



THE BLUE WILD OCEAN ADVENTURE EXPO

Seminars and Marine Art Display

While at the Convention Center, be sure to visit The Blue Wild Watersports and Marine Art Expo in the middle lobby. Here you can listen to experts speak about different topics—from freediving and underwater photography, to spearfishing and lobstering—along with presentations by TV/movie celebrity Manny Puig and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Also, be sure to visit the Marine Art Display Room, featuring an extensive collection of artwork and photography from a wide range of artists—from serious, high-end works to whimsical and contemporary pieces. Ocean lovers of all ages are welcome and sure to enjoy The Blue Wild!

FRIDAY

NOVEMBER 1

TIME	SEMINAR	SPEAKER
3 PM	Underwater Photography	Craig Dietrich
4 PM	Savage Wild	Manny Puig
5 PM	Spearfishing Tips	Sheri Daye

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2

TIME	SEMINAR	SPEAKER
1 PM	FWC Stories and Q&A	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
2 PM	Florida Sharks, ID and Behaviour	Gary Rose
3 PM	Learn to Freedive	Ted Harty
4 PM	Lobstering Tips	Dave Earp
5 PM	Savage Wild	Manny Puig

SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 3

TIME	SEMINAR	SPEAKER
2 PM	Underwater Photography	Craig Dietrich
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LOCATION: CONVENTION CENTER, LOBBY B/C



SPEAKERS AND SEMINAR INFORMATION

SHERI DAYE



(Spearfisher & ocean lover)

Sheri is a mechanical engineer and works in corporate America by day. On weekends,

she can be found underwater. She is a Freedive Spearfishing National Champ and multiple IUSA world record holder for several fish species, and was the host of *Speargun Hunter* on the Outdoor Channel for six years. She is passionate about the ocean and hosts The Blue Wild Expo every year with proceeds going to charity. For more information, see her Instagram profile [@sheri.daye](#)

SEMINAR: Sheri will share her underwater adventures and give advice on spearfishing. She will show videos of successful hunts and give tips on how to approach any species, from hogfish to yellowfin tuna, with emphasis on safety and selectivity. This seminar is appropriate for any level—beginner to advanced.

CRAIG DIETRICH

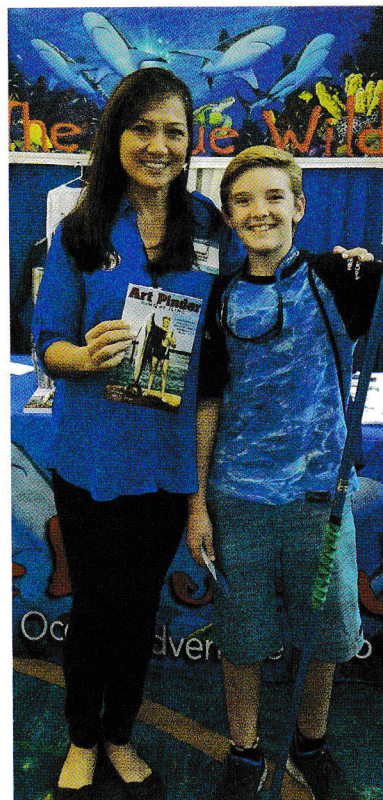


(Underwater photographer & teacher)

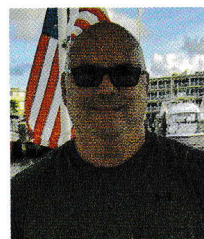
Craig found his passion for photography in high school, eventually joining the

U.S. Navy and serving as a Naval Photographer. Rejoining civilian life, he joined his two loves of photography and scuba diving, and embarked on a career in underwater photography. His award-winning work is on display on yachts and in hotels, and he has published articles in several magazines. Craig teaches all levels of underwater photography. For more information, please visit [dietrichunderwater.com](#)

SEMINAR: Craig will share his passion for underwater photography and illustrate this with his photos. He will explain what it takes to be an underwater photographer and how to capture award-winning photos. Whether you are a beginner, more advanced, or just thinking about trying it, you will learn some tips and tricks for stunning underwater photography.



DAVID EARP



(Professional diver & lobsterman)

Dave has been passionate about the ocean since he was a child. He is

a world record holding powerlifter and a certified trimix diver for deep diving. He had a successful career as a professional lobsterman for over 15 years before entering the corporate world. He knows the reefs and wrecks of South Florida like the back of his hand, and he knows just about everything there is to know about lobsters!

SEMINAR: Dave will share interesting facts about lobsters, along with his best trade secrets for successful lobster hunting. He will demonstrate different techniques with different equipment and give advice on how to find lobsters, preserve them, and cook them.

FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION



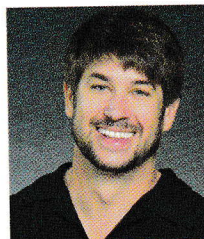
(Law enforcement & licensing)

The mission of the FWC is to educate the public and enforce state and

federal fisheries and wildlife laws—protecting threatened and endangered species and habitats; managing captive and nonnative wildlife; investigating fish and wildlife crimes; and participating in youth projects to develop the next generation that cares about conservation.

SEMINAR: Come and listen to the dedicated FWC officers as they have entertaining stories to tell, along with serious advice for hunting or boating safety, and an engaging Q&A session at the end. Whether you have any wildlife or boating questions, or you just want to hear about some of their adventure in law enforcement, it is always an educational experience.

TED HARTY



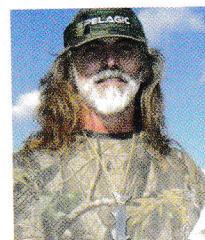
(Freediving instructor & safety advocate)

Ted started freediving professionally in 2009 when he became

an instructor for Performance Freediving International (PFI). In 2010 he founded Immersion Freediving where he teaches classes year round in Fort Lauderdale. Ted has won multiple freediving competitions and is a US Freediving national record holder. He is a strong advocate for keeping it fun and keeping it safe. For more information, please visit immersionfreediving.com

SEMINAR: Ted will educate you about the beauty and simplicity of freediving, an increasingly popular sport that the whole family can enjoy together. He will share what it takes to learn safe and effective techniques for longer breathholds, and will cover relaxation techniques, safety considerations, and more in this fun seminar.

MANNY PUIG



(Shark wrangler, swamp explorer & adventurer)

Manny is a well-known outdoorsman and entertainer

who has been in movies and several TV series, including *Wild Boyz* and *Savage Wild*. His approach is primitive—no cages, tanks, or armor protect him from encounters with some of the most feared predators in the world. Manny interacts with sharks, faces down black bears, and dives in the swamp with the American alligator. He is also an accomplished artist, inspired by the wildlife he works with. For more information, see his Instagram profile [@manny_puig_](https://www.instagram.com/manny_puig_)

SEMINAR: Manny will captivate you with his adventure stories and fascinating footage of some of the wildest encounters imaginable. His Q&A session is always a hit—prepare to be entertained, as well as educated, as you watch life in the wild!



GARY ROSE



(Shark diver & photographer)

Gary has been a certified diver for over 45 years. He has fulfilled his life passion as a marine biologist with his

research on marine microorganisms, as well as large apex predators. You can find him on weekends diving our local waters and photographing our plentiful and diverse sharks.

SEMINAR: Gary will share his shark photos and discuss the different species in Florida. He will share tips for easy shark identification—in clear or murky water—and interesting educational information on shark behavior. If you have an interest in sharks, don't miss this fun and interactive lecture which is appropriate for all ages.