

Cover Shot by January Featured Photographer Walt Stearns



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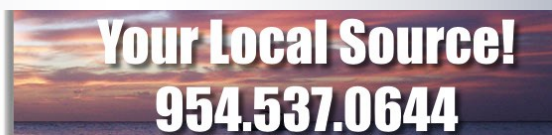
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January President's Message



There are new opportunities for new beginnings each new year and closure to previous chapters in our lives. 2015 brought SFUPS many exciting guest speakers, new members/friendships, and new learnings. At the December Holiday Party, I hosted a 2015 "Year in Review" highlighting our guest speakers, featured photographers/videographers, and of course recognition of our organization's 35th year anniversary. I'm pleased to report that our organization after 35 years is not only going stronger than ever but growing in membership. SFUPS is proud to end the year with 174 members that share a passion for underwater photography. We closed the evening by crowning Walt Stearns as our 2015 Photographer of the Year along with runners up winners, Wayne MacWilliams, Elly Wray, and Kelly Casey. Check back to our Facebook page on December 12th for photos of the event.

I had an opportunity to share with our guests at the Holiday Party some of the upcoming efforts and exciting news to come in 2016. Some of you may have noticed in our January flyer that SFUPS has 4 new sponsors. We welcome Ikelite, Big Blue, and Beneath the Surface as new equipment manufacturers sponsoring our organization. In addition, we highlighted another new sponsor, Good Karma Productions, who will be supporting our organization with all your photo printing and post-processing needs. Owner, Steve Karm, introduced his services and even announced efforts to provide free 12"x18" prints to our Monthly Challenger and Master's winners this coming year. That should get you all excited to get more of your best entries into the monthly contest in 2016.

Another big project will take place in the coming months, and that is a complete makeover to our existing Newsletter. Thanks to Ana Zangroniz for this January edition as future issues will differ in format, platform, and overall design. We are certain you will find the new web-based content more accessible and interesting. Come to our January meeting and I'll provide greater visibility into our plans. Speaking of January, I previously announced our guest speaker, Erin Quigley. She still has a few spots available for her Lightroom Intensive Workshop, so REGISTER soon. I'll announce as well our talented line-up of speakers for the first half of the year, so come to the January meeting.

I'll close this month's message with a question for you all. Ask yourselves, "What new stories will I create in 2016?"

Sam Hodge

President – South Florida Underwater Photography Society

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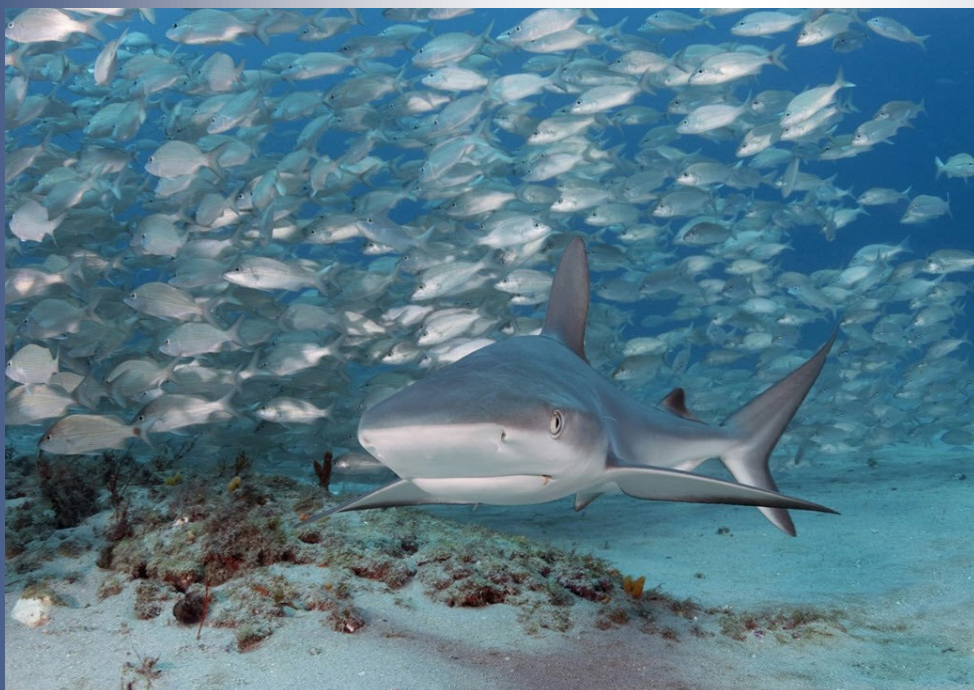
December Featured Photographer: Luz Hayward

I was born in Barranquilla, Colombia. At age 14 I moved with my family to the United States. When I was 22 years old, I couldn't swim and was afraid to walk down a dock. My husband was an ocean enthusiast so I gradually acclimated. My Open Water Certification was issued by NAUI in 1993. I still felt a lot of trepidation diving until I got my camera.

I shoot an Olympus PL5 in an Olympus housing paired with INON Z240 strobes. My interests are both wide angle and macro with both 8mm and 60mm lenses, respectively. Needless to say, I now look forward to diving opportunities and especially love both Blue Heron Bridge and the Keys.



January Featured Photographer: Walt Stearns



Walt's endeavor in the ocean realm is anything but ordinary. A photojournalist first, Walt's career providing imagery and editorials for publications such as Skin Diver, Sport Diver, Salt Water Sportsman, Sport Fishing and Boating Magazine, goes as far back as three decades.

In addition to his photographic talents, using his knowledge and degree in zoology, Walt has accumulated vast experience in marine sciences and natural history, and oceanographic research and conservation. His endeavors also include various aspects of technical diving, which include both cave and rebreather diving. He is also a TDI certified CCR instructor.

Not to be limited to printed media, Walt has been a key participant in documentary film projects with Wild Horizons Ltd., British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), and the Discovery Channel.

"When it comes to underwater photography, my personal favorite is going for the big picture - be it a reef seascape, wreck, or one of the many larger forms of animal life in the ocean. To me, the ultimate reward is to evoke a personal connection with the viewer on a visceral level where they envision themselves as participants in the adventure. From my experiences as a contributing editor for Skin Diver and Sport Diver magazines, I have learned that people find people interesting, which is why I will often times add a diver or two to complement the scene." – Walt Stearns

To see more of Walt Stearns' work, please visit:

www.waltstearns.com

www.facebook.com/walt.stearns

www.underwaterjournal.com



January Guest Speaker: Erin Quigley

“Take Your Images From Good to Great”



SFUPS is kicking off the new year with Adobe ACE certified Photoshop and Lightroom expert, Erin Quigley. She is an award-winning underwater photographer and editor, and creator of GoAskErin.com, which provides one-on-one instruction, custom video tutorials, and resources specifically developed for the underwater photographic community. Along with her private consulting business, Erin runs the Go Ask Erin digital help desk online and at the Digital Shootout.

This is a can't-miss opportunity to catch a good overview of post-processing techniques.

Erin began her career as the resident costume designer for Chicago's famed Steppenwolf Theater Company, during which time she earned two Tony Award nominations for her work on Broadway. In the ensuing years, she returned to her hometown of Los Angeles and designed the television sitcom "Roseanne," along with many other stage, television, and film projects. Later, Erin worked as a producer and development executive for 23 Red Productions, in collaboration with 20th Century Fox and Warner Brothers Television.





Announcements

- SFUPS gives a warm welcome to our newest members joining in November/December 2015: Richard Bezold, Todd Finlayson, Judy Flayderman, Kimberly Frye, and John Tully.
- SFUPS is pleased to announce the addition of quite a few Featured Presentation videos to the members-only section of our web site. Expertly edited by our audiovisual specialist Jim Mears, these videos contain a wealth of knowledge generously provided by top professionals in the industry as well as our own SFUPS members. You can catch up on meetings you may have missed, or even if you attended a particular meeting these are a great review. For more information click here. <https://sfups.org/new-featured-videos/>
- 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 is celebrating 40 years of diving in South Florida, and has several great events planned in [January](#). First, check out their trips planned for 2016:
 1. [Manatee trip: January 29-31, 2016](#)
 2. [San Salvador trip: June 26-July 3, 2016](#)
- Force-E has published its Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive Schedule for 2016:

January 9: 6:48 to 8:48 PM	January 23: 6:54 to 8:54 PM
February 7: 6:27 to 8:27 PM	February 21: 6:37 to 8:37 PM
March 8: 6:57 to 8:57 PM	March 21: 7:15 to 9:15 PM
April 6: 7:57 to 9:57 PM	April 20: 7:27 to 9:27 PM
May 6: 8:10 to 10:00 PM	May 21: Saturday 8:16 to 10:00 PM
June 4: 7:53 to 9:53 PM	June 20: Monday 8:30 to 10:00 PM
July 4: 8:25 to 10:00 PM	July 19: Tuesday 8:07 to 10 PM
August 2: 8:05 to 10:00 PM	August 17: 7:39 to 9:39 PM August 31: 7:42 to 9:42 PM
September 16: 7:54 to 9:54 PM	September 29: 7:13 to 9:13 PM
October 14: 6:37 to 8:37 PM	October 28: 6:42 to 8:42 PM
November 13: 6:01 to 8:01 PM	November 27: 5:48 to 7:48 PM
December 13: 6:27 to 8:27 PM	December 27: 6:00 to 8:00 PM



January 2016 event calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1.) NEW YEARS' DAY	2.)
3.)	4.)	5.)	6.)	7.)	8.)	9.) 6pm Force-E Riviera: Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive
10.)	11.)	12.) 6pm SFUPS Social 7:20pm SFUPS January meeting	13.) 6pm Force-E Pompano: Our Florida Reefs 6pm Force-E Boca Nitrox class	14.)	15.)	16.) 12pm Force-E Vandenberg trip
17.)	18.) MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	19.)	20.)	21.)	22.)	23.) Force-E Riviera Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive Force-E Level 1 Freediving course 1:30pm Pompano Dive Center Lionfish Workshop
24.)/31.)	25.) 5:30pm Force-E Boca Basic Go Pro class	26.) 5:30pm Force-E Boca Advanced Go Pro class	27.)	28.) 7pm Force-E Boca "Marine Microorganisms, Venom, Stings, and Bites"	29.) Force-E Manatee Trip	30.)



Club Members in the News

- Big congratulations to the winners of the SFUPS November 2015 Wide-Angle video contest: 1st place: Dawn of a New Day, Diane Randolph, 2nd place: Socorro-Where the Wild Things Are, John Casey, 3rd place: SFUPS Halloween Haunted Wreck, Chad Williams. See the winning videos [here](#).
- Kimberly Frye-Wayman attended REEF Photo-Video's FOCUS group trip to Grand Cayman in September 2015 and received 1st place wide-angle, 2nd place wide-angle, 1st place macro, and 3rd place macro.
- Angela Smith had an article and photos published in Wyland Foundation's Ocean Artists Society Magazine. The piece is titled "[Climate Change and Our Coral Reefs](#)." Angela was also asked to join the project "Women in Photography" by Women in Focus. The project celebrates women photographers, their work and art.

2016 SFUPS Contest Categories

*entries due by midnight, Saturday, January 30, 2016

February MASTERS-Pairs/two of a kind-
Specifically two of the same species.
EXCLUDING nudibranchs, **EXCLUDING**
mating/spawning activity.

February CHALLENGERS-Hitching a ride-A fish or
creature riding on another fish/creature. Host
must be mobile, so no shrimp on an anemone,
crab on soft coral, etc. Critter on critter, no hu-
mans. For example: remora on a shark, shrimp on
a nudibranch, shrimp or crab on an urchin, etc.

November Masters – “Portfolio”



2nd Place — Elly Wray



4th Place — Linda Ianniello



1st Place — Linda Ianniello



3rd Place — Wayne MacWilliams



5th Place — Walt Stearns

November Challengers – “Big Fish Portrait”



2nd Place — Zach Ransom



4th Place — Elly Wray



1st Place — Walt Stearns



3rd Place— Kelly Casey



5th Place — Bill Watts



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
- 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.



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- For Sale: 1 – Sea Quest Latitude XLT BCD – Men’s Large, 1 – Sea Quest Diva XLT – Women’s Small, 1 – Mares Mesh and Nylon Gear Bag. Both BCD’s are in like-new condition, and have been used only a few times. We initially purchased them to keep here in Florida when we visited and were lucky enough to be able to dive down here. Since we have now moved here permanently, we have no use for them. These BCD’s are a steal at \$100.00 each. The Mares mesh and nylon (Blue) gear bag has shoulder straps, a drawstring top, and an outside pocket. Like new condition: \$10.00. Call: Marsha Stamatakis at 248-721-6806 or email at: mckechan@comcast.net
- For sale: One complete set of underwater photography equipment-1 Canon 40 D Camera (does not include any lenses), 1 Canon battery charger with 3 Li-on batteries, 1 Seatool Housing with 45 degree Inon viewfinder (new \$1000 for viewfinder only), 1 Base and handle for Seatool Housing, 1 Seatool M30 7 1/4" Glass Dome Port for Tokina 10-17mm, 1 zoom gear for Tokina 10-17mm lens, 1 port for Canon 60mm Macro lens and 18-55 mm zoom lens, 1 zoom gear for 18-55 mm Canon zoom lens, 1 port for Canon 100mm Macro lens, 4 Ultra Light arms of 4"(2) and 6"(2), Clamps for all attachments, 2 Inon Z240 Type 2 Strobes (1 strobe 1 F-stop below spec), 2 Inon optical cables for Strobes. Sold as package only \$999. Separate sale one 100mm Canon USM Macro lens, perfect condition \$350. Contact Bernd Meier: meierba@gmail.com

Parting Shot by December Featured Photographer Luz Hayward



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