



Houston Underwater Photographic Society

# June Newsletter

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Happy Father's Day!

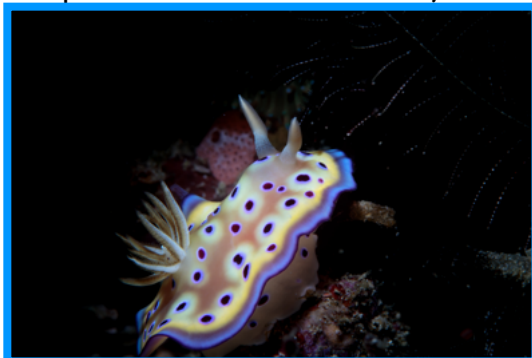
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by Beata Lerman

## Snoot Photography & Interesting Facts about Dolphins

With ever evolving artistic aspect to underwater photography, new tools constantly come up to add the dramatic spotlight to the underwater imager. Among those devices are snoots. Snoot photography started gaining popularity in recent years, and consistently places very high in photography competitions.

Snoots are devices used to reduce beam angles from light sources in order to provide photographers with more control over the illumination of their subjects. In their simplest form, they can be no more complicated than conical or cylindrical pieces of tubing which attach to the front of light sources.



They can be constructed very easily from common household items such as toilet paper rolls, funnels, and PVC piping. Take a look around the room you're in right now – chances are that something there can be made into a snoot!



Chasing the new skills, I recently tested out two very different snoots on my latest trip to the Philippines: the continuous light snoot from MiniGear, and the strobe snoot from Inon. Both produced dramatic but very different results, as both had very unique features about them. In my program I will show and discuss both options, as well as show photo presentations of the results.

For the second part of my program I will show a video which I'm doing in collaboration with the National Geographic Russia photographer Viktor Lyagushkin. He has written two books about dolphins: 100 Facts about Dolphins and Being a Dolphin. The books talk about Ahalinas or bottlenose dolphins of the Red Sea. Come and learn some fun facts about those amazing, intelligent and playful creatures.





# President's Corner

It is June and summer has begun! I will be in Florida this week to attend Stephen Frink's Advanced Digital Master class. Stephen Frink has been teaching this class for 30 years and is the publisher of Alert Diver Magazine. I can't wait to come back and share with everyone what I learn from this week of education. That said, I will be missing this month's meeting. This should be the last month I miss one of our meetings and I can tell you that I really miss seeing every single one of you. I miss the camaraderie, the sharing of stories and the chance to have dinner with everyone after the meeting. I actually plan my vacations so that I will not miss my monthly meeting at work, but now I see that I need to move my work meeting to the same week as the HUPS meetings so that I'll never miss either one.

This month the group is in for a treat! Beata Lerman, our Vice President, will be presenting her learnings from playing with snoots in the Philippines AND in addition to learning about snoots she will be educating the group on information about dolphins. For the HUPsters that will be heading to Indonesia in August the information about snoots will be very handy and timely. I hope you enjoy this month's **educational** and **entertaining** presentation. If you can't make it to Indonesia, don't forget about the opportunity for the annual Bonaire trip in October - connect with Jim Mensay, our Trip Coordinator.

I want to give a shout out and thank you to Lance Glowacki, our Photo Contest Coordinator, for posting information about the various external photo contests on our HUPS Facebook page. The Facebook page is another great way to connect with UW photographers - the South Florida HUPS group recently reached out and posted an invitation to join them at their meetings if you happen to be in town. I hope everyone had the opportunity to **participate** in this month's HUPS contest featuring Macro photography of corals. I am looking forward to seeing the creative entries for this topic. Next month's contest is butterflyfish - so review your library and submit your most interesting and eye-catching butterflyfish photos. And, don't forget to stay for the contest after the presentation and then join us after the meeting to enjoy dinner at JAX's.

We have now touched on every aspect of our CORE MISSION.

**"Underwater photos through Education, Participation and Entertainment"**

---Lorna Carpenter

Continuing this month, we are highlighting our hardworking Board of Directors, BOD. The BOD is comprised of all volunteers that work to keep the club running smoothly and to improve HUPS where we can. Have you been to the Moody Gardens to see the Oil Rig Exhibit featuring our HUPS member photos? I am making plans to go there in July with my family and I can't wait! We can all thank Bess Bright, for being our Moody Gardens Coordinator and working to put together this exhibit. I also want to thank her for stepping up and running the meeting last month. Let's give a big thanks to Bess for her volunteer work. Nineteen people comprise the BOD and next month I will highlight another hard working BOD member.

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



# 2018 POTY Standings through May

## Novice

1	John VanAtta	356
2	Betsy Beasley	287
3	Kathy Long	217
4	Lorna Carpenter	195
5	Caffery Joseph	170
6	Steven Anderson	159

## Intermediate

1	Bess Bright	350
2	Joseph Holden	328
3	Russell Ramsey	304

## Advanced

1	Dennis Deavenport	389
2	Craig Beasley	376
3	Beata Lerman	269

## Video

1	Craig Beasley	36
2	Betsy Beasley	33
3	Tom Collier	27



Russell Ramsey  
Intermediate 1st



John Van Atta  
Novice 3rd



Joe Holden  
Intermediate 2nd



Craig Beasley  
Advanced 2nd



# 2018 Meeting Topics

	Presentation	Presenter
January	HUPS 2017 Bonaire Trip	Lorna Carpenter
February	UW VIDEO the Gear Show – Plus Some Thoughts on Challenges & Solutions	Betsy & Craig Beasley, Kathy Long, Martin Daniels, Tom Collier, Dennis Deavenport
March	The Maldives	Kathy Long- w/ photos from Ken Knezick
April	The Maldives	Kathy Long- w/ photos from Ken Knezick
May	Gulfcoast Scuba on Rebreathers & UW Photography	Aiar Ghelber
June	Snoot photography & Interesting facts about Dolphins	Beata Lerman
July	Oceanic Adventures presents bikini Atoll	Ann & Eric Kiebler
August	South-Central Philippines + Tech insights on Video	Tom Collier, Dennis Deavenport, Craig & Betsy Beasley
September	Diving Barbados	Henrietta Passos
October	Whales of Antarctica	Jim & Debbie Mensay
November	HUPS Sharing Favorite Critters	Beata Lerman + others
December	Best of HUPS	Lance Glowacki

# 2018 Photo Contest Themes

Month	Themes	Description
Jun	Corals-Macro (hard or soft)	Coral: a tiny soft-bodied animal that typically lives within a stony skeleton grouped in large colonies. Not a reef composition theme but individual polys is more of the goal.
Jun Video	General	1 to 3.59 minutes
Jul	Butterflyfish	The common name references the brightly colored and strikingly patterned bodies of many species, bearing shades of black, white, blue, red, orange, and yellow. See the Critter Identification section in the April 2016 HUPS Newsletter edition for examples.
Aug	Large swimmers (>4 ft) – not people	A fish or critter that is swimming with a length > 4 feet. Examples: grouper, tarpon, sharks, stingray, manta ray, dolphin, and moray eel. Big subjects are what you are shooting for.
Sep	Fish Portraits	Side on, angled views, or face-to-the-camera shots are what we're looking for. You can have more than one fish in the shot but be reasonable, keep it to two or less, please. And, of course, we're talking fish here... not critters.
Oct	Polka Dots/Fish with spots	Fish that have noticeable spots. Spot: small round or roundish mark, differing in color or texture from the surface around it.
Oct Video	General	1 to 3.59 minutes
Nov	Nudibranchs & Worms	Again, this is pretty specific but you may need to check your critter ID book if you're not sure.
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.



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!**



## HUPS on the Internet



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## 2018 HUPS Board of Directors

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Bess Bright	Monica Losey	Jim Mensay
Frank Burek	Henry Ragland	Russell Ramsey
Martin Daniels	Tom Collier	Craig Beasley
Lance Glowacki	Dennis Deavenport	Joe Holden

## 2018 HUPS Officers

### **President:**

Lorna Carpenter

### **Vice President:**

Beata Lerman

asst: Dennis Deavenport

### **Secretary:**

Tammy Allyn

### **Treasurer:**

Debbie Mensay

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Monica Losey

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### **Coordinator:**

Lance Glowacki

asst: Martin Daniels

### **Video Contest/Workshop**

### **Coordinator:**

Tom Collier

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Jim Mensay

### **Historian:**

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Mary Daniels

### **Moody Gardens**

### **Coordinator:**

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