

Cover Shot by November Featured Photographer Angela Smith



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November President's Message



After about a dozen Goliath Grouper dives, we find ourselves thankful for another year of tremendous aggregation action at some of our local wrecks in Palm Beach County. Tracking the action year over year, we noted some locations with a reputation for close encounters in great numbers actually changed to very little interaction. While other wreck dives, the Goliath were extremely engaging. Now that the season is over we'll start early in January with the planning of the 2015 season as we initiate steps to develop the first annual International Goliath Grouper Photo contest. More details to be announced in December.

November also marks the month where Americans go to the polls to elect new officials representing their community. At SFUPS, we host the same tradition where we will affirm our Board leadership for the 2015 year. I'm proud to say that many of our Board members will be returning, including myself, to put into action a very determined agenda that continues to put SFUPS in the spotlight on UWP industry and environmental issues. A few new positions have opened, as we look to fill the role of Social Media Director, Newsletter Editor, and Dive Planning Development.

Heading into December, Judy Townsend has been hard at work organizing the holiday party. You can now register online by clicking the "Register Now" button below (we make things easy). It should be a great party.



Linda Ianniello and Susan Mears have also made tremendous progress enabling you the ability to renew your annual membership online. This is yet another example where membership dues are put to work to improve the SFUPS experience. Click the "Renew Membership" button and get ready for a new year of adventure.



We look forward to our upcoming meeting with Frazier Nivens as the November featured speaker and to see everyone at the holiday party.

Sam Hodge

President – South Florida Underwater Photography Society

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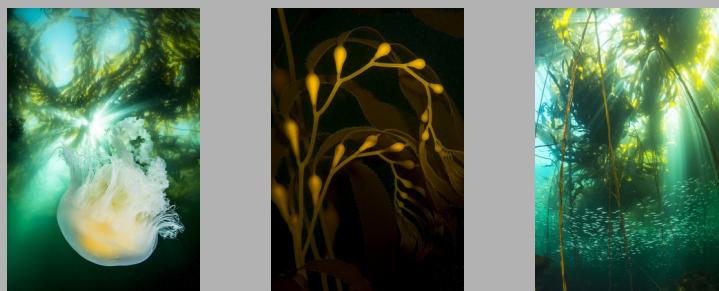
October Masters – Mini Photo Essay



1st Place — “Seeking Cover” Bernard Meier



2nd Place — “Eight Days” Susan Mears



3rd Place — “A Party in My Plants” Chris Gug



4th Place — “Coral Spawn” Judy Townsend

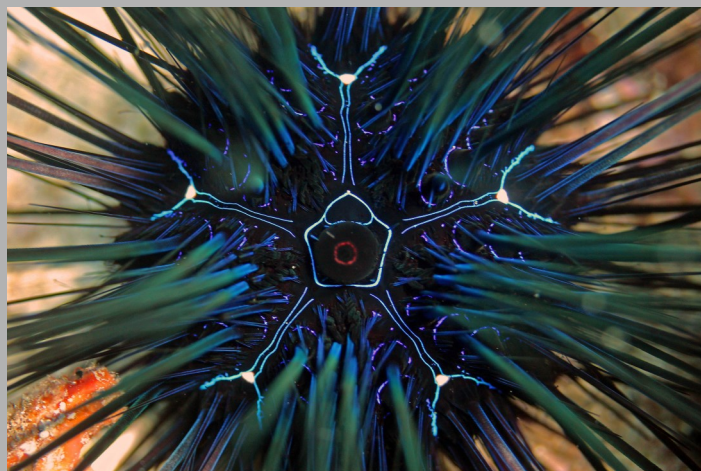


5th Place — “Life Cycle” Linda Ianniello

October Challengers – Nematocysts & Stingers



1st Place — Tom Hayward



2nd Place — Carlos Jaile



3rd Place — Judy Townsend



SFUPS Events and Programs

Angela Smith

Nova Oceanographic Center Exhibit

We are happy to announce that members will have the opportunity to participate in a SFUPS exhibition at Nova Southeastern University's Oceanographic Center!



The Oceanographic Center houses the world renowned Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Ecosystems Research as well as several other research institutes; the National Coral Reef Institute for research and training on coral reef assessment, monitoring, and restoration; the Guy Harvey Research Institute for fish research and conservation, and the Save Our Seas Shark Center specializing in shark studies. The Oceanographic Center also conducts the Broward County Sea Turtle Program.

The 86,000 square foot Center is a beautiful building at the tip of John U. Lloyd Beach State Park. Our exhibit will open the beginning of January to coincide with the Oceanographic Center's first winter Dive In Lecture Series.

We will be on a short time frame to have pieces framed and ready so please send submissions as soon as possible. We will be using Lamnico for this project and are looking for subject matter that includes:

- Coral photos – all types of shots; photos from Florida and worldwide
- Shark photos – Florida and worldwide species
- Lionfish – any photos showing their numbers and impact on the reef
- Blue Heron Bridge/Phil Foster Park critter shots
- Goliath grouper shots
- Sea turtles

All other Florida underwater creatures and scenes will be considered as well as shots from any worldwide location. Preference will go to photos from the shot list above.

Email me no later than Nov. 15 with your interest and a small .jpg (1mb or less) of your photo. Please send to angelasmith@rcn.com.

For more information about the Oceanographic Center:

<http://www.nova.edu/ocean/excellence/index.html>

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Many of us are involved with the Center for work and projects so we are very excited to be able to extend this opportunity so that additional members can be a part of this amazing ocean institution.

Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:

Heiko Kiera



Heiko
Kiera

- November's Show and Tell will be Annual Goliath Grouper Video
- A new photo gallery was added for Tom Hayward [Click here to view the gallery](#)
- A new photo gallery was added for Angela Smith [Click here to view the gallery](#)
- Events at Force-E in November
 - Nov 5: BleachWatch Workshop at the Pompano Store at 7pm [Register here](#)
 - Nov 6: BHB Night Dive
 - Nov 11: Shark Smarts at the Riviera Store at 6 pm [Register here](#)
 - Nov 15: Sharks4Kids Snorkel/Dive event [Register here](#)
 - Nov 22: BHB Night Dive
- Upcoming events for the month of November with Pura Vida Divers.
 - [BHB Night Dive](#) Friday November 7, 2014
 - [Black Water Drift Dive](#) Saturday November 8, 2014
 - [2014 Ocean Thanksgiving](#) Party Saturday November 15, 2014
- Underwater Digital Fiesta Cozumel, Mexico April 23-30, 2015 is open for registration [See Details here](#)
- 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
- 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



Announcements

- Reef Photo & Video has added more dates to its calendar of underwater photography workshops at the Blue Heron Bridge.

Academic portions of the workshop are held a few blocks away in the classroom at Pura Vida Divers.

Underwater Photography Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge December 11 - 14, 2014

Adobe Lightroom for Underwater Photographers December 16 & 17

Underwater Photography Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge January 8 - 11, 2015

Underwater Photography Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge February 5 - 8, 2015

Underwater Photography *Weekday* Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge Wednesday - Friday April 8-10

Underwater Photography Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge May 7 - 10, 2015

Underwater Photography Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge June 18 - 21, 2015

Underwater Photography Workshop at Blue Heron Bridge September 17 - 20, 2015

Workshops are conducted by published underwater photographers. The number of workshop participants is limited to ensure time for your individual questions and critique of your progress.

Guides are provided to handle the flag and lead you to the better photo opportunities.

November Featured Photographer Angela Smith



Growing up on the coast of Maine, Angela's love affair with the ocean started at a young age. She grew up exploring the islands, investigating tide pools and learning to sail. Angela comes from a family of artists so photography has always been part of her life.

Early in Angela's career she worked on sail and power yachts in the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Western Asia and South America. She learned to dive and got her first underwater camera during this time. After a number of years traveling Angela decided to live in Antigua, W.I. and began working at a local film and multimedia pro-

duction company. She did film and photo projects all over the Caribbean and many of the productions involved underwater work. Around that time a Los Angeles based film company she was working with on a shoot in St. Barts offered her a job and she ended up coming back to the U.S. to work as a producer and director for film, commercial and video production. Angela went on to run production companies in New York City and then became a consultant working with online media companies like NBC, National Geographic, Discovery and PBS. Along the way she became involved in conservation and recently has been working to raise awareness for dwindling shark populations, coral reef decline and endangered sea turtles.

Currently Angela works with [Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative \(SEFCRI\)](#) and Florida DEP's program called "[Our Florida Reefs](#)", [Bimini Biological Field Station Foundation – Sharklab](#), [Shark Savers](#) | [WildAid](#) and [American Shark Conservancy](#) to name a few. In 2013 she also founded an extreme travel company called [Shark Team One](#) which focuses on conservation, science and photography expeditions worldwide



Angela feels it's wonderful being a photographer and working in conservation because there is always a need for visuals. Her underwater images are used for fundraising, bringing awareness to causes and educating people about endangered species. Images can generate awe, document change and call attention to ocean issues.

Angela's future photographic goals are to spend more time exposing climate change, ocean acidification, shark finning, ocean plastic pollution and overfishing. She views photography is a powerful tool, it can move people to take action and truly make a difference.

[See Angela's gallery here](#)

November Guest Speaker

Frazier Nivens



Frazier Nivens is a Emmy and Telly award winning filmmaker and a member of the NATAS SUNCOAST EMMY CHAPTER. Frazier has a current Emmy nomination for filming "Mission 31" this year. He also is a judge for this years National Association of Television Arts and Sciences Emmy Awards for documentary programming.

Frazier has been in the diving industry most of his life. He began at a early age imitating Lloyd Bridges character on the popular underwater adventure series "Sea Hunt" by swimming through the make believe cave "coffee table" with his mask, ping pong ball snorkel, fins, and wet suit "footy pajamas" and dreaming of the underwater adventures in his future.

Frazier Nivens, shot his first underwater video in 1984 in Rum Cay Bahamas with a housing made of plexi-glass, a couple of O rings and a huge full size VHS video camera. Frazier was there at the start up of the diving operation, Rum Cay Diving Club in Rum Cay, Bahamas back in 1979 and was the Director of Diving Operations there.

Frazier was introduced to film by Canadian Filmmaker Producer John Stoneman whose award winning series, the "Last Frontier" and "Ocean Mosaic" series was aired on Discovery Channel. Frazier says that "Working with John Stoneman inspired me and shaped my life. He showed me the way and gave me years of experience working with him. He handed me my first underwater film camera and housing and let me shoot my first reel of film. "Thank you John! You allowed me to film dives and dive the dives that other divers only dream about doing".

After leaving the Bahamas in 1999, he moved to Key Largo and was Ocean Divers, a PADI 5 Star Career Development Center's Course Director and then opened his own business, Frazier Nivens, Ocean Imaging Videography Productions specializing in the finest in Underwater and Videography productions. Frazier, his wife Laurie and two children reside in Key Largo, Florida.

[Visit Frazier's website here](#)

[Trailer showing an example of Frazier's work](#)



Club Members in the News

- Jonathan Lavan was published in [Underwater Photoguide](#)
- Phil Rudin was published in UWP magazine
- Walt Stearns was published in UWP magazine
- Anne Dupont (on right in picture) showcased her Underwater photography of the “Marine Life Found in Lake Worth Lagoon” at [Lagoon Fest](#).



- Chris Gug received attention globally for being one of a handful of entrants to place as a finalist in the Underwater Species category at the 50th year of the Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition put on by the Natural History Museum and the BBC in London. This is one of the most competitive and prestigious photo competition in the world with 43,000 entries from 90 countries.

The winning images appear on the Natural History Museum's website, in BBC Wildlife Magazine and publications worldwide. [See the website award here](#)



Chris Gug and Suzanne Bushnell at the WPOTY awards event in London

2014 SFUPS Contest Categories

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

November MASTERS

Goliath Groupers

November CHALLENGERS

Shoot another SFUPS member – The subject must be an active member of the club. No selfies.

SFUPS On The Scene



George Kamper shared some of his very creative and artistic incorporation of models in his underwater photography at the October SFUPS meeting.



Chris Gug's new Fort Lauderdale Gallery at 4750 N.E. 11th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33334

had an openhouse attended by many SFUPS members

[See Chris' Gallery website here](#)



October SFUPS meeting "Show and Tell" was presented by Hannah Medd

"Shark Ecology Programs" with the [American Shark Conservancy](#)

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

November 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

OCEAN VIEWS PHOTO CONTEST

(Opens September 7, 2014)

Gylain Seahorses of the World Photo Contest

(November 10, 2014)

Ocean Art Photo Contest

(November 19, 2014)

Oasis Photo Contest

(December 31, 2014)

Beneath The Sea

(December 31, 2014)

Underwater Photographer of the Year London

(January 5, 2015)

Beneath the Waves Film Festival. Calling our video stars!

(January 15, 2015)

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.

2015

- March, 2015—Dean Pasko and Scott Kline have a trip planned to Cozumel, Mexico



Classifieds

- For Sale: Ikelite housing body for Nikon D300S, With its original box and manuals plus all the original accessories, like new. Nikon D300S Camera Body, less than 2500 shoots, original box, manuals and all accessories, one extra camera battery, and battery grip with its original box and manuals. Nikon D90 camera body Like new, less than 500 shoots, with all accessories and manuals.
Contact david@viverosdesula.com.
- 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). 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, 1 Inon to Nauticam F.O.cable never wet \$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 re-furb.Excellent \$85, Zeagle Scout BC w/ Air 2 Good cond. \$125 You will need hose Air2 to reg. 1 NEW Sandisk Extreme Pro 16GB SDHC UHS-1 card just received. I have not broken seal on box. 45MB's 300x read/write speeds =\$25, 7 used Ultralight double clamps, newer style \$15ea.
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
- 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 Tom Hayward



Picture taken from Black Water Diving with Pura Vida

SFUPS Member Benefits

Annual dues are \$40 for individuals and \$55 for families; we've made it effortless to join online and pay via credit card.

For complete instructions, [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 - 10% discount on air and Nitrox fills, individual fills or "cards", Lamnico – discount on custom-designed laminated images, access to 2-tank \$55 discounted dives throughout South Florida