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SFUPS May Featured Photographer Chris Gug

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April Masters

1st Place — Sam Hodge

2nd Place — Wayne MacWilliams

3rd Place — Mark Widick
April Challengers

1st Place — Bernd Meier

2nd Place — Jonathan Lavan

3rd Place — Mike Schmale
A BIG SFUPS Thank You to Richard Ladisky

Thanks Richard for a very informative presentation on the art of giving an engaging wreck dive speech to divers and non-divers alike.

Announcements

- **Reef Photo** will host an Underwater Photography and Lightroom workshop on July 23-24. The cost is $149 and will be taught by Chris Parsons.

- **Chris Gug** will be giving a demo at the May 14th meeting explaining how to buff the scratches out of your acrylic dome port. He will have polishing kits available for purchase for $15 and single use kits for $5. Bring your dome port!

- Want to win a dive trip— write a review for NeptunesReviews.com, submit photos and videos for extra credit.

- Check out Tony Barros cool youtube shark dive video— [Professor Tony Barros Goes Shark Diving Roatan Honduras](#)

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**Force E Scuba Kids Camp**

Force E is offering summer diving camps for Open water and Advanced open water for ages 12 to 16. Each camp will be a week long. The Open water camp will be 3 full days and 2 half days. Your kids will experience lots of fun learning and diving. The best part is by the end of the week you will have a new dive buddy. For more information on schedules and pricing please contact [Force-E Boca Raton](#) or [Force-E Pompano Beach](#)...both locations are running the camps.
More Announcements

**Force E Sponsored Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive Schedule**
- May 23rd– 7-9pm
- June 6th– 7-9pm
- June 22nd– 7:30-9:30pm
- July 6th– 7:15-9:15pm
- July 21st- 7-9pm
- August 5th– 7:30-9:30pm
- August 19th- 7-9pm
- September 3rd- 7-9pm
- September 18th– 7:15-9:15pm
- October 3rd– 7-9pm
- October 17th-7-9pm
- November 3rd- 7-9pm
- November 17th– 7-9pm

**Reef Photo Video**

Reef is giving numerous macro workshops this summer at everyone’s favorite local dive site– Blue Heron Bridge.

The workshops cost $350 and include tanks. The workshops are scheduled from Thursday evening through Sunday on the following dates-

- May 9-12
- June 13-16
- July 25-28
- August 8-11

To learn more about these workshops and sign up for the next event go to

**Reef Photo & Video**

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Join SFUPS for the next meeting on May 14, 2013 at 7pm. Social time will be from 7pm until 7:30 with the meeting starting at 7:30pm

SFUPS meetings are located at the El Palacio Hotel, (Near Calder Casino) 21485 N.W. 27th Avenue Miami, FL 33056
May Featured Photographer — Chris Gug

Chris Gug, or just Gug (pronounced "Goog") for short, is a Fort Lauderdale-based full-time professional underwater photographer. For more than 15 years, he had been exhibiting in some of the most prestigious galleries and museums around the world, but in 2012, opened the Gug Underwater Gallery in Fort Lauderdale, FL to showcase his love of viewing the sea as fine art for the home, office, or public display. He is regularly published in numerous magazines, and teaches underwater photographic technique both locally and around the world.

As a proud member and sponsor of the club, Gug also teaches regular mini-seminars at monthly SFUPS meetings, and is an authorized dealer & consultant for Aquatica, Ikelite, Amphibico, and more. He is a technogeek, and loves pushing the limits of camera and computer equipment, and although all the images in this gallery are unmanipulated (aside from a raw conversion), he is always staying abreast of (and creating!) the coolest trends in still & video post-production.

Contact the Gug Underwater Gallery at:
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Miami@GugUnderwater.com
954-579-8096
May Guest Speaker– Christopher Boykin

Southeast Florida’s Coral Reefs

Christopher Boykin has been a resident of south Florida and the keys since 1990 and has worked as a commercial lobster fisherman in the lower keys and for Dry Tortugas National Park during the early 1990's. He began scuba diving on the oil rigs off shore of Mississippi in 1986 and enjoys sailing, diving and exploring the out islands of the Bahamas with his family each summer. He has worked for the Department of Environmental Protection Coral Reef Conservation Program for the past eight years as the education and communications coordinator. He also works closely with the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI), which is a coalition of more than sixty local conservationists, non-profits, agencies, universities and marine biologists working to conserve the corals off of Florida's east coast.

This presentation will focus on the northern third of the Florida Reef Tract and how it differs from reefs in the Florida Keys, as well as the various projects and programs being coordinated in the region by the state's Coral Program and how you can get involved!. Some highlights will include a brief overview of annual coral spawning events, important migrations and aggregations of shark and grouper species, and a brief identification component for local brain corals.

To learn more about the Coral Reef Conservation Program go to

http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/
Club Members in the News

- The Cultural Council of Palm Beach County will display original photographic works “NASA Images” by Mark Widick at a SOLO Exhibition from April 20 through May 18 in the Cultural Council’s Lawrence A. Sanders Foundation Gallery of its Downtown Lake Worth Headquarters Lake Worth, FL.

- Craig Deitrich was published on Sportdiver.com with an article called “Water Planet: Artistry.”

- Chris Gug had photos published in May Sportdiver issue.

May Show and Tell

“The Mystery Eggs”

By Linda Ianniello

“I am always looking for new and different small critters, and enjoy the hunt as much as the photography. A couple of people found unique and gorgeous eggs at the bridge so when I found a set I started tracking their progress, and hoping to find out what they belonged to. I was lucky enough to be successful on a night dive, so I will show you the images and tell the story behind them.”

Thanks Linda and we look forward to seeing this photograph at the May meeting.

If you have a great shot you’d like to share at a monthly meeting please send an email to Sam.

April SFUPS Contest Categories

http://www.sfups.com/

MAY MASTERS
Super Macro – at least 1:1 or greater magnification (in 35mm terms). Must be done in camera using macro lenses, diopters, with minor cropping (<10%).

MAY CHALLENGERS
Trash House – Give us those photos showing marine animals utilizing something Human’s would use that was discarded and used as a home or shelter.
SFUPS On The Scene

Opening Reception at the Alvin Sherman Library

SFUPS members came out in force to support the club for the opening reception of “Into The Blue” at the Nova Southeastern University exhibit at the Alvin Sherman Library. The evening was filled with food, drink, friends and great SFUPS photography. Thank you again to all who were able to participate and volunteer their time for the event.

The exhibit will be up until June 1.

For more information about the display go to the Alvin Sherman Library
Contest Calendar

**Natures Best Photography** – Deadline May 15, 2013

**Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science Underwater Photography Contest** – Deadline May 17, 2013

**Sharks In Focus** – Deadline 5pm August 28, 2013

**Ocean Art Photo Contest** – Deadline November 11, 2013

**Eliat Red Sea Monthly Competition to compete in Eliat Red Sea Shootout**

**Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest**

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**Club Travel Exchange**

Want like minded company on your next trip? Send your travel plans to newsletter@sfups.org. The trip details will be published in the newsletter for other members to see. Any members interested in a trip can send an email to newsletter@sfups.org and the groups will be connected.

**2013**

⇒ August 2–9 Alaska on the Nautilus Swell

**2014**

⇒ Feb 16-23 Truk Lagoon on the Odyssey with Bonnie Pelnar, UnderwaterColours.com

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*Life’s a beach Then you dive*
Classifieds

- FS: Nikon D700 body and Subal ND700 housing. Housing has 45° magnifying viewfinder. The viewfinder retails for $1300. Very gently used and never flooded, original box and all papers for camera included along with synch cords and 77mm zoom gear. If interested, contact Fletcher Forbes-my email is jandfforbes@cox.net

- FS: 2005 Grady-White 228 boat with Yamaha 225 hp 4-stroke outboard. This boat is set up for diving. It is the walk-around model with cuddy-cabin, 49 sf of back deck space, tank racks, and camera rinse tank! Can handle 5 divers. Fresh water shower on the stern, sink and port-a potty ( never used). Motor has only 138 hours. Really. If interested, contact Fletcher Forbes– our email is jandfforbes@cox.net

- FS: Canon 70-200mm f4 L IS USM lens in brand new condition in original box with instruction manual and with pouch and lens hood. Excellent lens for nature photography and travel. This is one of Canon's famous L lenses. Price $875. Optional tripod mount $75 (cost $149). Inquire at meierb@bellsouth.net or call 305-310-1265

Got some gear to sell? Put an ad in the newsletter to get the word out

newsletter@sfups.com
Parting Shot

SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly dues are $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Make checks payable to SFUPS and mail to Patrice Marker at 9273 Silent Oak Circle, Wellington, FL 33411-6634 (Don’t forget to send a copy of your dive insurance and C-Card)

Membership benefits include continuing education, information about the latest equipment and techniques, presentations about marine life, conservation and exotic dive locations, club sponsored trips, online gallery to showcase images, this awesome newsletter and much, much more.

SFUPS welcomes divers just starting in underwater photography as well as professionals who have taken their photography to the next level.

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