

Cover Shot by September Featured Black Water Photographer Deb Devers



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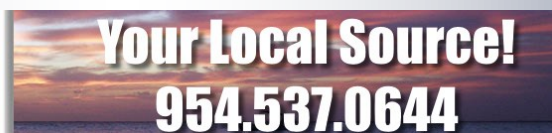
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September Photographers:

**Deb Devers, Tom Hayward, Linda Ianniello, Susan Mears,
Suzan Meldonian, and Judy Townsend**
Featuring the “Black Water” Collection

A group of SFUPS members have been enjoying South Florida Black Water Diving.

Black Water diving is a different kind of night dive where you go several miles offshore and drift in the darkness. Though you are relatively shallow (between 10 and 40 feet), the bottom is more than 400 feet below you so good buoyancy skills are a must. Each night a myriad of planktonic and bizarre creatures migrate upward from the depths, making each dive a completely different experience.



Photographing these creatures is difficult to say the least, but also very addictive. These images will give you an idea of what a small group of people have accomplished in just a few dives.



September Guest Speakers: Linda Ianniello & Tom Hayward

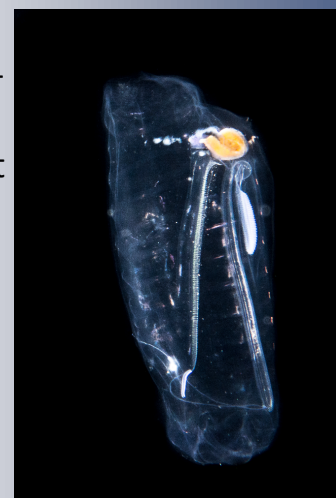
“Black Water Photography”

There has been a lot of interest expressed in Black Water diving so we will be addressing both the apprehensions as well as the expectations of these types of dives. The variety of creatures seems endless but not always easy to find in water filled with plankton so we will offer suggestions to help find your prizes. We will also talk about the photographic challenges of these night dives in an environment filled with potential backscatter and offer some of our solutions.



Tom Hayward: My love of the water started at a very early age. I grew up in Rhode Island where my grandparents owned a marina. My first boat was a wooden rowboat that my grandfather built. With that craft I learned the ways of the tides and the seasons in the estuaries but like all of us the ocean beckoned. I worked 34 years at Verizon so my aquatic adventures were relegated to hobby status. I received my Open Water certification in the early 1990's. Most of my

early diving was in New England with an occasional trip to Florida and the Caribbean. In 2007 I retired from Verizon and moved to Florida so I could enjoy my marine hobbies year round. I am now a PADI Master Scuba Diver and live in Stuart, FL with my wife. My greatest passion has become underwater photography.

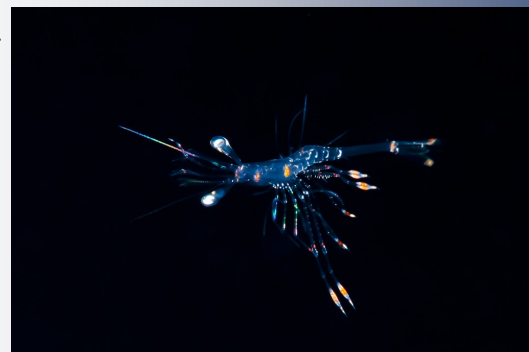


By Tom Hayward



Linda Ianniello has been diving and doing underwater photography for almost 30 years, progressing from a Nikonos V to her current Nikon D300S in a Nauticam housing. Her favorite type of photography is macro, where half the challenge is finding the small, unusual subjects. She travels frequently to Indonesia and the Philippines which are both excellent for critter-hunting. She especially likes to find and photograph nudibranchs

and finds their variety of shapes, colors, and habitats fascinating. Her favorite local photography site is Lake Worth Lagoon, and now the gulf stream for the black water dives. Her web site is <http://lindaiphotography.com/>

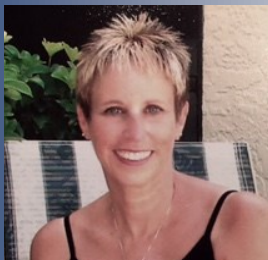


By Linda Ianniello

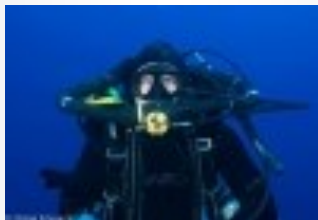
Announcements

- SFUPS gives a warm welcome to our newest members joining in August 2015:

Paul Mellinger and:



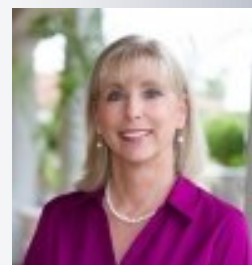
Cheryl Black



Michael Echevarria



Sarosh Jacob



Debbie Wallace



Chris Harmon

- Calling all videographers! Start your editing! The November SFUPS Wide-Angle Video Contest is open for submission, it's time to start thinking about your entries. The entry deadline is midnight on Saturday, October 31. Two entries allowed per person. Entry rules are found on by going to the contest "Enter and Vote" page and clicking on the "November W/A Video Contest" button.
- SFUPS is looking for new still and video galleries! Take advantage of this membership benefit and submit your images or video files/links to Susan Mears: webmaster@sfups.org.
- REEF Photo & Video will be hosting several trips later in 2015 and in early 2016:
 1. "Fiji, Beyond the Bligh," September 2-12, 2015. Information on the trip [here](#).
 2. Blue Heron Bridge Workshop: October 15-18, 2015. Information [here](#).
 3. [Anilao, Philippines, April 9-16, 2016](#).
 4. Galapagos, July 25-August 1, 2016. More information available [here](#).
- Force-E Divers will be offering a trip to Bonaire October 3-10, 2015. More information [here](#).
- September is Shark Month at Force-E Scuba Centers! See September calendar for details.



September 2015 event calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.)	2.)	3.)	4.) Pura Vida Divers Labor Day Weekend Sale Force-E Divers tent sale	5.) 7:30am Force -E Sharks4Kids Snorkel/Dive 7:30pm PVD Black Water Drift Dive
6.) Pura Vida Divers Labor Day Weekend Sale	7.) LABOR DAY	8.) 6pm SFUPS social 7:20pm SFUPS September meeting	9.)	10.) 7:00pm Force-E Boca: Sharks of the Florida Coast and Caribbean	11.) 7pm Force-E Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive	12.) 8:30am PDC: Photoshop for UW Photos 12:30pm Force-E Spiegel Grove trip 1pm PDC: Light-room for UW Photos 7:00pm PVD Goliath Grouper Night Dive
13.)	14.)	15.)	16.)	17.)	18.)	19.) 9:00am ICC with PVD 10am Force-E Riviera Shark ID 6:30pm PBCDA's 2015 Party
20.)	21.)	22.)	23.) 7:00pm Force-E Pompano Sharks of the Deep	24.)	25.) 6:30pm Force-E Bowling for Sharks	26.) 7:30am PDC: SSI UW Photo Course 6:45pm PVD: BHB Twilight Dive
27.) 8:00am Force-E Goliath Grouper dive	28.)	29.)	30.)			

Club Members in the News

- Walt Stearns will have a 15-page feature spread in the upcoming issue of Xray Magazine, Issue #68.
- Wayne MacWilliams has several images being featured in upcoming publications: Underwater Journal 3Q and Sport Diver Magazine. Wayne will also have an image that received an honorable mention in the upcoming September/October issue of Scuba Diving Magazine.
- Suzan Meldonian had an image place in the Nature Conservancy's Top 100 Contest. Suzan also placed third in the monthly Facebook macro photo contest for one of her black water dive images. See it [here](#).

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

September 8 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

2015 SFUPS Contest Categories

<https://sfups.org/2015-contest-subjects/>

*entries due by midnight, Saturday, October 3, 2015

October MASTERS-Ghoulish (any lens).
A scary face or anything that mimics a scary face. Abstracts are ok.

October CHALLENGERS-Orange and Purple (macro). Or orange and black must be in the image (Halloween colors).

August Masters – “ Diagonal composition”



1st Place— Suzan Meldonian



2nd Place — Judy Townsend



3rd Place — Chris Gug



4th Place —AnneDupont



5th Place — Tony Barros

August Challengers – “Close focus with wide-angle open”



2nd Place — Marsha Stamatakis



4th Place — Sam Hodge



1st Place — Elly Wray



3rd Place— Nikole Ordway



5th Place — Tony Barros



Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

[Out of the Blue Competition](#)

(Deadline: September 6, 2015)

[Facebook Bluewater Photo contest month's contests](#)

(Monthly)

[Monthly Dive Photo Guide Contest](#)

(Monthly)

[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.

- Nils Jacobsen, Kathi McCutcheon and Ryan Goheen will be going to Fiji: Aggressor liveaboard and Wai-droka (diving Beqa Lagoon), Oct 31- Nov 14.— Contact [Nils Jacobsen](#) to join, openings are available including one that needs to be filled immediately.



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). One Canon 100 mm f/2.8 Macro USM lens, like new, in original box and instruction booklet, EF mount lens, Aperture range f/2.8-f/32, Macro focus at 1;1 reproduction ratio, manual focus override, minimum focus distance 1" \$395.
Contact Bernd Meier at meierb@bellsouth.net
- Schneider 6X Platinum \$250 new \$75, Gagne Porta Trace Light box \$25, Nikon 16mm Fisheye 2.8 Excellent \$550, Nikon 55-200 Zoom 5/11 refurb. Excellent \$75, Zeagle Scout BC w/ Air 2 Good cond. \$100. You will need hose Air2 to reg. Contact: Wayne MacWilliams at 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.
Contact 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.
Contact amaurycruz@yahoo.com



Classifieds

- 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, this lens is barely used and like new. Contact Steve Velazquez @ stevev23@gmail.com
- Sea & Sea RDX 500D Housing for Canon Rebel t1i or t2i. Sea & Sea port for 18-55 kit lens. Sea & Sea RDX Port Base L expansion ring. Extra o-ring and silicone gel. Dual arm strobe mount bracket. Canon Rebel t1i with 18-55 kit lens and 2 batteries and battery charger. Internal gear ring to adjust the 18-55 lens while in the housing. Contact Lureen Feretti via text: 954-328-0050 or reenyb@comcast.net.
- Zen Underwater DP-230 230mm for Nauticam Housing. Brand new optical glass changed by Reef Photo and Video late July 2015. Receipt available upon request. The dome has not been in the water since the glass change. The housing shows signs of use. MSRP is \$1899, my selling price: \$1300. Contact guillaume.bauch@gmail.com or by phone [954.614.2633](tel:954.614.2633).

Parting Shot by September Featured Black Water Photographer Judy Townsend



SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly 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, 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: Discount air-fills, access to 2-tank \$55 discounted dives throughout South Florida