

GENERAL INFORMATION

Submitted photographs are separated in two categories according to camera type: DSLR and compact.

The competition is divided into six categories:

- **Ambient Photography with or without a model**
- **Fish Photography**
- **Macro**
- **Wrecks (ships, airplanes etc.)**
- **Fashion and Creative Photography**
- **Best diving destinations Photographs (5 photos)**



The registration for the "Underwater Photo Marathon" contest is 25 €, and for all competitors from Croatia it is free. After the jury assesses the work, the official results of the competition will be published on the website <http://www.uwphotomathon.com/>

- *All materials should be uploaded through the <http://www.uwphotomathon.com/> website until March 2nd 2018 at 23:59:59. In case of technical issues, please send the materials with the filled registration form to uwphotomathon@gmail.com with the e-mail subject "Underwater Photo Marathon 2018" (all candidates are obliged to fill the registration form with full name, address, T-shirt size, e-mail address and camera type – DSLR or compact when submitting their photographs).*
- *The competition is open from January 15th, 2018 until March 2nd, 2018. All photos sent after this period will not be taken into consideration.*

1. The competition is divided into two types of categories, i.e. cameras: DSLR and compact. All hybrid cameras with interchangeable lenses go into the DSLR category.
2. Except the international part of the competition there will be a Croatian competition where only competitors from the Republic of Croatia will be judged in the so-called „MARES UWPM 2018 National Championship Croatia“.
3. The competition is open for underwater photographers using digital cameras with or without underwater housing, regardless of the additional equipment they use.
4. All submitted photos must have been taken by the entrant.
5. Only photos that **have not already been awarded at this or similar events can be submitted**. Only in the category “Portfolio”, can be photos that have already been awarded in similar competitions.
6. In the category “Portfolio”, there must be submitted 5 photographs or it cannot be taken into consideration and the category will be disqualified.
7. All photos should not be older than 3 years i.e. to be photographed after the date of 15.01.2015.
8. All photos must be sent in JPEG format and can be in black and white.
9. Only one photo is permitted per author per competition category and can be submitted into both camera categories – DSLR and compact. If the competitor enters photos in both categories (DSLR and compact), in that case registration fees for both categories have to be paid.
10. Limited post-processing is allowed (Photoshop, Picasa...), in terms of correcting levels, curves, saturation, color, contrast and cleaning with tools such as *Clone Stamp Tool*. Photo overlapping and/or double exposure is allowed, but frames and copyrights (signature) are not allowed. Cropping is allowed up to 20% of the original photo size.
11. The minimal size of the photograph in the longest dimension is 2000 pixels.
12. A candidate must have the original photo (preferably in RAW format), which they must send the organizer if requested.
13. All photos must have EXIF information available (Exchangeable Image File Format), which contain details about the type of camera used and the date when the photo has been taken.
14. All photos have to be taken in a natural underwater environment. “Under-overs” or “Half & half’s” photos are allowed, as long as the underwater part is at least 50% of the photo.
15. The “Fashion and Creative” category may combine underwater and land components, as long as the underwater part takes up over 50% of the photo. Photos taken in pools and other bodies of water with the use of various props and/or installations will also be accepted in this category.
16. All photos not meeting listed criteria will be disqualified.
17. Photographers keep the copyrights to their photos.
18. The organizer (Diving Club „Roniti se mora“) will display the best 60 photos at an exhibition and reserves the right to publish the photos in print and/or in web editions with the publication of the author’s name.

19. The organizer will display the best 60 photos at *Underwater Photo Marathon* exhibition, after which will be presented as required by other sponsors.
20. The registration fee for the competition is 25€ and payment has to be made through Pay Pal service, and **for all competitors from Croatia the registration fee is free.**
21. You can enter the competition with a maximum of 5 sets of photographs. From 1 set of photographs one photo enters in each category. The registration fee for 1 set is 25€, for 2 sets 50€, for 3 sets 70€, for 4 sets 90€ and for 5 sets 100€
22. For each set of photographs, additional registration is required with a new email address. Other competitor data can remain the same.
23. The overall winner of the 6th MARES UWPM is determined by the sum of points of the best 4 photos in 1 set. The photos from the Portfolio are not included in the scoring for the overall winner.
24. The overall winner of the 6th MARES UWPM will be going to the final competition on May 19th 2018 to Egypt to take a Liveaboard trip, and the organizer is covering all costs of the Liveaboard stay except the airplane tickets and visas.
25. The overall winners of the 6th MARES UWPM in the category DSLR (1st-3rd place) and category Compact (1st-3rd place) and the overall winners of the 6th MARES UWPM CROATIAN CHAMPIONSHIP in the category DSLR and Compact (1st-2nd place) will enter the final competition. All competitors in the category DSLR will also have a secured place for their assistant/models, all costs completely covered during their Liveaboard stay except the airplane ticket and visas.
26. Wrecks do not enter the category Ambient with or without model but these photos will have to be entered in the category "Wrecks".

JURY

The jury is comprised of six members who will judge the photos upon submissions deadline. The jury's decision is final, no appeals are allowed.

AWARDS

The organizer is obliged to present awards in every category for the first three places, and an overall winner, as well as the award for the Best of show. The awards ceremony is the subject of further decisions of the Organizer. All competition winners will be informed via e-mail and on the website <http://www.uwphotomathon.com/>. In case that a winning author is not able to attend the exposition opening and the award ceremony, their award can be claimed up to 30 days after the exhibition opening of the *Underwater Photo Marathon* or can be shipped to their address at their own cost.

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You can make payment also via Pay Pal account

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