



2024 Combined Clubs Weekend Underwater Photo Competition Rules

1. The 2024 underwater photography competition has four categories:
 - A) **Kelp Me Kelp Me! – Point and Shoot**
Taken with a point and shoot camera since CCW 2023 with minimal editing.
 - B) **Kelp Me Kelp Me! – DSLR**
Taken with a DSLR camera since CCW 2023 with minimal editing.
 - C) **Cryptic Critters - Macro**
 - D) **Fishes - Open Category - If it swims (or walks) - SNAP IT!**
2. It is the responsibility of entrants to ensure photos are submitted correctly according to these rules.
3. Entrants may submit up to 3 photos in each category. The same photos cannot be submitted in multiple categories.
4. Photos are to have mostly underwater content. Under/Over Images are allowed.
5. Photos for the 2024 CCW Underwater Photo Competition must have been taken on or after 7th June 2023.
6. Photos should be submitted as digital JPG files.
7. Image files may be produced by digital cameras or from scans of transparencies, negatives or prints made using a film camera.
8. Photos may be cropped; however, the resulting image dimensions should not be less than 1920 pixels on the longest edge nor less than 1080 pixels on the shortest edge.
9. Post-processing using fundamental editing techniques such as noise reduction, sharpening, as well as adjustments to exposure, contrast, colour temperature and clarity, etc. is permitted, as is rotation. Limited backscatter removal is allowed. Digital manipulation, including moving parts of a picture within an image, or adding other pictures or parts of a picture from other images is not permitted. Keep in mind that this competition is for underwater photography, not the digital manipulation of images, unless the category specifically allows such manipulations.
10. The organisers and judges reserve the right to request a copy of the original photo to ensure that the above conditions have been fulfilled and may exclude any photo they believe may have been excessively treated to alter its authenticity.
11. Image files **must** be named according to this format: <Category><Name><Photo Name>.jpg so a photo 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 a photo of a dolphin's face to be entered in the portrait category it might be labelled: CatBJBloggsDolphin.JPG or catbbloggsdolphinface.jpg or catbbloggsdolphin2.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. Image files named incorrectly may be disqualified.
12. Photos **must** be submitted to the organisers by **8pm on Tuesday 4th June** and late entries may not be accepted. Photos should be submitted via email to CCWPhotoComp@gmail.com with Category and your name i.e. "Cat D J. Bloggs" as the subject. Separate emails are required for entries in different categories. If files are too large and need to be sent separately, please append the subject with "1 of 3" etc.
13. The organisers encourage photographers to submit a variety of photos. All subjects will be considered.
14. Judging will be primarily based on the aesthetic appeal of photos. 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 considered.
15. The judge's decision will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
16. Photos will be uploaded to the CCW's official Facebook page.
17. Winning entrants will be announced on the Sunday night of the CCW.
18. The organisers reserve the right to use all photos and images for future promotion of the CCW, but not for any other purpose.