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## 2015 SFUPS Sponsors



## January President's Message



Happy New Year! Starting a new year is always filled with wide-eyed optimism in setting personal goals, seeking new opportunities, or simply recommitting one's self to an existing interest. At SFUPS, we've chosen to do all these things with a very active year ahead. We gave a 2015 sneak-peek at our December holiday party with big ideas and aspirations. There's no doubt our cast of 2014 presenters made it clear that we were serious about your learning and excellence in underwater photography. We have every intention of revving things up and starting the year off with a BANG!

Chris "Gug" has returned as our January presenter, and will highlight numerous examples of "epic fails" when it comes to common post-processing mistakes that even the pros make. Sometimes the best learning is not in teaching how to do something but in highlighting "what not to do." Phil Rudin will also begin a new monthly segment along with experts at Reef Photo and Pompano Dive Center called our "Ask the Experts" series. Many of you have questions specific to your gear, photo techniques, post-processing, and even printing or aspect ratio inquiries that may not be addressed in a group setting. We will develop an opportunity for you to meet with an expert with your gear or laptop before every meeting enabling you with one-on-one instruction. Live Tech Support at your service!

Naturally, conservation will be on our minds in 2015 as Angela Smith helps to unify our voices coupled with your imagery in matters concerning the oceanic world. Locally we have our own challenges. You'll begin to hear more throughout the year about our first annual International Goliath Grouper photo competition attracting guests worldwide to help solidify their protected status through underwater photography. Additionally, you'll get a chance to create connections to position your imagery with great periodicals like [X-Ray Magazine](#) who are developing long-lasting partnerships with SFUPS.

Each meeting this coming year will give you an opportunity to acquaint yourself with new photo opportunities, dive buddies, and to meet new and old generations of photographers. There are a myriad of top professional featured speakers that will be visiting the organization. So, let's get excited, throw caution to the wind, and renew your membership. Linda Ianniello and Susan Mears have made it easy for you to renew online. Click the "Renew Membership" button below and get ready for a year of adventure.

Sam Hodge

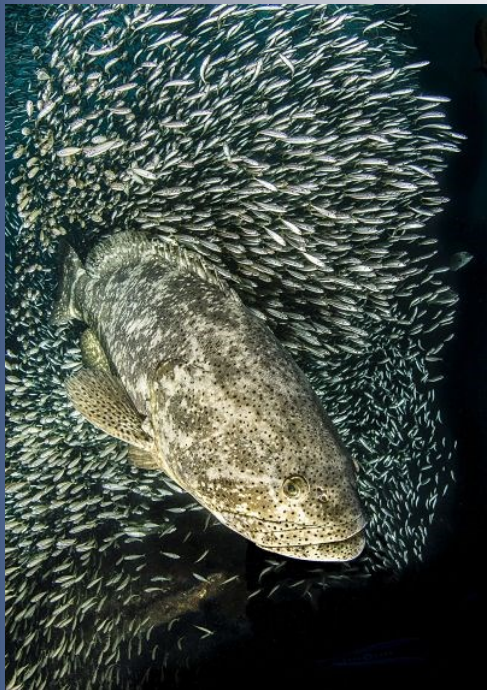
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## November Masters – Goliath Groupers



1st Place — Wayne MacWilliams



2nd Place — Shen Collazo



3rd Place, left — Tom Hayward



4th Place — Sam Hodge



5th Place — Judy Townsend

## January Challengers – Shoot another SFUPS member



1st Place — Jason Spitz



3rd Place — Kelly Casey



2nd Place, left — Sam Hodge



4th Place — Chad Williams



5th Place — Judy Townsend



## SFUPS Events and Programs

Angela Smith

### SFUPS “Our Oceans: In Perspective” Exhibit at Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center



I am happy to announce that the SFUPS member exhibit “Our Oceans: In Perspective” will open on January 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center’s DIVE IN lecture series.

SFUPS members’ beautiful photos of coral reefs and charismatic ocean animals from Florida and worldwide locations will be on display at the fourth floor of the Oceanographic Center and will hang for six months.

The event also brings coral reef science and conservation to the Southeast Florida community. Mark Eakin, Ph.D. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) NEDSIS Center for Satellite Applications and Research, NOAA Coral Reef Watch Coordinator will be speaking that evening with a lecture titled, “Hot Sour Soup: How Warming and Acidification of the Ocean is Killing our Coral Reefs.”

In addition to the larger SFUPS exhibit area on the fourth floor that will be open for viewing, directors at Nova Oceanographic Center will also select a few SFUPS member photos from the exhibit to place on easels near the auditorium that night. The selections will reflect the subject matter for the first DIVE IN series lecture - coral reefs.

The event starts at 6:00pm on the third floor of the Oceanographic Center near the auditorium. There will also be light refreshments after the evening’s lecture.



## SFUPS Events and Programs continued

Angela Smith

### SFUPS “Our Oceans: In Perspective” Exhibit at Nova Southeastern University Oceanographic Center

The Oceanographic Center is located at 8000 North Ocean Drive, Dania Beach and is sponsored by Nova Southeastern University, Mote Marine Laboratory’s Protect Our Reefs Grants Program. The reception will be sponsored by Divers Direct.

I hope to see you all at this wonderful community gathering and SFUPS exhibit opening. We are thrilled that Nova Southeastern University will be hosting our photography within the prestigious Guy Harvey Oceanographic Center!



## Announcements

- A joyous and hearty welcome to the members who joined us in November and December 2014:



Lisa  
Kennedy



Christian  
Dimitrius



Kevin  
Hanson



Amanda  
Cotton

### **Force-E's FREE Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive Schedule for 2015:**

January 3: Saturday 6 to 9 PM January 20: Tuesday 7:11 to 9:11 PM  
February 3: Tuesday 7:05 to 9:05 PM February 18: Wednesday 6:55 to 8:55 PM  
March 5: Thursday 7:19 to 9:19 PM March 19: Thursday 7:38 to 9:38 PM  
April 2: Thursday 7:14 to 9:14 PM April 17: Friday 7:20 to 9:20 PM  
May 2: Saturday 7:25 to 9:24 PM May 16: Saturday 7:03 to 9:03 PM  
June 1: Monday 7:39 to 9:39 PM June 15: Monday 7:36 to 9:36 PM  
July 1: Wednesday 8 to 10 PM July 15: Wednesday 8 to 10 PM  
July 30: Thursday 7:34 to 9:34 PM  
August 13: Thursday 7:37 to 9:37 PM August 28: Friday 7 to 9 PM  
September 11: Friday 7 to 9 PM September 26: Saturday 6:40 to 8:40 PM  
October 11: Sunday 7:10 to 9:10 PM October 26: Monday 7 to 9 PM  
November 10: Tuesday 6:14 to 8:14 PM November 25: Wednesday 6:35 to 8:35 PM  
December 10: Thursday 6:26 to 8:26 PM December 23: Wednesday 5:28 to 7:28 PM







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## Announcements continued

### Pompano Dive Center to host Lionfish Education Workshop on January 11

Ana Zangroniz, a volunteer with Biscayne National Park will be giving a "Lionfish Education Workshop" at 10:00am on January 11th, 2015 at Pompano Dive Center. The workshop will be followed by 2 reef dives where we put that knowledge to work to eradicate some Lionfish! Cost for the Workshop is Free.

The optional Two Tank dive Charter that will follow is the normal rate of \$65. Please call 954-788-0208 to book a spot for the dive and/or seminar.

The Workshop will include information on history and status of the lionfish in the Western Atlantic and Caribbean, Lionfish biology, impacts of invasion on the local ecosystems as well as humans. Special emphasis will be on safe diving, collection, and handling practices with a demonstration of safe venomous spine removal. Ana will also perform a dissection so that we may see what the lionfish has eaten recently.

[The Lionfish Rescue and Education Foundation \(lionfishrescue.org\)](http://lionfishrescue.org) will also be in attendance to answer additional questions, and to let you know how you can have a positive impact on our local ocean!



## December 2014 Featured Photographer Phil Rudin



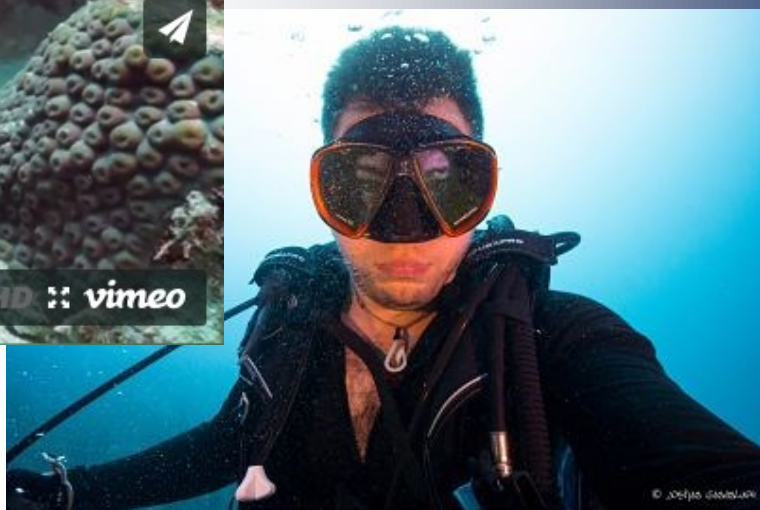
Phil began taking photographs underwater while he was in the U.S. Navy. Phil is a regular contributor to Underwater Photography Magazine (USPMAG.COM) and a freelance writer/travel photographer. As seven time past President and Underwater Photographer of the Year for the South Florida Underwater Photographic Society, has served on the Board of Directors for over twenty years. Phil enjoys the diverse makeup of the photo club's over 150 members and the environmental and conservation involvement of the club.

Phil retired from the West Palm Beach Florida Police Department where he served as Dive Team Commander for the city. With thirty years of experience as a public safety diver and dive team manager, Phil did over five hundred recovery dives during his career. Phil has recovered vehicles, aircraft, evidence, bodies and more. Other dive team duties included hull inspections of large commercial vessels, underwater crime scene management, crime scene photography, collection of evidence, training and budget management.

Phil has also traveled extensively throughout the world to peruse his passion for underwater photography. His images have appeared in magazines such as Popular Science, Underwater Photography Magazine, Reflections, Rodale's Scuba Diving, Underwater Journal, Skin Diver, Florida Underwater, South Florida Adventures, The Sun, Dive Chronicles, Waterways and more. Phil also teaches underwater photography classes for Reef Photo Video, Hasselblad Xcursion's, Mexican Diver Magazine and others. Phil lectures on travel destinations and photography around the country. Phil celebrated fifty-one years as a certified scuba diver in February 2014.

[View Phil's video gallery here](#)

## January 2015 Featured Videographer Josh Guadalupe



I have had a passion for the water and photography for as long as I can remember. From one of my uncles throwing me in the pool to teach me how to swim, to kayaking with my father and uncles for some R&R. From there everything went inverted. I started shooting lionfish and moved to a GoPro making video! I would go diving and admire all of those big and fancy cameras. Watching their footage made me hooked. I then picked up my Sony NEX -7 in March of 2014 and started shooting everything that I could. Honestly, in the very first shots, I was very disappointed with my underwater pictures. But patience and time pays off. I would go and shoot and talk to all of my friends. Lee told me, "Knowledge is free brother, I will help you learn the fundamentals", and we've been friends ever since. He then introduced me to SFUPS! From then on I have been shooting video and pictures throughout the world. I use Final Cut Pro X to edit the video while I also use Logic Pro X to compile and comprise the music. This brings even more of my feelings to the screen. The sound is dependent on my mood, and some of the songs I don't think will ever be complete. Thanks for watching my videos! Happy Shooting!!

[View Josh's video gallery here](#)

## January Guest Speaker Chris Gug

Chris Gug, or just Gug (pronounced “Goog”) for short, is a Fort Lauderdale-based full-time professional underwater photographer. For more than 15 years, he has been exhibiting in some of the most prestigious galleries and museums around the world, but in 2012, opened the Gug Underwater Gallery in Fort Lauderdale, FL to showcase his love of viewing the sea as fine art for the home, office or public display. He is regularly published in numerous magazines and teaches underwater photographic techniques both locally and around the world.

As a proud member and sponsor of the club, Gug also teaches regular mini-seminars at monthly SFUPS meetings and is an authorized dealer and consultant for Aquatica, Ikelite, Amphibico and more. He is a techno-geek and loves pushing the limits of camera and computer equipment, and although all the images in his gallery are unmanipulated (aside from a raw conversion), he is always staying abreast of (and creating) the coolest trends in still & video post-production.





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## Club Members in the News

- Suzan Meldonian was featured in UnderwaterPhotography.com's weekly hotshot status for the week 51: December 28, 2014. See her image here:

<http://www.underwaterphotography.com/blog/weekly-underwater-hot-shot-week-51-suzan-meldonian/#.VKNDjlrF-II>

- Anne Dupont spoke at Loxahatchee River Center in Jupiter, FL on December 5, 2014. Anne's talk, and underwater photography lecture entitled "Marine life found in Lake Worth Lagoon" was well received by approximately 100 people.
- Bernd Meir was featured in the December 2014 issue of "Sport Diving" Magazine for reporting a rare find in the Philippines. Bernd photographed an octocoral tentatively identified as Efflatounaria, which looks quite similar to a nudibranch.
- Walt Stearns' article on wide-angle photography ("Getting the Big Picture") was featured in the January/February 2015 issue of "Depth Magazine."

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### 2015 SFUPS Contest Categories

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

\*January submissions due by January 11

#### January MASTERS-

**"The Little Creatures" Suggested are well-composed animals less than one inch in life size: skeleton shrimp, amphipods, uw ladybugs, hairy shrimp, some tiny little live shells. We want to see the eyes of the creature in focus. \*No nudibranchs or sea slugs for this one.\* (Super macro)**

#### January CHALLENGERS

**"Reflections" Looking for any marine animal close to the surface where its reflection is recognizable and clear. (any lens)**

## SFUPS 2014 Photographer of the Year



From left: SFUPS 1st runner up Kelly Casey, Photographer of the Year Judy Townsend, 2nd runner up Jason Spitz, 3rd runner up Suzan Meldonian. Not pictured is 4th runner up Chris Gug.

Join SFUPS for the next meeting  
**January 13 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

## 2014 SFUPS Holiday Party

Great fun, food and of course photography were enjoyed by all in a festive atmosphere at the 2014 SFUPS Holiday Party, December 7, 2014.



## SFUPS On The Scene

Pura Vida Divers Christmas Party



Force-E Divers Christmas Party







## Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

[Photo Club Arizona-Balcan DREAM Grand Exhibition 2015](#)

(last day for discount: January 11, 2015, closes April 11, 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](mailto: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](mailto:newsletter@sfups.org) and the groups will be connected.

## 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). Contact Bernd Meier at [meierb@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:amaurycruz@yahoo.com)



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:stevev23@gmail.com)

## Parting Shot by Phil Rudin



Garden eel, Heterocanger Hassi, Panglao Island Bohol Philippines

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## 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: Force-E - discount for air-fills, Lamnico – discount on custom-designed laminated images, access to 2-tank \$55 discounted dives throughout South Florida