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2014 President’s Message

We are mid-way through winter in South Florida. Some of you have been diving while others await the warmer temperatures. Manatee imaging has been on the minds of many, and I encourage you to visit my most recent blog postings on the SFUPS Facebook page to read more on the current trends in manatee underwater photography. Also newsworthy, I was glancing through PhotoShelter’s recently released survey results on their “Photographers Outlook on 2014” study. Key takeaways indicate a big year in photography sales by both enthusiasts and professionals alike. In terms of surveying enthusiasts, over 79% indicated they plan to spend money to improve their skills in 2014. Out of this response group over 70% plan to spend more than $500. Relating back to SFUPS, the findings corroborate our “excellence in underwater photography” focus in continued learning on underwater photography techniques.

Another interesting bit of news announced on January 29 impacting SFUPS members who already have or plan to build their own web site this coming year. The Internet registrars representing domain names will begin to release new top level domain extensions starting this February. What this means for you is that the opportunities to select more personalized and subject specific Internet domain names for your personal or business photo sites just became a reality. New extensions beyond .com, .net, and .org like .gallery, .photography, or .photos are launching. Imagine if your new web site could be more personalized to something like www.samhodge.gallery or www.janedoe.photography? Connect with your hosting provider or a firm like Godaddy.com for further details.

The SFUPS February 11 meeting will be sure to please. Tanya Burnett with Island Exposure will be our featured presenter. Tanya has traveled the globe extensively to photograph many exotic dive destinations. Her experience and lessons learned will be shared in relation to travel tips, packing, and key advice for your camera gear when traveling abroad. We also extend a big thank you to REEF Photo and Video for their assistance in allowing Tanya to give you a sneak peek into new innovations and functional solutions in travel gear for your camera and housing.

I look forward to seeing you all in February. Please be sure to send in your annual renewals or check with Linda Ianniello should you have questions on membership.

Sam Hodge
President — South Florida Underwater Photography Society
www.sfups.org
January Masters— At The Surface

1st Place — Sam Hodge

2nd Place — Rob Myers

3rd Place — Patrice Marker

4th Place — Nikole Ordway

5th Place — Wayne MacWilliams
January Challengers– Dinner

1st Place — Bob Weybrecht

2nd Place — Wilfredo Hernandez

3rd Place — Judy Townsend

4th Place— Bill Watts

5th Place— Bill Watts
Florida Reef & Big Animals Exhibit

SFUPS members will have the chance to participate in a month-long April, 2014 underwater photography exhibit at Broward College North Campus Library.

The theme for the event is "Florida Reef & Big Animals." We are looking for photography highlighting Florida’s sharks, manatees, turtles, goliath groupers, large moray eels, tarpon, colorful coral scenes and large schools of fish on the reef or a wreck. Divers depicted in these scenes are great too (no touching, stressing or baiting of animals portrayed). An event on conservation is timed with the gallery exhibit. Conservation speakers & scientists will join as guests of the students and faculty during Earth Week activities.

Your work will have a direct impact to the education of Broward college students.

Exhibit Details:

1. 1 image submission per member
2. No macro for this exhibit
3. Minimum image size of 11”x14” surround by white matting (gallery wraps accepted)
4. Black frame - 16”x20” to 20”x30” maximum size
5. Securely wrap each image; include your name on wrapping and clearly marked on the back of the frame
6. All frames and wraps must come wire mounted
7. Photo description to include: Name, short title, subject description, Florida location image shot, your contact information (web or email).

Steps to Follow with Deadlines (dates listed are final days):

Step 1 – Feb 21: Email me at angelasmith@rcn.com with your interest and a small .jpg (1mb or less) of your photo
Step 2: Receive approval and begin plans to print and frame your image
Step 3 – Feb 21: Sign-up with me to volunteer for a live presentation for April 14. More to be announced.
Step 4 – March 7: Submit display card photo description to Susan Mears at webmaster@sfups.org
Step 5 – March 11: Plan to submit bubble-wrapped print at the SFUPS March meeting

*Neither SFUPS nor Broward College will be responsible for loss or damage to your framed photograph. We take all possible precautions to protect them, but accidents can and sometimes do happen. A SFUPS board member will professionally hang your photo.

We look forward to a fantastic exhibit as well as getting the word out about our society, our photography and our interest in community conservation outreach. Resource links below:

- Enlargements/Printing Resources:
  - http://www.costcophotocenter.com/Home
- Frames:
  - http://www.michaels.com
  (Go to a storefront to get the best selection.)
- Gallery wraps:
- Gallery Pouch protective bags:
  - http://www.framedestination.com/GalleryPouch_Bubble_Wrap_Bags.html
Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:
  Paul Stamatakis, Marsha Stamatakis, Jacqui Eisenberg, Steve Morrison, Ryan Goheen, Jared Slater, Matt Heath, Joe Marcellino, Joann Munoz
- New member gallery added to Wilfredo Hernandez’s gallery
- February’s Show and Tell by Anne Dupont - “Show and Tell on Sea Slugs of BHB”

- Force-e BHB Night Dive schedule:
  - Feb 13 Thurs 6:30-8:30; June 12 Thurs 7:50-9:40;
  - Feb 28 Fri 6:40-8:40; June 26 Thurs 7:50-9:40
  - March 14 Fri 7-9; July 11 Fri 7:30-9:30;
  - March 29 Sat 7:20-9:20; July 25 Fri 7:30-9:30
  - April 13 Sun 7:15-9:15; Aug 9 Sat 7-9:10;
  - April 27 Sun 7-9; Aug 24 Sun 7:30-9:30
  - May 13 Tues 7:25-9:25; Sept 8 Mon 7:30-9:30;
  - May 27 Tues 7:30-9:30; Sept 22 Mon 7-9

- Force-E Riviera Beach on Saturday, Feb 8 at 9 am is having a workshop on the editing program Adobe Lightroom. See Details
- Force-E on Sunday, Feb 9 is hosting a 2 tank dive and BBQ in Jupiter...fun, sun, and music. See Details
- Force-E Photo Hunt on Feb 15-16 is having a photo hunt to snap photos of critters for points. On Sunday afternoon they will have a cookout at Force-E Riviera starting at 5 pm where they will announce the winners, eat and have fun! See Details
- Force-E will be hosting a booth at the Blue Wild Expo on Feb 22 and 23. Stop by and check out the show specials.
- On February 27, Force-E Boca Raton store hosting Craig Dietrich in a Wide Angle Photography presentation.
- On Feb 22 & 23, Sheri Daye will be a guest speaker at the Blue Wild show at the Broward Convention Center.
- On Sat, Feb 22nd, at 2:00 PM Craig Dietrich is giving a workshop on Introduction to Underwater Photography. Also on Sat, at 2:30 PM Diane Randolph will be presenting a film called “Under The Bridge” with Stan Waterman. It is a video that they worked on together. See the Blue Wild Schedule here.
Announcements - Continued

- Jonathan Lavan will be at Our World-Underwater, the largest mid-west Scuba Show, February 14, 15 and 16th in Chicago. He will have his own booth- Underpressure Nature Photography #1108, he will be helping to run the REEF booth #1008 as well as doing two presentations for REEF on Caribbean Fish Identification- basic ID at 11:15 am and advanced ID at 1:45 pm, both on Saturday. He will also be helping to run the children's area: Discover the Depths where you can take a tour inside a life sized inflated Humpback Whale.

- RSMAS lecture for February, Wednesday, February 12, 2014, Daniel G. Baden, Ph.D. BEACH TO BEDSIDE TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE: JUST GETTING OUR FEET WET

- Richard Ladisky is presenting “Globetrotting the Pacific: Above and Below” at the Spanish River Library on February 16th. Interested people should register at http://www.bocalibraryfriends.org

- Coral Restoration Foundation Second Annual Gala will be Saturday March 22, 2014

- Ocean Geographic, one of the worlds most beautiful ocean magazines and one of the very best is now printing and distributing from the USA. The magazine is created by Michael Aw - one of the worlds most awarded underwater photographers.
  As a special gift to members of SFUPS the magazine will offer Standard Subscriptions for $30 each This includes all the benefits of a Standard Subscription: 4 copies of OG by mail, $100 discount vouchers for OG Alliance Resorts and Liveaboards, and news updates and priority invitations to OG Expeditions.

- 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
February Featured Photographer
Wilfredo Hernandez

Wilfredo Hernandez, known as Wilfred, was born in Güines, a small town south of Havana, Cuba. He works as a nurse for a laboratory in southwest Miami. He loves everything that has to do with the sea. Wilfred was certified as an Open Water Diver in 2008. Since then, he started diving as frequently as possible. At one point he decided to buy a point and shoot camera (Intova IC 800) to record some of the memories of his dives. From that day on he became fascinated by underwater photography and started diving specifically for that purpose. As he got better at this hobby, he decided to upgrade his camera to a Canon S90 in an Ikelite housing and two Inon D2000 strobes.

As he continued to practice, his photography improved in many ways. Eventually he came across SFUPS in 2010 and that same year he became a member. It has been a rewarding experience for him.

He has continued his dive training and received his Advanced Open Water certificate and will be able to extend his range and enjoy even more of his adventures under the sea.
February Guest Speaker, Tanya Burnett

Tanya Burnett, has over 25 years of experience in every aspect of diving and photography. Since majoring in dive management and photography at Barry University, she opened Miami’s first technical dive shop, co-founded one of the world top dive training agencies and has worked for several of the industry’s leading manufacturers. For the last two decades she has been leading tours and working freelance assignments to areas around the globe. Tanya's published work, has appeared regularly in dozens of publications including National Geographic Kid's, Dive Training, Sport Diver, Scuba Diving, Fathoms, Caribbean Travel and Life, Undersea Journal, Coastal Living, Islands Magazine, Yachting Times and Guy Harvey Magazine, as well as several books, newspapers, galleries and international stock agencies.

Visit Tanya’s website at www.islandexposures.us
Club Members in the News

- Wilfred Hernandez won a photography recognition award at Miami Dade College
- Wayne MacWilliams featured in January’s Top 100 Dives edition of Scuba Diving magazine
- SFUPS members in the 3rd edition of *REEF CREATURE IDENTIFICATION* (Florida Caribbean Bahamas) by Paul Humann, Ned Deloach & Les Wilk: Deb Devers, Anne Dupont, Linda Ianniello, Steve Kovacs, Suzan Meldonian, Diane Randolph, Jason Spitz, Judy Townsend
- Anne DuPont presented "Marine Life in the Lake Worth Lagoon" at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park on February 1, 2014.
- Beneath The Sea Contest Winners:
  - Diane Randolph recently placed 1st in the video snap shot category with a film titled "Remora Fun" and 2nd in the over all competition with a film called "Life Below the Oceans Waves".
  - Judy Townsend placed 2nd in the behavior category for two Molly Miller blennies that she photographed at the bridge.
  - Steve Kovacs placed 2nd in Macro; Honorable mention in Underwater Behavior
- Suzan Meldonian placed Bronze in a Facebook *Underwater Macro Photographers Contest* for 2014 January Frog Fish or Angler Fish

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2014 SFUPS Contest Categories


**FEBRUARY MASTERS**

**Sea Slug flair** – best shot of any sea slug with a unique pose focused on their eyes, rhinophores, or other appendages.

**FEBRUARY CHALLENGERS**

**Geometry** - an angular shape, a repeating pattern, etc.
SFUPS On The Scene

Amanda Cotton gave an amazing presentation of her work at the January SFUPS meeting.

Phil Rudin gave tips on using diopters at the January SFUPS meeting.

Rob Myers gave Show and Tell on Diving the Blue Heron Bridge at the January SFUPS meeting.

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

**Feb. 11 at 6:00 pm**
for social hour, drinks & dinner
Meeting will start at 7:20 pm

SFUPS Meeting Location
**Courtyard Marriot Ft Lauderdale North**
2440 W. Cypress Creek Road
Ft Lauderdale, FL  33309
954-772-7770
Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

Wildlife Photographer of the Year contest - Deadline February 27, 2014 12.00 GMT

ENTER YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY PHOTO FROM A GUY HARVEY OUTPOST PROPERTY AND WIN!

Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest

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

- Millie and David Pressler plan to take a Costa cruise out of Miami for under $600 on March 7, 2014. The cruise is going to Cozumel, Grand Cayman, OchoRios, Roatan, Grand Turk, Nassau. With 4 or more other divers, they can arrange a private dive boat at each stop.

- 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.

- 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!
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- 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 Sea tool 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.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. $125 You will need hose Air2 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. 
  Please note - Chris is an Ikelite/Aquatica dealer, but these are his personal items, used & maintained only by him. If you need accessories (ball mounts, sync cords, ports, etc.) Chris can get them for you new. Contact Chris Gug at Gug@GugUnderwater.com or at the gallery at 954-579-8096.

- 2 Big Blue VL1800M video lights. In original boxes, in excellent condition. Includes Ni-MH rechargeable battery and charger. I also include a spare battery as well for each light. Includes a warming filter and red filter that snaps on front and folds up and down for underwater versatility. Ball mount and Goodman hand mount glove never used. 3 power settings, 1800 lumens, 6500* K. I also purchased an adapter that allows charging of batteries outside of the housing(only 1 goes to first buyer). $350 ea. plus actual postage and (insurance if you desire). Thank you for your consideration. If someone buys both then will sell for $600. Amazon sells for $560 plus shipping ea.  
  Contact Wayne MacWilliams at shutterthethought@comcast.net
Yearly dues are $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Make checks payable to SFUPS and mail to Linda Ian-niello 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

[http://www.sfups.org/MembershipJoinNow.html](http://www.sfups.org/MembershipJoinNow.html)