

Martin Dive Photo/Video Contest 2020



Photo Categories:

- Underwater - Close-up and small critters
- Underwater - Normal, wide-angle, large critters, and scenes
- Underwater - Pictures of divers
- Topside, Diving Related - Sunsets on dive trips, boat scenes, etc.
- Rookie - For anyone that has not won an award in the past 2 years
- Extreme Photoshop — Anything goes

Video Categories:

- Edited Video Presentations - 4 minutes or less
- Un-edited Video Shot - No music, no editing, may be trimmed for time; 1 minute or less.

Rules:

This is a photography and videography contest, not a Photoshop, digital imaging, video production contest. Imaging and editing software has become a necessary tool for processing images and videos, but it is not a substitute for good photography and videography. All entries will be judged on: 1) technical image quality (lighting, exposure, and focus); 2) difficulty; 3) composition; and 4) overall impact. The value of UW videography will weigh more than computer-generated graphics and animation. A minimum of 50% of the footage must be live video taken underwater (as opposed to still shots). Maximum length of video submission includes any introduction and/or credits.

Entries exhibiting the following behavior will be disqualified:

- Divers visibly damaging the environment (e.g., gear dragging or kicking up sand)
- Animals being touched against their will or with signs of diver-induced stress (e.g., puffed puffers, inking octopus)
- Animals moved to an unnatural environment, risky location, or being fed by divers.
- Divers exhibiting poor buoyancy control.

Marine life should never be stressed or endangered for the sake of a photo or video!

Members may enter up to two entries into each of the categories. All photos and videos must have been taken and edited by entrant (no specified time frame due to COVID19 impacts on travel this year) and must have not been entered in past LMDC Photo & Video Contests.

Digital images may only be:

- Color corrected
- Adjusted for lightness or darkness
- Cropped
- NO OTHER DIGITAL MANIPULATION ALLOWED — Nothing added, nothing taken away
- EXCEPTION: Extreme Photoshop category: Anything goes

All images and videos submitted must be identified as to which category you intend to enter. Submit images in JPEG format. Submit videos in WMV, MOV, or MPEG format.

By submitting the entry, the competitor certifies that he or she has created, composed, and made the original submitted photo or video and agrees to give Lockheed Martin Dive Club rights to use the work. All entries should be delivered to Mike McCleskey prior to the **October 15, 2020 deadline**. Entries may be emailed to mmccleskey@cfl.rr.com; snail mailed to 1814 Billingshurst Court, Orlando FL 32825; or any other arrangements we can come up with. Call me at 407- 808-6453 with any questions. Winners will be announced at our regular meeting in November.

Don't miss out on the fun! Start going through your photos and videos now and pick a few to enter...

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