

2018 SoCal Shootout Results

This year marked the 8th annual shootout, with a record breaking number of prizes and dollar values!

After hearing reports from our various contestants, conditions were quite mixed depending on where you went out, making some divesites much more challenging to shoot than others, but overall there were some great marinelife sightings and some stunning photos submitted!

The 2018 SoCal Shootout weekend took place September 14-16th, 2018 with participants diving throughout our Southern California waters. The participants for the event were a great blend of local divers, and commuters coming as far as the East Coast in order to participate!

Over \$25,000 in prizes are being awarded to the winners with top sponsors including Quino el Guardian, Aquatica Digital, Kraken Sports, Volivoli Beach Resort, Clearly Cayman Resorts, Bluewater Travel, El Galleon Dive Resort, & Think Tank Photo. Bluewater Travel will be organizing the winner's trips from our international sponsors.

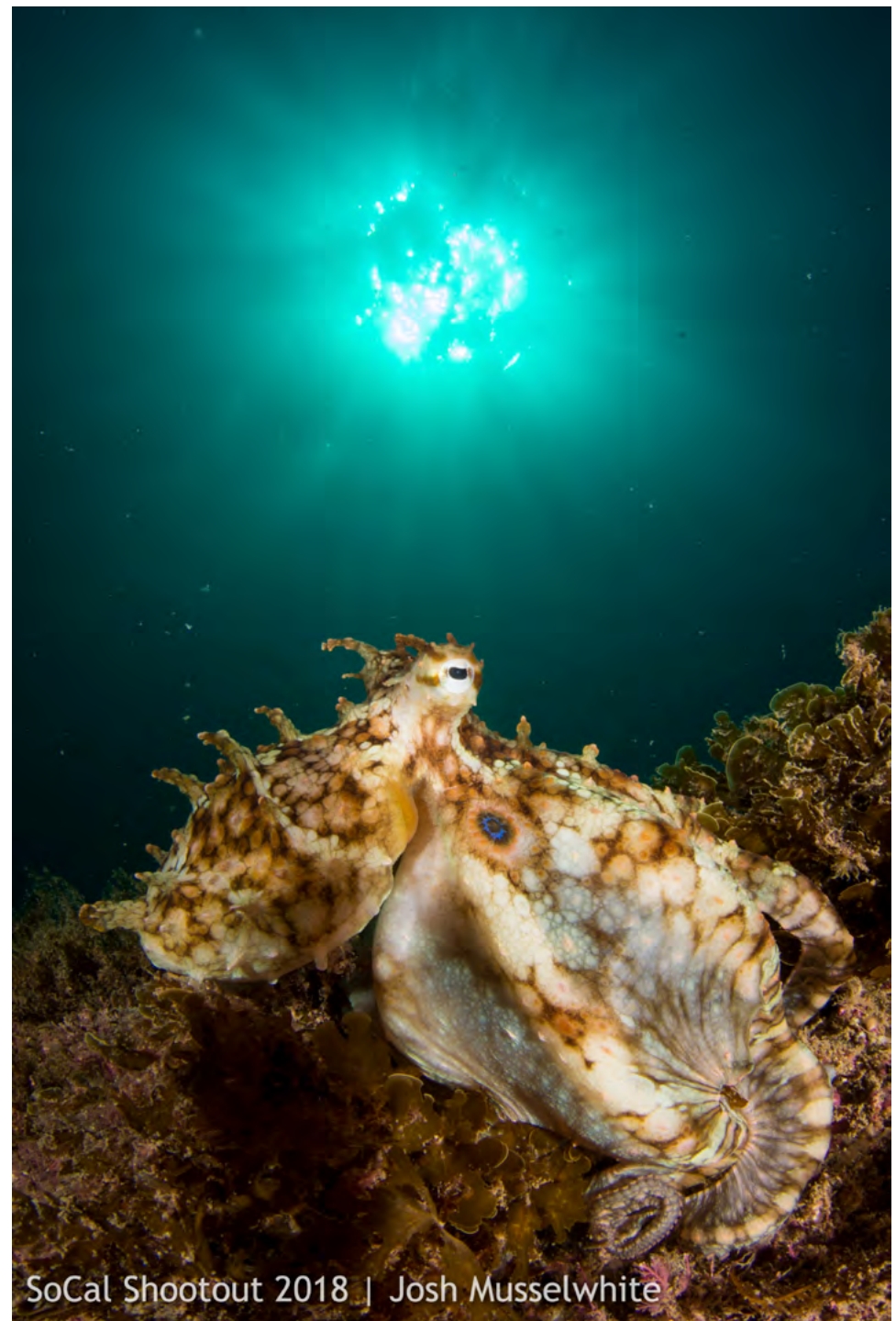
The SoCal Shootout is a weekend-long photography extravaganza in which underwater photographers strive to capture the best possible photos over a single weekend. Major editing is not allowed, so the competition truly tests

their abilities to capture stunning imagery in-camera. Bluewater Photo, a dedicated underwater photography center, hosts the event along with sponsors from many top underwater photography brands, international dive resorts, and local California dive boats. All share the excitement of supporting the Southern California scuba diving community.

For those interested in participating next year, the 9th annual SoCal Shootout will be September 13th - 15th, 2019.

Best in Show
Josh Musselwhite

Nikon D7200 Camera, Tokina 10-17mm Lens, Nauticam Housing, Sea & Sea YS-D1 Strobes

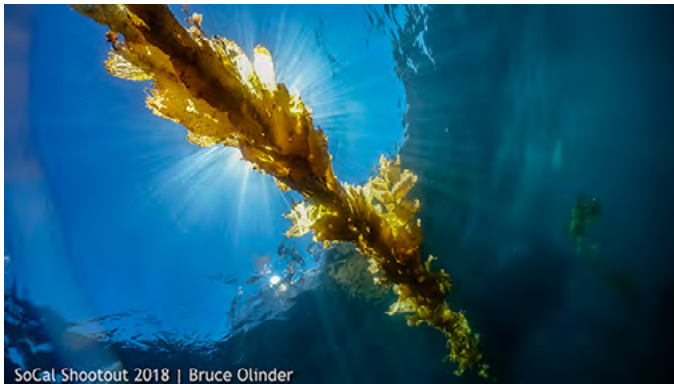


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Open Wide Angle
First Place - Davis Huber
Tope Shark in Kelp

*Panasonic GH4 Camera with 16mm Fisheye Lens,
 Nauticam GH3 housing
 Davis won a YS-D2 Strobe from Sea & Sea*



Compact Mid to Wide Angle
First Place - Bruce Olinder
Kelp with Sunbeams

*Sony RX100 Mark IV with Nauticam Housing
 Bruce won a Light & Motion Sola 2000 Video Light*



Mirrorless Macro
First Place - John Ericksen
Fringehead

*Sony A7rII with Aquatica Housing and Dual Sea &
 Sea YS-D2 Strobes
 John won a trip to Aiyamar Beach & Dive Resort in
 Anilao, Philippines*



Mirrorless Wide Angle
First Place - Andre Labuda
Copper Rockfish on Oil Rigs

*Olympus EM1 Camera with Panasonic 8mm Lumix
 Fisheye Lens in Nauticam Housing
 Andre won a stay with Atmosphere Resort in
 Dumaguete, Philippines*

Open Macro
First Place - Desmond Ho
Janolus

*Olympus E-M5 Camera, Olympus 60mm Macro
 Lens, Nauticam CMC-1 Lens, Dual Sea & Sea YS-D1
 Strobes
 Desmond won an Aquatica GH5 Housing with TLC
 Arm Sets*

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