

August Newsletter

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Wrecks of Coron using Canon SL1

Ever get tired of lugging all your camera gear, playing with multiple lenses, and just want to enjoy a dive without leaving your camera topside? Well, I thought, point-and-shoot is ultra compact, but I prefer a DSLR that might be handy topside too. So the smallest and least expensive (cheap) DSLR I could find was the Canon SL1. I bought it and off we went to the Philippines to dive with the Atlantis Azores live-aboard to "Little Truk" or the Wrecks of Coron. One lens, one small camera.

---Mike Greuter

CORON - WRECKS OF OKIKAWA MARU & OLYMPIA MARU



Coron is our destination as we begin to explore the Japanese shipwrecks from World War II.

The largest of the shipwrecks is the Okikawa Maru, this ship is 160 meters long and was sunk by a direct hit on the bow area. Another massive wreck is the 120 meter Olympia Maru. Check out the cargo holds here and enjoy the schools of batfish and fusiliers that engulf divers.



Mike Greuter will showcase the wrecks, Apo Reef, Black and Dimipac Islands and the Puerto Gallera area. He will present close-focus wide-angle images and his experiments with panoramic wide-angle post processing.

President's Page

I want to thank Tom Collier for his second in a series of presentations at our July meeting. The program pertained to How to Use Video or Everything Learned Since Video I dealing with underwater videography as well as post processing what you captured using a video camera. We have progressed a long way from the film or tape recording cameras to the new digital recording devices in popular use today.

I encourage you to attend our August Meeting which will be a program by Mike Greuter about his trip on the Atlantis Azores to "Little Truk" or the Wrecks of Coron. The program will showcase the wrecks, APO Reef, the Black and Dimipac Islands as well as the Puerta Gallera area of the Philippines. Any of you who are interested in downsizing your photo rigs will want to attend as Mike took all his photos with a Canon SL1, the world smallest digital DSLR. Let's all attend to see what Mike has to say about downsizing while still using a DSLR camera vs a compact or a mirrorless camera.

How do you know when your dive equipment has been Recalled?

This month's President's Page will discuss Recalls of Dive Equipment and How to Learn If Your Dive Equipment Has Been Recalled. This topic popped into my head when I received a recall notice from my car manufacturer that my car had safety issues with its air bags. This was after I had previously checked twice and found nothing about defective airbags until I received a notice in the mail. Of course the safety issue cannot be fixed at this time as there are no replacements currently available and now the airbag manufacturer is in bankruptcy. That recall started me thinking about my scuba equipment which I stake my life on while diving and if any equipment I use had ever been recalled. I started my search with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and was somewhat miffed when I found so little information on such recalls when I was aware of many more from reading Undercurrent, and some scuba blogs. I looked at Scuba Gadget and their article, "What You Don't Know about Scuba Recalls", published in their June 2014 newsletter to learn that only about 10% of recall notices are ever complied with by the owners of the equipment. Is it apathy or simply that it is "this cannot happen to me" syndrome? Their points were:

1. Do not count on dive retailers informing you of a recall.
2. Subscribe to a dive news source and watch for recalls.
3. If you have recalled dive gear, stop using it!
4. After the recall follow up on the manufacturers' website and Scuba Board to insure there have been no changes in the recall.
5. If you learn of a recall, post it on Facebook or

your club's newsletter, if your club has one.

So where do you learn about such recalls without having to scan numerous scuba web pages you may or may not be aware of? I began my search on Google using the topic, Scuba Equipment Recall, and found the most information pertaining to Recalls on Scuba.com under Equipment Recall and Tiedemann's Dive Center webpage notices under Scuba Equipment Recalls. Tiedemann's is located in Levittown, NY. Another source was the Spare Air webpage under the heading, List of SCUBA Equipment Recalls since 1977. All of the manufacturer's websites I reviewed also had equipment recalls but the manufacturer will not know who bought the equipment unless you have registered same with them. How many of us have registered our dive equipment with the manufacturer especially if we have purchased used equipment from someone? Undercurrent usually publishes recalls and those recalls are almost always open to the public to read without being member of Undercurrent.

As I was researching this issue, I came across an article in the Spring 2017 edition of DAN's Alert Diver dealing with a second stage regulator failure resulting in a free flow in the alternate 2nd stage hose. A determination was made that the plastic octopus regulator had completely broken away from the hose due to pressure. Further microscopic investigations revealed a similar second stage had micro cracks around the hose fitting. After such a revelation, "DAN urges all divers with second stages to have them inspected for micro cracks in the plastic".

A copy of all recalls are on the name tag table for viewing at our August Meeting. I hope this article

Our seventh workshop of 2017 is scheduled to take place August 19th which is the 3rd Saturday of this month. This workshop will continue our Photoshop Lightroom video series and will pertain to The Develop Module - Part 1.

The contest topic this month deals with Mollusks which is fairly straightforward. If in doubt as to your photo submission, please refer to the particulars details on the HUPS Website, this Newsletter or your Reef Creature ID Book.

I hope to see everyone at the August meeting and that some of you have some great dive stories to share with us.

assists you in your search to become informed as to the equipment you use and that such equipment has not been recalled.

---Russell Ramsey

HUPS Announcements

DAN CPR Course

Due to the success and popularity of previous years' courses, HUPS is once again offering a DAN CPR course to its members. It will be taught by our very own Terry Moore. The course will be held Saturday, Aug 26, 2017 at Bayland Community Center from 11am-3:30pm in the Art Room. Cost of the course is \$35 and will require on-line teaching to be completed prior to the practical application. If you are not yet CPR certified or need a refresher, this is a perfect opportunity. The course will only be available to the first 12 people to sign up and pay. If you are interested in attending, please contact [Lance Glowacki](#).

Background Photos

Hopefully you noticed the couple of bald eagle photos that I used as background in last month's newsletter. Those were taken by our own HUPS member, Kandace Heimer. If any other HUPS members have any photos that they think would work for background photos to support the monthly themes I use in the newsletters, please feel free to send them to me and I'll try to work them in. Always more fun to work with our own photos than stock backgrounds.

Dinner after HUPS meetings

Many long-time HUPSters may be aware that some HUPS members choose to go out to dinner with each other after the monthly HUPS meeting. We have historically been going to Don Carlos. But due to multiple requests, we have changed this up and are now eating at JAX at 6510 S. Rice Ave, Bellaire 77401 after the HUPS meetings. The more the merrier so think about joining us after an upcoming meeting.

2017 TGCC Memorial College Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the TGCC Memorial College Scholarship Awards, given in memory of Greg Grimes, Jean Himes, Anne Millioud, John Petty, Michael Szewczyk, and Dick Zingula. This year there were 4 applicants. Winners were decided by a vote of the club Representatives from each of the TGCC member clubs on July 13th. Three of the four were repeat winners from last year. The following awards were made and will be sent to their respective schools:

Christa Landowski	\$2,000
Sydney Hickerson	\$1,000
Margaret Torgeson	\$500
Max Kepp	\$500

Chasing Coral

[Chasing Coral](#) is a newly released documentary film that you may find interesting for either the content and/or the technology used to capture the footage. The film took 3 yrs to shoot, and is a result of 500+ hrs underwater, submission of footage from volunteers from 30 countries, and support from >500 people worldwide. Check out the trailer at the following link or the film on Netflix: <https://www.chasingcoral.com/>

Review of National Marine Sanctuaries and Marine National Monuments Designated or Expanded Since April 28, 2007

Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment

Public Comment period for EO 13795 (America's First Offshore Energy Strategy) is currently open and available for commenting online. This has ramifications for the six National Marine Sanctuaries and Five National Marine Monuments designated or expanded since April 28, 2007. To access for online comment, go to: <http://www.regulations.gov> Then enter NOAA-NOS-2017-0066 in the search box, click "Comment Now" icon, fill in boxes and enter your comments.

2017 POTY Standings through July

Novice

1	Russell Ramsey	419
2	John VanAtta	368
3	Kevin Crofoot	302
4	Lorna Carpenter	250
5	Kathy Long	242
6	Betsy Beasley	69

Intermediate

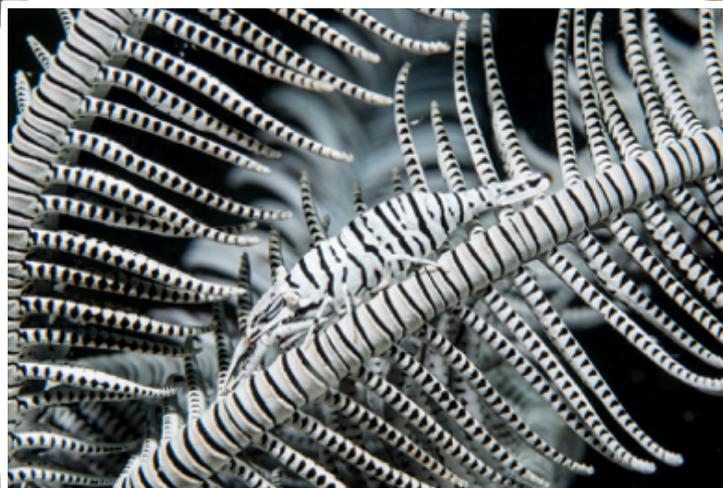
1	Beata Lerman	609
2	Bess Bright	540
3	Paul McDonald	417
4	Lance Glowacki	388
5	Joe Holden	128

Advanced

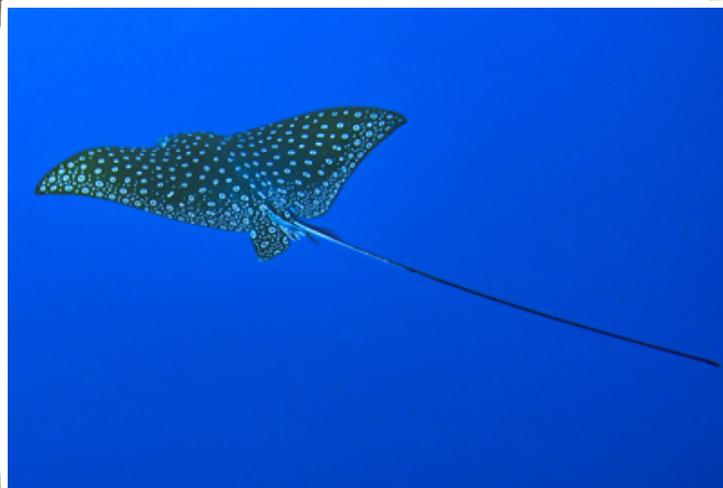
1	Jackie Reid	639
2	Craig Beasley	585
3	David Lenderman	565
4	Martin Daniels	207

Video

1	Tom Collier	30
2	Dennis Deavenport	26
3	Betsy Beasley	20
4	Craig Beasley	17



David Lenderman Advanced 2nd



Betsy Beasley Novice 1st



Joe Holden Intermediate 1st



Russell Ramsey Novice 2nd

2017 Meeting Topics

	Presentation	Presenter	Contest Topic
January 9	Sabang and Puerto Galera	Beata Lerman	Angelfish, Butterflyfish, Surgeonfish
February 6	Wide Angle Photo Tips & Tricks	Ken Knezick	Black Background
March 6	Forgotten Islands	Dennis Deavenport	Sand & Muck denizens
April 3	Sharks of French Polynesia	Cecilia Clementi & Frank Noe	Something Yellow
May 1	Reviewing Tips for Better Photography	HUPS	Close Focus Wide-Angle
June 5	From Then To Now	Monica Losey	Damselfish, Chromis, Hamlets, Basslets
July 3	Video II	Tom Collier	Diagonal composition
August 7	Wrecks of Coron using Canon SL1	Mike Greuter	Mollusks
September 11	Shooting for Impact & AV on Indonesia & Penguin Parade	Frank & Joyce Burek	Vertical composition
October 2	Lenderman's Top 10 Tips + Indonesia, Philippines and Socorro	David Lenderman	Weird & Spooky
November 6	Hidden Features of the dSLR	Jesse Cancelmo	Hawkfish, Drums, Triggerfish
December 4	Best of HUPS	Lance Glowacki	Creative

2017 Photo Contest Themes

Month	Themes	Description
Aug	Mollusks (Shells, Nudibranchs, Chitons)	"An invertebrate of a large phylum that includes snails, slugs, mussels, and octopuses. They have a soft, unsegmented body and live in aquatic habitats, and most kinds have an external calcareous shell."
Sep	Vertical Compositions	A photograph with a subject in the vertical plane so the eye is drawn up and down the when viewing the picture.
Oct	Weird & Spooky	A subject that appears especially in being eerie or disturbing. Or seems to be strikingly odd or unusual, especially in an unsettling way.
Oct Video	General	1 to 3 minutes
Nov	Hawkfish, Drums, Triggerfish	A group of fish that can be found in the odd-shaped swimmers. Note we are looking triggerfish not filefish subjects ask if you are 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.

2017 Workshops

Date	Topic
Aug 19	Lightroom: The develop module part 1
Sep 16	Lightroom: The develop module part 2
Oct 21	Lightroom: Sharpening and noise reduction
Nov 18	Lightroom: Sharing and saving your photos



Bess Bright Intermediate 2nd

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!



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