

January Newsletter

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*Happy
New Year*

2019

Short Video Clips - Audience Participation

January's HUPS meeting will be 'anything goes' video night. We will be showing short video clips from anybody who submitted under water video clips from their GoPro or other cameras. The club wants to see how much interest there is in video and what our members are doing in that regard. A lot of folks have a GoPro and are shooting video clips. What do you have? Got anything interesting? Your video does not need to be post processed; we don't care; we just want to know what videos are being captured.



There are no set program guidelines other than restricting clips to less than 3-4 minutes. Current plans are to display clips on the big projector and hoot and holler for each clip. Some

videos will be color corrected and some will not; does not make any difference, as we are mostly interested in the subject matter. We will play on the big screen the videos that were uploaded to the Drop Box.



submitted by Tom Collier



President's Corner

I am really looking forward to 2019 and I hope you are too. I am full of optimism and hope - so when you see me get happy.

On Monday we will have our first meeting of the year. It will be a chance for us to say hello, share some video clips and talk about our plans for 2019 and 2020 and talk about the year that has just passed. Our HUPS meeting will be an entertaining way to start the year and I hope you will be able to join us. If you can't make it, then I hope you enjoy the newsletter.

This year I intend to focus our club and our community of divers on all things Underwater Photography & Video. Our workshops will be focused on the Basics to expand our educational opportunities. If you enjoy teaching, please let us know. By presenting a topic you naturally become more knowledgeable too. Your participation will grow your mind.

The Program coordinators have been as busy as squirrels this winter to bring us some excellent informative speakers this year. A lot of work in the background has been brewing. We will focus on regulator maintenance, more video gear and learn about the dive and rescue unit with the Houston Police Department. Take a look at the full calendar and let us know if there is something you want to learn about or some destination you are interested in.

Diving news: The Blue Heron Bridge Initiative to ban collectors from the bridge area was successful. It may not be a Marine Sanctuary, but it is an eco system that is unique in North America. A shout-out to SFHUPS for supporting the BHB initiative.

HUPS Core Mission:

"Underwater photos through Education, Participation and Entertainment"

I sincerely believe that our photography brings the oceans to life for the public. And through our website and social media our work and our passion is being shared more widely than ever before.

See you at JAX's (6510 Rice Ave., Bellaire) after the meeting.

--Lorna Carpenter

2019 HUPS Meeting Schedule

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● HUPS meeting 7-9pm

★ HUPS BOD meeting

▲ HUPS workshop (4 of these slots TBD)

2019 Annual Membership Dues

\$35 Single membership
\$45 Family membership

Payable:
Cash or Check at January meeting

On-line via HUPS
webpage:
www.hups.org

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2018 Membership Statistics

85 active members
3 new members in 2018
11 members from 2017 who did not pay dues in 2018
32 Lifetime Achievement Award (LAA) members
59 paying members (includes LAA members who chose to pay dues)

2019 Presentations & Contest Themes

	Presentation	Presenter
January	Short Video Clips – Audience Participation	Tom Collier
February	Regulator Use, Care, & Maintenance	Dave Bullard
March	DSLR, Mirrorless, MFT, IBIS, Full Frame, etc.: what does it all mean for underwater photography and video?	Craig Beasley
April	Houston Police Department Dive and Rescue Unit	Sgt. Edward Godwin, HPD Dive Team
May	Lembeh – Video & Tech discussion	PJ Campagna
June	Eluthra Dive Trip	Mike Greuter
July	Diving the Red Sea	Morad Hassan
August	To be determined	Still Needed
September	To be determined	Still Needed
October	To be determined	Still Needed
November	Flower Gardens	Jesse Cancelmo
December	Best of HUPS	Lance Glowacki

Month	Themes	Description
Jan	Grouper	Groupers are teleost, typically having a stout body and a large mouth. They are not built for long-distance, fast swimming. They can be quite large
Feb	Seahorses & pipefish	Just like it says. Anything in the subfamily "Syngnathinae". Look it up and learn something.
Mar	Sharks & Rays	Not that you have to read all of this but it might be interesting: Chondrichthyes or cartilaginous fishes are jawed fish with paired fins, paired nares, scales, two-chambered hearts, and skeletons made of cartilage rather than bone. The class is divided into two subclasses: Elasmobranchii (sharks, rays and skates) and Holocephali (chimaeras, sometimes called ghost sharks, which are sometimes separated into their own class).
Mar Video	General	1 to 3.59 minutes
Apr	Schools of Fish	We're talking beaucoup Pisces this month. Lots fish... not critters, just fish. What is a school? Good question. Let's see if we can take a stab at it. How about 12 or more of the same fish.
May	Eyes	Any sea life that has an eye. Can be fish, invertebrates or mammal.
Jun	Juveniles	This seems simple but it's not always easy to know when you have a juvenile of a species. I'm really not sure I can offer you any good advice other than look it up or ask someone that probably knows. Anything that's not a mature adult is an operational definition. In reality, we're probably looking for fish or critters that are obviously still maturing. Good examples might be juvenile angelfish that have distinct markings or juvenile spotted drums that still need a while to grow into their fins. You get the picture (I hope).
Jun Video	General	1 to 3.59 minutes
Jul	Camouflage	Underwater camouflage is the set of methods of achieving crypsis—avoidance of observation—that allows otherwise visible aquatic organisms to remain unnoticed by other organisms such as predators or prey.
Aug	Macro subjects	The main subject is smaller than an orange. Can be a portion of a larger subject (eyes, fins, etc.). Should be taken with a macro lens or one that focuses close. Don't just crop the heck out of a picture.
Sep	Scorpionfish, Gunards, Lionfish	Another theme that gives you multiple choices of fish. This theme gives you up to 3 possible choices of fish families. So come on and submit a photograph or two to the contest.
Oct	Single color focus	Subject must be a single color or shade of color. Examples green moray eel, green parrotfish, soap fish, sharks, sponge, coral.
Oct Video	General	1 to 3.59 minutes
Nov	Damselfish, Chromis, Hamlets, Basslets	A group of small fish generally 3 to 6 inches in length that have a perch like or oval profile. If you are not sure look in your fish id book.
Dec	Best of HUPS	NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, and CREATIVE contests: First place winners from each month's Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced categories will be entered automatically for judging. The Creative category lets you enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing.

2018 POTY Finale

Novice

1 st	John VanAtta	774
2 nd	Betsy Beasley	686
3 rd	Kathy Long	531
4 th	Steven Anderson	316
5 th	Lorna Carpenter	291
6 th	Caffery Joseph	170
7 th	Cheryl White	15

Intermediate

1 st	Joe Holden	756
2 nd	Bess Bright	729
3 rd	Russell Ramsey	673

Advanced

1 st	Dennis Deavenport	860
2 nd	Craig Beasley	808
3 rd	Beata Lerman	269

Video

1 st	Craig Beasley	36
2 nd	Betsy Beasley	33
3 rd	Tom Collier	27

Congratulations!

2018

Photographers of the Year

Advanced: Dennis Deavenport

Intermediate: Joe Holden

Novice: John VanAtta

Video: Craig Beasley

Creative



Dennis Deavenport

2018 Best of HUPS

Advanced



Dennis Deavenport

Intermediate



Joe Holden

Novice



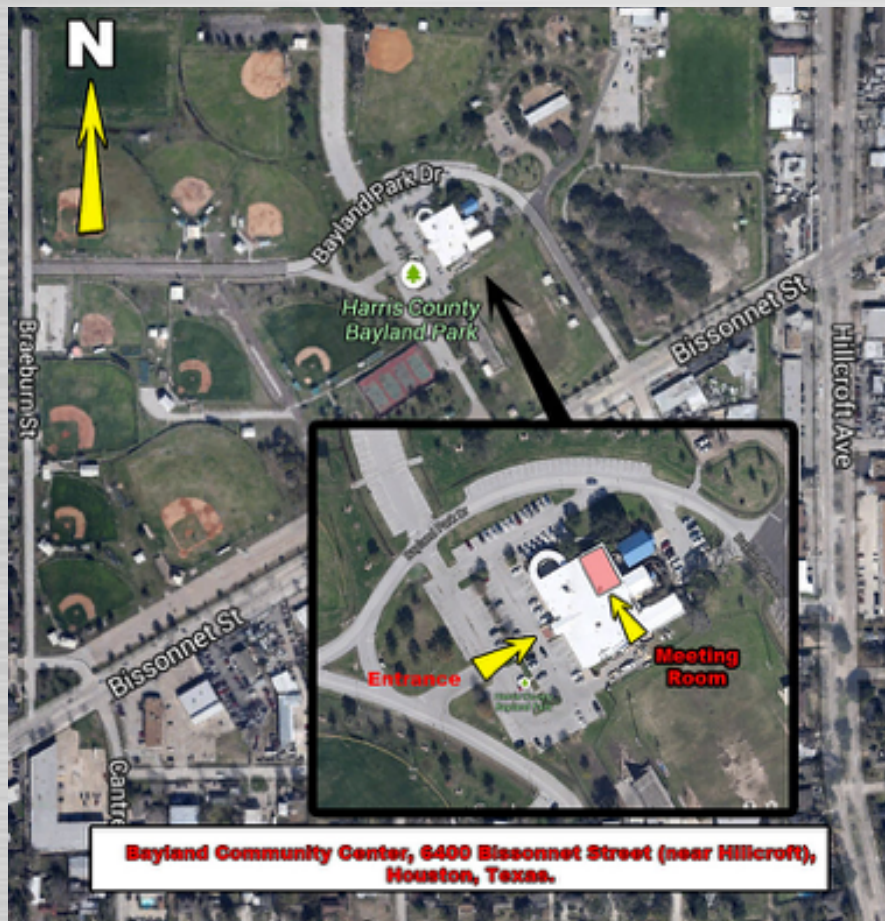
Betsy Beasley

Novice



Steven Anderson

The **Houston Underwater Photographic Society** meets at the Bayland Community Center from 7pm - 9pm the first Monday of each month (except for Monday holidays)
6400 Bissonnet (near Hillcroft), Houston, TX 77074
Visitors are always welcome!



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www.facebook.com/groups/174168478778/

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