



## 2011 Combined Clubs Weekend Underwater Photo Competition Rules

1. This underwater photography competition has four categories:
  - a) Wide Angle / Scenery / Divers / Larger Animal images from Tasmania\* taken during the **last 12 months**;
  - b) Macro / Animal Portraits from Tasmania\* taken during the **last 12 months** ;
  - c) Wide Angle / Scenery / Divers / Larger Animal images taken **on the weekend** of 2011 CCW;
  - d) Macro / Animal Portraits taken **on the weekend** of 2011 CCW.

\* Interstate entrants can choose to replace "Tasmania" with "your home state".

2. It is the responsibility of entrants to ensure that photographs are submitted correctly according to these rules.
3. Entrants may submit up to 3 images in each category. The same images must not be submitted in multiple categories.
4. Images should have been made with the camera substantially underwater.
5. Photographs for the 2011 CCW Underwater Photo Competition must have been taken after 15th June 2010.
6. Images should be submitted as digital JPG files, normally using the high quality/ low compression.
7. Image files may be produced by digital cameras or from scans of transparencies, negatives or prints made using a film camera.
8. Images may be cropped, however either the minimum image width or height should not be substantially different from those produced in the camera (as a general rule for digital cameras, one side should be at least 1200 pixels long).
9. Sharpening and other global digital changes such as adjusting contrast/brightness/colour balance etc. to optimize images is permitted, as is rotation and flipping. Backscatter removal

is allowed to an extent, but this does not include the removal of large objects such as fish or divers. Cutting and pasting sections of images from one part of an image or from a separate image is not allowed. It should be remembered that this competition is for underwater photography, not the digital manipulation of images. Event organisers and judges reserve the right to exclude any image they believe may have been excessively treated so as to alter its authenticity.

**10. Images in the “last 12 months” categories must be submitted to the organisers prior to the event by 5pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Late entries may not be accepted.** Images should be submitted via email to [ccwbicheno@gmail.com](mailto:ccwbicheno@gmail.com). Alternative submission arrangements can be organised on request. **“On the weekend” images should be submitted to the organisers by 2pm on the Sunday of the CCW.**

**11. Images must be labelled according to this format: <Category><Name><Photo Name>.JPG** so an image of a dolphin swimming over a reef taken in Tasmania by Joe Bloggs and entered in Category A might have this file name: CatAJBloggsDolphin.JPG. If it was an image of a dolphin’s face to be entered in the portrait category it might be labelled: CatBJBloggsDolphin.JPG or catbloggsdolphinface.jpg or catbloggsdolphin2.jpg. Case is unimportant, but entry category, photographers name and a name or number to identify each image file is required so that photos can be properly organised. Photos named incorrectly may be disqualified.

**12.** The organisers reserve the right to request a copy of the original image to ensure that the above conditions have been fulfilled.

**13.** The organisers encourage photographers to submit a variety of images. All subjects will be considered.

**14.** Judging will be primarily based on the aesthetic appeal of images. Focus, exposure and composition will be prime considerations and should be used to make a pleasing image and complement the subject matter. Originality and/or the difficulty of getting the image may also be taken into account. Both impressionist images and more conventional compositions will be welcomed.

**15.** A first, second and third place will be selected in each category, and these, along with other images of high standard entered in the competition will be displayed during the course of the CCW.

**16.** Winning entrants will be announced on the Sunday night of the CCW.

**17.** The organisers reserve the right to use all photos for future promotion of the CCW, but not for any other purpose.