



OZTeK^{'09}
21-22 MARCH 2009 SYDNEY

Presents

Australasian Underwater Imagery Competition

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY (Rules & Regulations)

- 1) This international competition is open to everyone excepting to employees and family members of OZTeK, the competition organisers, judges, sponsors and their associated companies.
- 2) Entries are limited to digital files. Entries can consist of Transparencies (35mm) taken with any lens configuration transferred to digital format or images taken with a digital camera. (**NB.** E-mailed entries will **not** be accepted.)
- 3) All images must have been taken since the 18th March 2007.
- 4) To be eligible for entry images must meet the following criteria for that category:
 - Wreck – Any image taken that includes an image of a wreck, or part thereof
 - Cave – Any image taken that includes an image of the inside of a cave or cavern
 - Open – Any underwater image – including marine life and divers.

(Note: Enhancing accepted in all categories.)

- 5) A Limit of 3 images per category per entrant. No image may be entered in more than one category.
- 6) Your name, address and category entered must be written on the disc. Files are to be saved in category folders and labeled.
- 7) Entry in the Professional section is unrestricted. Qualification in the novice section requires the entrant not to earn more than 10% of his/her income from photography. Entrants may enter only either Professional or Novice, but not both, and may enter one or more categories in the relevant section.
- 8) You must be the sole author and owner of the copyright of all pictures entered. Previously published images or winning entries (1st, 2nd & 3rd) from other competitions are not eligible.
- 9) Unnecessary harm or harassment of marine life is not permitted. Any image depicting – or suspected of involvement in - such harm may be disqualified.
- 10) The judges appointed by the organizers will choose the winners. The judges and organizers' decision on all matters relating to the competition is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- 11) To qualify for the Major, "Best in Show" Award, the entrant must submit images in at least two different Categories.
- 12) Should the quality of entries fall below the standard required, the organizers reserve the right not to award prizes.
- 13) Copyright of images remain with the photographer however the entrant licenses the organisers and associated sponsors the right to free reproduction and exhibition in all media (now known or hereafter created, inclusive of the internet) of all entries, including any future public display, for the promotion and publicity of OZTeK and any associated competitions.
- 14) All entries are sent at the photographer's risk. The organizers regret that they cannot accept liability for any loss or damage occurring to any pictures entered in the competition (howsoever caused) nor for any other loss or damage resulting therewith.
- 15) RETURN OF ENTRIES: images will only be returned if entrants pay for return postage.
- 16) CLOSING DATE: All entries must reach OZTeK'09 at PO Box 1128, Dee Why, NSW 2099 Australia **no later** than 31 January 2009.