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Kelly Casey

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South Florida Underwater Photography Society — www.sfups.org
April President’s Message

As Board members for SFUPS we usually try to create as much value for our member base as possible through tangible member benefits with key sponsors, enabling information sharing with one another, creating a space to showcase your work, and increasing our knowledge of underwater photography through monthly featured speaker segments from industry experts. There are times where it means we sometimes go out on a limb to follow-up on very big opportunities for featured speakers only to end with schedule conflicts. We had such an experience for April’s meeting which ultimately delayed the dissemination of the newsletter and further communications. However rest assured we always have a backup plan along with very capable members who care enough about the organization to offer themselves in a time of need. On that note, it gives me great pleasure to introduce Bill Watts, legendary shark photographer, as our featured speaker for April on the topic of the “Bahamas, UWP Then and Now.”

In other news, Angela Smith has orchestrated a successful gallery launch in partnership with Marie Dugan of Broward College. Please check out the interesting efforts taking place with Broward College as they prepare to host Jean-Michel Cousteau for their May Distinguished Speaker Series. Our imagery compliments Jean-Michel’s visit in relation to conservation efforts of the large marine animals in our Florida waters. Please be sure to take some time to visit the Broward College North Library.

See you at the April meeting!

Sam Hodge
President – South Florida Underwater Photography Society

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March Masters – Conch Republic

1st Place — Kelly Casey

2nd Place — Suzan Meldonian

3rd Place — Susan Mears

4th Place — Emilie Voissem

5th Place — Linda Ianniello
March Challengers – Cleaning Station

1st Place — Judy Townsend

2nd Place — Emilie Voissem

3rd Place — Patrice Marker
Florida Reef & Big Animals Exhibit

Angela Smith

"The Broward College North Campus Library exhibit "Florida Reef & Big Animals" is up and on view! Board members, Jim Mears, Susan Mears, Linda Ianniello, Sam Hodge and Angela Smith along with SFUPS member and Broward College Associate Dean, Marie Dugan worked for around 4 hours on Saturday 3/29 to get the exhibit hung and it looks amazing!

We barely had finished hanging the exhibit and already had folks checking out the photography. Great comments I remember were from a college student saying, "Wow! I have to say I am really impressed! I could never do that!" A mother with two young daughters stopped by briefly and one of the girls stopped in her tracks by a manatee photo and yells out "Wow! Cool!" Her mother had to coax her away or she'd probably still be standing there with her mouth agape. And, this is before the exhibit even opened!

Specific thanks for their help with the exhibit goes out to:

- Jim Mears for engineering an invisible hanging system for the metal grid display, carting all his tools to the college, design and scouting missions to the college
- Susan Mears for exhibit layout and design, framing advice, SFUPS banner design and lots of great ideas
- Linda Ianniello for editing and making all the exhibit display description cards, making beautiful SFUPS signage for the exhibit and more great ideas
- Sam Hodge for help with design of exhibit, nuts and bolts of photo framing and helping members to participate
- Angela Smith for theme continuity, event coordination, wrangling of finished framed photos and photo curation
- Marie Dugan for conceiving of the idea, event promotion, inviting SFUPS to participate and working with the college and Broward County folks to get the exhibit scheduled

And of course, huge thanks to the SFUPS members who participated for their work getting the photos framed, making the deadlines and having the skill and artistry for snapping the amazing shots in the first place.

More details on the SFUPS tabling event on April 17 at the college in conjunction with the exhibit will be announced shortly. Marie Dugan and SFUPS board members are working on some fun and educational events for the students. SFUPS members and the general public are welcome to come to Broward College North Campus on that day to hear the science speaker lectures, watch the film screenings and to check out the SFUPS booth.

Once again thanks everyone! Your wonderful contributions will be an inspiration to the students and to everyone who will see the exhibit. The collective talent of the Society never ceases to amaze us. Make sure to checkout the exhibit that runs for the months of April and May.

Directions to Broward College North Campus and Library hours.

The exhibit is located on the second floor.
Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:
  Fred Bavendam, Howie Grapek, Kathi McCutcheon, Kim Whaley, Elly Wray

- April’s Show and Tell by Bill Watts “Bimini, Bahamas Conservation Issues “

- Jason Spitz and Monica Schandel will be offering underwater photo workshops during the Bugfest-by-the-sea event  July 27 through August 2, 2014

- April is Wreck Month at Force-E....there will be lots of presentations, classes and dives planned to celebrate the wrecks of South Florida... click here for more info

- Alan Dewey will be conducting the S.D.I. Underwater Photographer course in Boca Raton beginning April 2. Students successfully completing the course will earn the Underwater Photography Certification from Scuba Diving International (www.TDISDI.com). The course is designed for certified divers with no, or very little, experience with underwater photography. Eight academic sessions will be held various weekday evenings at 7:00 PM. Photography dives will be scheduled for the convenience of students and the influences of mother nature. Class begins April 2. For more information contact Alan Dewey or call 561-368-2155

- Force-e BHB Night Dive schedule:
  April 13 sun 7:15-9:15;  April 27 sun 7-9
  May 13 tues 7:25-9:25;  May 27 tues 7:30-9:30
  June 12 thur 7:50-9:40;  June 26 thur 7:50-9:40
  July 11 fri 7:30-9:30;  July 25 fri 7:30-9:30
  Aug 9 sat 7-9:10;  Aug 24 sun 7:30-9:30
  Sept 8 mon 7:30-9:30;  Sept 22 mon 7-9
Announcements

- **RSMAS lecture series upcoming presentations:**
  Wednesday, April 16, 2014, “INSPIRATION OVER DEVASTATION”
  Presenter—Shawn Heinrichs

- Anne DuPont will be speaking on Saturday April 12, 2014 at the Florida United Malacologists 2014 Conference. Her presentation is entitled “Opisthobranchs of Lake Worth Lagoon” and will take place at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum (BMSM) on Sanibel Island, Florida.

- Reef Photo & Video has a few upcoming workshops
  ◇ **Bahamas Shark Adventure at Tiger Beach**, June 9-14, 2014
  Trip leader will be Cristian Dimitrius, one of the leading mixed media underwater image makers working today.
  ◇ **FOCUS Grand Cayman**, August 30-September 6, 2014
  Join Reef Photo & Video for a week of diving in beautiful Grand Cayman to FOCUS on Underwater Photography!
  ◇ **Tulamben, Bali Underwater Imaging Intensive**, October 11-18, 2014
  Join Reef Photo & Video in Tulamben, Bali for a week of diving in paradise!

- Calling all videographers - SFUPS wants you! We seek to support your work in our Member Gallery. Please produce up to four short videos via Vimeo, write a short bio with a photograph and send it in. For all the details go to [SFUPS.org](http://www.sfups.org)
April Featured Photographer
Kelly Casey

Kelly Casey grew up in Ohio, her parents took her family on exciting tropical vacations. She developed an early affinity for the ocean and a fascination of it’s unique water life. Kelly began scuba diving in 1987 after moving to Florida with her husband, John. They have enjoyed diving, traveling and meeting new people ever since.

Kelly took the digital photography plunge in 2011 with a Nikon D-7000 in a Nauticam housing with two Inon 240 strobes. She is especially fond of medium shots and close macro photography and has learned a great deal from very talented photographers. Kelly and John want to continue to discover new wonders at home and abroad and look forward to their next adventure.

Kelly has had fun sharing the dynamic activity and beauty of the ocean with family and friends. To see more of Kelly and John’s images, you can also visit their personal website:

www.kjcaseyimages.com

View Kelly’s SFUPS gallery here
Bill was reintroduced to diving in the ‘80s by a friend using a single hose regulator, BC, gauges and certification. He was hooked! In 1987, he was off to Cozumel. His first real overseas dive trip. For Bill it was amazing! Day dives, night dives, he had to figure out how to capture it all on film. His first camera, a 35mm Sea & Sea point & shoot, provided a ton of fun and the ability to share his adventures with friends and family, but the quality wasn't quite there yet. Both the equipment and his underwater photographic abilities needed improvement.

In 2002, Bill met Guy Harvey during a charity fishing tournament in Boca Raton. Bill showed him a video of a trip he had just taken to Belize. Guy was fascinated with the schooling Cubera snappers & whale sharks. He told Bill that if he ever wanted to go back to count on him.

Bill and Guy were off to Belize the following spring and have traveled together many times since. For Bill it has been a true-to-life fantasy adventure. He has been to Cocos Island, Galapagos Islands, Silver Banks, Grand Cayman, Guadalupe Islands, and the Bahamas. He has had such a wonderful opportunity to increase his knowledge of equipment and to improve his skills as well. Bill's first digital camera was an Olympus 4 mega pixel. He took it to the Galapagos Islands for the first time; then, he graduated to an Olympus 350. Now Bill is shooting a Olympus E-520 with twin Inon Z-240 strobes.
Club Members in the News

- Richard Apple had a photo recognized in an Ocean Conservancy photo contest
- Jason Spitz and Monica Schandel have photos featured in the new SS Copenhagen beach signs, one is just north of the Sea Watch Restaurant; the other is in front of Washingtonia Park in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Also one of the electric boxes with Copenhagen artwork used Jason’s anchor photo on one side. The box is located in front of Assumption Church, across from the Sea Watch Restaurant. Jason and Monica also have several photos featured in a brochure that promotes diving Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Bimini Hammerhead Trip led by Nikole Ordway and sponsored by Force-E.

Photo taken by Bill Watts.

2014 SFUPS Contest Categories

http://www.sfups.com/MonthlyContests.html

April MASTERS

Piers - Best shot of a pier where the pier is the main subject.

April CHALLENGERS

Angelfish - Atlantic only!!!
Lee Burghard and Diane Randolph gave an excellent presentation on underwater videography using wide angle and macro techniques at the March SFUPS meeting.

Richard Ladisky gave a presentation on Dive Trip Insurance for Show and Tell at the March SFUPS meeting.

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

**April 8 at 6:00 pm**
for social hour, drinks & dinner
Meeting will start at 7:20 pm
SFUPS On The Scene

SFUPS sponsor Captain Slator presented at the March SFUPS meeting on his dive operation Capt SL8R Charters and its focus on customer service and experience.

SFUPS members and guests had a great time at the SFUPS March meeting winning multiple raffle prizes!

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SFUPS Meeting Location
Courtyard Marriot Ft Lauderdale North
2440 W. Cypress Creek Road
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309
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Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

NATURE’S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY WINDLAND SMITH RICE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS
(Deadline May 1, 2014)
Scuba Diving Photo Contest
(Deadline May 31, 2014)
World Shootout
(Occurs January 1 through July 31, 2014)
Photo contest for Bugfest sponsored by the city of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea
(See contest link for deadline)
March’s Facebook Bluewater Photo contest month’s contests
(Monthly)
Monthly Dive Photo Guide Contest
(Monthly)
Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest
(Quarterly)
GUY HARVEY OUTPOST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
(Weekly, Monthly)
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

- Craig Dietrich was invited to join Mike Ball Dive Expeditions in Australia for the first two weeks of April.
- Carol Schurtz is travelling to Micronesia in April.
- May 24-31 2014 Scuba Travel Ventures at Tubbataha Reef in the Sulu Sea on the Azores liveaboard.
- Rich Ladisky will be on the trip to Tubbataha Reef in late May. He has extended his trip to include photographing the thresher sharks at Malapascua Island, off Cebu early June.
- Ryan Goheen is going to Cozumel, followed by a 3 night stay on Isla de Mujeres to snorkel with whale sharks, August 2-10
- 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

- 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. one used Fisheye Fix LED48DX Focus Light in good condition in original box. Uses 8 AA batteries. Intensity of light can be controlled, has switch for SOS signal, a welcome safety feature for night diving. 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.cableX2never wet $50 EA, Inon to Nauticam L style F.O. cableX2 $50 EA, 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. $125 You will need hose Air 2 to reg Wayne MacWilliams shutterthethought@comcast.net

- Subal ND 30 Housing for Nikon D300, $3500. complete overhaul, all parts/O-rings replaced; pressure tested Aug 2013 by Reef Photo, Subal Flat Port FP-75/4 (for 60mm lens) $200, Subal EXR-40/4 Extension Ring (for 105mm lens) $100, Subal GS-180 Magnifying Viewfinder (installed) $950, Subal Zoom Gear for Tokina AF 10-17 FE $50, Zen Underwater DP-100 100mm Fisheye Dome $750, Port for Subal type 4, Sea & Sea Nikonos Style Synch Cord 2@ $90 = $180, D300 User Manual and Simon Stafford’s Magic $10, Lantern Guide Nikon MH-18a Charger $25, Nikon Li-on Battery Pack EN-EL3a 2@ $25=$50, Compact Flash Cards: $25: 2@16 GB, 1@ 4 GB, 1@ 2 GB, 1@ 1 GB. Contact Jacqui Eisenberg at acquarelle@mac.com

- Ikelite DS-160 strobe. Used - excellent condition (serial #12676, NiMH battery date 11/2011) $500, Ikelite DS-161 Strobes (2) Used - nearly new condition (serial #60208, NiMH battery date 08/2012) & (serial #59163, NiMH battery date 11/2011) $625 each, Ikelite NiMH Quick Chargers (2) excellent condition with all international tips: $50 each, Package with Aquatica AD7000 housing, D7000 camera, Tokina 10-17 lens, 4” Aquatica glass mini-dome - call/email for details & price.

- ORIGINAL CANON XT REBEL BODY (6.3 MEGAPIXELS), IKELITE HOUSING, CHARGER, TWO BATTERIES, PORT COVER AND CAMERA BODY COVER. ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. $700. amaurycruz@yahoo.com.

- NIKON COOLPIX 5000, IKELITE HOUSING, UNDERWATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, ABOVE WATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, CHARGER, THREE BATTERIES, AND SLIDE COPIER. EXCELLENT CONDITION. $300 amaurycruz@yahoo.com.

- WANTED: Anyone got a stack of old skin diver magazines just collecting dust or taking up space? If you are interested in selling or donating your magazines I’d be very attentive in seeing what you have. I have an interesting side project I’m putting together and would be happy to discuss. Email Sam Hodge at sam@sea2020.com.
Yearly dues are $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Make checks payable to SFUPS and mail to Linda Iannienello at 359 Cottonwood Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33487 (Don’t forget to send a copy of your dive insurance and C-Card) Membership benefits include:

- Access to the industry’s most talented insight, experience, and knowledge
- Networking with members with the same interests and opportunities to enjoy underwater photography
- Receive accolades and peer recognition by participating in and potentially placing in Intra-Club contests
- Opportunity to showcase your images in the SFUPS monthly newsletter
- Free Member Gallery on the SFUPS web site - Get seen and publish your work
- Learn from your peers and cut down on the underwater photography learning curve
- Receive insight into global photographic expeditions and exotic locations from member presentations
- Special Club dives specific to underwater photography
- Eligibility for special raffle prizes with your participation at monthly Club events
- Advertise pre-owned gear for sale
- Sponsor benefits w/membership: Force-E - discount for air-fills, Lamnico – discount on custom-designed laminated images, access to 2-tank $55 discounted dives throughout South Florida