



2025 Photo Competition – Video entry guide

Video preparation

Your video should be no longer than 3 minutes.

Video may include above water footage (eg boat, drone) but at least 70% must be underwater footage.

- Quality – prepare the video in a high quality / high resolution format, suitable for uploading to YouTube.
- Music – music used for video soundtrack must be free of any copyright restrictions.
- Credits – please do not include any credits information in the video itself, or anything that can identify you when someone watches the video.

Uploading your video.

Entries are to be uploaded to YouTube as **unlisted** videos, such that the entrant cannot be identified from those viewing the video on YouTube. This can be achieved by creating a specific YouTube Channel for your video.

You will share/email a weblink to the video to photocomp-entries@nautilus-scuba.net
Once the submission period is complete, this link will be shared with the judges, so that they can view the videos online without knowing who the entrant is.

Follow this guide if you need help to upload. These steps have been prepared using the desktop version of YouTube, the process may vary for mobile app versions.

Step 1 - Log in to YouTube

Open YouTube in your browser.

Sign in or create an account.

- If you already have a YouTube or Google account then sign in and skip to **Step 2**.
- If you do not already have a YouTube account then you will need to create one (you may need to use or create a Google Account as the first step). Click on Create Account (for personal use) and follow the prompts.
- You may need to “verify” your account using a mobile phone number or email.

Step 2 - Create a new Channel

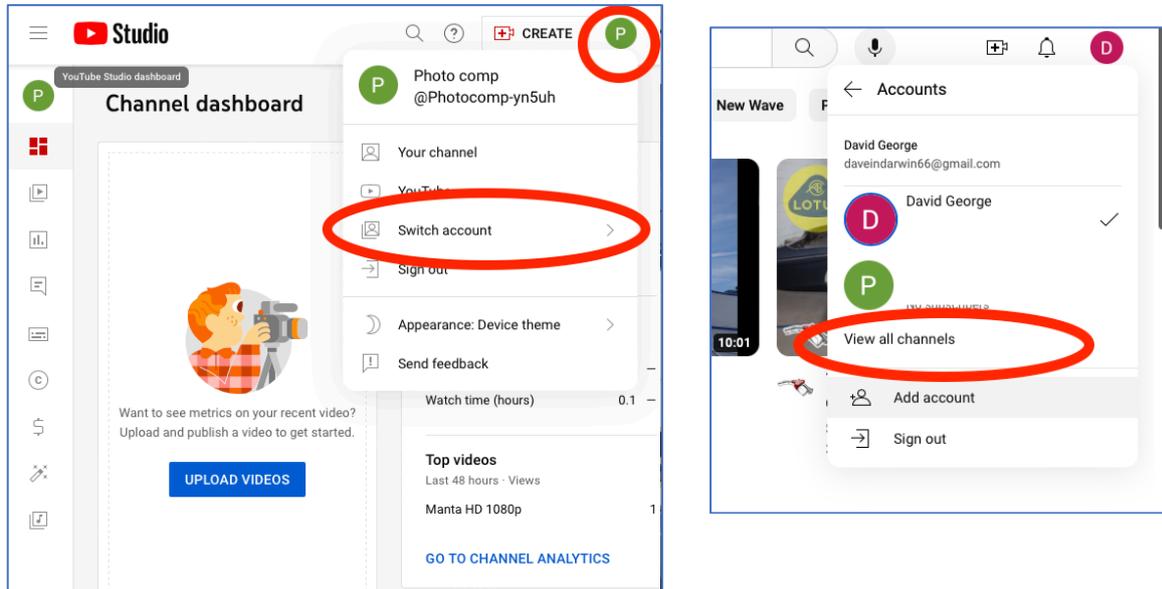
You need to create a new YouTube **Channel** that will only have your video entry, **no other videos**. This is to ensure anonymity during the judging process.

- Click on the coloured circle to get to account settings (top right of window)
- Click on “switch account”

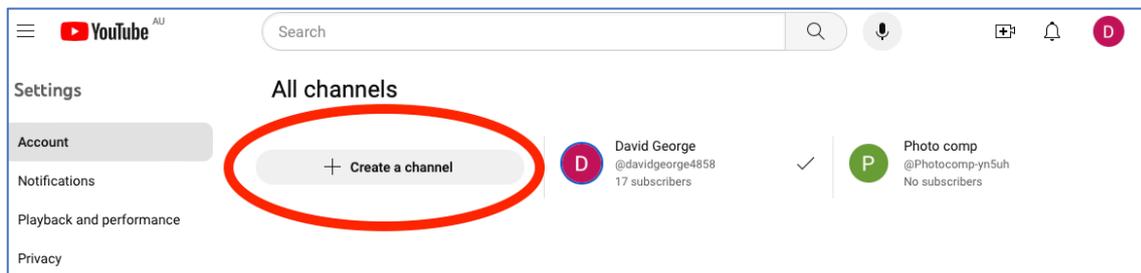


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- Click “view all channels”

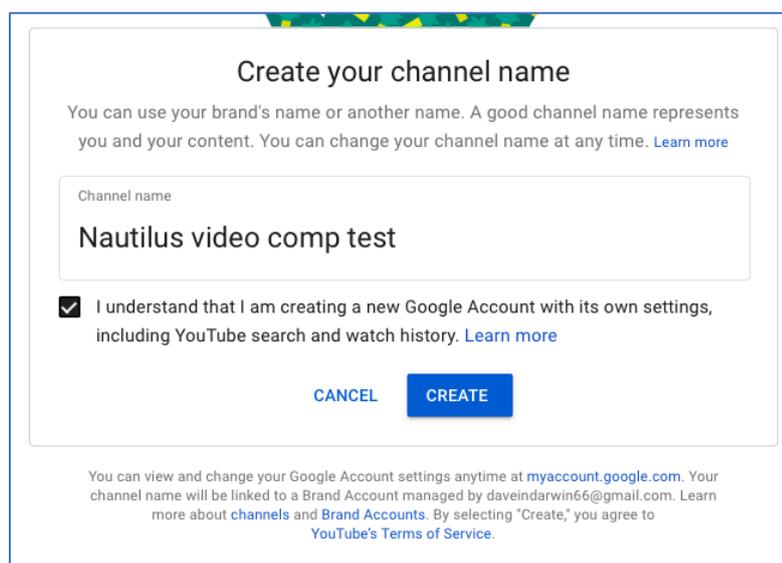


- Click “Create a channel”, then choose your channel name (name it so that it doesn’t identify you to the viewer, eg “Nautilus video comp” or something like that).



You may need to go through a verification step. YouTube will create a new Google Account, using this channel as a basis. You will be able to access this new channel via your YouTube account.

Take note of your account name and password.

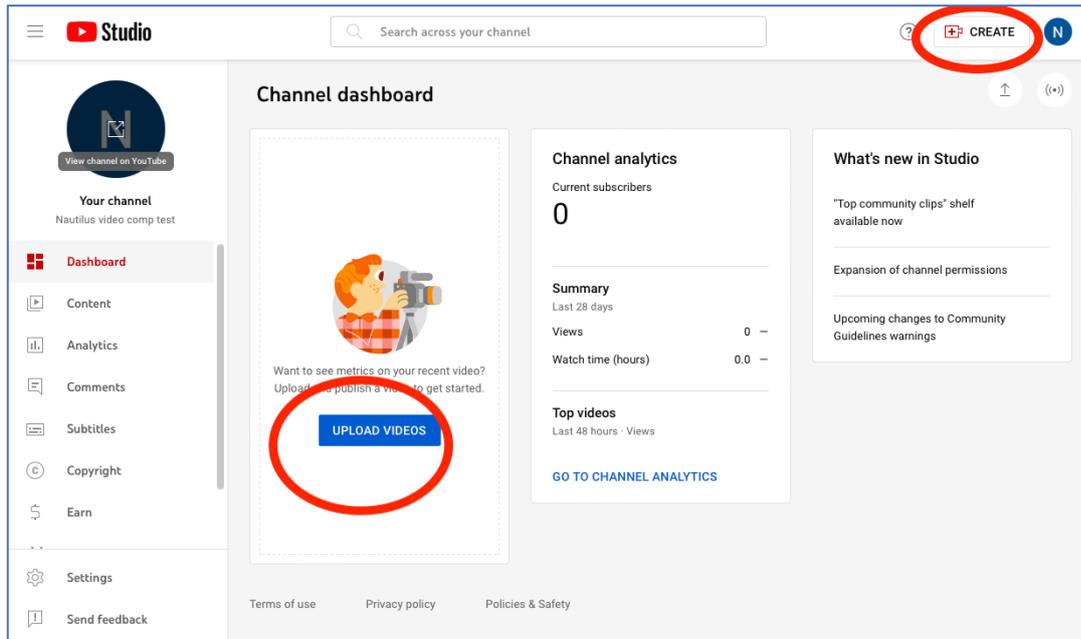




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Step 3 Upload your video

Now it's time to upload your video to this new channel. Make sure it is actually uploaded to the **new** channel and not your existing one (i.e. if you already had a YouTube account)



If there is an option to Upload content then click on it, otherwise click on the little symbol in the top right of the window.

Select your video (or drag and drop).

Uploading can take quite a long time, depending on your file size and internet speed. While it is uploading you can still proceed with a few more steps.

Step 4 - Add video details

- Give the video has a **TITLE** that does not identify you in any way.
- Add a short description.
- If you have any copyright information for the soundtrack then add it here. YouTube will analyse the video for any copyright and give you warnings if there is a copyright issue.

In the below example, the music used is copyright free, downloaded from a provider called Purple-Planet. If their weblink is included in the Description, YouTube will “clear” that video of any copyright issues.



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Details

[REUSE DETAILS](#)

Title (required) [?](#)
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Description [?](#)
Music: <https://www.purple-planet.com> 36/5000

To make external links clickable, first complete a one-time [verification](#).

Thumbnail

Select or upload a picture that shows what's in your video. A good thumbnail stands out and draws viewers' attention. [Learn more](#)

Upload thumbnail

Playlists

Add your video to one or more playlists to organize your content for viewers. [Learn more](#)

Select

Uploading 43% ... 2 minutes left NEXT

YouTube will check the video for copyright restrictions

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Checks

We'll check your video for issues that may restrict its visibility and then you will have the opportunity to fix issues before publishing your video. [Learn more](#)

Copyright

No issues found ✓

Remember: These check results aren't final. Issues may come up in the future that impact your video. [Learn more](#)

[Send feedback](#)

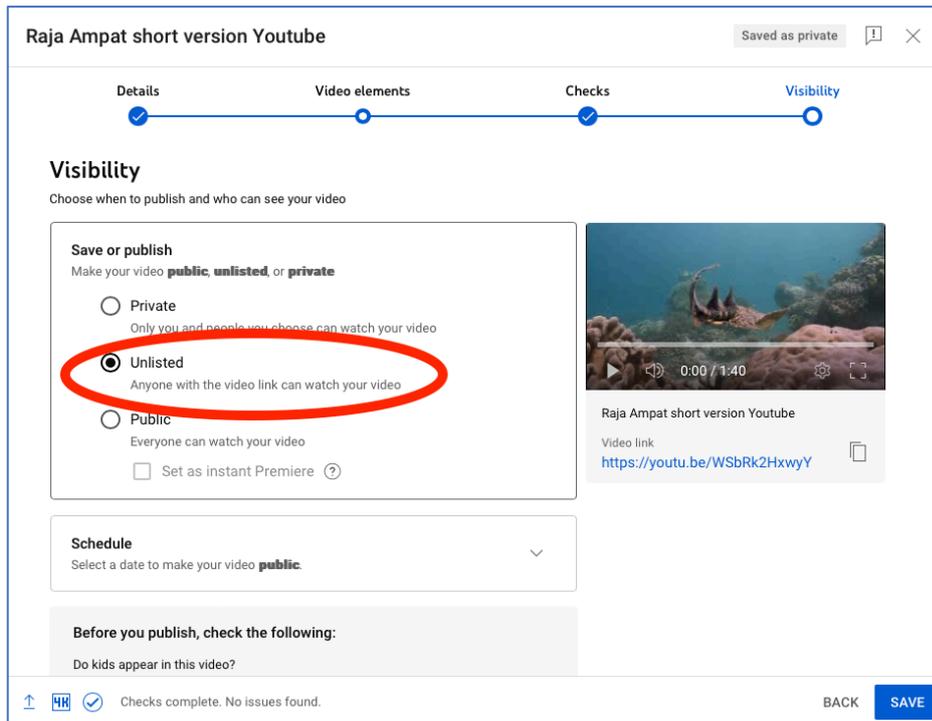
Checks complete. No issues found. BACK NEXT



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Step 5 - Visibility

Once the video has been uploaded successfully, you'll get this window:



You must select UNLISTED

This will publish the video publicly, so it can be seen by anyone who has the **video link** but it cannot be found by the usual google search.

You may also need to review other settings, such as “is it made for kids” etc

Click **SAVE**

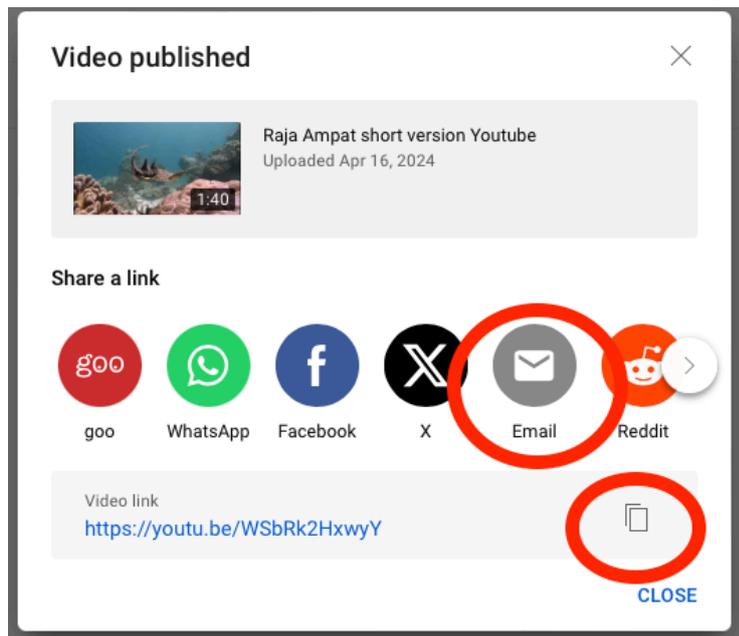


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Step 6 – Share the link

Once the video upload process is complete and the video is published, you need to email the LINK to photocomp-entries@nautilus-scuba.net

It is recommended that you cc yourself into this email as an easy way of keeping a copy of the video link.



Either click on Email (if your computer allows you to send emails from YouTube), or copy the link and paste it into an email.

Use the email Subject: "video entry from (your name)"

In the body of the email, make sure you include

- Your **NAME**
- Your **MEMBERSHIP NUMBER**
- The **TITLE** of your video
- A **VIDEO LINK** to your video

The Video Link will be forwarded to the Judges so that they can view the videos online, without identifying the entrant.

Once the judging process is complete, the organisers will download the video (or may request a digital copy of the video) and create a showreel of all video entries that will be played during the Exhibition

Any questions or difficulties, please contact Dave at photocomp@nautilus-scuba.net who is happy to help.