



September Newsletter

Using Continuous Lighting for UW Photography

Due to scheduling conflicts our September HUPS meeting was this past Thursday, September 10th. We will NOT be having a HUPS meeting during our previously scheduled and regular night tomorrow, Monday, September 14th. Below is an introduction to the presenter at the September HUPS meeting last week.



Presenter: Barry Guimbellot

Ruth Guimbellot – Wife & Business Partner

Contributing Editors for Dive Training and Dive Center Business magazines

Producers of many “Scuba Dive Skills” videos for Dive Training

Over eighty magazine and catalog covers

Also specializing in shooting models’ headshots and portfolios, as well as images for high profile ad campaigns, catalogs, and web pages

Founder and President of the Dallas Underwater Photographic Society

Dealer for Big Blue Dive Lights & Leak Sentinel Housing Protection Devices

Accomplished Artist & Karate Expert

President's Corner

Here we are about six months into the realm of COVID-19. Dining out, sporting events, travel and many other things have slowed way down. One thing that keeps on rolling is HUPS. We only missed one meeting back in April. Since then we have held meetings and even a workshop online via Zoom. I think the meetings and workshop have gone great. We have had interesting speakers and the technical aspects of the meetings have gone smoothly. There are several people I would like to recognize for keeping HUPS moving along.

Our shift from in person meetings to Zoom meetings has taken some effort and learning. Luckily we have Martin Daniels. In addition to running the monthly photo contest, he has stepped up to become our Zoom guru. Martin has done a fabulous job ensuring our meetings run as planned. He has spent countless hours on practice Zoom sessions and learning all the ins and outs of Zoom hosting.

HUPS VP, Dennis Deavenport, has been busy with all the shifting program speakers and doing his best to secure the best possible programs. He has taken some extra effort to create interesting video introductions for some of our speakers. I am always amazed how much passion Dennis has for HUPS. He has been a huge contributor for years and I hope he keeps it up.

Due to all of the COVID chaos our film festival has been rescheduled several times. HUFF Coordinator, Betsy Beasley, and her team have secured new dates. HUFF is now scheduled for April 17 & 18, 2021. The HUFF team has even been working on what will be our second HUFF in 2022. I am grateful that Betsy and crew keep their chins up and keep moving forward. When it finally happens I am sure HUFF will be awesome!

I also want to thank two members that help spread the word regarding HUPS activities. Joe Holden has been managing our website, hups.org, for years. He does a great job keeping things current and he has responded quickly to any problems. The website is a good source of information for things such as HUFF news, HUPS contest topics and winners. The website is also a great place to look up past newsletters that are found under the 'More' tab and then click on 'Archives'. Speaking of newsletters, Monica Losey has been cranking out our colorful newsletters for years. She manages to keep up with the task even with her busy work and travel schedule. The newsletters provide an attractive monthly update for our members. Monica is retiring from her role as Newsletter Editor at the end of 2020. If you are interested in becoming the new editor please let us know.

The members listed above and many others are doing their part to ensure that HUPS continues to run smoothly with or without COVID-19. I would love to see more members on our monthly Zoom meetings. Log in and join us, it's easy! If you have a request for a meeting or workshop topic please speak up. We are always looking for suggestions.

David Lenderman

My Octopus Teacher

There is a wonderful new documentary on Netflix about a free diver and an octopus. Anyone who has an interest in the ocean or octopuses or film making will love it.

2020 POTY Standings through August

Novice

1	Kathy Long	454
2	Justin Wallace	440

Intermediate

1	Betsy Beasley	611
2	Russell Ramsey	548

Advanced

1	Dennis Deavenport	650
2	Steven Anderson	570
3	John Van Atta	443
4	Catrin Pichler	419

Russell Ramsey
Intermediate 3rd



Dennis Deavenport
Advanced 2nd



Betsy Beasley
Intermediate 2nd



Betsy Beasley
Intermediate 1st



Kathy Long
Novice 1st



Dennis Deavenport
Advanced 1st

Announcements



The first annual Houston Underwater Film Festival has been again rescheduled to April 17-18, 2021. We will be presenting the same three shows, at the same times, that we would have presented on April 18-19. Tickets bought for the April 2020 shows will be shifted to the same shows and times in 2021. The venue is still the 14 Pews Theater. The second annual HUFF has also already been scheduled for April 2-3, 2022 at MATCH Theatre. Please address any questions to Betsy Beasley at huff@hups.org. Hopefully we'll see you there!

Fall 2020 HUPS Video Contest

The Fall Video Contest entries are due no later than midnight October 1. Send your entries to the Video Contest Coordinator, Betsy Beasley, at betsybeasley@swbell.net via the free file transfer service [WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com). There is a 5 minute limit on films and files must be no larger than 2GB. Voting will begin on the Video Contest Facebook page on October 2 and will continue through October 31. Winners will be announced and films shown at the November HUPS meeting. You must be a HUPS member to enter the contest. View the contest rules on the HUPS website under Member Contests/Video Contest.

HUPS Members Winning in Scubaverse Photo Contest

HUPS members have had recent success with entries to the Scubaverse video contests. Scubaverse, an online dive-oriented website, conducts monthly video and still-photo contests judged by professionals. The judges are very thorough and make excellent comments on each entry, trying to give positive feedback as well as constructive suggestions. The contests are very competitive with excellent, sometimes professional-level entries. Monthly winners are announced online and the monthly winners are judged at the end of the year to determine the yearly winner. There are no monthly prizes, but the yearly winner receives a very nice prize. HUPS video entries have had good success, which is indicative of the quality the HUPS video contest has achieved in its short lifespan. Dennis Deavenport has submitted 2 entries and has just won the August, 2020 contest. Betsy Beasley has submitted 4 entries and won 2 monthly contest this year (tied for another in 2018 and lost the tie break), Catrin Pichler, our newest member submitting HUPS contest videos (and only Austrian member!) has submitted several videos to Scubaverse and won the June monthly contest in 2020. Craig Beasley has submitted 4 entries, winning 2 monthly contests and was selected as the 2018 yearly winner. Aside from the thrill of winning on a world stage, the comments from professional film maker Jeff Goodman have been excellent. He always stresses "the story" in videography and this was a prime motivation for HUPS members paying more attention to this aspect and, for example, taking the big step to narrate their films.

The contests are open to all and are free to enter. HUPS members should consider entering both the still and video contests as we have learned a lot and found that we can be competitive on a larger stage. Go to scubaverse.com and look for the monthly photo and video contests. It is both easy and rewarding!

Seeking HUPS Newsletter Editor

HUPS is looking for a member to volunteer as the HUPS Newsletter Editor starting in January 2021. No prior experience is necessary, just good English grammar skills, the ability to learn, and adept on a computer. The incumbent will help transition the role as soon as a candidate is identified and approved by the HUPS BOD. If you have questions or may be interested, feel free to reach out to the current Newsletter Editor, Monica Losey, at monica_losey@yahoo.com.

2020 Photo Contest Themes

Month	Themes	Description
Oct	Blennies and Gobies	Some of our favorite tiny guys. The ones that like to hug the reef, hide out in holes, or build their nests in the sand. If you aren't sure if your little guy (or guys) qualify, look it up in your critter ID book or ask the opinion of one of our ID experts.
Nov	Polka Dots/Fish with Spots	A spot, a small round or roundish mark differing in color or texture from the surface around it. The most common subjects underwater are known variously as boxfishes, coffer fishes, cowfishes and trunkfishes.
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.

New Driver's License Plates

Texas divers may soon have a special license plate available for purchase. A design has been selected and is being considered for approval. If you are interested in such plates or want to help them become available go to this link and fill in the requested information. It is not a commitment to purchase just that you are interested. Share the link with diving friends. <https://www.myplates.com/register/txdiver>

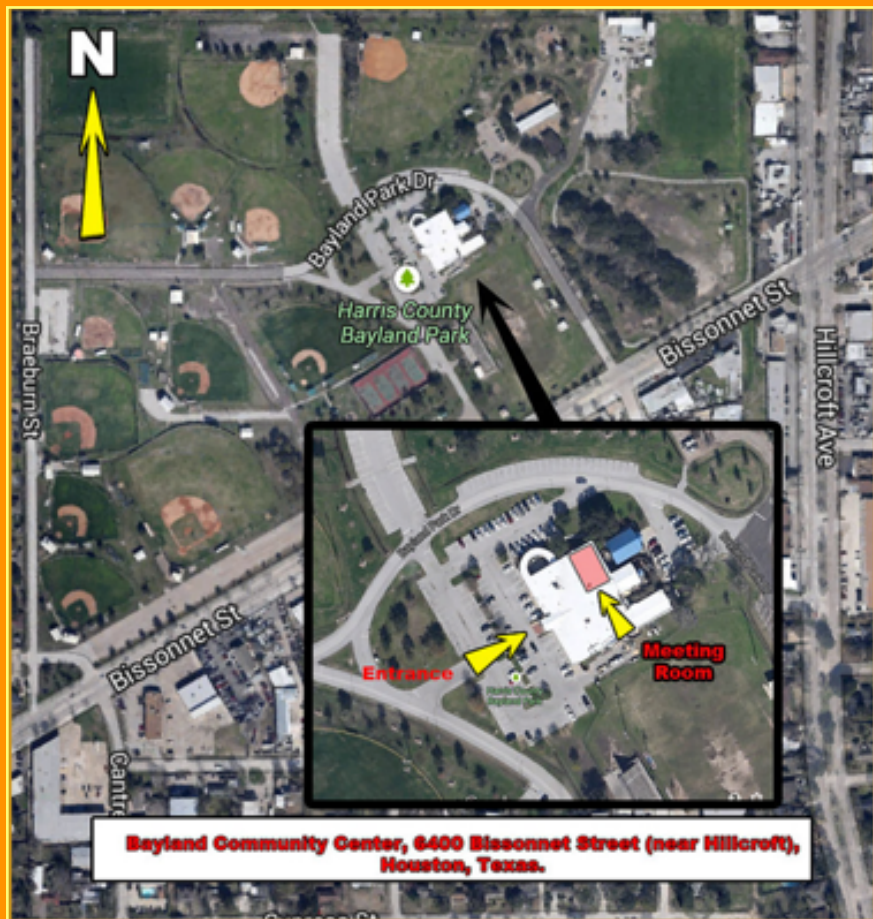


Hurricane Laura impact on FGBMS

Per the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, below are what they suspect as possible effects of Hurricane Laura:

- It passed over the reefs of Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.
- They anticipate the reefs of the FGBNMS sustained physical damage as a result of Hurricane Laura. NOAA reported 42 foot waves just east of East Flower Garden Bank.
- Other impacts they are planning to watch for and monitor will be pollutants and freshwater runoff resulting from the flushing out of the heavily industrialized TX/LA border areas.
- It is also anticipated that the mooring buoys have been damaged or removed due to the reported sea conditions.
- Restrictions from COVID-19 are limiting the FGBNMS ability to assess damage, and anticipated impacts.

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!



Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet Street (near Hillcroft), Houston, Texas.

HUPS on the Internet



www.hups.org



www.youtube.com/user/HUPSdotORG



www.facebook.com/groups/174168478773/

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