

# Al Huelga

Judge for PTCC's FT-16 Field Trip to Capitola, California

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Returns on Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Al Huelga studied Photographic Art at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco and has been taking underwater and land photographs professionally for nearly 40 years. He uses 35mm and medium format film, digital cameras and video equipment for his work.

His photography has received high honors in a number of underwater and topside photography competitions over the years. He has competed in the European Diving Certification Organization's (Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques, CMAS) Underwater Photography World Championships representing the U.S.A. in Cuba, Spain and Norway and was among the top 10 finalists in Cuba's 1992 World Championships. His images and articles have been widely published in *SkinDiver*, *Canadian Diver* and *Western Diver Magazine* as well as in textbooks, newspapers and television productions.

His approach to, and appreciation of, photography is based on natural but artistic, well composed images having interesting subjects whether these subjects are underwater, landscapes, nature, sports, people, architectural, or still life. Al acknowledges that some of his best work, like many other photographers, results from his simply being at the right place at the right time.

Al retired from Monterey's Aquarius Dive Shops in 1999, but continues to create digital video productions as well as film and digital imaging work. He resides in Monterey, CA. with his wife Laurie.