

DPG Masters 2025

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DPG is proud to announce the winners of the DPG Masters Underwater Imaging Competition 2025. The contest invited submissions to nine image categories and one video category, and more than 2,000 entries were received from underwater photographers and filmmakers from around the world.

This year's overall winner is Yuka Takahashi, who topped the Wide Angle category with her breathtaking image of two humpback whales swimming side by side in synchronicity. Captured while snorkeling off the island of Mo'orea in French Polynesia, the winning image earns the Japanese photographer the prestigious title "DPG Grand Master 2025."

The winners of the other categories are: Sunbong Jung (Macro), Chris Gug (Traditional), Karyll Gonzalez (Unrestricted), Anton Sorokin (Over-Under), James Ferrara (Conservation), Francesco Visintin (Cold Water), Manuel Wüthrich (Compact), Tom Shlesinger (Portfolio), and Fabien Michenet (Short Film). Congratulations to all the Gold, Silver and Bronze winners, as well as the

Honorable Mentions.

This year's Mentor Prize winners are: Grega Verc (Wide Angle finalist), Byron Conroy (Macro finalist), Miesa Grobbelaar (Portfolio finalist), Talia Greis (Over-Under finalist), Allison Vitsky Sallmon (Cold Water finalist), and Verona Chadwick (Traditional finalist).

We would like to thank this year's hard-working judges—Nicolas Remy, Jennifer Hayes, Álvaro Herrero (Mekan), Jill Heinerth, Aaron Wong, and Kate Jonker—who pored over hundreds of short-listed photos in private before getting together to select the winners and runners-up during an hours-long virtual meeting. We would also like to offer a very special thanks to our generous sponsors for contributing an amazing pool of trip and gear prizes.

As with all Underwater Competition Series events, 15% of entry proceeds will be donated to marine conservation efforts.

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Macro – Gold – "House Cleaning" by Sunbong Jung (South Korea)



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Best of Show by Yuka Takahashi. DPG Grand Master



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