



August Newsletter

www.hups.org

August 2018

Golden Oldies

by Dennis Deavenport

August is when we break out some of our best shows from the past.

In 2012, five of us took the long trip to Raja Ampat and spent almost two weeks on the S.M.Y. Ondina for 12 of the most productive days imaginable. There is no question that the "Four Kings of Raja Ampat" is just about the most amazing area in the world to dive. I just previewed the show and was mesmerized by the images and video that were taken by Jackie & Mary Lou Reid, Tom Collier, David McCracken, and myself. Tom's skill in putting together the show was extraordinary as his work has been. I'm ready to go back.



Back in the dark ages before GoPros and such (2009), a group of raggedy HUPSters took a club trip to Bonaire and came away with some remarkable images. One of the shows that came out of the trip was titled "Motley Crew & HaiKu Too". It features images from Kandace Heimer, Monica Losey, Brett Kriegel, Henry Ragland, Wendy McSwain, Jan Baughman, Glenn Baggett, and myself. It was fun to put the show together and I tried some different things. It's a show I've always liked and think you might, too.



Make your way to Bayland this Monday night for an old-fashioned trip to the movies. I think you'll be glad you did. And don't forget that we head out afterward to Jax Grill for food, adult beverages, and good conversation afterward.

President's Corner

The dog days of August are upon us, but the good news is that many of us are diving. One of the great things about HUPS is that so many of us **participate** in the sport we love. Right now we have 2 groups in Indonesia enjoying the macro opportunities of Lembah Straight. It will be exciting to have a presentation from the team and see the photos from this trip. For those that have not been there, it will be **educational** to learn about this part of the world.

This month our regularly scheduled presentation has been postponed due to the fact that most of the presenters are in Indonesia. So we will take a look back on some of the best of our past presentations by one of our long time members, Dennis Deavenport. It should be a casual and **entertaining** evening. The August meeting will be shorter than usual because we will also not be showing the monthly photo contest - but don't worry, we will see the pictures next month. Since the meeting will be short, I hope that you can join us at JAX's after the meeting.

If you have the time, don't forget about the annual Bonaire trip in October. You can connect with Jim Mensay who will be leading this trip. The 2019 trips will include the BVI trip in May and the annual Bonaire trip in October.

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

“Underwater photos through Education, Participation and Entertainment”

GoPro 101 Presented by Dennis Deavenport to Lunar Fins Dive Club

Our very own Dennis Deavenport gave a class to the Lunar fins Dive Club on Aug 4th on the intricacies of the Go Pro 3-6 . The class was 2 hours long and very well attended. It covered the basics of the Go Pro, the controls, lighting, filters and something to get the go pro users well on their way to using the camera of their choice. Thanks go to Dennis for helping to spread his photographic knowledge to sister clubs!



HUPS Announcements

Dive Gear Disinfection

Outbreaks of Caribbean coral disease are on the rise. For lack of a better term they are calling it a "tissue-loss disease" and it "appears to be water borne".

The scope of the immediate outbreak is Florida; a reef near Puerto Morelos, Mexico; other reefs north of the Mexican Caribbean; and Jamaica.

The concern is that divers can inadvertently spread the coral "tissue-loss disease" with their diving gear.

The recommendation is that if you've been diving at a site listed above, or to one with an obvious coral die off you need to "soak your gear in a 5% chlorine bleach solution for 30 minutes, then rinse well" before diving another location.

Their additional request is that "if you see any evidence of excessive disease levels ... make notes and take photos!

Include information about:

How many corals are infected..., note the date, which coral species are affected, along with the location, and depth. Please send" that information to mcfield@healthyreefs.org and jang@riposi.net.

Inside Coral Bleaching

A coral bleaching infographic was recently distributed that takes you inside the tissues of a stressed coral for a close-up look at what we know today about the process of coral bleaching. As realistic as the animation may look, it doesn't include a single frame of video footage. Instead, the entire scene was rendered from a 3D model—one that required nearly 20,000 photographs and more than four months of work to build. Scroll through the infographic linked below for both an educational and entertaining experience. <https://www.biographic.com/posts/sto/inside-coral-bleaching?mpweb=1018-5816-112635>.

Get Into Your Sanctuary Photo Contest

In celebration of national [Get Into Your Sanctuary](#) events, NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries is hosting a photo contest. From May 19 through August 15, send your best photos of the National Marine Sanctuary System and help celebrate the beauty and importance of these special places. Winning photos will be featured in next year's [Earth Is Blue Magazine](#) and on the [Earth Is Blue](#) social media campaign. Submit images to earthisblue@noaa.gov.



2018 POTY Standings through July

Novice

1	John VanAtta	512
2	Betsy Beasley	435
3	Kathy Long	247
4	Steven Anderson	221
5	Lorna Carpenter	195
6	Caffery Joseph	170

Intermediate

1	Bess Bright	470
2	Russell Ramsey	451
3	Joseph Holden	447

Advanced

1	Craig Beasley	527
2	Dennis Deavenport	501
3	Beata Lerman	269

Video

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



Dennis Deavenport Advanced 2nd



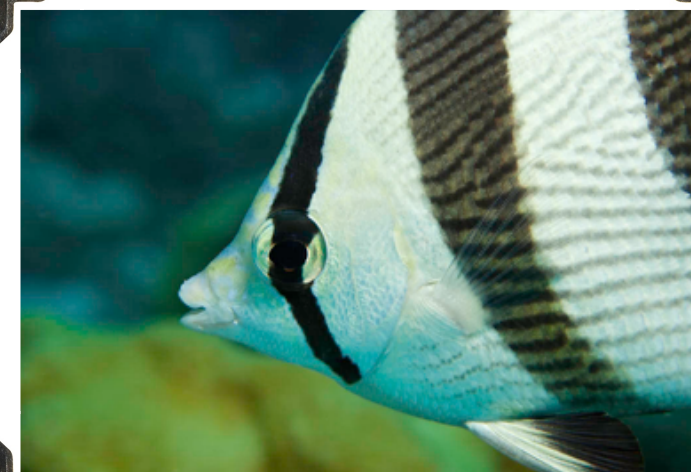
Bess Bright Intermediate 2nd



Joe Holden Intermediate 1st



Craig Beasley Advanced 1st



John Van Atta Novice 1st

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	Golden Oldies	Dennis Deavenport
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
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.



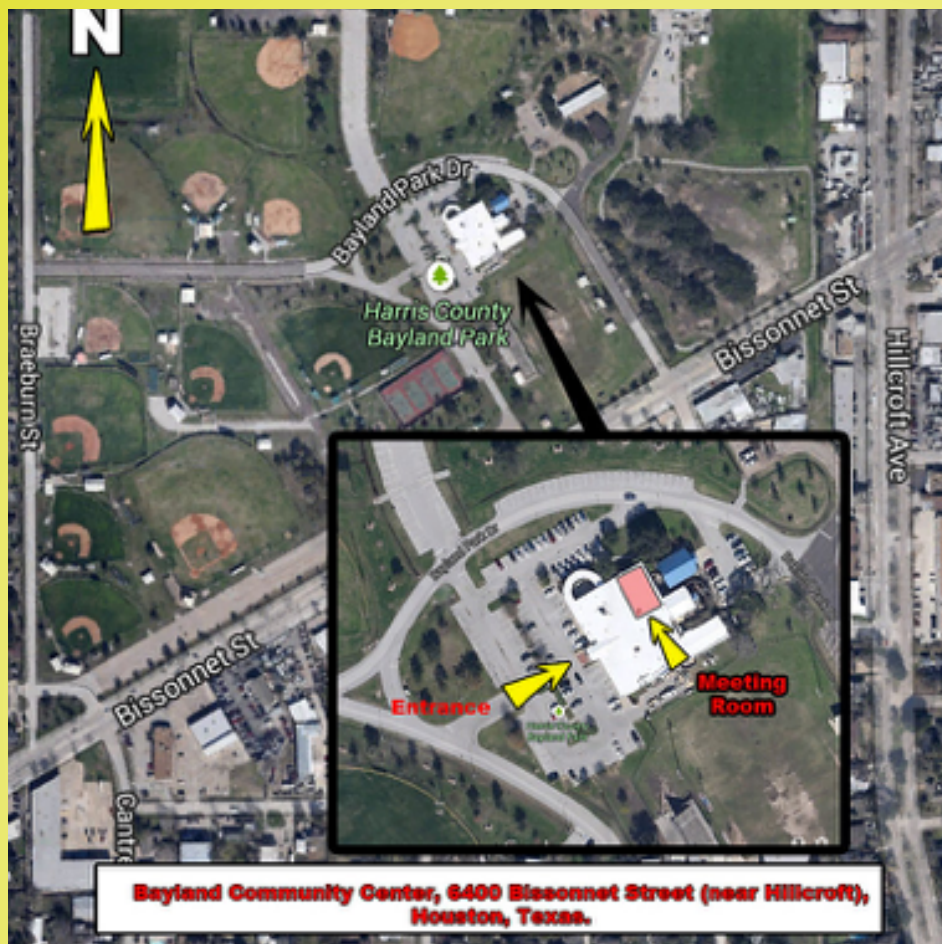
Betsy Beasley

Novice 2nd



Russell Ramsey Intermediate 3rd

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



www.hups.org



www.youtube.com/user/HUPSdotORG



Find us on:
facebook

www.facebook.com/groups/174168478778/

2018 HUPS Board of Directors

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



Underwater Images © Copyright 2018 – A monthly publication with all rights reserved

2018 HUPS Officers

President:

Lorna Carpenter

Vice President:

Beata Lerman
asst: Dennis Deavenport

Secretary:

Tammy Allyn

Treasurer:

Debbie Mensay

Membership/Newsletter:

Monica Losey

Photo Contest

Coordinator:

Lance Glowacki
asst: Martin Daniels

Video Contest/Workshop

Coordinator:

Tom Collier

TGCC Reps:

Alicia Grimes
Frank Burek
Debbie Mensay
Randy Widaman
Mark Leiserwitz

WebMaster:

Joe Holden

Trip Coordinator:

Jim Mensay

Historian:

Frank Burek

Special Events:

Mary Daniels

Moody Gardens

Coordinator:

Bess Bright

Merchandising

Coordinator:

Sandy Bryan