

November Newsletter



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SHARKS! by Steven "Creech" Anderson

I was born in Fort Worth, Texas, moved to Miami, Florida and now I live in Nashville, Tennessee. I snorkeled every summer until I and became certified in 1975, mowed yards and collected marine animals and fish for my aquariums, sailed



boats, fished, camped in the Keys, loved the ocean as I still do. I took my first u/w photo in our backyard pool of my dad and somewhere still have it.



I have fixed and sold lights, climbed on and off a stage, and even worked with a purple dinosaur. I have traveled the world, worked hard, rubbed elbows with entertainers, and even took a few photos of them.

I am an adventurer; I like to write; I am a photographer. I specialize in underwater photography and sharks. My photos have been published, won awards, and have been on TV. The University of Miami has used my images for education. I love nature, I'm a certified rescue diver, and I enjoy public speaking and sharing my photography that promote saving our oceans and most of all sharks. I belong to several photography clubs. I am also a member of the Neptunic Shark Suits Squad promoting safe shark diving and shark suits. I hope and wish that through my photography, others can learn and be inspired to respect and save our oceans.



Martin Daniels will host the meeting.

Here is the Zoom broadcast link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89925666545?pwd=Zk5kM1VaQTE5cDNkVzZFRDQ2NmRHZ209>

Meeting ID: 899 2566 6545

Passcode: 478903

President's Message

It's hard to believe November is here already. HUPS has several year end/new year related activities that I want to be sure everyone knows about.

Nominations and elections for HUPS Officers and Directors will take place during the November meeting. If you would like to join the board or be an officer shoot me a message at underh2o@mac.com. If you are looking for ways to be involved we are still seeking a Newsletter Editor and we also are looking for a Workshop Coordinator. Step up and get involved!

The November meeting will be busy. Along with our nominations/elections we also have our Fall video contest and a great shark presentation by long distance HUPS member Steven Anderson. Be sure to tune in to the Zoom meeting Nov 9th. The meeting was originally scheduled the second Monday of the month because Bayland Community Center could not accommodate us on our usual first Monday due to the facility being set up for election day. Even though we are not currently meeting at Bayland we opted to keep the scheduled date.

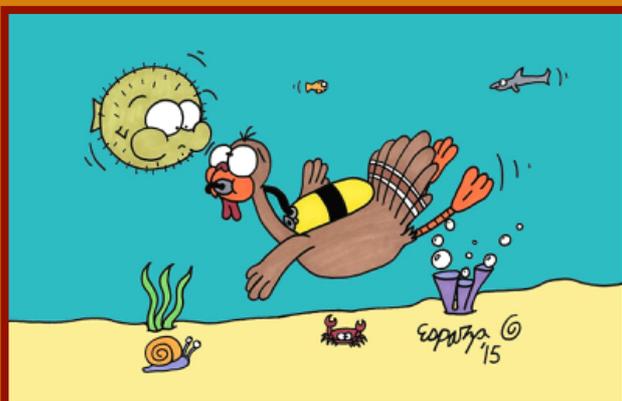
Every year we give the HUPS Member of the Year Award to a deserving member. Nominations for Member of the Year are due by the November meeting and will be read at the December meeting. These nominations need to be in writing/ email and sent to me at underh2o@mac.com. For more information on nominating someone check out the Member of the Year article elsewhere in this newsletter.

December will feature our Creative and Best of HUPS contests. Every December we have these special photo contests. Winners from the year's monthly contests compete for the coveted Best of HUPS. Also in December we have the creative contest. The Creative Contest is our one contest where heavily edited underwater images can be shown off. In the past we have had many great creative images entered. If you have some creative shots be sure to enter them. If you do not currently have suitable images you still have time to produce some. This should be a great motivation to learn a few new Photoshop skills. For the Creative Contest the overall photo should have an underwater context or connection of some sort. For instance, a school of fish swimming through the "canyons of New York City" is a perfectly acceptable entrant even though most of the image may be a cityscape. Any image is allowed as long as it has been taken or created by the person entering the photo. One cannot take photos of other photos or take images off the web, etc. Any form of digital manipulation is allowed.

January will be here before you can say jingle bells. Our January meeting will again feature the nearly famous anything goes amateur night. Tom Collier will soon be soliciting video clips from all members to be put together into January's extravaganza. Start selecting those clips that you want to submit. They can be edited or unedited, with music or silent, it's anything goes. This is your chance to be part of a fun monthly program.

We hope to see you all on our upcoming Zoom meetings.

---David Lenderman



Fish ID Education

REEF.ORG is offering a bunch of fish ID classes online at no charge. "Fishinars" are short, fun fish identification webinars that can be viewed anytime. All of the archived classes can be found here: <https://www.reef.org/fishinar-and-fishy-hour-archive-directory> Select your area of interest and watch a few sessions. They also have live topics from time to time. The schedule can be found here: <https://www.reef.org/reef-fishinars-and-fishy-hours>

2020 POTY Standings thru October



Justin Wallace
Novice 2nd



Barry Cline
Intermediate 1st



Catrin Pichler
Advanced 3rd

Novice

1	Justin Wallace	608
2	Kathy Long	580

Intermediate

1	Betsy Beasley	724
2	Russell Ramsey	687

Advanced

1	Dennis Deavenport	807
2	Steven Anderson	699
3	John Van Atta	562
4	Catrin Pichler	546

Dennis Deavenport
Advanced 2nd



Kathy Long
Novice 2nd



Betsy Beasley
Intermediate 3rd



Announcements

WANTED: Newsletter Editor and Workshop Coordinator

Monica is retiring from Newsletter Editor at the end of 2020. I guess that is one more bad thing that is happening this year. We are looking for someone to step up and take her place so that we can continue to have a wonderful newsletter.

We are also looking for someone to take on the role of Workshop Coordinator. This person will determine suitable topics for our workshops and recruit presenters. We have plenty of qualified presenters in our membership so it should not be too difficult.

Without volunteers HUPS would not exist. Please consider taking on one of these critical roles to keep us moving into 2021. If you have any questions please contact David at underh2o@mac.com

Fall Video Contest Results

Congrats to the winners of HUPS Fall Video Contest. The HUPS membership looked at these three films and chose their favorite:

1st Place - The Muck Chronicles by Dennis Deavenport

2nd Place - To A Fish and A Fish Answers by Betsy Beasley

3rd Place - Dive Fantasy at Christmas Rock by Craig Beasley

Note: Our multi-talented Craig Beasley performed the music in two of these films.

HUPS Member of the Year Award

HISTORIC INFORMATION - In 1991 the HUPS Executive Committee established its Member of the Year Award to recognize and honor those individuals in HUPS who continually work on a day after day basis to make HUPS a club that provides service and utility to its members.

GENERAL CONCEPT - That club members in good standing be allowed to nominate one member for the annual HUPS Member of the Year Award. Nominations should be made with the focus of that person's contribution to the Society since January of the current year, and should recognize outstanding service to HUPS primarily during that period.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL:

- All nominations must be in writing and both the nominee and the nominator must be members in good standing (Dues current).
- Each member can recommend only one nominee (member or husband and wife team) per year.
- All nominating letters must be received by the President prior to the beginning of the November General Membership meeting.
- All nominating letters will be published in the December newsletter, posted on the website and read at the December meeting.
- The name of the person writing the nomination letter will not be made public. The President and/or Vice President will be responsible for verification that the award rules (nominator and nominee requirements) have been met.
- The President and Vice President of HUPS are not eligible for this award in the year that they serve if they have previously been a recipient of this award.
- The nominee cannot have received the award the previous year.
- If more than one individual (or team) has been nominated for the award, the members in attendance will select the Member of the Year by a secret ballot vote at the December meeting.

Presentation Topics

	Presentation	Presenter
December	Wakatobi & Bali Best of HUPS	Mathis Weatherall Martin Daniels
January	Anything Goes – Short Video Clips from everyone	Tom Collier
February	Macro Photography	Barry Cline or Mike Bartick
March	Diving in Indonesia	Marty Snyderman
April	TBD	Barry Cline or Mike Bartick
May	HUFF Winners	Betsy Beasley

2021 Photo Contest Topics

Month	Themes	Description
Jan	Flatfish (disk-shaped fish)	Flounder, angelfish, filefish, butterflyfish, sunfish, triggerfish, etc. It just needs to have a pronounced flat profile and be a FISH.
Feb	Fish Buddies (2 of the same)	2 Fish of the same species in the composition (Max number is 6)
Mar	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.
Apr	Leading lines (natural lines that lead the eye)	An interesting topic and something that true artists use to point the viewer's eye to the primary "focus" of their work. Elements within the picture (straight lines, curves, spirals, etc.) should be obvious to the eye. You can even use interesting negative space effects if they serve the job of attracting the eye to the subject. Look at your stuff and you'll find plenty of examples. Learn to see and create like the masters.
May	Long and thin: fish or critters	Anything that is characterized by long, thin lines. Can be fish, invertebrates, or even non-living.
Jun	Silhouettes	Silhouettes are interesting in that the outlines and shape of the subject are what is important. A good silhouette should have almost no detail observable in the primary subject. We're talking form and composition this month so see what you can come up with. If you don't have good examples, you've got plenty of time to go try shooting some. It'll be good for you.
Jul	Single Color focus (Blue, Red, Green, Yellow)	Subject must be a single color or shade of color Examples green moray eel, green parrotfish, soap fish, sharks, sponge, coral
Aug	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 2 or less, please. And, of course, we're talking fish here... not critters.
Sep	Echinoderms (starfish of all kinds, urchins, sea cucumbers, etc.)	All Starfish are Echinoderms but not all Echinoderms are Starfish. So there's the dilemma. But for this month's contest all echinoderms are acceptable Asteroidea (Sea Stars), Ophiuroidea (Brittle Stars and Basket Stars), crinoids, sea urchins, sand dollars, or sea cucumbers, which are Echinoderms.
Oct	Composition Through a Hole	A hole is a hollow place in a solid body or surface. This theme is looking a creative use of a hole in the composition. Examples subject in porthole of a wreck, goby or eel in a hole, fish swimming in front of cave entrance be creative.
Nov	Animals in the Sand	Fish & critters that live in sand or muck.
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!



2020 HUPS Officers

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Martin Daniels

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Betsy Beasley

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2020 HUPS Board of Directors

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Martin Daniels	Jim Mensay	Laura Veariel
Mike Greuter	Joe Haws	
Monica Losey	Russell Ramsey	

