

Don Palen is a retired Navy Captain who is rediscovering the art of photography after a 30-year hiatus. Formerly dealing with darkrooms and chemicals, he is now exploring digital photography and its equally complex challenges. He is an accomplished offshore ocean sailboat sailor and holds both a Master Oceans Unlimited (any ship, any size, any ocean) license from the U.S. Coast Guard and a commercial hot air balloon pilot's license from the Federal Aviation Agency. Although he has achieved many of his life's goals and challenges he is still looking for someone to teach him how to drive a steam locomotive.