

BARRACUDAS 2026 SEASON PHOTO/VIDEO CONTEST RULES

Categories:

- 1. Above Water Image**
- 2. Underwater Wide-angle or Normal Perspective Image**
- 3. Underwater Close-up or Macro Perspective Image**
- 4. Underwater Diver Portrait Image**
- 5. Most Unique Image**
- 6. Underwater Video Clip**

Contest period: From Nov. 1, 2025 through Oct 31, 2026

The Photography Committee must receive contest entries no later than November 1, 2026.

DEFINITIONS

Wide-angle and Normal Perspective Images are images taken at a nominal distance of about two feet or greater.

Close-up or Macro Perspective Images are images taken at a nominal distance of less than two or three feet

Above Water Images can include over/under water photos that are taken on a diving trip.

A Diver Portrait Image is an image that contains a diver as part of the subject. The diver can be part of the background, the main focus of the image or provide perspective to the image subject. A diver silhouette in the background is considered a diver portrait image.

An Underwater Video Clip shall consist of a single video clip, one minute or less in length.

CONTEST RULES

1. Contestants can submit up to four entries per category per contest.
2. Entries shall not contain identifying information. i.e.. watermarks.
3. Contestants shall not enter the same image simultaneously in more than one category.

4. Above water entries to the Above Water and Most Unique categories **must be club related (any club sponsored function) or dive related (any dive trip)**. Underwater entries **for Most Unique and all Underwater categories** may be taken on any dive trip.
4. Individuals entering the contest must have taken the entries.
5. No contestant shall be awarded more than one award per category.
6. A Most Unique Image entry may be taken under water or above water. The Most Unique Image will be awarded a first-place prize.
7. A “Best of Show” prize will be awarded to the underwater image the judge deems to be the best underwater image submitted in the contest. The Best of Show winner will receive the first-place prize for the category.
8. Underwater photos must have been taken underwater and in open water; no pool, aquarium, or zoo photos.
9. No panoramic images will be allowed.
10. Photo entries may be enhanced through sharpening the focus, color balance, cropping and adjusting the brightness. Other enhancements of images such as cloning (moving picture elements from their original location and/or adding/deleting picture elements) are not allowed. **Photo entries shall be submitted in .jpg format.**
11. Underwater video clip entries shall consist of a single clip, one minute or less in length. Video clips may be trimmed for time and enhanced through color balance, and adjusting the brightness. Other enhancements such as titles or music are not allowed. **Video clip entries shall be submitted in .mpg, .mp4 or .mov formats.**
12. All entries must be submitted with a completed entry form.
13. **All contestants shall be Barracuda Club members in good standing.**
14. **A number designation system shall be used by the Photography Committee to identify photos so as not to reveal the contestant to the contest judge.**
15. Entries shall be digital files. The image “file name” shall be recorded on the entry form.