

5th ANNUAL OUR WORLD UNDERWATER INTERNATIONAL UNDERWATER PHOTO & VIDEO COMPETITION

DivePhotoGuide.com and Wetpixel.com are proud to announce the winners of the 5th annual Our World Underwater international underwater photography & video competition. The competition is held in association with Our World Underwater and part of a joint series often referred to as the “Super Bowl” of international underwater imagery events, with world-class prizes, esteemed celebrity judges, and significant global media support.

Thousands of entries were received from dozens of countries and the winners represented fourteen countries. The quality level of the images submitted was very high, and the bar is continually being set higher each year. A formal statement from the judges is posted here. Congratulations to the winners!

The winners were presented during the film festival at a special 40th anniversary Our World Underwater show in Chicago.

In 2010 photographers & videographers competed in seven still-image categories and two video categories, to win nearly \$50,000 in prizes including premium dive trips, underwater photography and video and diving equipment and more. Dive packages to some of the top photo destinations in the world included The Sea of Cortez, Wakatobi-Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Red Sea, Grand Cayman, the Solomon Islands, Vietnam, and Norway. Other prizes included underwater strobes, focus lights, and Cressi dive



Wide Angle Traditional - Gold and Best of Show
David Barrio

equipment.

Esteemed judges included leading professional underwater photographers, cinematographers and magazine editors: Eric Cheng, David Doubilet, Ric Frazier, Alex Mustard, and Berkley White comprised the judging panel for still categories and Steve Douglas, Eric Hanauer, and Mary Lynn Price



Wide Angle Unrestricted - Gold
Keri Wilk

for video categories.

Winning images will be published by supporting media partners worldwide, and Divefilm.com will be podcasting the winning videos as episodes of the iTunes-featured DiveFilm Podcast Video and DiveFilm High Definition Podcast Video.

As with all Wetpixel & DivePhotoGuide



Novice - Gold
Jeremy Kozman

competitions, 15% of proceeds will be donated to marine conservation efforts.

Congratulations again to all of the winners from around the world!

OWU 2010 JUDGES STATEMENT

What a competition! The judges at Wetpixel and DivePhotoGuide were extremely impressed with the quality of submissions this year. Both photographers and digital cameras have fully

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Macro Unrestricted - Gold
Luc Eeckhaut

matured in synchronous harmony, bringing the possibility of high quality underwater imaging to every diver with even a passing interest in underwater photography.

“Mystery Wreck,” this year’s Best of Show image by David Barrio, is brilliant in its black-and-white invocation of nostalgia. In nearly all of the categories, submissions showed clear signs of innovation, both in feats of technological excellence and in capturing different views of old subjects. There were many, many incredible images, making



Compact Cameras - Gold
Matt Curnock

the judging process extremely difficult.

Macro photography winners were dominated by animals in striking -- and strange -- situations, and by well-planned, selective use of light and focus. Our wide-angle winners took us from dramatic cave formations to leopard seals on Antarctic icebergs to lilies floating in freshwater