



*A Bad Day of Diving Bets a Good Day of Work! Author Unknown*

## March Presentation: Diving Successfully With Underwater Cameras & Strategies for Preventing Floods

*Submitted by Ken Knezick*

Join us on March 4th at Bayland Community Center at 7:00 p.m. as Ken Knezick is our presenter. Here is a preview:

This program may save you thousands of dollars! Ken Knezick's far ranging discussion covering the nuts and bolts of taking cameras underwater will include:

- \* Equipment lists and pre-planning
- \* Ways to rig your scuba equipment to avoid difficulties
- \* Ways to rig your camera equipment to avoid problems
- \* Strategies to avoid flooding your camera
- \* Keeping your equipment safe on the dive boat
- \* Keeping your equipment safe in the camera room at the resort
- \* Avoiding camera equipment theft while in transit
- \* Preserving your digital files while you travel
- \* And much more...

Audience participation will be encouraged.



Audience participation will be encouraged. Visitors are always welcome and if you have time after the meeting join HUPSTERS at Don Bravos for some adult beverages and Mexican food. See you then!

## Membership Renewal

*By Alicia Grimes*

Well it is that time again to keep our club in the financial black by paying our annual dues. This year like in years past will be \$35.00 for individuals and \$45.00 for your entire family.

This is quite a deal when that includes 12 monthly presentations as well as specialized workshops, website forum and a monthly newsletter. We have three ways to renew your membership:

- Pay at the next few HUPS  meetings in person.
- You can renew using this link on the [hups.org](http://hups.org) website (*PayPal is safe, fast & secure.*)
- Print and fill out and mail your completed form and check to: *P.O. Box 270056 Houston, TX 77277*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [alicia@theworldinaflash.com](mailto:alicia@theworldinaflash.com)





## *President's Message*

*Submitted by Greg Grimes*

As I am writing this article, I am recovering from not one but two cancer operations. One that was planned... the other not so much. After going through an experience like that, I really appreciate the times that all of us in the club get to escape life for about an hour a dive and experience a world that not everyone gets to experience.

You know those great dives where the water temperature is perfect, your gear has been serviced properly and is in great working condition. Your camera gear does not flood and the creatures act as if they are posing for you. Those are the great times that we all live for. Then there are those that are not so great. You know the ones when you wake up on a very expensive dive trip and it is raining cats and dogs. You have nasal congestion and your ears are so blocked that even if the weather was perfect, you probably couldn't clear enough to even get down without ear squeeze. You break a zipper trying to get your dive boots on and you forget to change out your camera batteries from your last dive. Those are the dives that are not so great. Even so, you find a way to get through it and just find the resort massage therapist and take it easy and hope for a better day tomorrow.

Both scenarios teach us so much about how to prepare for each dive and each great dive trip. What not to do and what seems to work so well. What you can control and what you cannot. Learn from other divers on what they do prepare. What lessons they have learned about what not to do.

Even on the worst trip, you should always remember that you are getting to experience adventures that most people do not. You get to see and experience other cultures and creatures that most people only read about in a book or online. We all should be grateful for all of those memories whether good or bad and pass on to each other what we have learned. Because as they saying goes, "A bad day of diving still beats a good day at work".

*Scuba Fish Greg Grimes*

## Dive Buddy Needed!

*Submitted by Louise Foale*

Hi everybody!



I'm a French student in biology and a passionate diver. I'm 19 and I will be in Houston from 04/01/2013 to 06/22/2013 for an internship in a research lab in the Med Center.

During that time, I would really enjoy to discover some diving (on the week-end) in Texas lakes, in the Gulf of Mexico or another diving site, with friendly and welcoming people.

I'm the holder of the CMAS certificate level 2 and I'm regularly diving in lakes located in the East of France. I already dived in the Red Sea and in the Mediterranean during trips with my diving club.

I would really enjoy meeting some of you, in order to have fun together and to share some nice diving!

If you'd like to get together, please contact me by e-mail: [alexia\\_vidal@orange.fr](mailto:alexia_vidal@orange.fr)

Hoping to see you soon!

Alexia Vidal



## HUPS 2013 Club Trip—Bonaire

*Submitted by Jim Mensay*

Come and join us on the HUPS Club Trip to Captain Don's in Bonaire from October 12 to October 19, 2013. We will depart on Friday October 11 on the United (5 hour direct) over-night flight, arriving in Bonaire early morning Saturday October 12. We will return Saturday October 19. Although airfare is not included, it is currently available from United for around \$600 per person.

The package includes: 7 nights accommodations, daily breakfast, 12 boat dives, free Nitrox, 6 days of unlimited shore diving, airport transfers, and taxes. The cost is \$904 per diver for double occupancy in the Deluxe Ocean View Room (these are the rooms around the pool that we all stayed in during the last HUPS trip to this resort, with two queen beds). An extra boat dive can be purchased each day at the resort for \$38 per dive. Tanks are available day & night, so you can do all the shore diving you want at your leisure.

I have been to Captain Don's in Bonaire over a dozen times. Here are some of the reasons why I like it so much:

1. Ease of Travel – It is a 5 hour direct flight on United. If you are an Elite member, or if you have a Chase United Visa/MasterCard, you get your first extra checked bag free. Since it is a direct flight, luggage problems are greatly minimized.
2. The water temp in October is usually a toasty warm 82 to 84 degrees F.
3. Since the reefs start off around 10 yards from the shore at about 25 feet and have some fairly gently sloping terrain, almost every boat dive can be an hour dive, and shore dives can even be longer.
4. Night dives are especially made easy at the resort since there is a rope that leads from "Baby Dock" straight out and down the house reef to approximately 100 feet. You can follow it out and then back in for easy navigation.
5. The resort house reef is convenient for practicing your photography skills, from those difficult over and under shots, to learning how to use your newest macro lens.
6. The resort has dive lockers for your gear right at the dive pier, so doing a shore dive on the house reef or getting your stuff to the boat is relatively painless.
7. The restaurants are usually fairly priced, food is good, and people are friendly.

When you don't have the time (or money) to fly half way around the world just to get in some great bottom time, Bonaire works for me every time.



### News from the Reef

*Submitted by Jesse Cancelma*

Here is an interesting movie trailer link I came across. Aside from the obvious environmental message, the trailer shows some really excellent video camera techniques that should inspire any video enthusiast.

<http://www.midwayfilm.com/>



# HUPS Announces Newest Member of Family Epson 5020UB HD Projector

*Submitted by Dennis Deavenport*



We've done it again. After finally admitting that our old projector was just not doing the job of showing our fantastic images at anything approaching their well-deserved quality, we went out and previewed a new high-definition projector at the Magnolia Room at Best Buy. Tom Collier had done his homework and the legwork to locate a logical choice for replacing our sick Panasonic projector.

He asked me to meet him at the Westheimer store where he had set up an appointment to preview their Epson 5020UB projector. We took some of our Blu-ray presentations and they had it running soon after we arrived.

To say the least, we were blown away. The projector throws a much brighter image and better yet, the blacks stay black. We played around with the controls a bit and there wasn't much we could do to make it look bad. Even when we zoomed the picture out to maximum size, it was acceptable. The colors were excellent on the standard setting. If anything, the saturation and contrast might have been a bit too much for some pictures we saw. However, that could just as easily have been due to "overzealous editing".

The projector is rated for 2400 Lumens which is a lot brighter than the Panasonic. It also has a contrast ratio of 320,000 to 1 which is almost unbelievable. The contrast ratio is probably the 2<sup>nd</sup> most important specification for HUPS. Underwater photos just don't look good when the blacks are a muddy gray. One other interesting feature of this projector is that it has software that reduces or eliminates "jitter" in images when zooming or panning rapidly. I'll be interested in seeing how this pans out for our presentation.

Also, it is a 3D projector and comes with 2 pair of 3D glasses. Is this the next wave in HUPS' surf? Stay tuned.

Come to the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and be prepared to see a beautiful show.

Don't forget to send in your "Starfish" pictures for the photo contest, especially all you novices. You'll love what this projector does for your UW images.

## Moody Gardens: HUPS Collection Update

*Submitted by Debbie Mensay*

On Saturday, March 2, 2013, HUPS will set up its fourth annual display at the Moody Gardens Aquarium. We have the privilege of showcasing 32 photographs from 18 different members on two walls at a strategic location in the aquarium.

Each year, the aquarium picks a theme and devotes 12 pictures to that wall. In the past few years, this theme has included: sharks, sea-horses, and turtles, each chosen to highlight an aquarium exhibit. This year the aquarium has chosen the Philippines to highlight a collaborative conservation partnership that Moody Gardens is developing with a marine aquarium facility in Subic Bay, Philippines. The overall goal of this partnership is active reef restoration work utilizing a land-based coral nursery lab. In November, a team from the aquarium made a trip to Subic Bay to begin the first step of the project: which is coral reef habitat monitoring. You can read a blog about this trip on Moody Gardens' website at: <http://blog.moodygardens.com/?p=1230><<http://blog.moodygardens.com/?p=1230>>

The second display wall showcases 20 photos of general underwater topics. Additionally, we have a monitor where we are able to display videos taken by our members and a slide show of other work that we were unable to include on one of the display walls.

If you want to join in and help us, we'll be meeting at the aquarium when they open at 10 am. on Saturday March 2, 2013. After we finish, rumor is that lunch at a beach front restaurant is on the agenda....

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [fdbm82@msn.com](mailto:fdbm82@msn.com)<<mailto:fdbm82@msn.com>>

thanks



# HOW I GOT THAT SHOT

*Submitted by Tom Collier*

I will be giving a short presentation at the March meeting on how I got this surface reflection shot of a half beak fish in Raja Ampat. I will detail the camera specifications, the dive conditions and the subject particulars. I hope this new feature/ presentation will be helpful to everyone and get you to get those one of a kind shots.



*Ken Knezick—Advanced*



*Tom Collier*

## Submit your Photo for Facebook and HUPS website

*Submitted by Alicia Grimes*

As I mentioned to those of you at last month's meeting, we are looking for an individual photo of each one of our members for both our HUPS website and Facebook page. You can send your image to either [me](#) or [Terry Moore](#) in jpg. format and we will add those images to our pages. If possible, it would be great if you could be with your camera and in your wetsuit. If that is not possible, any picture will do... we just want to add a face to the name for the many new members joining.

## February Photo Contest Results



*Lance Glowacki—Advanced*

Contest results through Febrary 2013		
<b>NOVICE</b>		
1st	Jan Baughman	157
2nd	Joe Holden	44
3rd	Jan Scheldt	33
4th	Jan Daniels	14
5th	J Babcock	12
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>		
1st	Mike Greuter	127
2nd	Lance Glowacki	113
3rd	Greg Grimes	108
4th	Bess Bright	100
5th	Debbie Mensay	95
<b>ADVANCED</b>		
1st	Ken Knezick	153
2nd	Dennis Deavenport	125
3rd	Jim Mensay	105
4th	Ken Bean	104
5th	Terry Moore	101



*Ken Bean—Advanced*



# 2013 Meetings

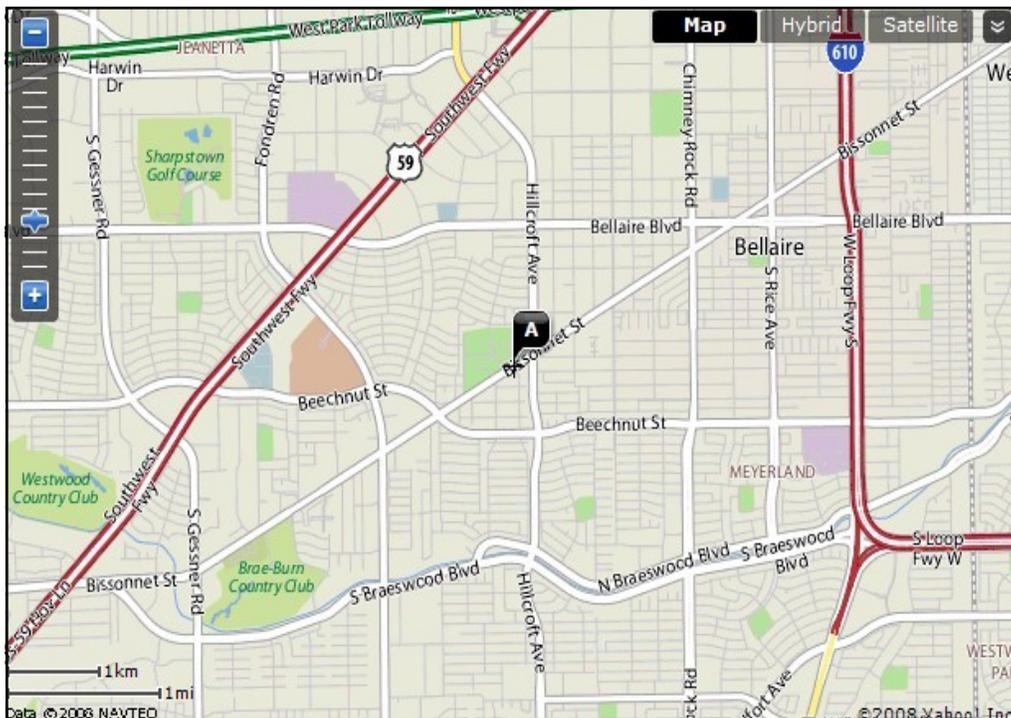
## Meetings & Presentations

Month	Date	Presenter	Show Title & Synopsis	Contest Topic
January	7th	Variety	New Year New Ideas for HUPS	Eels
February	4th	Terry Moore	Fiji - Bega Lagoon Dive Resort	Wide Angle Wrecks
March	4th	Ken Knezick	Diving Successfully with Underwater Camera & Strategies to for Preventing Camera Floods	Starfish
April	1st	Mary Lou Reid, Dennis Deavenport, David McCracken	Raja Ampat	Cephalopods (octopi, squid, cuttlefish, nautilus)
May	6th	Clint Moore	Yap Mantas	Schools of Fish
June	3rd	Kandace Heimer, Monica Losey	Africa/Artic-Polar Bears	Syngnathidae (pipefish & seahorses)
July	8th	John Anderson	TBA	Silhouettes
August	5th	Toby Presteghrd	Komodo	Sharks & Rays
September	9th	Variety	Gear Night- Bring in your Camera Systems for tips	Juveniles of Any Species
October	7th	Mary Lou Reid/ Denise	Ambon	Ugly Critters
November	5th	HUPS Members	Club Trip Review	Close-Focus/Wide Angle
December	2nd	HUPS Members	HUPS Christmas Party	Best of HUPS & Creative



*The Houston Underwater Photographic Society meets at the Bayland Community Center starting at 7:00 PM.  
(Social time begins at 6:45)*

*(6400 Bissonnet, near the Hillcroft intersection)  
Visitors are always welcome.*



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***HUPS on the Web***



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