



PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY AND SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY announces our first annual Ocean Views Photography Awards competition. This competition is open to all levels of photographers from anywhere in the world. A selection of the winning images will hang in a photo exhibit at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. Winning images will appear in a special Ocean's Edition of NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY magazine. Cash and prizes will be awarded. We are looking for your very BEST images of:

- Ocean weather: waves, waterspouts, storms, rain, fog, lightning
- Beaches, shores, estuaries
- Tide zones, tide pools
- Tropical reef ecosystems, temperate reef ecosystems
- Shallow-shore environments
- Deep-water environments
- Seals, walruses, sea lions, manatees
- Hard hat diving, SCUBA diving, snorkeling, free diving
- Whales, dolphins, sharks, rays, and fish of all kinds
- Natural feeding, breeding or playful behavior
- Geologic processes or features on the shores of, or in the ocean
- People enjoying the ocean environment
- Submersibles and mini-sub
- Sunken vessels

DEADLINE: Entries accepted beginning SEPTEMBER 21 and postmarked no later than DECEMBER 21, 2007.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All images must be taken in the wild of natural settings and behaviors. No captive animals will be considered. No baiting or entrapment of any kind is permissible. All images must be submitted on CD's or DVD's to the following specifications:

FILM ENTRIES:

- All film entries must be scanned per specifications for low-res images listed below and sent on a CD or DVD, and clearly marked as "Film Scans". If one or more film images are selected for publication, the original transparency must be available upon request for drum scanning and pre-press. Negative film images and prints are NOT accepted.

DIGITAL ENTRIES:

- 72 ppi low resolution JPEG files for preliminary judging.

Measuring 1000 pixels on the longest side. Submitted on a CD or DVD.

Clearly indicate which images are originally film images: "Film Scan", and which are digitally captured images: "Digital Capture"

Burn ALL low-res images to a single CD. Write your first and last name and "Low-Res Images" on the CD

- 400 ppi hi resolution TIFF files for final judging and possible publishing in NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY.

Uncompressed. Unsharpened. Measuring 8000 pixels on the longest side.

Include the original RAW image file, if available. Burn ALL Hi-Res Images to CD's or DVD's as needed

Write your first and last name and "Hi-Res Images" on each disc.

- RAW files (if available) for publication and printing of museum quality prints for exhibition.

NOTE: 16-bit is preferred over 8-bit image as it provides more color variations. However, both are acceptable. ProPhoto color space is preferred over Adobe RGB 1998. However, both are acceptable.

DIGITAL IMAGE FILE NAMES: Identify each electronic image file with your first and last name; for tracking purposes. Also add the species name and location if possible. (Example: [DavyJones_Orca_PugetSound.jpg](#))

YOUR SUBMISSION MUST INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. ENTRY FORM. Please visit our Web site: www.naturesbestmagazine.com to print the entry form along with a complete copy of the rules and guidelines. Please fill in all information clearly and send with your submission.

2. ENTRY FEE \$50.00. US DOLLARS ONLY. NO FOREIGN CHECKS ACCEPTED.

- Please send a CHECK or MONEY ORDER payable to NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY.
- OR send CREDIT CARD information:
Card type (VISA, Mastercard, or American Express ONLY).
Card number. Your name as it appears on the card.
Expiration date. Security code on the back of the card.
- OR you may CALL 703-467-9783 with your charge information.

3. IMAGES. Limit your entry to no more than 20 images per person.

You may submit all images in a single category or split your images into multiple categories (see descriptions below).
Send ALL images in digital format on CD's or DVD's in ONE submission.

4. LIST OF CAPTIONS AND CAMERA SPECIFICATIONS. Send a typed list of the following information for each image:

TITLE: Common name of subject or species (*include Latin name if known*).

LOCATION: Formal name of the location where the image was taken, include the state or province, and country.

YOUR NAME (as you would like it to be published) and your city, state or province, and country.

CAPTION: Describe (up to 100 words) the natural history of your subject; the behavior displayed; the challenge of getting the shot and how it was resolved; the unique gear, preparation, or photographic set-up used; perhaps a humorous anecdote about getting the shot; and environmental threats to the species or habitat. For underwater shots include the approximate depth at which you were when the image was taken.

CAMERA body, manufacturer, and model.

LENS (for zoom lens, include focal length used); Lens accessories (filters, tele-converters, extension tubes).

SHUTTER SPEED.

APERTURE setting.

If FILM: manufacturer and film type, ISO.

If DIGITAL: ISO setting.

FLASH: manufacturer and model, settings such as 'full', 'fill'; Flash accessories (remote triggers, extenders): manufacturer, model.

TRIPOD (or car window mounts, bean bags, etc.): manufacturer and model; Tripod head: manufacturer and model.

If UNDERWATER: camera housing, and strobes: manufacturer and model for each.

OTHER relevant camera accessories with manufacturer and model.

5. METHOD OF RETURN FOR YOUR SUBMISSION.

Submissions sent without sufficient return postage will NOT be returned. The use of foreign coupons is NOT acceptable for return mailing.

- FOR RETURN OF YOUR SUBMISSION VIA USPS:

You MUST include a self-addressed, stamped envelope of the proper size for your materials.

- FOR RETURN OF YOUR SUBMISSION VIA COURIER (FEDEX, ETC.):

Include a completed shipping form with your courier account number or credit card number, expiration date, and security code.

NOTE: FedEx and other couriers DO NOT deliver to PO Box addresses.

MAIL YOUR SUBMISSION: Each entry must contain all the above materials in a single mailing with appropriate protective packaging.

- MAIL VIA USPS SERVICE OR COURIER (FEDEX, UPS, ETC.) TO:

Nature's Best Oceans Photography Awards, 11411-C Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190, USA, Phone: 703-467-9783

QUESTIONS? Call 703-467-9783 or E-mail Oceans@NaturesBestMagazine.com.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENTRY AND GOOD LUCK!

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**Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer, landowner or other person.

Photographs involving willful harassment of wildlife, destruction of habitat or property are unacceptable.

***Nature's Best Publishing LLC does NOT accept submission of images via e-mail.

Failure to comply with contest guidelines will lead to disqualification.

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ENTRY FORM



FIRST NAME / MIDDLE INITIAL / LAST NAME _____ DATE _____

BUSINESS NAME _____ PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER AMATEUR YOUTH (UNDER 18) / BIRTHDATE _____

STREET ADDRESS _____ APARTMENT NO. _____

CITY _____ STATE / PROVINCE _____ ZIP / POSTAL CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

HOME PHONE _____ OFFICE PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

FAX _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS / WEB SITE _____

ENTRY FEE \$50 (US) METHOD OF PAYMENT

CHECK NUMBER _____ (NO FOREIGN CHECKS) _____ CALL OUR OFFICE TO CHARGE OVER THE PHONE 703-467-9783

CREDIT CARD NUMBER VISA MASTERCARD AMEX _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____ SECURITY CODE (3 OR 4 DIGITS ON BACK OF CARD) _____

NUMBER OF IMAGES IN ENTRY (SUBMISSION IS LIMITED TO 20 IMAGES PER PERSON / ENTRY)

_____ TOTAL NUMBER OF FILM IMAGES _____ 35MM _____ LARGE FORMAT

_____ TOTAL NUMBER OF DIGITAL IMAGES ON CD/DVD (PLEASE SAVE YOUR IMAGE WITH YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME IN TITLE)

RETURN INFORMATION * NOTE: WE CAN NOT RETURN ANY IMAGES WITHOUT THE PROPER RETURN POSTAGE.

YES I WANT MY SUBMISSION RETURNED AT THE END OF THE CONTEST. A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED WITH PROPER POSTAGE AND FORMS ATTACHED, OR A PREPAID COURIER FORM FILLED OUT WITH RETURN INFORMATION IS INCLUDED.

NO I DO NOT NEED MY SUBMISSION RETURNED AT THE END OF THE CONTEST. I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL CONTENT IN MY SUBMISSION MAY BE DESTROYED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.

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SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY TO:

VIA US POSTAL SERVICE OR COURIER:
OCEAN VIEWS 2008, PH: 703-467-9783, 11411-C SUNSET HILLS ROAD, RESTON, VA 20190

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