



**10TH INTERNATIONAL UNDER WATER PHOTOGRAPHY
CONTEST VODAN 2007**

CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to all amateur and professional photographers from Slovenia and abroad.
2. The contest includes the following photo categories:

Tropical Waters	Cold Waters	Freshwater (FW)
Ambience (TA) Fish (TF) Macro (TM)	Ambience (CA) Fish (CF) Macro (CM)	Digital Compact Cameras (CC)

3. All entries taken with SLR cameras should be submitted in digital form, either as original digital photos either as film image scans. This also includes film amphibious non-SLR cameras (Nikonos, Motomarine).
4. The entries should be sent on a Windows compatible CD or DVD. The photos should be submitted in a TIFF format, or high-quality JPEG (Photoshop Level 12) for SLR category, or in "JPEG fine" for compact digital cameras. All photos should be submitted in the basic resolution of the camera without interpolation. The lowest resolution for digital SLR cameras should be 6 megapixels or more, 35 mm transparencies should be scanned at 4000 dpi. Compact digital cameras resolution has no downward limitations.
5. The processing of digital images is limited to programs for image processing (e.g. Photoshop). The use of tools such as levels, curves, colour adjustments, saturation, contrast, is allowed. Furthermore, photos may be cleaned with the clone stamp tool. Only the photo as a whole may be processed, without using masks. Work with layers, masking, compilation of many different photos and similar image manipulation is not allowed. The cropping of images is allowed to a maximum of 20 % of the original image.
6. The names of the files should include category codes, camera type (when using film camera use the word "dia" instead of camera type in the name) and the entrant's name. Example: file named AT2_NikonD100_john_doe.jpg contains 2nd image in

Tropic Waters - Ambience category by photographer John Doe, taken with Nikon D100.

7. "Cold Waters" categories include all sea waters in temperate zone and polar zone; "Tropical Waters" categories include all tropical and subtropical sea waters.
8. "Macro" categories include the images of all marine invertebrates, where the longer side of image capture corresponds to 15 cm or less in the nature. Fish images entered in "Macro" categories will be disqualified. Only images of living organisms in their natural habitat will be eligible for competition.
9. "Fish" categories include marine fish images only. Photos of individual animals, of a school, or a portrait / detail are accepted. Only images of live fish, taken in their natural habitat, will be eligible for competition.
10. "Ambience" categories include images of natural underwater marine ambience with wide-angle lens, with or without the diver. "Half-half" images are also allowed.
11. "Fresh Water" category allows for any image taken in any natural fresh waters (lakes, rivers, underground caves). Photos can represent ambience and / or freshwater organisms.
12. All entries, regardless of the category, should be taken under the water surface. Images taken in aquariums or pools will not be eligible. Images showing organisms out of their natural habitat or in unnatural positions will be disqualified.
13. Pictures submitted to previous Vodan contests will be disqualified. Entrants who fail to observe this rule will be penalized by disqualification of all their entries from the contest.
14. Each entrant may submit a maximum of three (3) entries in each photo category, or a maximum of six (6) photos when participating in the Digital Compacts category. Each individual image may be entered in only one category.
15. Digital Compacts category allows the entrants to send up to 6 images of their own choice, clearly demonstrating the broadness of entrant's perception of the underwater photography. The files should be marked with the entrant's name, the name of the entry and the serial number of the shot.
16. All entries must be received by September 10th, 2007 in order to be eligible for the competition. Send the entries to:

**HSA Vodan
30. divizije 15a
5000 Nova Gorica
Slovenia.**

17. Entries will not be send back to the authors.
18. Photo entries will be judged by an international selection panel. Awards for the first three positions will be presented for each individual photographic category. Grand Prix will be awarded in overall classification of SRL photographic category (please note: categories "Compact Digital Cameras" is not included in the Grand Prix!).

19. Small Prix will be awarded to the best photographer in tropical categories, and to the best photographer in cold waters categories.

20. Entry fee must be sent together with the entry form. The amount of the entry fee depends on the number of entries for the competition:

Entries in one category	7,50 €
Entries in two categories	15,00 €
Entries in three categories	22,50 €
Entries in four or more categories	30,00 €

21. The awards will be announced at the ceremony in Nova Gorica, Slovenia, on October 20th, 2007. Awarded authors will be informed of their awards in time. Awarded authors that will not be able to attend the ceremony will receive their awards by mail.

22. The Organizing Committee holds the right to reproduce and keep any picture entered into contest for the archives of the contest, or for use of non-commercial purposes, without any further obligations to the author. However, the Organizing Committee must name the author of the picture.



APPLICATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ZIP CODE, _____

COUNTRY _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____

I AM ACQUAINTED WITH THE RULES OF 10TH INTERNATIONAL UNDERWATER PHOTO CONTEST VODAN 2007, AND I AGREE WITH THEM. THE PHOTOGRAPHS I ENTERED TO THE VODAN 2007 CONTEST WERE NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARDED ON OTHER CONTESTS.

SIGNATURE: _____

LIST OF ENTRIES

	TROPICAL WATERS AMBIENCE (TA)	TROPICAL WATERS FISH (TF)	TROPICAL WATERS MACRO (TM)
1			
2			
3			

	COLD WATERS AMBIENCE (CA)	COLD WATERS FISH (CF)	COLD WATERS MACRO (CM)
1			
2			
3			

	FRESHWATER (FW)
1	
2	
3	

	COMPACT DIGITAL CAMERAS (CC)	
1	4	
2	5	
3	6	

We kindly ask the competing authors to include the picture of themselves besides the entries to the contest. The photo will be used for the purpose of presenting the author during the projection on the evening of the concluding event of Vodan 2007 contest.