

# Underwater Photo Competition 2023



## Conditions of entry:

- \* All entrants must be a financial members of the Nautilus Scuba Club Cairns at the time of submission and on the awards night (i.e. 2022-23 & 2023-24)
- \* All images submitted are to be the work of the submitting photographer.
- \* No Aquarium images.
- \* Images submitted should be taken between 1 May 2021 to 13 May 2023.
- \* Images that have been previously entered in a Nautilus photo competition are not permitted.
- \* Images that have won a prize in any other competition are not permitted.
- \* Electronic retouching and cropping of images are permissible. (Images that have been excessively cropped to create a macro shot will be discarded).
- \* No composite images permitted.
- \* Do not remove all the metadata from the image, only the photographer's name should be removed (if included in the metadata), also if the photographer uses an image editing program that allows a star or number rating, please remove the rating before submitting.
- \* There may be a request to the submitting photographer for an original file if there is doubt over the validity of the submitted image.
- \* Closing date for Images to be submitted is Saturday 13th May 2023 at Midnight. No entries will be accepted after this date.
- \* Entrants who submit entries that are incorrectly named or incorrectly sized will be informed by email and will have 24 hours to correct their mistake and re-submit their entry.
- \* Images are to be submitted online via [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) to [photocomp@nautilus-scuba.net](mailto:photocomp@nautilus-scuba.net) along with a completed entry form. Entrance fee to be paid online to the Club account.
- \* Cost of entry is \$40.00 per entrant (for one or twenty images).
- \* All files must have the name of the entrant and the category of the image as their title.
- \* Images can be portrait or landscape but must be at least 3969 pixels at 240 pixels per inch on their longest edge. (This means that the image is an A3 or 420mm x 297mm).
- \* Files submitted to be high-quality JPEG.
- \* Maximum of 3 images per photographer per category with exception of the portfolio category which has a maximum of 5 images per entry.
- \* All categories are open, except for the designated compact portfolio and DSLR portfolio categories. Only one portfolio category can be entered (i.e. DSLR or Compact)
- \* Judging of images will be blind (photographer unknown) and performed by professional underwater photographers who are not club members.
- \* Judges' decisions are final and not open for debate.
- \* Prizes for first and second place in each category will be awarded.
- \* There will be additional awards of members' choice and people's choice.
- \* Entries will be displayed at the Tanks Art Centre for 4 weeks from 26 July to 20 August 2023
- \* The awards night will be Saturday 5 August 2023 when the judges' decisions will be announced.
- \* Entrants agree that they will attend the awards ceremony or nominate a friend to accept any awards on their behalf.
- \* Entrants agree that any images submitted may be used by the Nautilus Scuba Club and prize sponsors for promotional purposes.
- \* All winning entrants agree to supply images for publication in Scuba Diver Magazine, Dive Log, the Nautilus Scuba Club website, Facebook page and 2024 Club Calendar.

## **Categories:**

**Digital SLR:** This includes mirrorless cameras with interchangeable lenses.

**Compact Cameras:** are defined as mirrorless cameras with a fixed non-interchangeable lens and include GoPros.

**Note:** Entrants may submit photos into one portfolio category only i.e. DSLR/mirror-less or Compact, not both.

### **Open Macro:**

**This category can be entered by DSLR and Compact cameras. \*Entrants can submit up to 3 images.**

Any image that shows a smaller angle of view than the human eye (35mm focal length).

As a guideline, macro subjects are generally 6 inches across or smaller. Images that have been excessively cropped to create a macro shot will be discarded.

### **Open Portrait:**

**This category can be entered by DSLR and Compact cameras. \*Entrants can submit up to 3 images.**

A portrait shot usually focuses on 1 subject. It could be a full body shot, or for example, just focus on just the face/head, or perhaps one subject against a backdrop of many but the main subject should occupy at least 60% of the frame.

### **Open Wide Angle:**

**This category can be entered by DSLR and Compact cameras. \*Entrants can submit up to 3 images.**

Any image that shows a wider angle of view than the human eye (35mm focal length), close-focus wide angle photos are permitted but split images are not accepted for this category and should be entered into the relevant Portfolio Category.

### **Open Behaviour:**

**This category can be entered by DSLR and Compact cameras. \*Entrants can submit up to 3 images.**

Any image that shows the natural behaviour of an underwater animal, \* behaviour that is deemed to be manufactured by human intervention will not be acceptable. (i.e. shark feeds, puffed pufferfish).

### **The Beauty of the Great Barrier Reef:**

**This category can be entered by DSLR and Compact cameras. \*Entrants can submit up to 3 images.**

Images in this category should reflect the beauty of the Great Barrier Reef. Images taken anywhere on the Great Barrier Reef, Coral Sea Reefs, Flinders, Holmes, Flora, Bougainville, Osprey reef and the SS Yongala are acceptable.

### **Compact Camera Portfolio:**

**This category is entered by owners of compact cameras.**

Entrants should submit 5 (five) images that demonstrate a range of skills, i.e. macro, portrait and wide angle, over and under images. Images in this category may not be entered into any other category.

### **DSLR Camera Portfolio:**

**This category is entered by owners of a DSLR/Mirrorless camera.** Entrants should submit 5 (five) images that demonstrate a range of skills, i.e., macro, portrait and wide angle, over and under images. Images in this category may not be entered into any other category.

### **A note about entrants' displayed images:**

It is not the responsibility of the Nautilus Committee to collect/keep the entrant's images at the close of the display. If the entering photographer is unable to collect their images after the display, then they should arrange for someone to do so.

### **A note about prize awards.**

Entrants of the photo competition should be aware that the prizes awarded for each category are generously donated by sponsors of the Nautilus Scuba Club and its Underwater Photo Competition. The committee has no control over what the sponsor decides to include in their donation. In some cases, the sponsor indicates a preferred category to which their prize is awarded to.