



DEADLINE: ENTER ONLINE OR BY MAIL FROM JUNE 6 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2011

The editors of NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY and Divers Alert Network (DAN) invite all photographers to enter the OCEAN VIEWS PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS. Through sharing your passion for the ocean, we hope to inspire a global audience to learn about and protect this fragile realm. The winning images will be published in an upcoming edition of *Nature's Best Photography* magazine and *Alert Diver* magazine may also be selected for NBP and DAN's Online Galleries as well as MSNBC.com, Discovery.com, and others. Contest entries will be judged on technical quality, composition, originality, and artistic merit. Professional photographers, Amateurs, and Youth (under 18) are welcome to enter. You may enter a total of up to 20 images for one entry fee (\$25 US—*no foreign checks or foreign money orders*). Each submission MUST follow the guidelines. If an image is selected as a finalist, we will need the high-resolution digital files or original transparencies (slides) for the judging during final rounds.

PHOTO SUBJECTS:

- Ocean weather: waves, storms, rain, fog, lightning
- Beaches, shores, estuaries, tide zones, tide pools
- Tropical and temperate reef ecosystems
- Shallow-shore and deep-water environments
- All living things that depend upon the oceans: fish, mammals, birds, plants, etc., in or near the water
- Natural feeding, breeding, and other behavior
- Geologic processes or features on seashores or in the ocean
- People enjoying the ocean environment
- Submersibles and mini subs
- Sunken vessels
- SCUBA, hard hat, and free diving, snorkeling

IMPORTANT NOTE: *All images must be taken in the wild of natural settings and behaviors. No captive animals and no entrapment of any kind is permissible.* All photos must accurately reflect the subject matter as it appeared in the viewfinder. Nothing should be added to an image, and aside from dust spots, nothing should be taken away. Normal processing of RAW image files and minor adjustments to color and contrast are acceptable, as is minimal cropping. HDR and focus stacking are permitted as long as all manipulation is disclosed upon entry. Entrants must not infringe on the rights of any other photographer or person, or submit images that involve the willful harassment of wildlife or damage to the environment by the photographer. Failure to comply with all of the contest provisions will lead to the disqualification of your entry.

TO SUBMIT YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS ONLINE:

Save copies of your photos as low-resolution JPEGs at 72 ppi, with an image size of no larger than 500KB, or about 750 to 1000 pixels on the longest side, for each of your images. Follow the instructions on the website to pay the Entry Fee and upload your photos. **WHEN ENTERING ONLINE:** Photographers with images chosen to pass into the final rounds of judging will be required to send us high-resolution files (400 ppi Tiffs and RAW files if available), camera specifications and a caption for the final judging. Failure to supply the requested materials will lead to disqualification.

NOTE: *Instructions on uploading high-resolution files will be provided later.*

TO SUBMIT PHOTOS BY MAIL VIA POSTAL SERVICE OR COURIER:

ENTERING BY MAIL: Be sure to include BOTH low and high resolution files or your slides or transparencies along with the \$25 entry fee (US dollars only—*NO foreign checks or foreign money orders*) and an Entry Form (on the next page) with ALL the required information clearly filled out. Mail your submission (details below) to:

OCEAN VIEWS, 11411-C SUNSET HILLS RD, RESTON, VA 20190, PHONE: 703-467-9783

MAILING DIGITAL FILES:

Digital images should be taken with the camera set for the highest possible resolution. Each electronic image must be saved and named with your first and last name, brief image subject, category, and file type. (Example: JohnDoe_fox.jpg). Each CD or DVD must be labeled with your full name and phone number. Keep your own copy of your submission on CDs or DVDs, as they will not be returned after the contest. When mailing digital images as your submission, send discs of BOTH low and high resolution images using the following specifications:

- Low Resolution (72 ppi) JPEG copies of your images, measuring about 1000 pixels on the longest side, must all be burned onto a single CD or DVD and labeled 'LOW RES' and your name for the preliminary judging round.
- High Resolution (300-400 ppi) uncompressed and unsharpened Tiff files, measuring 4800 pixels on the longest side, or largest file available, may be burned to as many CDs or DVDs as necessary for the final rounds of judging, each labeled 'HIGH RES' with your name on the discs. Tiff files, or the original RAW files, will be used for publication and/or exhibition if selected as a winner. (Include original RAW files, if available.)

MAILING TRANSPARENCIES:

Original slides, or large format transparencies must be sent to us in protective plastic sheets (PrintFile brand, etc.). Each slide or transparency mount must bear the photographer's contact information: name, phone number, e-mail, and state or country. **NO PRINTS, NEGATIVES, or GLASS MOUNTS!**

- High quality duplicate slides will be accepted for preliminary judging only.
- Digital scans of original slides or transparencies will be accepted for preliminary judging only (follow the specifications for low resolution digital images above).
- Original film images or high resolution drum scans must be made available for final round judging.

SPECIFY METHOD OF RETURN: For returns of transparencies (slides) include a self-addressed, stamped envelope of adequate size for the safe return of your materials, with sufficient postage. For courier returns, include a completed shipping form with a courier account or credit card number, expiration date, and security code for payment. Check or charge information for the amount of return postage for the return method you request is acceptable in place of a SASE. Photos with insufficient return information will not be returned. Images on CDs and DVDs will not be returned (see above).

ENTRY FEE AND ENTRY FORM:

If mailed, a check or money order for \$25 (US dollars only—*NO foreign checks or foreign money orders*) must be included with your entry, made out to: NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY. Or you may use a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express charge card on your entry form, or phone in your information to 703-467-9783. Each submission must be accompanied by an entry form with all information clearly filled out.

QUESTIONS? Call 703-467-9783 or e-mail: Oceans@NaturesBestPhotography.com



IF YOU ARE ENTERING BY MAIL, PLEASE USE THIS FORM

FIRST NAME / MIDDLE INITIAL / LAST NAME			DATE
BUSINESS NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER	<input type="checkbox"/> AMATEUR	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 \$25 (US) METHOD OF PAYMENT

CHECK NUMBER (NO FOREIGN CHECKS) CALL OUR OFFICE TO CHARGE OVER THE PHONE 703-467-9783
DO NOT STAPLE OR TAPE CHECKS TO ENTRY FORM.

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 TOTAL 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)

I UNDERSTAND THAT CONTENT IN MY CDS OR DVDS WILL NOT BE RETURNED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE COMPETITION.

RETURN INFORMATION * NOTE: WE CANNOT RETURN SLIDE SUBMISSIONS WITHOUT THE PROPER RETURN POSTAGE.

YES I WANT MY SLIDE SUBMISSION RETURNED AT THE END OF 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.

DEADLINE: UPLOAD OR POSTMARK IMAGES FROM JUNE 6 UNTIL NOVEMBER 30, 2011

SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FEE AND IMAGES TO:

VIA US POSTAL SERVICE OR COURIER:

Ocean Views Photo Contest
11411-C Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190
USA (Phone: 703-467-9783)

QUESTIONS?

E-mail Oceans@NaturesBestPhotography.com or call 703-467-9783

FOR NBP OFFICE USE

NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

PHOTO USE AND RIGHTS:

The winning photographs will be published in NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY magazine and may be selected for gallery exhibitions and other NATURE'S BEST OCEAN VIEWS (OV) Photo Awards promotion opportunities, including, but not limited to, a compilation book or calendar, electronic collection of winners and web pages providing OV information, updates, rules and ongoing photography tips.

The NBB competition is open to ALL photographers except employees of NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY magazine. Your entry to this contest constitutes your agreement to allow your photographs, your name, occupation, city and state of residence to be published as selected award winners in NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY magazines, print and digital exhibitions, events, and other public venues, published on websites owned by or in alliance with OV as award winners; and used for promotions of the OV. **Entrants retain ownership and all other rights to future use of their photographs.** NATURE'S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY shall have the right to verify, in their sole judgment, winner eligibility.

LEGAL CONDITIONS: By entering this awards competition, you agree to certain legal conditions. By entering, participants release and hold harmless Nature's Best Publishing LLC (the Company), its respective subsidiaries, affiliates, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives from any and all liability for any injuries, loss, claim, action, demand or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with the OV, or any prize won, any misuse or malfunction of any prize awarded, participation in any OV-related activity, or participation in the OV.

Participant agrees that any and all disputes that cannot be resolved with the Company, and causes of action arising out of or connected to the OV, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, before a court of competent jurisdiction located in Virginia, which court shall apply the laws of the commonwealth of Virginia without regard for rules of conflicts of law. In any such dispute, participant shall, under no circumstances, be entitled to claim punitive, incidental or consequential damages, or any other damages, including attorneys' fees, other than participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses (if any) associated with participating in the OV. Participant hereby waives all rights to have damages multiplied or increased.

Any attempt by an entrant or other individual to deliberately damage any website or undermine the legitimate operation of the OV is a violation of criminal and civil laws, and should such an attempt be made, the Company reserves the right to seek damages to the fullest extent permitted by law.

The Company is not responsible for any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by website users or by any equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the OV, or by any technical or human error that may occur in the processing of submissions to the OV, including but not limited to any misprints or typographical errors. The Company assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. The Company is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer equipment, servers, providers, computer on-line systems, software, or failure of email on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet, including injury or damage to participant's or to any other person's computer related to or resulting from participating or uploading images or information in the OV.

If, for any reason, the OV is not capable of completion as planned, including by reason of infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Company that corrupts or affects the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the Awards, the Company reserves the right at their sole discretion to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the OV.

In no event will the Company, its subsidiaries, affiliates and related companies, their advertising and promotional agencies, or their directors, officers, employees, attorneys, agents and representatives be responsible or liable for any damages or losses of any kind, including direct indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages arising out of participant's access to and use of the Company website or the downloading or uploading and/or printing of material from said sites. Without limiting the foregoing, everything on the Company site is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either express or implied. Some jurisdictions may not allow the limitation or exclusion of liability for incidental or consequential damages, so some of the foregoing limitations or exclusions may not apply to you. Check your local laws for any restrictions or limitations regarding these limitations or exclusions.

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