



# 2010 Ohio Regional Photo Competition

The ScubaFest Ohio Regional Photo Competition is a digital photography contest open to divers and amateur photographers residing in Ohio and the contiguous states of Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The winning entries will be announced at the ScubaFest banquet. ScubaFest is returning to the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus, Ohio.

**ELIGIBILITY** The Competition is open to divers and amateur photographers residing in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, & Pennsylvania. The digital photos entered may have been taken anywhere in the world, fresh or salt water, unless limited by the category in which the image is submitted.

## CATEGORIES

**Great Lakes:** Pictures taken in any of the Great Lakes or the rivers which connect them

**Standard and Wide Angle:** Salt water or fresh, medium or wide shots of wrecks, reef environments, divers, aquatic life, etc.

**Macro/Close-up:** Move in close for critters or reef shots from anywhere in the world

**Fresh water:** Lakes, springs, quarries and ponds located anywhere in the world

**Age 16 & Under:** Open to photographers age 16 (as of the entry submission/postmark date) or younger. Open water, no pool shots.

**JUDGING** Judging will be based on composition, technique, exposure and general interest. The decision of the judges will be final. It is the intent of the judges to select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries in each category, along with a grand prize winner for the entry deemed Best-of-Show. There will also be a special People's Choice winner chosen by the Friday and Saturday attendees of ScubaFest. The judges reserve the right to not select any entries in a category for which no entry deserves the award. The judges reserve the right to request the original unedited or raw digital file for review. Any entry that does not meet the rules or conditions of the Competition may be disqualified by the judges.

**PRIZES** An entrant may win more than one place, but only one prize will be awarded per winner. In the event that one entrant wins several places, the winner will get the highest prize won. If an award-winning entry is later found to have violated any rule, it will be disqualified and officials of this Competition reserve the right to recall prizes.

## ENTRY

**Deadline:** All entries must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than March 1, 2010.

**Fees:** Entrant may submit as many images as desired. Entry fee for the first image is \$10 with a \$5 fee for each additional image.

**Category Placement:** Each individual image may be entered in only one category. If an image may be considered in more than one category, the choice is up to the entrant.

**Format:** Entries may be submitted as JPEG or TIFF, with a minimum resolution of 1200 in the long dimension. If in JPEG, a file with the highest quality setting (where compression is kept to a minimum) is recommended. Color images should be RGB.

**Ownership/Copyright:** Ownership and copyright of all entries remain with the photographer. ScubaFest and the OCSSDI reserve the right to publish the winning entries, without compensation, in all announcements of contest winners and all publicity. Proper credit will be given to the photographer.

**Entry Form:** A completed entry form must accompany all submissions. By signing the form, the entrant will certify that the images submitted are his/her own work.

**Titling:** Pictures must be submitted in this title style: the first three letters of the entrant's last name, followed by an underscore, then the title of the picture. For example, Davey Jones photo of a pirate would be titled: jon\_pirate.

**Mail Entries:** Submit images on a CD or DVD labeled with the entrant's name and either the phone number or e-mail address. Mail (1) the completed entry form, (2) a check or money order made payable to "ScubaFest" for the appropriate fee and (3) the labeled CD/DVD to: *ScubaFest Ohio Regional Photo Competition, PO Box 85, Summit Station, OH 43073*  
CDs/DVDs WILL NOT BE RETURNED

**Electronic Entries:** Submit images and the completed entry form via e-mail to [PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org](mailto:PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org). Payment by check or PayPal should be received within a week after submission; send check to: *ScubaFest Ohio Regional Photo Competition, PO Box 85, Summit Station, OH 43073*.

**Contest officials, contest judges, members of the ScubaFest Committee and members of the OCSSDI, cannot be held responsible for lost or misdirected entries. Do not send cash. CDs and DVDs will not be returned.**

**RESTRICTIONS** The intent of this competition is to give exposure and credibility to amateurs. Industry professionals are ineligible for this competition.

Contest officials and their immediate families are ineligible.

Images that have been published or accepted for publication as of the entry postmark date are not eligible.

Any images which have won best-of-show or placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in any major competition (as defined at the discretion of the judges) as of the entry postmark date are ineligible.

This competition is not a photo manipulation contest. Allowable manipulation is limited to cropping, brightness and contrast adjustment, sharpening, color correction, dodging and burning.

Submit questions to [PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org](mailto:PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org)

Check the Photo Contest page of our website, [www.scubafest.org](http://www.scubafest.org), for any last-minute announcements