

OUR WEBSITE

www.bsoup.org contains a wealth of information including:

- details of future meetings, events and monthly competitions
- the latest news relating to underwater photography and relevant diving news
- a members-only forum for the exchange of ideas and information
- a 'classifieds' page where members can advertise equipment for sale or wanted
- links to members' websites
- galleries of the top six images from previous years' competitions
- slideshows of entries for the latest competition that can be viewed prior to the meeting and an archive of competition slideshows
- an archive of our in house magazine 'in focus' and other articles and information about underwater photography

BRITISH UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY CHAMPIONSHIP (BUPC)

BSoUP holds an annual British Underwater Photography Championship. This is an 'on-the-day shoot-out' in which competitors vie to produce a winning image in any of several pre-specified categories. Winners are selected by a panel of judges.

ANNUAL PRINT COMPETITION

In conjunction with DIVER Magazine, BSoUP organises an annual print competition. The best prints are displayed at the Birmingham Dive Show with the winner of each category being judged by visitors to the exhibition. The overall winner is selected by a panel of judges.

HOW TO JOIN

You can download details of membership and an application form from the BSoUP website. If you have any questions you can also contact us by email at info@bsoup.org

You are also welcome to come along to a meeting, see what we do, and chat to us before joining.

Membership is currently £45 a year for those living within 50 miles of London, and £30 a year for those further away. Dual membership is available for two members at the same address and reduced rates are applicable to students and overseas members.

We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon.



A RICH HERITAGE

BSoUP was formed in 1967 by Colin Doeg and the late Peter Scoones in the pioneering days of underwater photography. With over 300 members it is now the largest underwater photography group in the UK and one of the oldest in the world.

Many of its members have made a significant contribution to the development of underwater photography over the years.

The current membership continues this theme: as educators, authors, contributors to the dive press and the general media, organising courses and expeditions specifically for underwater photographers, and winning national and international competitions.



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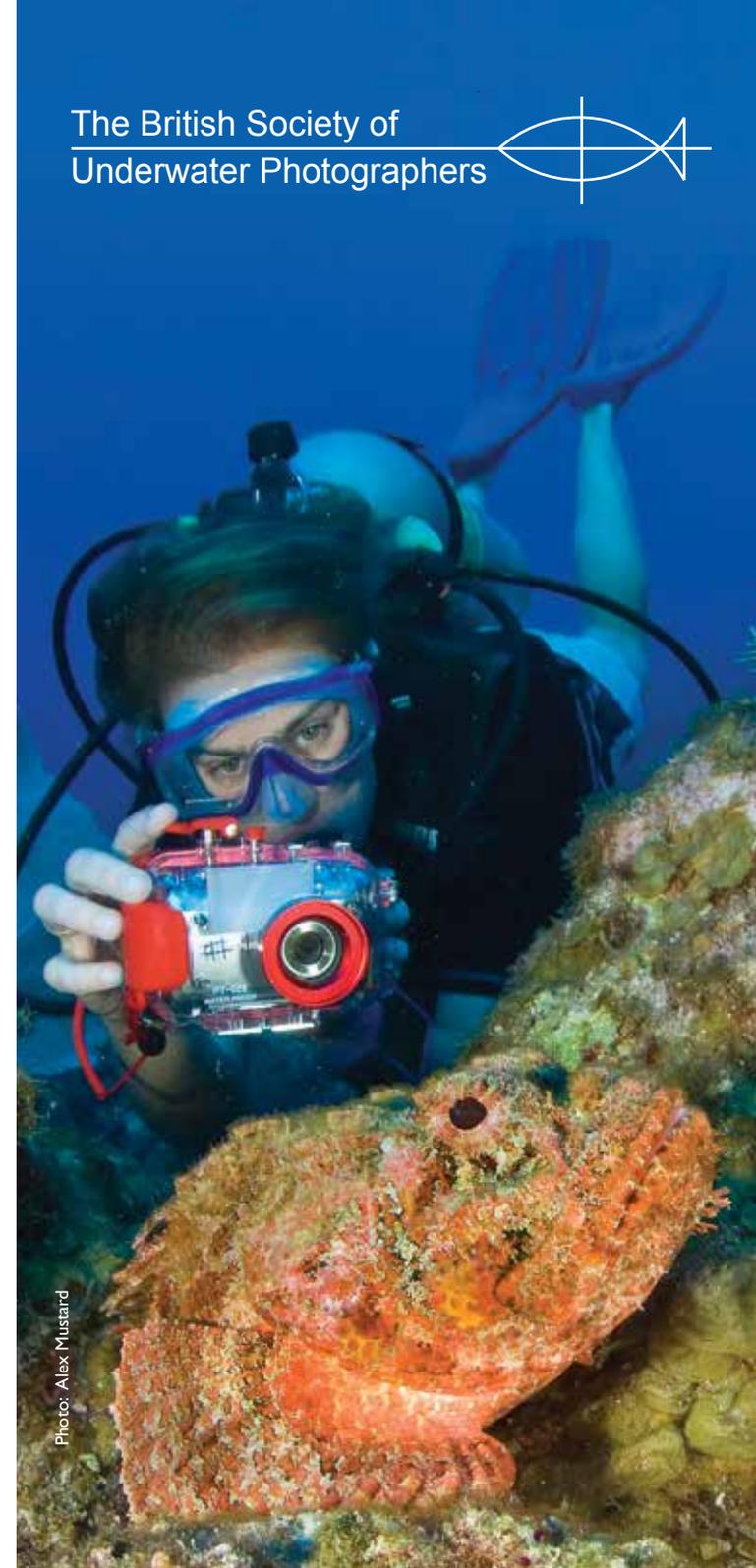


Photo: Alex Mustard

ABOUT BSoUP

BSoUP's aim is to inspire and encourage underwater photographers and to help develop underwater photography in all aspects. It strives to help its members create great underwater images and to promote excellence in underwater photography.

BSoUP provides expert advice and encouragement through a network of experienced underwater photographers who help newcomers and others to develop through monthly meetings, news and our own magazine.

We believe that good photography comes from the skill of the photographer, not from the camera. Photographic vision and technique are the most important ingredients for creating stunning underwater images.

BSoUP welcomes photographers of all skill levels and experience with any type of underwater camera system from compact camera to DSLR.

Our membership ranges from divers who have just started to take photos underwater to world-class



professionals. One of the benefits of membership is an opportunity to learn from more experienced photographers.

Our members take photographs underwater for many different reasons: some want to enter and win competitions, some want to push the boundaries of creativity, both when creating an image in camera and in post-processing. Many take photos underwater simply for their own personal enjoyment and to share with family and friends. All underwater photographers are welcome and all will benefit from joining BSoUP.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The programme of talks and events at our monthly meetings:

- inspires better photography by hearing some of the best underwater photographers talk about their images and what they are doing;
- provides practical information on techniques and equipment, as well as tips on what is new or emerging;
- informs about different dive locations around the world – both cold and warm water – and the potential that they offer for underwater photographers.

There is also a monthly competition that provides an opportunity to see how your images 'measure up' against others. The 'focus on' and three portfolio competitions are for members only. There are two prestigious annual portfolio competitions that are open to photographers throughout the world.

Most importantly there is also social time during the meetings, providing the opportunity to meet and talk to other underwater photographers and decide 'what's hot and what's not'...!

Full details of the meetings and competitions programme can be found on the website.

WHERE WE MEET

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Meeting Room 3, Union Building, Beit Quadrangle, Prince Consort Road, Imperial College, South Kensington, London SW7 2BB.

Meetings start at 8pm and finish at around 10.30pm. New and potential members are encouraged to come along at 7.30pm, when there will be committee members on hand to welcome you. Full directions including a map are available on the BSoUP website.

Many members travel long distances to come to the monthly meetings. However, for those who are too far away, there are still many benefits to joining BSoUP, including entering the monthly competitions, reduced entry fees for events and competitions organised by BSoUP, and full access to the website and forums, where you can exchange information with other members, ask for advice and advertise equipment for sale or wanted.

'IN FOCUS' MAGAZINE

Members receive BSoUP's magazine 'in focus', which is published three times a year. It contains articles and photos on places members have been, tips and techniques, and news of events, meetings and competition winners.

