



HUPS Newsletter

December 8, 7- 9 pm



**Join us for Christmas Dinner,
Best of HUPS and Creative Contests**

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December 8 at 7 pm - Bayland Community Center

The annual HUPS Christmas Party will be December 2nd at Bayland Community Center. Henry Ragland will be picking up the meat and bringing it. We will need sides and desserts to go with the meat . Usually there seems to be a good balance of sides. If possible, please send an email to Martin of what you're bringing.

martin.daniels3@gmail.com

Trish Ross and I will bring ice, sodas and all plastic ware. Anyone who has time to help set up (6:00-6:30) and clean up after would be wonderful.

by Martin Daniels

[Link to the Zoom Meeting ID: 822 2562 5836 Password: 079944](#)



Creative Contest

Please remember to send your photos for the HUPS Creative Contest! This will be the last contest of 2025, and will be judged by the attendees at the December meeting. Please send them by December 7th. I need them by Sunday to get them in the Slideshow, and score cards for the meeting on Monday. Just email your photos directly to:

HUPS_Photo_Contest@googlegroups.com

Theme: Something Creative or Funny

Description: Keep it underwater or diving related. You can be creative with

Photoshopping different subjects, backgrounds, etc. The Creative category lets you enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing. Think outside the box and HAVE FUN!

Deadline: Monday, December 7, 2025

Please let me know if you have any problems or questions.

Thanks!

Martin



President's Message

by Craig Beasley

This will be a short message, but I want to mention some important items:

1. The December meeting and Christmas Party will be at Bayland in the Auditorium and will be on **Dec. 8**. Bring your favorite dish and share in the potluck dinner.
2. There is a raffle for prizes – free! Everybody gets a ticket.
3. There is a photo contest that will be decided by the audience. “Creative” is the topic and it is always a lot of fun. Check Martin Daniels’ email (and this newsletter) for details on submitting.

Finally, we also vote for “Member of the Year”. I have received one nomination letter for Debbie Mensay for her service as HUPS Treasurer. Please see the nomination letter below in this newsletter . Of course, other nominations are accepted. A letter of nomination is required and if received, it will be distributed ahead of the meeting for consideration by the membership. If you have a nomination, please send it to me by December 1. Often it is awarded by unanimous acclaim, but we will hold an official vote.

Finally, as we will not be at the meeting, I want to wish you a great holiday season and thank you for your generous help with HUPS and the HUFF. Our club is only as good as the members make it and it is always great. Let's enjoy December and get ready because in the new year, efforts on the 2026 HUFF will be cranking up.

Member of the Year

Nomination Letter for Debbie Mensay for HUPS Member of the Year

by Craig Beasley

I am writing this letter to nominate Debbie for the HUPS award of 2025 Member of the Year. Debbie is a long-time member of HUPS and has served in various capacities over the years. However,, this nomination relates to her excellent work as Treasurer for the last couple of years. She graciously stepped in when Tom Collier, our long-serving Treasurer, needed to retire from that position.

Since then, she has worked diligently to handle all Treasurer activities and to document our regular needs, which have been increasing over time. She has handled all with aplomb and grace. Some of it has been very involved, such as the Philippines and other club trips, as well as the HUFF, which all have many opportunities to encounter pitfalls, but it has all gone smoothly. I am a strong supporter of checks and balances. Like diving, we need to check and double check our finances, and Debbie has done that religiously. The Treasurer position requires quite a bit of time and effort, and Debbie has been an icon in that regard. Therefore, I am pleased to nominate Debbie Mensay for 2025 HUPS Member of the Year.

A Message from Your New Vice President

Hi everyone,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Vice President of our Underwater Photography Club. It's an honor to support such a creative and passionate community of divers, photographers, and ocean lovers. I'm looking forward to collaborating, learning from each of you, and helping our club continue to grow both topside and underwater.

Before I share a bit about myself, I want to take a moment to recognize Dennis, our outgoing Vice President. Dennis has done truly stellar work guiding this club with dedication, enthusiasm, and a whole lot of heart. His fins are definitely hard to fill, but I'll do my best to keep up! I'm especially grateful for his continual mentorship throughout my underwater photography journey — his guidance has shaped so much of how I shoot, see, and my new focus on underwater videography. Thank you, Dennis, for everything you've poured into this club and into so many of us personally.

Now, a few Fin Facts About Me:

- ☐ **Island Roots:** I was born and raised in beautiful Trinidad & Tobago.
- ☐ **Home Away From Home:** Houston has been my base for the last 18 years.
- ☐ **Cloud Cowboy:** My career in Oil & Gas brought me to Houston as an IT professional. Many roles and companies later, I now build “the cloud” as a Cloud Solutions Architect — and no, I still won't fix your computer.
- ☐ **Dad Duties:** I'm a proud “Daughter Dad” and unofficial ATM to my 18-year-old daughter, Jenna, who's in college. I also have a 2.5-year-old son, Justin Jr., whom I'm training to be my future sherpa.
- ☐ **Wanderlust:** I've traveled to 58 countries (apparently, I don't know how to stay home), visited all 7 wonders of the modern world, and even checked off the last surviving wonder of the ancient world.
- ☐ **Culinary Fire:** I love to cook, and I love when my food bites back. Spice is life.
- ☐ **Dive Beginnings:** I was certified in 2015 in Aruba. My first open-water dive was on the Antilla wreck — and 800+ dives later, diving and underwater photography have become my absolute passion.

I'm genuinely excited for the year ahead and honored to serve this community. See you at our next meeting... or better yet, underwater.

JW



Anything Goes Video Night

January 5

Hosted by Justin Wallace & Dennis Deavenport

It's that time of year again—

Anything Goes Video Night is coming up!

This is your chance to share your favorite underwater clips
with the group.

If you have a clip—or a short sequence—you'd like to show,
please send it our way. We can help with any editing or
processing you might need, so don't worry if it's not fully
polished. Finished clips are always welcome too.

Please send your clips by **December
30th** to jwunderwater@gmail.com and
ddeavenport@comcast.net. If you have any questions, feel free
to reach out—We're happy to be your buddy.

This is your chance to share the amazing dives and
underwater adventures you've experienced in 2025.



November 2025 Photo Contest

Reef Scenes with Divers



Aaron Crumbley - Novice 1st



Tiffanie Crumbley - Novice 2nd



Aaron Crumbley - Novice 3rd



Alex Kendig - Intermediate 1st



Alex Kendig - Intermediate 2nd



Alex Kendig - Intermediate 2nd



Scott Singleton - Intermediate 3rd



Justin Wallace - Advanced 2nd



Justin Wallace - Advanced 3rd



John VanAtta - Advanced 1st



Barry Cline - Advanced 1st

2025 POTY STANDINGS

	Novice	
1ST	Tiffanie Crumbley	610
2ND	Aaron Crumbley	522
3RD	Andy Lewis	243
	Intermediate	
1ST	Scott Singleton	735
2ND	Alex Kendig	665
3RD	Sage Holt	457
	Advanced	
1ST	Justin Wallace	766
2ND	John Van Atta	756
3RD	Barry Cline	738

**Click [here](#) to view the
HUPS Photo Contests
on HUPSdotORG.**

2025 Photo Contest Categories

January	Single Color Focus (Blue, Red, Green, Yellow, etc.)	Subject must be a single color or shade of color, such as: green moray eel, green parrotfish, soap fish, sharks, sponge, coral .
February	Fish Portraits	1 or 2 fish (not critters), side on, angled views, or face-to-the-camera shots are what we're looking for.
March	Groupers, Sweetlips	Groupers typically have a stout body and large mouth, and can be quite large. Sweetlips also have large, fleshy lips.
April	Long and thin - fish or critters	Any fish or critter that is characterized by long, thin lines.
May	Pairs (2 of the same)	Two of the same critters or fish, similar in form, matched or associated.
June	Things that Live in Sand or Muck	Fish or critters that live in sand or muck.
July	Echinoderms (starfish, urchins, sea cucumbers, etc.)	Echinoderms usually have five-point radial symmetry, and include starfish, brittle stars, sea urchins, sand dollars, sea cucumbers, and crinoids.
August	Silhouettes	In Silhouettes the outline and shape of the subject are what is important. A good silhouette should have almost no detail observable in the primary subject. .
September	Juveniles of Any Species	A Juvenile can be anything that's not a mature adult, preferably fish or critters that are obviously still maturing. Such as: juvenile anglefish that have distinct markings or juvenile spotted drums that need to grow into their fins
October	Corals-Macro (hard or soft)	Coral a tiny soft-bodied animal that typically lives within a stony skeleton grouped in large colonies. The goal is individual polyps, not a reef composition.
November	Reef scenes with diver(s)	Any kind of reef scene somewhere in the shot, and also must include at least one diver.
December	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.

2026 Photo Contest Categories

January	Banded/Stripes	A fish or critter that has bands or stripes on their body. Detail: A pattern of parallel bands or lines on a contrasting background.
February	Crustaceans (Shrimp, Lobsters, Crabs, etc.)	Just like it says - look it up in the book (crabs, shrimp, lobsters, barnacles, etc.). When in doubt, Wikipedia can help you out.
March	Diagonal Composition	A diagonal composition is employed to arrange elements in an image based on a diagonal line.
April	Gobies, Blennies, Jaw fish, Triple fins	Tiny guys that like to hug the reef, hide out in holes, or build their nests in the sand. If you aren't sure, look it up in your fish ID book.
May	Fish with Spots or Polka Dots	A small round or roundish mark, differing in color or texture from the surface around it, such as boxfishes, coffer fishes, cowfishes and trunkfishes.
June	Eels (morays, garden, etc.)	There are lots of eels out there. They are pretty easy to spot. Think "snakes with gills".
July	Natural light	Use the sun for light (vs strobes), so lighting will be more even. Ideal for large subjects: large reefs, schools of fish, silhouettes, or large wrecks.
August	Odd-shaped bottom dwellers	If it's a bit odd looking and spends most of its life on or in the sand or reef, it probably qualifies. Infrequent-swimmers. Frogfish, crabs, flounder, scorpionfish, toadfish, batfish, lizardfish, crocodile fish...
September	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.
October	Large swimmers (> 4 feet) - not people	A fish or critter that is "swimming" with a length > 4 feet, such as: grouper, tarpon, shark, sting ray, manta ray, dolphin, moray eel
November	Hawkfish, Drums, Triggerfish	This theme gives you up to 3 possible choices of fish families. If not sure, check your fish ID book.
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2027 Photo Contest Categories

January	Angelfish & Butterflyfish	Pomacanthidae & Chaetodontidae are platter-flat, colorful, and pretty. If you aren't sure, look it up in your fish ID book.
February	Man-Made/Wrecks	Any large object (larger than a basketball) made by man that is on the bottom, such as: ships, planes, vehicles, etc. Avoid trash and debris.
March	Turtles	Sea Turtles, any variety – one or more. Your choice. Our air-breathing aquatic reptile buddies with the ancient pedigree.
April	Black & White (monochrome)	Mono-color images (black & white, sepia, blue-tone, etc.). Only shades of one color are allowed. Can be taken as a mono-color image straight out of the camera or edited down from full color.
May	Flat fish	It needs to have a pronounced flat profile and be a FISH: flounder, angelfish, filefish, butterflyfish, sunfish, triggerfish, etc.
June	Macro - Smaller than an orange	The 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 over-crop.
July	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.
August	Cephalopods (octopi, squid, cuttlefish)	Cephalopods are a sub-group of the phylum Mollusca (i. e., mollusks). Limit your entries to: squid, cuttlefish, octopi, and nautilus. (Not snails, slugs, clams, nudibranchs.)
September	Hogfish, Wrasses, Parrotfish, Razor	This theme gives you up to 4 possible choices of fish families. If not sure, check your fish ID book.
October	Sharks & Rays	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).
November	Anemones & things that live in them	Just like it says. To qualify, an anemone must be in the shot. The "things" (clownfish, crabs, etc.) are optional.
December	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: Enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing.

WORKSHOP

David Lenderman led a workshop on composition in underwater photography and videography at Bayland Community Center and on Zoom on November 15, 2025.

Here is the [link](#) to view the workshop on our YouTube Channel HUPSDotORG.

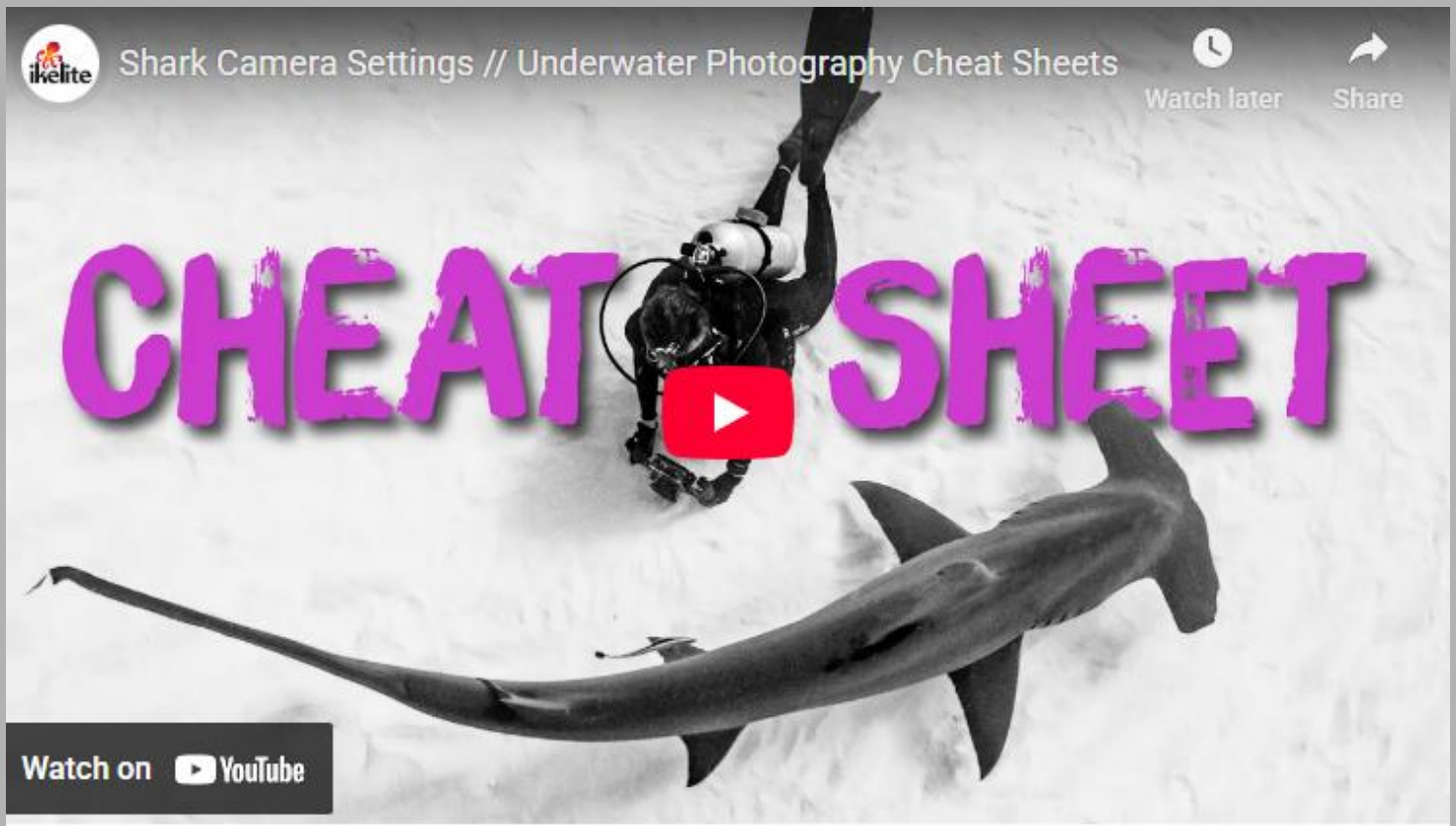
Composition is the arrangement of elements relative to each other and to the frame. Strong composition can make or break an image. If your images are technically correct - properly exposed and in focus - yet still feel like they're missing something, this workshop is for you! The workshop covers how to compose a subject or scene to create pleasing, engaging images that make your subject stand out. Sometimes the smallest adjustments in composition can dramatically change an image's impact.

In addition to general composition techniques, David shared ideas regarding subject selection and share specific tips for some of his favorite subjects, including sharks, eels, seahorses, rays, reef fish and reef scenes. The tips you take away from this workshop can be applied to any type of photography and to any camera. By viewing this workshop, you'll take a major step toward moving from snapshots to creating art.

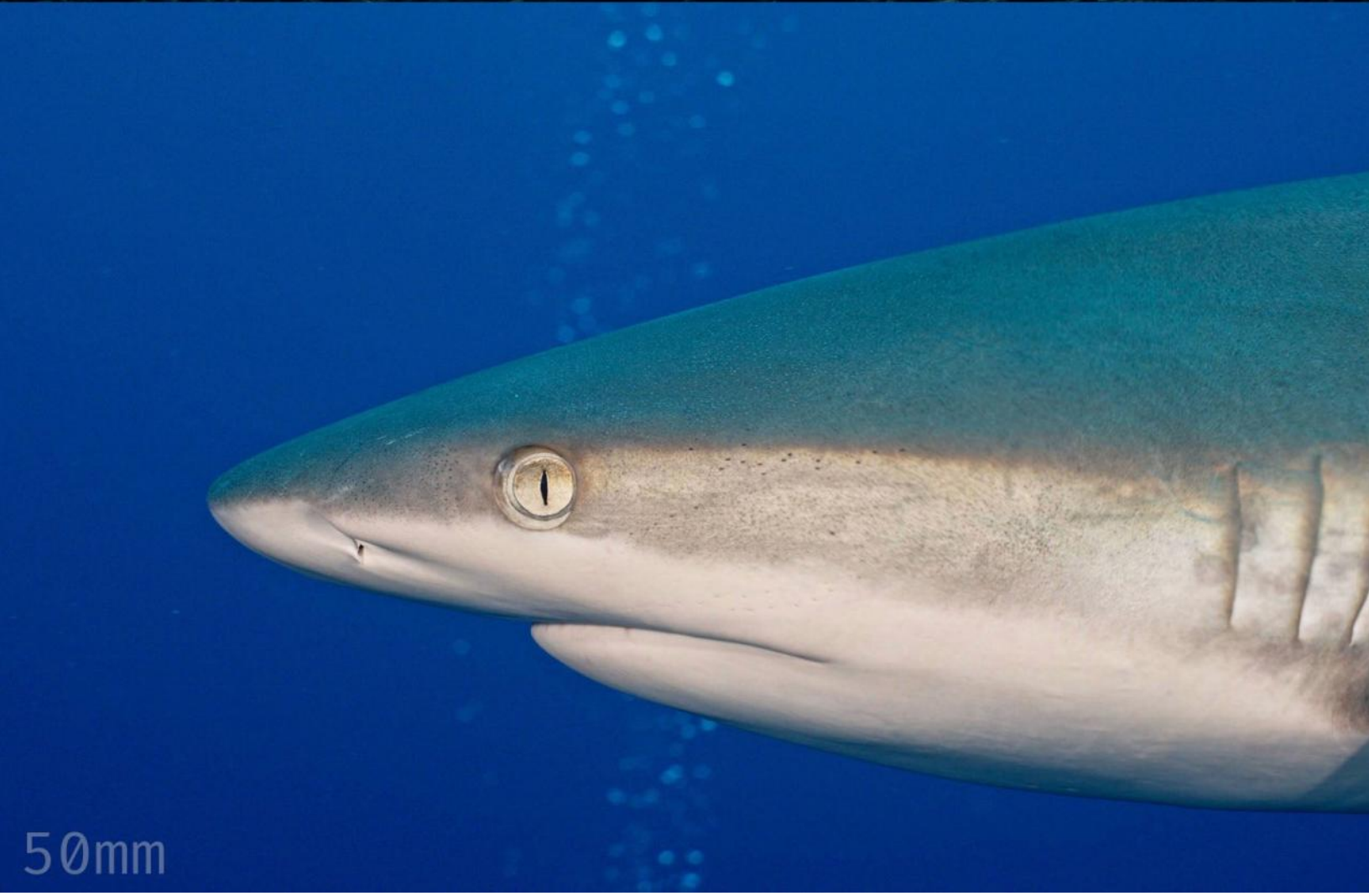
Our workshop leader, David Lenderman, is an accomplished underwater photographer and wonderful presenter. Over his 25 plus years of HUPS Membership he has led numerous educational workshops and given many outstanding presentations on far flung dive destinations.



Advice from the Pros... Photographing Sharks Underwater



Watch Video on YouTube [Here](#)





BURST shooting // Using Drive Mode to Your Advantage Underwater



Watch the Video on YouTube [Here](#)



Technique pro-tip: setting your drive mode to continuous can be a really big advantage when shooting fast moving sharks. [Learn how to utilize burst mode](#) so you don't miss the perfect moment.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine

December 2025

WILD THING



HAMMER TIME

These remarkable ocean predators gain advantages from the shape of their heads.

by Melissa Gaskill

Photo taken at Stetson Bank,
Flower Gardens National Marine Park
by Jesse Cancelmo

Next time you dig into a delicious plate of seafood, thank a shark. These top predators help maintain the health of the Gulf and the seafood that comes from it.

Though critically endangered, the scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*) is one of the 10 most common shark species in Texas waters, according to Kesley Banks, a research scientist at the Harte Research Institute's Sportfish Center, along with blacktip, bull and great hammerhead sharks. A flat head – featuring notches on the front for which they are named – and widely spaced eyes help these sharks locate prey on the sea floor. The wide placement of eyes and sensory organs on their head give them a expansive field of vision and enhanced ability to detect electrical fields of prey.

Your best chance to see one is if an angler fishing in the surf catches one.

"They are caught frequently from the shore," Banks says. Unfortunately, hammerheads have a high likelihood of dying when caught and released. "There is a greater than 50 percent chance that if you catch one, it [won't] survive. That said, we have some that have been caught from the beach multiple times."

Several factors come into play, she adds – most importantly whether anglers follow best handling practices, including keeping the shark's gills in the water and landing the fish quickly. Hooked hammerheads also are more likely to die in summer, when water

temperatures are higher. Successful catch-and-release is important because scalloped hammerheads are critically endangered.

Scalloped hammerhead sharks can grow up to 14 feet long and more than 300 pounds, with females larger than males.

Females give birth to live young, and the pups spend several years in bays and other coastal habitat before joining adults in open ecosystems such as deep reefs and seamounts.

Social creatures, hammerheads form large schools, which often are sighted from January through March in the Gulf, including in the Flower Garden Banks

National Marine Sanctuary.

Schools of scalloped hammerheads display complex social structures with distinct hierarchies. This species mostly eats fish, but "will eat anything that swims in front of them," Banks says.

Fortunately, they pose little danger to humans. For one

thing, hammerheads have relatively small mouths. For another, you are statistically more likely to be killed by lightning (around 1 in 80,000 odds) than to be killed by a shark (1 in 4.3 million odds). In fact, more people are hurt driving to and from the beach than by sharks in the water. In 2023, only 10 people died from shark attacks while about 80 million sharks died at the hands of humans.

The Sportfish Center operates the largest shark-tagging program in the western Gulf. The 6,000-plus sharks it has tagged include Bill Nye the Science Shark, an 8-foot-long, 200-pound male hammerhead tagged in March 2016 off the Padre Island National Seashore beach, and Buddy, a 7-foot, 10-inch 170-pound male tagged in November 2015 off Mustang Island.

These tags generate data on feeding habits, movement patterns and distribution of sharks in the Gulf, knowledge that helps scientists figure out how to protect these important predators.

"If you like eating seafood or looking at pretty coral reefs, you want these sharks in our waters," Banks says. "Marine ecosystems are healthier when they are there than when they are not."

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COMMON NAME:

Scalloped hammerhead shark

SCIENTIFIC NAME:

Sphyrna lewini

HABITAT: Coastal and offshore waters in tropical to warm temperate latitudes around the world, including the Gulf

DIET: Stingrays, smaller sharks, fish and invertebrates

DID YOU KNOW?

Scalloped hammerheads may use their heads to pin stingrays to the seafloor so they can eat the elusive creatures.



Price Quote

August 2025

HUPS Group Trip – May 2026

Package includes:

- 7 Nights accommodation (Double Occupancy in a room with A/C)
- 5 Days diving up to 3 times daily (includes 2 night dives)
- Scuba gear clean & complimentary storage
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch on dive days – served onboard or at an outer-island beach restaurant*
- Nitrox at house mix (32%)
- Welcome cocktail party & dinner
- Welcome gift bag
- Taxes, national park fees, cruising permits fees & fuel surcharges
- Taxi transport from ferry dock/airport upon arrival and departure
- Taxi transportation on schedule to/from marina for breakfast and diving days

Package does not include:

- Gratuity for dive staff
- *Breakfast includes 1 drink per person; any additional drinks are not included. Lunches at out island restaurants will be paid by each guest on day of trip.

Divers:

\$2,300 per Diver (Double Occupancy)

\$700 for Single Person Supplement

Non-Divers:**

\$1,200 per Non-Diver (Double Occupancy)

Rooms are shared (double occupancy) in a 2-Bedroom or 3-Bedroom cottage with a shared kitchen/living/patio space.

**Non-divers are included in breakfast, transport, lunches and welcome meals.

Requirement for these rates:

Minimum 10 divers, Maximum 24 divers/snorkelers.

1 complimentary snorkeler space if 10 divers

1 complimentary diver space if 12 divers

Deposit of \$500 required upon booking; balance due 120 days before arrival

For further assistance or questions, please contact Jeff McNutt, jeff@divebvi.com

PO Box 1343, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands

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Email info@divebvi.com • Website www.divebvi.com

Questions? Or to sign up contact Russell Ramsey at rjrdived@gmail.com

Gadget of the Month



Bring your
favorite
gadget to the
next meeting
to share.

Ocean Art 2025



Ocean Art 2025

[Click here to view all 2024 winners!](#)

This year we have over \$60,000 in prizes to be won!

[Click here to read about our amazing sponsors and prizes...](#)

Entries can only be accepted through our online portal. Please see the [competition details](#) before entering.

Past winners have been shared by over 250 international media outlets including the Washington Post, CNN, Fox, the Atlantic, CBS, the Guardian, National Geographic, DP Review, and more!

Entries must be submitted before the deadline of December 11th, 2025 (23:59 PST). Winners will be announced January, 2025!

[Register Here](#)

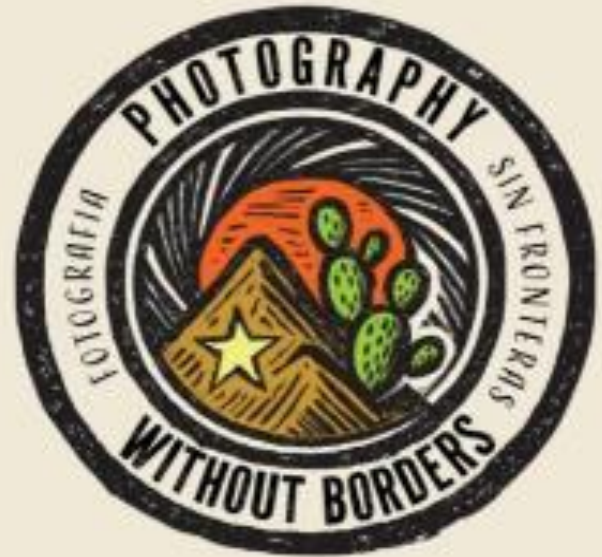
The El Paso Texas Photography Club (PEEP) will host the
2026 Gulf States Camera Club Council Photography Convention.

GSCCC 2026 CONVENTION

To stay updated on the list of workshop speakers and events, regularly check our website.
We will be updating with new information as it becomes available.



Keynote Speaker: Wayne Suggs



GSCCC '26 El Paso
May 28-30, 2026



28-30 May 2026 - Wyndham El Paso Airport Hotel



<http://tinyurl.com/gsgccc26>





**M-V Fling has been carrying divers out to
the World-Class sites at the Flower Garden
Banks NMS and beyond! It's by far the best
diving in Texas. Come with us to dive in
BLUE-WATER and see coral reefs and all
the animals there!**

**726 West Brazos Boulevard, Freeport, TX,
United States, Texas
(979) 233-4445**

info@TexasCaribbean.com

Go view this video to get a small view of the Flower Garden Banks:

<https://>

www.facebook.com/100057303948082/videos/422927503937073

To book:

texascaribbean.com

**Miss
any recent
HUPS
Meetings?**



**Click here
to view them
on our YouTube channel
HUPSdotORG**

HUFF Virtual Tickets

**Available at the HUFF website
for all previous festivals**

(2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

huff.hups.org/shop

**Continue to check the website for
upcoming HUFF 2026 news.**

**HUFF 2026 is Saturday and Sunday,
April 11-12, 2026.**

Enter HUFF 2026 at

<https://filmfreeway.com/HoustonUnderwaterFilmFestival>

Entries are now open!

American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation



2025 Supporter Registration

The “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWA) was established by SCUBA divers on March 31, 2023. ACWA is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) public non-profit charity. Staffed by non-paid volunteers, ACWA’s administrative and donation support is provided annually by members of our community.

Supporter Registration for the “American Charitable Watersport Activities Foundation” (ACWA) is open to Dive Clubs and Individuals who reside in the United States of America. 2025 registration is \$20.

“Supporters” on record for 2023 or 2024 are listed on a “Supporter Master List” and need not complete this form. They continue their charity efforts with their 2025 payment of \$20 to ACWA’s treasurer - Mark Leiserowitz (contact information listed below).

New “Supporters” need to complete this form to provide ACWA with contact and IRS reporting information. To join as an individual (must be a certified scuba diver, or a member of a dive club) - fill out the application below. Please print legibly as e-mail addresses will be utilized to keep supporters abreast with the charity’s status and your name as identified below, used in any future donation reporting required by you or the IRS.

Dive Club _____

or

Certifying Agency: _____ C-Card Number: _____

Make Checks Payable To: **ACWA, c/o Mark Leiserowitz, 5205 De Milo Dr., Houston, Texas 77092.**

Name: _____ Phone / Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Click [here](#) to view the
Spring 2025 Video Contest

SPRING 2026 VIDEO CONTEST

Entries are due by midnight May 1. Short Video and Feature Length Video categories. Voting will take place on the HUPS Video Contest Facebook page through May and winners will be announced at the June HUPS meeting.

View the rules on hups.org.

Address questions to betsytennis@gmail.com

Please transfer files to Betsy Beasley via the free service - WeTransfer.com

Membership

Info for Dues Payments

\$35 single person membership

\$45 family membership

Payable via PayPal on-line through HUPS webpage or cash/check. If choosing to pay via cash/check, please let us know so we can provide to you a mailing address. <https://www.hups.org/join>

Contact Dennis Deavenport at ddeavenport@comcast.net

SAVE THE HUFF 2026 DATE

April 11-12

at Midtown Arts & Theater Center Houston (MATCH)

Monthly Photo Contest

Photo contest entries are due on the Wednesday before the upcoming monthly meeting. Please send them to Martin Daniels at

[HUPS Photo Contest@googlegroups.com](mailto:HUPS_Photo_Contest@googlegroups.com)

Address questions to Martin at

martin.daniels3@gmail.com

From the Editor.....

Send program ideas to Dennis Deavenport
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Send newsletter entries to Betsy Beasley
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2025 HUPS Dates

Bayland Community Center

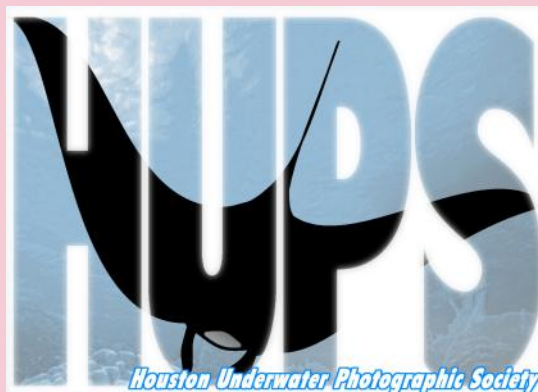
General meetings - Jan 6, Feb 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 10, Dec 8

BOD Meetings - July 19 - 2:00-4:00

Workshops - November 15, 1-3 pm

The BOD and Workshop dates are likely to change, as needed.

Stay Tuned!



LOOKING FOR PRESENTERS or IDEAS

Like every year, we are trying to fill our agenda with high quality presentations. But, this year, I am very interested in having some of our own members step up to do a show for the first time.

- Please email me with your willingness to get involved with a presentation. I will get back to you as soon as I can to discuss your involvement.
- Send me any ideas you have for subjects or presenters that you'd like to have do a show for HUPS. What would you like to see?

Justin Wallace
jwunderwater@gmail.com

2026 Meeting Presentations

Who	When	Topic	Expanded Topic
Justin Wallace & Dennis Deavenport	January 5	“Anything Goes Video Night”	Video clips and short films from HUPSters
	February 2		
	March 2		
	April 6		
HUFF Crew	May 4	HUFF 2025 Retrospective	Overview of winning films and events of the weekend
	June 1		
	July 6		
	August 3		
	September 14		
Dennis Deavenport & others	October 5	Raja Ampat on the KLM Mari	
	November 9		
Martin and Mary Daniels	December 7	Christmas Dinner/Best of HUPS, and Creative Contests	Pot Luck Dinner/ Best of HUPS in Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Categories/ Creative Contest




DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 	9	10	11	12	13
14		16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24		26	27
28	29	30	31			

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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FEBRUARY 2026

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Monthly Meeting 7 pm at Bayland and on Zoom

**The Houston Underwater Photographic Society
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7 pm - 9 pm, the first Monday of each month
(except Monday holidays).**

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