts for others, if purchased in a gift shop they would be many times the price you paid. All the proceeds collected from the sales of the key chains/zipper pulls goes directly to the Guatemalan people.

http://www.miraclesinaction.com

A Good Cause

Members in the News

NCUPS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Judy Townsend, Mena Olds & Steve Kovacs got honorable mention

The winners of the Northern California Underwater Photographic Society’s annual SEA International Competition have been posted at: [http://sea.ncups.org/](http://sea.ncups.org/)
NEW MEMBER ALERT!

Welcome Christopher McKenna from Miami

WE NEED YOUR VIDEO!

Last Call

All SFUPS videographers are asked to start putting together their new clips for submission for our May Presentation. Folks, we love this segment each year, because we get a chance to see some amazing behavior in action and enjoy the thrills. Please contact Jim Mears (audiovisual@sfups.org) if you can commit to producing a 5 to 10 minute edited video of your new work. Details of the exact time limit will depend on the number of people participating and will be determined later. Right now we need to get a count of members willing to show off their work.

The best shows are planned out well in advance. Please do not wait till the last minute.
Island Dive Fest - Islamorada May 4th - 6th. Time to book your dive! with Conch Republic

SFUPS Divers - please book direct- links and dates- listed below!

It is getting to be that time of year again. Island Dive Fest at Conch Republic Divers is fast approaching. This year it is May 4th - 6th.

Last year we had a blast, and the diving was fantastic. This is a great opportunity to dive the warm waters of the Florida Keys. Plenty of wrecks and reefs to shoot.

Just click on the link for more information, and I hope to see you there.


The Cyber Diver
Presents:
Island Dive Fest 2012 in the Florida Keys.

We’ve got some great diving planned with Conch Republic Divers and even our famous dock party on Saturday night.

All dives will be $60......air/nitrox is not included

Air Tanks are $5 per tank
Nitrox Tanks are $10 per tank

NOTE: THE LINKS BELOW WILL HAVE THE ORIGINAL PRICE OF $85.00. JUST MENTION YOU ARE A PART OF ISLAND DIVE FEST TO GET THE SPECIAL DISCOUNTED RATE STATED ABOVE.

Some of these dives are advanced level-please make note and check.

Here’s a list of the dives with direct booking links.

- 05/04/2012 - AM/RD - Duane
- 05/04/2012 - AM/AD - Reef
- 05/04/2012 - PM/RD - Conch Wall
- 05/04/2012 - PM/AD - Spiegel Grove
- 05/04/2012 - NT/RD - Eagle
- 05/05/2012 - AM/RD - Spiegel Wall
- 05/05/2012 - AM/AD - Reef
- 05/05/2012 - PM/RD - Eagle
- 05/05/2012 - PM/AD - Drift
- 05/05/2012 - Cook out on CRD docks
- 05/06/2012 - AM/RD - Duane
- 05/06/2012 - AM/AD - Reef

Hotel arrangements can be made by calling Conch Republic Divers at (305)852-1655. We’ve got some better than advertised rates at Ocean Point Suites and Bayside Hotel.

If we have enough interest we can schedule a Vandenberg dive for Monday 05/07 with Lost Reef in Key West.

Thanks, Scott McDuff
Selling a Canon 7D setup for underwater photography. Originally purchased in June 2010. Used ONCE in a fresh water spring. This setup has not touched salt water. It is basically new!! We had a baby and I have not had the chance to use it.

The following items include all original boxes, manuals, etc.

**Ikelite Underwater Housing with E-TTL for Canon 7D** - 6871.07 - $1,295
includes Underwater Leak Detector $36 – Included with Housing

**Ikelite Substrobe DS-160 Kit with Sinc Cord & Ball & Socket Arm System for Ikelite Housing** – 3944.90 - $940
(Includes DS-160 strobe with diffuser, cord (4103.51), Ikelite smart charger (4066.1), and ball socket arm)

**Ikelite 8” Dome port w/shade & Neoprene** - 5510.45 - $350
(No scratches or markings. Like New.)

**Ikelite Super Wide Body Extension Ring for 4-port lock system** - 5510.11
for 8” dome (use on, for instance, Tokina 10-17 fisheye lens) - $105

**Ikelite Extended Port Body** – 5510.24 - $130

**Pelican Storm Carry Case IM2720 with Wheels** – $210
(The entire setup fits inside this case. Includes original box.)

Pictures available. Please contact Oscar at [bello_o@bellsouth.net](mailto:bello_o@bellsouth.net) or text message to 954.650.0164.

Thanks.

Oscar Bello

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Subal ND 30 Housing for Nikon D 300 $2700 comes with a magnifying 3x straight viewfinder.
Nikon D-300 $800 1 card 2 batteries charger original box and all paperwork

Nikon lenses
105mm 2.8  have box and paperwork $750
35mm 1.8 $150
11-16mm 2.8 $550

Also Nikon sb-900 speedlight flash $400

All are in great shape with boxes and paperwork.

George Ordenes
305-812-6722
rentownrealty@hotmail.com
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<td>Rainbow Reefs - Wide Angle reef scene with many colors.</td>
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<td>Special June Contest</td>
<td>Creative - Open to everyone. Maximum two entries in this contest in addition to the regular June Categories listed above. Computer manipulated, creative images. Anything goes. (No points for this one, just for fun)</td>
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<td>Super Macro (less than 1:1) - An image showing the details of the macro world. Must use a macro lens and diopters or teleconverters. Super macro image shot in camera, not super cropped in the computer.</td>
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<td>Panning - Use a panning technique to show motion. Main subject, especially eyes and face should be sharp while background is streaked or blurred showing motion.</td>
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<td>Scorpionfish</td>
<td>Eye Eye! - Beautiful or interesting eyes. Animals eyes are the main focus of the image.</td>
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Winners MARCH Intra Club Contest
Masters: The Cleaners

1st Place: Steve Kovacs

2nd Place: Steve Kovacs

3rd Place: Chris Guglielmo

4th Place: Amaury Cruz

5th Place: Patrice Marker
Winners Apr Intra Club Contest
Challengers: Beautiful Butterflies

1st Place: Judy Townsend

2nd Place: Judy Townsend

3rd Place: Fletcher Forbes
**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 1400 pixels on the long side in order to be displayed properly by our new HD digital projector. 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 Jim Mears 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.

Jim will send you a confirming email to let you know he 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!
GET READY!
The 2012 Windland Awards will open for entry
We are now working on the awards exhibition design featuring the category winners and selected highly honored images from the 2011 competition.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

2012 Windland Awards is open now!

Take your images on a journey from the wild to the walls of the Smithsonian! CLICK HERE
http://www.naturesbestphotography.com/
The editors of Nature’s Best Photography magazine invite all photographers to enter the 2012 Nature’s Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards competition.

Category Winners and a selection of Highly Honored photographs will be displayed in an exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History, one of the most widely respected and highly visited museums in the world. In addition, all winning images will be published in the Fall/Winter 2012 Awards special Collector’s Edition of Nature’s Best Photography magazine.

Entries are judged on technical quality, originality, and artistic merit. Enter a TOTAL of up to 20 images for one entry fee ($25 US dollars no foreign checks). Each submission must follow the guidelines.

http://www.divephotoguide.com/monthly-underwater-photography-contest/

Upcoming Contests
- Apr 2012
  Theme: Marine Mammals
- May 2012
  Theme: Bokeh
- June 2012
  Theme: Surf
- July 2012
  Theme: Abstract and Art
- August 2012
  Theme: Nudibranchs
- September 2012
  Theme: Flora
- October 2012
  Theme: Weird and Spooky
- November 2012
  Theme: Fashion
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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SFUPS is a Non-Profit Organization promoting interest in Underwater Photography and general awareness of our ocean’s creatures through photography. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (January -November) at 7:30 pm at the El Palacio Hotel located at 21485 NW 27th Avenue off the Florida Turnpike, Miami, FL, 33056  305-621-5801 near Calder Raceway

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 pro-rated to 1/2 of the above for new members only.

A Membership form must be completed, signed and returned along with payment, a copy of your C-Card and dive insurance. Make checks Payable to SFUPS and send to:  SFUPS c/o
Sharon Baron
12710 SW 77 St.,
Miami, FL 33183

Membership forms can be found on our website at www.sfups.org and also available at the meetings, or contact Membership@sfups.org