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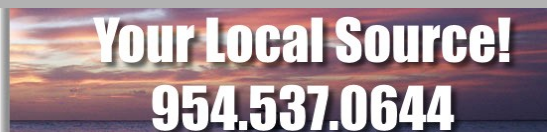
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September President's Message

As the summer months come to an end, our Goliath Grouper season is midway through the aggregation event. We've enjoyed a busy summer with SFUPS wide-angle and macro dives but the action is just starting with the Goliath Grouper. This month we are hosting six planned dives guided by lessons learned from previous years and our newfound knowledge from Walt Stearns. Goliath Groupers are enjoying a great deal of attention from divers so we have made every effort possible to optimize our photographers bottom time with minimal crowds. In addition, we've partnered with Walt Stearns who is planning on joining us for 2-3 dives.

In support of all the dives this summer, the organization has made tremendous progress with our web site enabling members to sign-up and pay online. The convenience of online registration is not the only feature recently launched but our "Members Only" section is growing in content. We are thrilled in sharing that we've added eight new [Featured Speaker Presentations](#) to our video archive of previous meetings. Only available to our membership base which also includes Walt Stearns' recent presentation on the Goliath Groupers.

Your Board members are also pleased to announce a special visit from Mr. Christian Vizl as our September Featured Presenter. Christian travels the world exploring some of the most well-traveled dive sites to those recently explored but with a photographic eye second to none. His photographic technique aptly called the "Vizl Effect" is a characterization of his amazing ability to capture ambient light in a scene or on a subject that moves gracefully through the water. While you will not want to miss his Tuesday evening presentation, he will also be diving with us on the September 10 and 11 Goliath Grouper dives. If you have the opportunity, join Christian on a dive and witness his passion for making art out of underwater photography.

Sam Hodge

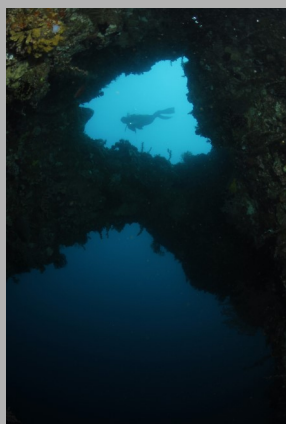
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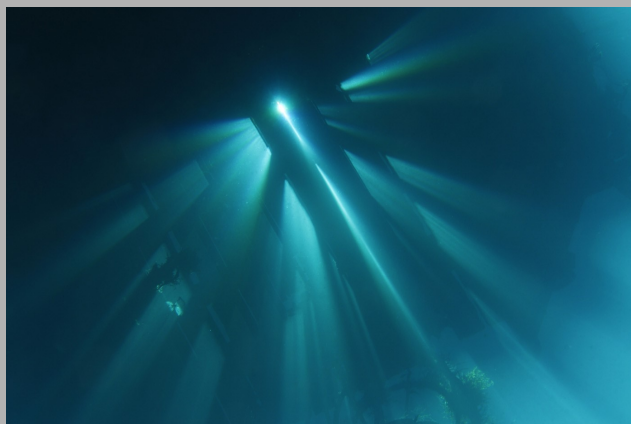
August Masters – Composition Through a Hole



1st Place — Jason Spitz



2nd Place — Suzan Meldonian



3rd Place — Suzan Meldonian



4th Place — Wayne MacWilliams



5th Place — Jason Spitz

August Challengers – Current



1st Place — Judy Townsend



2nd Place — Howie Grapek



3rd Place — Judy Townsend



SFUPS Events and Programs

Angela Smith

The next two SFUPS conservation initiatives are sea turtle conservation and shark ecology programs!



I have been rescuing sea turtle hatchlings with the local organization Sea Turtle Oversight Protection (S.T.O.P.) for two seasons now and would love for SFUPS members to be able to have an opportunity to learn more about sea turtles and to possibly witness a hatch out. Sea turtle nesting season is drawing to a close but we are hoping to hit the beach in time to see the last of the babies hatch.

SFUPS has organized a special end-of-season "Sea Turtle Nesting Habitat Seminar". This educational program will be a presentation where you'll learn about the coastal habitat, the species of turtles that nest on our beaches, their life cycle and the natural and human-caused dangers that affect them. Following the presentation you will accompany rescue volunteers for a walk to potentially witness a sea turtle hatch out.

Click here to visit www.seaturtleop.org



The second initiative will be a shark ecology program. Many of us at SFUPS are involved in the science and conservation of sharks. Others have a fondness for photographing these amazing animals and many of you have expressed interest in getting more involved in their conservation.

The goal of this program will be to better understand the dynamics of different species of sharks living in South Florida waters and how they interact in our local marine habitats. Included will be educational lectures and opportunities to join the American Shark Conservancy's research team for a hands-on experience.

The American Shark Conservancy (ASC) is a non-profit dedicated to the conservation of elasmobranchs through science and outreach.



Photo by Lureen Ferretti

We'll be talking about the sea turtle program more at the September meeting and during the October meeting we will begin to dive into all things shark! Sharks and sea turtles need our help and SFUPS is poised to do great things by bringing awareness through conservation efforts and photography to these charismatic creatures whose numbers will continue to dwindle without our help.

Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:

Arial Bauman, James Constable, Rick Lazenko, Don Myers, Gabe Simpson, and Julian Sprung



Arial
Bauman



James
Constable



Don
Myers



Gabe
Simpson



Julian
Sprung

- September's Show and Tell will be presented by Lee Burghard on the Cairns Underwater Film Festival
- September's Hands On will be presented by Angela Smith on SFUPS' Sea Turtle and Shark Conservation Initiatives
- A new video gallery was added for Joshua Guadalupe [Click here to view the gallery](#)
- A new photo gallery was added for Anne Dupont [Click here to view the gallery](#)
- SFUPS is proud to announce a new sponsor, [Pura Vida Divers](#) (PVD), Founded in 2002. Pura Vida Divers is a full service PADI IDC Dive Resort is family owned and operated, offers daily scuba charters, private charters, scuba instruction, professional level instruction, air , nitrox, and trimix fills, and equipment sales, service, and rentals. Our love of diving, the ocean, conservation, education and community inspire us every day to offer the best possible experience to our guests. Pura Vida is a Costa Rican saying which translates literally into "pure life", however, the real meaning is closer to "plenty of life", "full of life", "this is living!", or "real living". The name was derived from our expectations of your experience!



- New videos are now available via the members only page. Videos are a two part Featured Presentation from Walt Stearns about the goliath groupers.
- Goliath Grouper Dives - [Schedule and Registration](#)

Thu Sep 4 2014, 9:30am	Wed Sep 10 2014, 9:30am
Thu Sep 11 2014, 9:30am	Wed Sep 17 2014, 9:30am
Thu Sep 18 2014, 9:30am	Sat Sep 20 2014, 11:30am
- Force-e BHB Night Dive schedule:
 - Sept 8 mon 7:30-9:30;
 - Sept 22 mon 7-9
- September is Shark Month at Force-E. View the schedule of great events that they have scheduled to celebrate sharks [Click here for the details](#)
- Force-E during Shark Month is running a Shark Photo Contest. Prizes include a dive computer from Oceanic and the Guy Harvey Oceans Foundation will be donating items for winners!!! [Click here for the details](#)

Announcements

- Reef Photo & Video has a few upcoming workshops:

[Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, September 25-28, 2014](#)

[Tulamben, Bali Underwater Imaging Intensive October 11-18, 2014](#)

[Blue Heron Bridge Photo Workshop, December 11-14, 2014](#)

[Underwater Photography & Lightroom December 16 - 17](#)

- **Walt Stearns is asking that SFUPS members and friends this September 11th, 2014, make your presence known and your voice heard on behalf of the Atlantic Goliath Grouper (*Epinephelus itajara*).**

The Atlantic Goliath Grouper (*Epinephelus itajara*) has been under protective status since 1990 when the National Marine Fisheries service enacted a Federal Moratorium under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Act closing the goliath fishery down completely. Last June and August, the FWC in conjunction with both the Atlantic and Gulf Council held two Goliath Grouper Ad-hoc meetings. To say the least, their efforts to find an avenue to reopen the fish was stymied both times. But the battle is not over.

This September 11th, the FWC will be holding a Commission meeting in Kissimmee, FL, which in addition to a number of items scheduled for discussion will include the goliath grouper. Here is a link to the meeting agenda: www.myfwc.com/about/commission/commission-meetings/2014/september/10/agenda/ Since this meeting is open to the public, you, are any one else attending the meeting will be allotted 3 minutes each for public comment in regards to the goliath.

This is perhaps the most important meeting this year on the fish, so I feel it would be in everyone's interest that cares about this fish that they attend this meeting. This is the perfect time make your presence known and your voice heard if you want to continue seeing these magnificent on the reefs.

- 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



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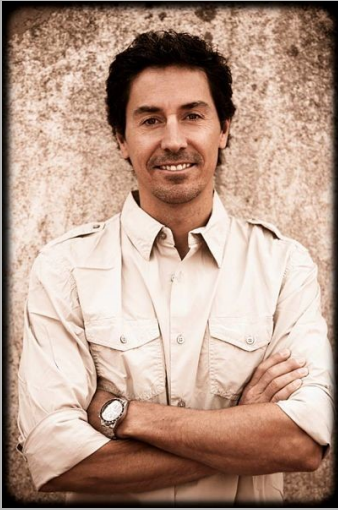


Chad Williams is a videographer and recreational diver based in South Florida (Delray, Boca, Deerfield areas). Chad says that he cannot seem to overcome his addiction of exploring the ocean and he has recently found a renewed interest in UW photography and videography after many seasons of surf photography.

Chad's father, Bill, got him in the water early and he fell in love with marine life and the sea experience. After he recently finished graduate school at Florida Atlantic University, he found some free time to join SFUPS and is looking to surround himself with this charismatic and knowledgeable group.

Chad has only just begun experimenting with GoPro videography, but he hopes to refine his approach and to continue to create memories through these visual vignettes. He is hoping to contribute to both the photo portfolio as well as continue to provide GoPro UW videos for the video gallery in the near future. He is looking forward to a continued relationship with this great group and hopes to glean as many lessons as he can from all of the SFUPS members.

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



September Guest Speaker

Christian Vizl

"The Vizl Effect"



CHRISTIAN VIZL was born in México City in 1972. Has a degree in Business Administration, was formed as a Diving Instructor, Cave Diver, Rafting Guide, and Sailor. Was a member of CEDAM, a Mexican organization devoted to marine archaeology. Lived for a year in Germany (1993) a year in Akumal, southeast México (1997) and a year in Australia (1998). He has been an enthusiast photographer since the age of 15 but started underwater photography in 2010 with a more professional approach.



Christian says: "Photography is all about light, and in my opinion, it is the single most important aspect when it comes to creating appealing, inspiring and touching images. In my point of view, far beyond technical issues, what's most important is how I apply and manipulate the light that's available in order to create pictures with dramatic effect, carrying depths of emotion and using contrast and tonalities as means to emphasize form and structure of the scenery. I focus on the emotional impact of the final shot that will connect on a deeper level, with the people that observe these photographs. Just as a poet uses words to create poetry, a photographer uses light to create images. So when I'm underwater taking pictures, one of my goals is to create poetic images through the use of light."

Christian is a Published photographer in various magazines and newspapers, such as Ocean Geographic, Scuba Diving, Sport Diver, Asian Diver, Scuba Diving and the Undersea Journal, Alert Diver, Scuba Diver Through The Lens, Dive Photo Guide, Plongee, Tauchen, Apnea, México Desconocido, The Times (UK), Daily Mail (UK), and others.

He is a Photographer in Residence, [Ocean Geographic Magazine](#)

Christian is also a Field editor at [Scuba Diver Australasia and Asian Diver](#)



Club Members in the News

- Chris Gug was awarded a bronze medal at the prestigious international Pano Awards
- Howie Grapek participated in covering the "Underwater Wedding of Bill and Liz" in 30 feet of water in Fort Lauderdale - at the Bahia Mar EuroJax. It was picked up and my photos were used both online and print in ["The London Times" on 8/12/14](#)
- Howie Grapek took 4th place in [Underwater Macro Photographers \(UWMP\) 2014 August Theme "The Eye \(S\)" online contest](#) with his photo of "Mono Vision" taken at the Blue Heron Bridge.
- Lee Burghard won a 3rd place at the [SEA International Photo/Video Competition](#) in the video classic category and also won [Runner Up/2nd Place at the Cairns Underwater Film Festival](#) for his short film " My Sanctuary"
- Diane Randolph won an honorable mention at the [SEA International Photo/Video Competition](#) in the snapshot video category.
- Wayne MacWilliams won honorable mention in Scuba Diving Magazine with a 2 page spread of the image in the August issue.
- Sharon Baron had a goliath photo published in the Miami Herald on Aug 28, 2014.

2014 SFUPS Contest Categories

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

September MASTERS

Trees— can be u/w mangrove roots, split shots with palms, a fallen branch, shooting up through the surface into overhanging trees, or anything else tree-ish.

September CHALLENGERS

From the top – We're "taught" not to shoot down, but certain subjects lend themselves to top down shooting.

SFUPS On The Scene



Mike Bartick gave an excellent presentation titled "Macro Intensity" where he discussed how to capture marine behavior at the peak of the action.



"Our Backyard is a Wreck" Video Contest winner John Casey was announced.

[Click here to see the video](#)

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

September 9 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)

[Photo Club Arizona \(PCA\) International photo exhibition - Adriatic Grand Exhibition 2014](#)

(Deadline early entry-June 16, 2014 final deadline-September 16, 2014)

[Guylain Seahorses of the World Photo Contest](#)

(November 10, 2014)

[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.

2014

- Sept 20-27 Jonathan Lavan has a trip planned to the Sea of Cortez. If you are interested please contact him or go to www.rociodelmarliveaboard.com for all the details. If you just wait to sign up please call Brooke in the Rocio office at 602-272-2522 and be sure to mention Jonathan's name!



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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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 Richard Ladisky



Thresher shark off of Malapascua Island, Philippines

SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly dues are \$35 for individuals and \$45 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