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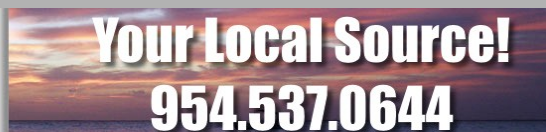
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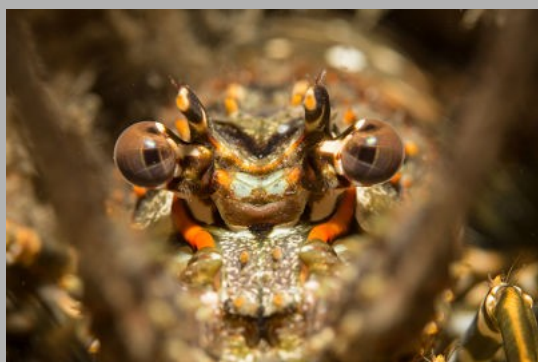
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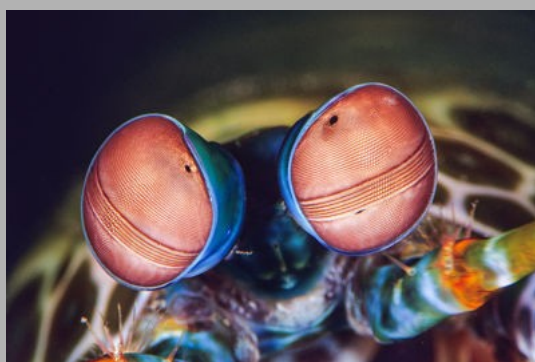
July Masters – Eyes



1st Place — Jason Spitz



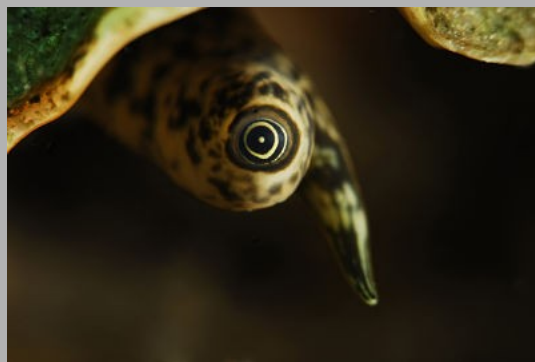
2nd Place — Jason Spitz



3rd Place — Fred Bavendam



4th Place — Fred Bavendam



5th Place — Suzan Meldonian

July Challengers – Hidden



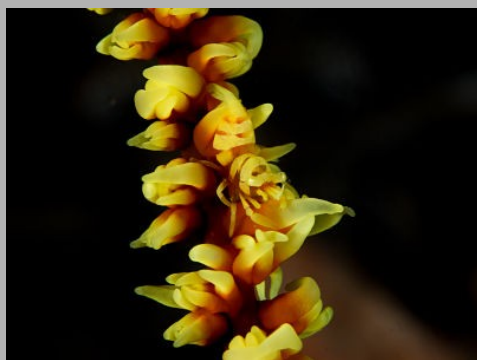
1st Place — Bill Watts



2nd Place — Kelly Casey



3rd Place — Patrice Marker

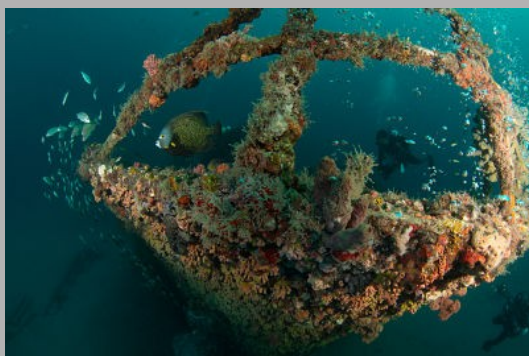


4th Place — Bob Weybrecht



5th Place — Carlos Jaile

“Our Backyard is a Wreck” Photo Contest



1st Place — Jason Spitz



2nd Place — Suzan Meldonian



3rd Place — Steve Velazquez



4th Place — Suzan Meldonian

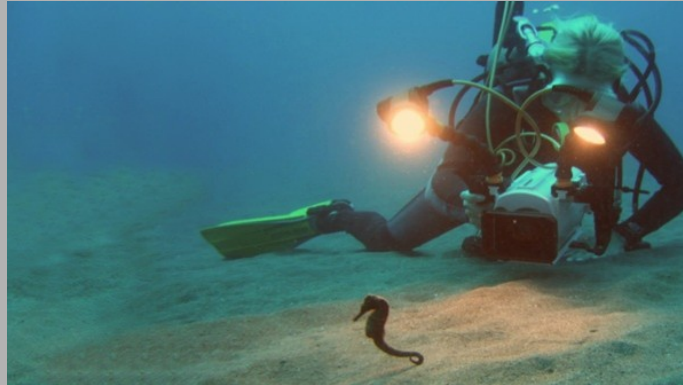


5th Place — Wayne MacWilliams



SFUPS Events and Programs

Angela Smith



Last month we introduced a new conservation partner, iSeahorse. We are now pleased to announce the **Guylian Seahorses of the World Photo Competition**.

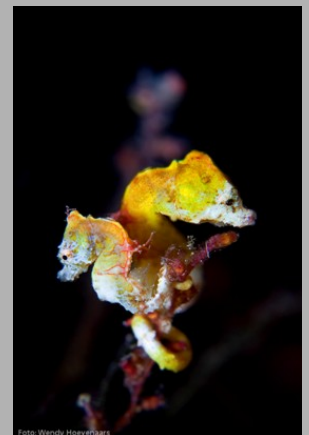
The contest is officially open and runs until November 10th, 2014. Winners are announced on November 29th 2014 at the NELOS Festival. The NELOS Festival is an important international photo and video event which takes place in Belgium. So this will be great worldwide exposure for your photos.

Since 1999, Guylian has been a long-term financial sponsor of Project Seahorse, the parent program of iSeahorse. All entries will be posted on [Guylian's Facebook page](#) where the public can "like" their favorite photos. A shortlist is made from the most "liked" pictures and a professional jury consisting of scientists and underwater photographers selects the winning photo.

Participants can enter a maximum of five photos to seahorses@nelos.be. The pictures need to be in RAW, TIFF or JPEG format. Preferably 2480 x 3508 pixels or larger (minimum 1500 x 2100 pixels). The competition rules and entry forms can be downloaded from the [Guylian website](#).

Your photo will also be used for the protection of seahorses within the Project Seahorse program and Guylian may ask to use the submitted photos for their product, the well-known Belgian chocolates Guylian. (Photography credit with any use request.)

We're looking forward to working with you on this educational, fun and environmentally important activity to provide conservation through visual content.

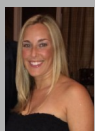


(A past grand prize winning photo.)

Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:

Rebekah Kramer, Henry Mather, Shana Phelan, Dean Shuler, Page Horton, Tony Ernst, Zarina Staller



Rebekah
Kramer



Henry
Mather



Shana
Phelan



Dean
Shuler



Tony
Ernst



Zarina
Staller

- SFUPS is interested in giving presentations at other dive clubs to give an introduction of what SFUPS has to offer to scuba enthusiasts who have an interest in underwater photography and videography. If your dive clubs are interested in having a presentation or an introduction about SFUPS, contact Sam Hodge at president@sfups.org
- Force-e BHB Night Dive schedule:

Aug 9 sat 7-9:10;	Sept 8 mon 7:30-9:30;
Aug 24 sun 7:30-9:30	Sept 22 mon 7-9
- Every last Thursday of the month Force-E will be hosting a Photo Social at our Riviera Beach location. Starting at 6 pm, come and meet other photographers and the Force-E Photo Pro Craig Dietrich. Come share your photo stories, tips, and even share your photos if you like. We have a big tv with an HDMI hook-up if you would like to bring your laptop or a thumb drive with your photos. Craig will be there to share his knowledge on camera equipment and set-ups as well. So if you were thinking about a new camera or to add more accessories to your current one he can help you understand what gear you will need to get your next great shot! We are making it a potluck social, so bring an item to share and we will have a lot of fun. Force-E will provide the sodas & water, and plates & napkins. See you on Thursday, August 28! [Please register at this link](#) for this free event so we can get a head count....thanks.
- September is Shark Month at Force-E...so photographers, get ready because we are going to have a Shark Photo Contest during this month! Details are not finalized for the contest yet but we are going to have the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation involved in this event and judging the contest as well. Expect some awesome prizes for the winners!!! Stay Tuned for details.



Announcements

- Reef Photo & Video has a few upcoming workshops:

[Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, August 14-17 , 2014](#)

[Underwater Photography & Lightroom August 20 & 21](#)

[Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, September 25-28, 2014](#)

[Tulamben, Bali Underwater Imaging Intensive October 11-18, 2014](#)

[Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, December 11-14, 2014](#)

[Underwater Photography & Lightroom December 16 - 17](#)

- Mike Young and the KISS Rebreather Team will be making the trip south to the Add Helium Training Center in Pompano Beach on August 21-24, for a weekend of free learning, and fun. All presentation are at no cost to you.

Come meet KISS Rebreather's owner Mike Young

Learn about the history and design philosophy of KISS Rebreathers

Get hands-on demos of assorted KISS Rebreathers

Attend free lectures on the latest in dive medicine and deco theory

Dive with the KISS Rebreather Team

Have a great weekend with like-minded technical and rebreather divers

In some classes, seats are limited. All presentations are free. You may attend one presentation, or all of them, however you must register for each presentation you wish to attend. Please register using the link below or via email at info@addhelium.com, or by calling our office at 239-300-0913. [Click here for more details and to register](#)

- Reef Fish Identification - Florida Caribbean Bahamas - 4th Edition are released. [Click here for details.](#)
- 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

August Featured Photographer Philip Burghard



Philip's passion for photography started back in 2011 when he took his first camera underwater. He truly had no idea what he was doing, but he quickly fell in love and realized this would change his diving forever. He has spent the last few years finishing his Bachelors in Accounting and taking photos every chance he could get. Once he realized he was getting involved in a respected, but extremely boring career, he decided to make a change. Currently, he is an Equipment Specialist at Reef Photo & Video and is thoroughly enjoying the career change.

Although he started his photography underwater, he has recently expanded his creativity into capturing the beauty above the surface too. His hope is that his photographs will inspire others to appreciate the wonder and beauty of the world around us.

[View Philip's Gallery](#)



August Guest Speaker

Mike Bartick

“Capturing animal behavior, peak of the action”



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 D300sSea 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:

www.saltwaterphoto.com



Club Members in the News

- Linda Ianniello, Alan Egan, and Judy Townsend had photos included in the 4th edition of the Paul Humann/Ned DeLoach Reef Fish Identification book for the Caribbean.

2014 SFUPS Contest Categories

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

August MASTERS

Composition through a hole – ideas like through a crack in a reef, through a hatch or door in a shipwreck, like the iconic cover to the book “Jim Church’s Essential Guide To Composition”

August CHALLENGERS

Current – flowing branches of a gorgonian, divers bubbles going horizontally, a cluster of divers on a safety stop line being pushed to the surface, etc.

SFUPS On The Scene



Walt Stearns gave an excellent presentation on Goliath groupers covering techniques to photograph them, past fishing population impacts, and current conservation efforts to protect them.



Show and Tell: SFUPS Conservation Initiatives. "Seahorse Citizen Science and Coral Reef Conservation" presented by Angela Smith

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

August 12 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

Photo Club Arizona (PCA) International photo exhibition - Adriatic Grand Exhibition 2014

(Deadline early entry-June 16, 2014 final deadline-September 16, 2014)

Guylain Seahorses of the World Photo Contest

(November 10, 2014)

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

- 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.cable X 2 never wet \$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 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 - I'll throw in the Ikelite NiMH Quick Charger with all international tips for no charge (part # 4066.1 - \$100 MSRP)
VIDEO LIGHT - IKELITE PRO2800 LED PACKAGE. Includes NiMH Battery Pack, Quick Charger for NiMH battery pack, power cord, and flex arm. I'll also throw in the pouch and cord for using dual batteries for no charge in case you choose to further upgrade it, even though we lost the 2nd battery. Everything is used, but in great condition. MSRP is \$850, so lets do it for \$350.
Call the Gug Underwater Gallery at 954-579-8096 or email Gug@GugUnderwater.com
- 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



Classifieds

- For Sale: Seacam housing body for Nikon D700 D-SLR. This housing has been modified to allow the user significantly better access to the capabilities of the Nikon D-700. These modifications include a triple function control that provides use of both the preview and function buttons on the front of the D700 body and provides a port lock, none of which capabilities normal Seacam housings have. Additionally there is a clutch mechanism which automatically engages or disengages a manual focus gear when you switch the normal M-S-C control between Manual and the two auto-focus modes. I also have non-Seacam handgrips on this housing, attached to the front half of the housing. Included with the housing body is a Nikon D700 camera body with two camera batteries, two battery chargers and other bits. Price for the housing is \$4500.
Also available is a Seacam 45-degree viewfinder which is \$850 if purchased separately, or \$500 if purchased with the housing body.
I also have a wide port (6" glass dome port) and some extension tubes and some lens gears available. Contact Fred Bavendam fbavendam@hotmail.com or a telephone 941-953-7623
- Nikon D7000 body in excellent condition (includes 2 batteries and GGS protective glass on rear display) \$700, Nikon 105mm f/2.8 VR macro (includes \$70 Hoya HD UV 62mm filter) \$900 OBO, Nikon 70-200mm f/2.8 VR II (includes \$75 Hoya HD UV 77mm filter) \$2,100 OBO. These lenses are barely used and like new. Contact Steve Velazquez @ stevev23@gmail.com

Parting Shot by Shen Collazo



SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly dues are \$35 for individuals and \$45 for families; we've made it effortless to join online and pay via credit card.

For complete instructions, go to [Click here to go to Join SFUPS page](#)

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