

Cover Shot by November Featured Photographer Carlos Jaile



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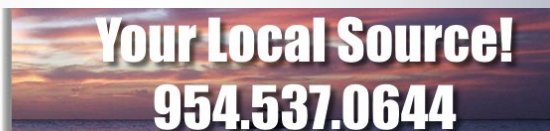
2015 SFUPS Committee Chairs

Welcome Committee – Carol Schurtz

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2015 SFUPS Sponsors



November President's Message



It's November and that means this year many of you will be in Orlando at the Dive Equipment & Marketing Associations (DEMA) trade event. It's an exciting time for our sponsors and many of you to network with others we see once or twice a year. Most importantly it's an opportunity to see what products, services, or dive destinations are new on the horizon that will shape the 2016 year ahead. SFUPS Board members will also be in attendance at the event greeting others, chatting with potential sponsors, and above all, we use the event to get on the schedules of those professionals with wayward travels connecting through South Florida. It's a great way to firm up our speakers for the 2016 year ahead. We invite you to take a look at what [DEMA](#) has to offer this year by visiting their [site](#). Also be sure to check out the daily event updates from [Wetpixel](#) along with the [Dive Photo Guide site](#) for can't miss product reviews and special guest interviews.

November is also that special month of the year where we get to elect our newest Board members for 2016. We invite you to attend our November 10 meeting to contribute in voting in next year's Board nominations. Up for re-election are the following roles:

President—Sam Hodge	Vice President—Phil Rudin	Treasury—Judy Townsend
Membership— Linda Ianniello	Newsletter Editor—Open	Webmaster—Susan Mears
Audio/Visual—Jim Mears	Merchandising—Suzan Meldonian	Social Media—Jason Spitz
Event Planner—Open	Conservation Planner—Open	

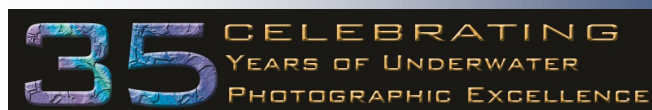
I would like to personally take a moment to thank the 2015 Board for their contributions to SFUPS as it is a great deal of time many of them spend in keeping the lights on, as well as maintaining member engagement. In particular, we would like to thank Angela Smith for her leadership for helping SFUPS develop a platform of conservation-minded issues and for her monthly Newsletter contributions. She will have a busy year with a new project she is working on at [Shark Team One](#) and will be departing the Board but certainly not the organization. We'll hear more from her in the future.

Just a reminder, you can [register online for the December Holiday Party](#) as we won't have a December meeting since we like to end the year with a celebration. See you next Tuesday and [DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR THE NOVEMBER VIDEO AND PHOTO CONTESTS](#).

Sam Hodge

President – South Florida Underwater Photography Society

www.sfups.org



November Featured Photographer: Carlos Jaile

As many of you, my first encounter with the underwater world was with “Sea Hunt,” and Mike Nelson at the helm of the Argonaut, but the show that hooked me as a young 12-year-old boy was “Flipper” with Sandy and all their adventures, I was captivated with that underwater world.

Living in Miami, our Florida Keys was my backyard and I made good use of it, with snorkeling and fishing from Key Largo to Key West to visit the Dry Tortugas and Fort Jefferson with the Boy Scouts in those early teen years.

However, twenty years would pass from my first snorkeling adventure, until I was officially certified as a SCUBA diver in my early thirties and had obtained my first underwater camera, in the form of a used Nikonos, which I still have. That film era eventually gave way to that first digital camera which brought me into the new visual realm of underwater photography, by immediately being able to see a picture, make spot-on adjustments and turn it into a photograph.



That new visual thinking process started approximately ten years ago with my first visit to a SFUPS meeting, and ever since I’ve been learning from all you members, who have inspired me to reach out, inquire and challenge myself to learn more each and every day.

I am looking forward to continue the learning process and the sharing of photos, ideas, travels and dive encounters with all of you.

November Guest Speaker: Peter Symes

“Diving the Viking Lands”



Peter was born in Copenhagen to British and Norwegian parents, and grew up in a multilingual home and travelled since pre-school age. He holds a M.Sc. in Biology specializing in Aquatic Ecology and a degree in Media and Communication. Peter was a research associate with some universities and research institutions (both government and private industry) before drifting into the dive industry in the early 1990s.

Peter has been working full time in the dive industry since 1994 most of it as a dive magazine editor. He was founding partner of Danish branch of the Scandinavian Dive Magazine before developing X-Ray Magazine in 2002-3 which remains a fully independent entity. Peter first became dive certified in 1980's and dives both open and closed circuit. Peter has been photographing since the age of nine.



Announcements

- SFUPS gives a warm welcome to our newest members joining in October 2015:
Julie Morgan and:



Zach Ransom

- On Wednesday, November 11th, Pompano Dive Center invites all Veterans to dive for FREE when accompanying a paying guest.
- The annual SFUPS Holiday party will be Sunday, December 6. The cost is \$39 for adults and \$15 for children. To register, please visit [here](#).
- 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.
- Force-E Divers has several trips planned for the New year:
 - [1. Manatee trip: January 29-31, 2016](#)
 - [2. San Salvador trip: Feb. 28-March 6, 2016](#)
- Pura Vida Divers events Dec. 2015/January 2016:
 - [1. 12 Days of Sales: Starting December 1st at 9:00am.](#)
 - [2. Phil Foster Park Quarterly cleanup: December 5th.](#)
 - [3. Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive: December 11th.](#)
 - [4. Christmas Party: December 12th.](#)
- At the November meeting, SFUPS will be nominating the 2016 Board of Directors positions. The positions are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Events & Programs, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, Membership, Audio/Visual, Director of Social Media and Merchandising.



November 2015 event calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1.)	2.)	3.)	4.)	5.) 6pm Pura Vida Divers 1-tank night dive	6.)	7.) 7:30am Force-E divers shore dive
8.)	9.)	10.) 6pm SFUPS Social 7:20pm SFUPS November meeting	11.) 6:45pm Pura Vida Divers Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive	12.)	13.) 8am Force-E Women's Freediving Course	14.) 8am Force-E Women's Freediving Course
15.)	16.)	17.)	18.)	19.) 6pm Force-E Boca presents "Diving and Nutrition"	20.) 6:15pm Pura Vida Divers Social Night: Manatee Awareness	21.)
22.) 7:30am Force-E Pompano "Giving thanks to the ocean" cleanup dives	23.)	24.)	25.) 6:30pm Pura Vida Divers Blue Heron Bridge night dive 6:30pm Force-E Riviera Blue Heron Bridge night dive	26.) THANKSGIVING	27.) Pura Vida Divers Black Friday deals (all weekend)	28.)
29.)	30.)					



Club Members in the News

- Patti Gross will be inducted into the Women's Diving Hall of fame in [April 2016](#). Patti also contributed to a written piece featured in Chair-Lights, the newsletter of the Keys Jewish Center's March 2015 publication. To read the article, click [here](#) and scroll to p. 35.

[2016](#) SFUPS Contest Categories

*entries due by midnight, Saturday, January 2, 2016

January MASTERS-Frogfish-Pacific or Atlantic, from wide angle giant frogfish to the tiniest dwarf macro.

January CHALLENGERS-Juveniles-Identifiable by shape or color, not just a "small version." NOT including larvae.

October Masters – “Ghoulish”



2nd Place — Walt Stearns



4th Place — Judy Townsend



1st Place — Wayne MacWilliams



3rd Place — Suzan Meldonian



5th Place — Linda Ianniello

October Challengers – “Orange and Purple or Orange and Black”



1st Place — Kelly Casey



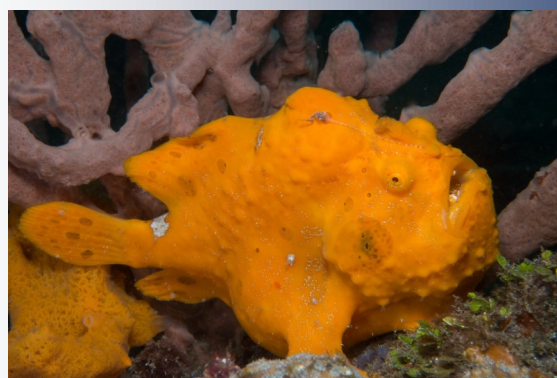
4th Place — Bill Watts



3rd Place— Kelly Casey



2nd Place — Walt Stearns



5th Place — Marsha Stamatakis



Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

[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.

2016 SFUPS Contest Categories

The SFUPS 2016 monthly contest subjects have been finalized! Check them out [here](#).

Join SFUPS for the next meeting
January 12, 2016 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



Classifieds

- 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).
- Subsee Reefnet +10 diopter \$180. Some minor marks on lens. Can bring to meeting for review or send photos. Prefer cash, will accept Paypal. Contact: John and Kelly Casey at kjcasey@bellsouth.net
- LIKE NEW Nauticam extension ring 50mm with lock that I purchased from Reef Photo in FL on 7/3/15. I used this on 1 dive trip and now have downsized to a smaller mirror less system and can't use it. Brand new cost \$310 - will sell for \$235 and buyer pays shipping or can pick up locally in Naples. Will only accept PayPal. Contact: Debbie Wallace at dawallace99@me.com
- LIKE NEW Nauticam zoom gear for Tokina 10-17 lens for Canon (TOKINA LENS ALREADY SOLD!!) for sale that I've had about 18 months but only used on a couple of occasions since I mainly shoot macro. It's in excellent condition! Comes with the original box and zoom gear. Brand new for the zoom gear is \$185 PLUS TAX - will sell for \$135. I only accept PayPal and buyer pays shipping or you can pick up locally in Naples. Contact: Debbie Wallace at dawallace99@me.com
- LIKE NEW Nauticam zoom gear for the Sigma 17-70mm lens for Canon that I just purchased on 7/3/15 from Reef Photo in FL. Used it on 1 dive trip and now am downsizing to a mirror less system. Brand new cost \$175 - will sell for \$125 and buyer pays shipping or can pick up locally in Naples. Will only accept PayPal. Contact: Debbie Wallace at dawallace99@me.com
- Video Light-Ikelite Pro 2800 LED Package. Includes NiMB 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 let's do it for \$350. Call the Gug Underwater Gallery at 954-579-8096 or email Gug@GugUnderwater.com
- WANTED: Some old Sea & Sea Camera Arms VII. Need two arms 5 or 5.5 inches long with balls on both ends. The ball size is less than 7/8" around. If anyone has some they are not using, I'd be interested in buying them. (Note: these are different than the UltraLight/Nauticam arms with a 1" ball; the ball on these is slightly smaller). Contact: Linda Ianniello: lindai1@bellsouth.net
- Canon T2i system which includes: camera body, Tokina 10-17 with zoom gear, Aquatica neoprene flash blocker, Aquatica housing with fiber optic bulkheads, 2 Aquatica 8" acrylic dome ports with shade, 2 TLC 8" arms with clamps, 2 TLC 12" arms with clamps, 4 Sea & Sea fiber optic cables, 2 Sea & Sea 110a strobes, various TLC balls and fittings, Aquatica extension ring for 10-17. This is a fantastic entry level DSLR system and I have taken some great shots with it over the years, everything on my website (www.zransom.com) was taken with this camera! Its time for me to upgrade and pass along this rig to someone else. \$4000 or best offer. Contact Zach Ransom at 317-797-0155 or zransom0304@gmail.com.

Parting Shot by October Featured Photographer David Gross



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