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2013 SFUPS Board of Directors

President– Sam Hodge
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2013 SFUPS Sponsors

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http://www.sfups.org/Newsletter.html
October Masters– Over/Under

1st Place — Wayne MacWilliams

2nd Place — Sam Hodge

3rd Place — Wayne MacWilliams
October Challengers— Boat From Below

1st Place — Sam Hodge

2nd Place — Nikole Ordway

3rd Place — Carlos Jaile

4th Place— Bernie Meier

5th Place— Mark Widick
A BIG SFUPS Thank You to George Schellenger

SFUPS would like to thank George for screening his amazing film “Tiger Shark Express” at last month’s meeting. It was a great intro to an often misunderstood but magnificent creature.

www.statusproductions.com

Announcements

- The annual SFUPS holiday party is fast approaching. The event will be held Sunday Dec 8th at the Cypress Creek Marriott Hotel. All the details including pricing and registration will be announced next week. Mark your calendars.

- SFUPS membership has some awesome privileges including the member galleries hosted on the website. If you are a new member and would like to submit a gallery please check out the submission guidelines. We want to see your shots!

- Calling all videographers- SFUPS wants you! Please produce a short video via Vimeo, write a short bio with a photograph and send it in. For all the details go to SFUPS.org

- Pompano Dive Center has put their beautiful new boat the Sea Siren in the water as of October. Get out there and dive!

- Reef Photo Video will be hosting a Video Workshop on Nov. 15-17 with workshop leaders Christian Dimitrius and Christopher Parsons. Price $350

- Force-E will be hosting another awesome manatee trip on Feb 1-2, 2014. Sign up is happening now and spaces are limited. Price $275

- Nauticam has a new Leak Detection System for their housings. Previous housings can be upgraded also! Get the upgrade or a new Nauticam housing at Reef Photo Video.

- Show and Tell this month will be Sharon Baron discussing her recent DCS diagnosis.
2013 President’s Message

2013 was a good year for SFUPS! I’m proud to be part of this wonderful organization supported by your unwavering commitment to underwater photography. It’s with this sense of pride I’m reminded about the many changes you have not only endured but unequivocally embraced throughout the year. We made some big decisions starting with a long awaited move reflecting a more balanced midpoint for all members. Not to mention, provides a dining/beverage service in a secure surrounding that I think we are all proud to call our new SFUPS home. Along the way, we made some very emotional changes that helped to establish a new logo and brand for the SFUPS organization. Above all, in my mind the most important contribution we’ve orchestrated is excellence in underwater photography.

I made a commitment to the Club to return to the values in what drives us to become better photographers. Throughout the year we had featured presenters share their experience and learning’s in a host of underwater photography techniques ranging from over/under imagery, snoots, strobe positioning, and this coming month we’ll round out the year with an award winning speaker on underwater animal behavior photography. While for many of us underwater photography has been a hobby, but I have also observed that our hobby is fast evolving in acknowledging the value our images bring to audiences who have never had a chance to visit the animals below the water’s surface. That led us to two well-received exhibitions sharing a message of conservation and hope for the long-term survival of many creatures we come to enjoy photographing beneath the sea.

On December 8, we’ll have a fun time celebrating the holidays with our fellow Club members. However no rest for the weary...as the saying goes. Your Board members and I have been putting forth some tremendous plans for 2014. You can and should expect more along the lines of our excellence in underwater photography theme, visits by more well-known speakers in the industry, and some interesting group international trips we’ll be hosting. I’ll be making more announcements at the December 8 holiday party but for now let’s share in the gratification of all our accomplishments and successes this past year.

See you at the November 12 meeting with our featured presenter, Mike Bartick.

Sam Hodge
November Featured Photographer  
Richard Apple

Richard Apple, in his semi-retirement life, is a professional underwater photographer as well as a PADI & HSA Scuba Instructor residing in Tequesta, FL. With nearly 20 years of experience diving Floridian and Caribbean Island waters, his appreciation for Jupiter's beautiful and plentiful marine life comes to life in his photographs. Richard and his wife, Molly, raised 4 children in the Jupiter/Tequesta area and now he spends much of his time using his combined scuba diving and photographic skills to share the offshore underwater marine life with others.

As the official photographer for both Scuba Works and Captain SL8R Charters in Jupiter, FL, Richard captures both divers and the marine life around them in full color images which are posted on both the Scuba Works & Captain SL8R's Facebook Pages in order to provide unforgettable memories for the divers, their families and friends.

In addition, Richard maintains an underwater photography presence, www.ApplecorpsPhotography.com, where most photographs can be purchased on a variety of mediums and gift items.
November Guest Speaker

Mike Bartick

Mike discovered his first Nudibranch in the frigid California waters just off the Southern California coastline where he was raised. Since that discovery his admiration for critters has blossomed into a full blown obsession that has lead him across the globe. “Kamusta Anilao” is a digital coffee table book presented in Power Point combining a unique blend of observed experiences, photographic insight and rarely seen animal behaviors that include Egg Brooding fish, various and colorful Nudibranchs and mating frogfish shot almost exclusively in Anilao Philippines.

Minimal “croppin’and shoppin” is Mike Motto. Its all about spending the time underwater, doing your homework and crossing your fingers. Mike is also the General Manager, Photopro and head of marketing for Crystal Blue Resort in Anilao Philippines where he also conducts photo clinics and natural history seminars throughout each year.

Mikes Gear : Nikon D300 and D300s Sea and Sea housings/YSD1 and YS 250 pro strobes Publications –Sport diver, Sport diver Asia pacific, Asian Geographic, Action Asia, Undersea journal, X-ray magazine, California Diver Magazine and more recently Alert Diver.

To learn more about Mike’s work and photo safari trips visit his website at Saltwaterphoto.com
Club Members in the News

- Mark Widick and Judy Townsend were published in the Fall 2013 issue of *Art and Culture* Magazine.
- **Chris Gug** won 3rd Place for his image “Holy Waters” in the Photo Now! Contest at the Lighthouse Art Museum.
- Phil Rudin had two articles in UWPMag.com in the Nov/Dec issue on the Sage Optical snoot and the Nauticam float arms.
- Steve Kovacs received an award from the prestigious Nature’s Best Photography Windland Smith Rice Internation Award.
- Diane Randolph had 2 videos featured at the 2013 San Diego Under Sea Film Exhibition!
- Jonathan Lavan is a finalist for the Padi Dive Society Membership Card– click the link, hit “like” and vote for Jonathan’s shot!

**Congratulations SFUPS members!**

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**November SFUPS Contest Categories**


**NOVEMBER MASTERS**

**Black & White W/A Shipwrecks –**

Shipwreck is the subject. Be careful that fish, divers, etc. do not become the subject. Majority of the wreck must be in the photo. A color shot can be converted to B&W in post processing.

**NOVEMBER CHALLENGERS**

**On the Move**

We are looking for groups of fish or creatures that are actively moving. Don’t think of a school of fish posed against a reef, think of the school moving across the reef, or open water or Lobster walk, etc.
SFUPS On The Scene

Reef Photo Event with Christian Dimitrius

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

**Nov. 12 at 6:15 pm**

for social hour, drinks & dinner

Meeting will start at 7:15pm

SFUPS Meeting Location

**Courtyard Marriot Ft Lauderdale North**

2440 W. Cypress Creek Road

Ft Lauderdale, FL  33309

954-772-7770
Contest Calendar

Ocean Art Photo Contest—Deadline November 11, 2013

Beneath The Sea—Deadline December 31, 2013

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

Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest

Epic Diving Shark Shot Photo Competition

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.

2014

- Feb 16-23 Truk Lagoon on the Odyssey with Bonnie Pelnar, UnderwaterColours.com
- May 24-31 2014 Scuba Travel Ventures at Tubbataha Reef in the Sulu Sea on the Azores liveaboard.
- Sept 20-27 Jonathan Lavan has a trip planned to the Sea of Cortez. If you are interested please contact him or go to www.rociodelmarliveaboard.com for all the details. If you just wait to sign up please call Brooke in the Rocio office at 602-272-2522 and be sure to mention Jonathan’s name!
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

- One wet close up diopter Nexus CL 100. Approx. 4" in diameter. Has black rubber skirt to fit over lens port. Has been used on Seatool ports, may fit others as well. Tripod Mount Ring for Canon 70-200mm F4 L lens, in original box in new condition, model A II (W). Price $75 Contact Bernd Meier at meierb@bellsouth.net

- Ike slave sensor AD-TTL $18, Inon Optical D never wet $85 OBO, Inon Optical D Strobe cable never wet $45, Inon to Nauticam F.O.cableX2 never wet $50, Inon to Nauticam L style F.O. cableX 2 $50, Schneider 6X Platinum $250 new $100, Gagne Porta Trace Light box $25, Nikon 16mm Fisheye 2.8 Excellent $550, Nikon 55-200 Zoom 5/11 refurb. Excellent $85, Zeagle Scout BC w/ Air 2 Good cond. $125You will need hose Air2 to reg Wayne MacWilliams shutterthethought@comcast.net
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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