



# South Bay Camera Club **NEWS & VIEWS**



## September 2025

[www.sbccphotos.org](http://www.sbccphotos.org)

**A great resource!**

The South Bay Camera Club is a non-profit social club providing for its members' activities involving photography and continuing education in all types of photographic techniques. Regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month (unless otherwise noted) at the Zamperini Field (Torrance Airport) Administration Building Meeting Room, 3301 Airport Drive, at 7 P.M.

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### **September 8th Digital Review**

Digital copies of your photos must be submitted to the club website by Saturday Sept 6th. The rules are the same as last year. Larry Cowles of the Photographic Society of America will critique our images. You can see some of his work at

<https://lcowlesphotography.wordpress.com/>. Or learn more about him at his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/larry.cowles.1/>.

Link to the meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82866736401>

### **Dues Are Payable Now**

Just a reminder for those of us who have not paid yet. This year the annual dues have been raised to \$125 per year (ouch). All of the club expenses have been rising and in order to cover our costs, we have to raise the dues. Please pay your dues through the website (SBCCPHOTOS.ORG). You cannot submit photos for a review unless you have paid your dues.

## **Sept 10th Coffee Klatch**

The Coffee Klatch will be on Wednesday September 10 at Klatch Coffee, 306 S Pacific Coast Hwy, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Stop in and get a cup of coffee and join us for a discussion of whatever is happening.

## **Club Activities Page is underused**

If you have any photos of SBCC activities, please add them to the club activities page. If you have trouble adding photos, contact any board member for help.

## **Member Gallery**

We still have some members who have not opened up their Member Gallery. If you are one of these, please upload a photo to your member gallery so we can see your work. We showed you ours, so show us yours.

## **FREE HARBOR BOAT TOURS**

One day, Sept 13, 2025

For info & reservations (optional)

[portofla.org/tours25](http://portofla.org/tours25)

Tours 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. every half hr from 2 locations, San Pedro and Wilmington. Website describes what you will be seeing. Article also said some departure times allow friendly, leashed dogs.

## **southbay cameraclub is inviting you to a scheduled**

Zoom meeting. Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82866736401>

View meeting insights with Zoom AI Companion

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/edl?muid=d54eae74-e6a6-4c44-a380-6d34c81a85e8>

**Meeting ID: 828 6673 6401**

## **New AI Guidelines Implemented**

With the increase in availability of AI generated images, it has become necessary to implement some guidelines on the use of AI. The guidelines are:

1) Digital and Print Evaluation photos:

AI generated content is allowed with a marking requirement. All photos that include AI generated picture (including any AI generated image used as a part of the picture) must be marked with (G) at the end of its title when submitting any photo. For example, Flowers (G).

2) Scavenger Hunt Submissions:

Photos for Scavenger hunt must not be AI generated nor include AI generated content in part of the photo.

This should be reasonable, who wants to lose the scavenger hunt to a computer drawing?

## Scavenger Hunt Categories

This year's Scavenger Hunt categories have been decided and are:

1. Squirrel(s)
2. Citrus Fruit(s)
3. Horse(s)
4. Spider(s)
5. Gardening Tool(s)
6. Bridge
7. Street Lamp
8. Balloon(s)
9. Waterfall
10. Flower(s)

## Club Event Schedule

| Schedule of upcoming club events |      |                        |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------|------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sept 8                           | 7 pm | Digital Critique       | Larry Cowles will critique our photos. You can come to the Torrance Airport to participate in person or you can Zoom in at the links shown earlier in the newsletter |
| Sept 10                          | 9 am | Coffee Klatch          | Klatch Coffee – Southeast corner of PCH and Torrance Blvd. Show up, drink coffee, eat pastries, brag about photography                                               |
| Sept 15                          | 7 pm | Board Meeting via Zoom | Link in and meet the new club officers and participate in running the club. Link to be sent out closer to the date.                                                  |
| Sept 22                          | 7 pm | Presentation           | Topic and presenter to be announced.                                                                                                                                 |
| Oct 6                            | 7 pm | Beginners Group        | Discussion of basics of photography over Zoom. Topic and link to be sent out before meeting.                                                                         |
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| Oct 27                           | 7 pm | Presentation           | Lisa Langell to present on <b>Break the Rules: Five Photography 'No-No's' You Should Be Doing</b>                                                                    |
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## Wildlife Photography Contest

The Journal of Wildlife Photography is having a photo contest. They have a contest every month. Septembers contest is on indirect light. You can get more information at the link below.

[https://journalofwildlifephotography.com/wildlife-photography-contest/?utm\\_source=All%20Profiles%20Not%20Suppressed&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=%5BContest%5D%20August%202025%20Photo%20Contest%20Ending%20%2B%20Labor%20Day%20%28non-subs%29%20%2801K3W258K7KZ3GTGMRCJWAWWD7%29&cid=01K1GG227NM730KXNY9QBAK3V&\\_kx=tDpGoWjMCRg9SUSo9NetVa65W-lZgqLpg85klo4hiG\\_c7KyO1jP86TRajyh7lpDb.KT8imN](https://journalofwildlifephotography.com/wildlife-photography-contest/?utm_source=All%20Profiles%20Not%20Suppressed&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=%5BContest%5D%20August%202025%20Photo%20Contest%20Ending%20%2B%20Labor%20Day%20%28non-subs%29%20%2801K3W258K7KZ3GTGMRCJWAWWD7%29&cid=01K1GG227NM730KXNY9QBAK3V&_kx=tDpGoWjMCRg9SUSo9NetVa65W-lZgqLpg85klo4hiG_c7KyO1jP86TRajyh7lpDb.KT8imN)

## **Recommended Article on B&W Photographs**

David Berman has recommended the Forbes magazine article at:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/ceciliarodriguez/2025/08/29/16-outstanding-winners-of-black-and-white-photo-awards-2025/>

## **LAMI Evening Cruises**

The Los Angeles Maritime Institute (LAMI) offers monthly Sunset Sails aboard one of its tall ships, providing evening cruises for the public. The experience includes sailing around the LA Waterfront as the sun sets, with the option to either relax and enjoy the view or help the crew with setting the sails.

How to book

Check the schedule: LAMI posts its upcoming Sunset Sails on its official website, [lamitopsail.org/events](http://lamitopsail.org/events), and its social media pages. The cruises are typically offered once a month on Saturdays.

Book in advance: Tickets must be purchased in advance, often up to two hours before the sail. You can find ticketing links on LAMI's events page and via Eventbrite.

Ticket prices: In the past, tickets have been around \$60 for adults and \$30 for children (12 and under).

Boarding location: Sails generally board at the West Harbor Promenade in Downtown San Pedro, near the intersection of W. 6th St. and Harbor Blvd.

What to expect

Duration: Cruises typically last for 2 to 2.5 hours.

Onboard experience: You can choose to be an active participant and help the crew or simply sit back and relax.

Food and drinks: You are welcome to bring your own snacks and drinks to enjoy onboard, but glass bottles are generally not permitted.

## **California Native Plant Society Pot Luck**

The California Native Plant Society (<https://chapters.cnps.org/southcoast/>) will have a pot luck meal on Dec 1st. Talk to David Berman for details if you are interested.