



9th SANTA MARIA SHOOTOUT

Rules

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ORGANIZAÇÃO:



PATROCÍNIOS / APOIOS



SANTA MARIA SHOOTOUT

June 29st to October 31st

After organizing the **I MASTERS OF UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY OF PORTUGAL** in 2011, the **I REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY OF AZORES** and the **XXI NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY OF PORTUGAL** in 2012, than the "**1st, 2st, 3rd 4st, 5st, 6st, 7st and 8st SANTA MARIA SHOOTOUT's**" in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, this year the **CLUBE NAVAL DE SANTA MARIA** is pleased to announce the "**9th SANTA MARIA SHOOTOUT - SUMMER 2021!**"

This is an excellent opportunity to visit our island, enjoy the magnificent clarity of our waters and capture the magic of such extraordinary biodiversity.

The challenge is on to everybody, locals and visiting tourists!

[Join this contest!](#)

Introduction

The SANTA MARIA SHOOTOUT is an underwater photography competition, open to anyone with interest in underwater photography, amateur or professional. Where are all welcome!

Freely choose any dive spot in Santa Maria, shoot with a camera what you want, and participate in one of the categories.

CATEGORIES

- “**CHALLENGE**” – 3 Best Portfolios of 4 images each.
- “**AMATEURS**” – 3 Best images.

Each photo or portfolio must capture the magic of the Santa Maria sea, with special focus on biodiversity, contributing to the promotion of the island as a touristic destination with special focus on dive.

PARTICIPATION FEES

- Participation fee is 5€ in the “AMATEURS” category and 25€ in the “CHALLENGE” category.
- Each participant must select a category of his choice, “AMATEUR” or “CHALLENGE”. It's not allowed the participation in both categories

Cancellation Policy: Any participant withdrawing from registration prior to the beginning of the shootout will receive a full refund of submission fee.

JUDGES

- Nuno Sá
- Rui Brix Elizabeth
- Pedro Vasconcelos
- Luís Quinta
- Rui Guerra

The final decisions of the Jury may not be questioned.

GENERAL RULES

- Competition registration must be submitted to the club's e-mail or directly at the secretary at any time before October 31.
- In this shootout may participate all photographers whose images fulfill the defined intention of the contest.
- To participate are accepted only photos obtained at Santa Maria Island.
- To the participant photographer may be required to prove his/her stay on the Island, between the start and end dates of the contest, as well as at the photo's registration date.
- Images may be submitted to the Club's email or delivered at the secretariat of the Club at any time during the competition, until 31 October
- Images submitted to the competition may be taken during day or night.
- Images submitted to the competition must be taken underwater or half-half.
- Images should be submitted in JPG format at maximum resolution.
- Participants who use digital cameras must shoot in RAW + JPG and may be required to participants who reach the final stage of the competition, to submit the images in RAW format.
- Participants whose digital cameras do not shoot in RAW format may participate shooting in JPG format, however, the sequence of pictures may be required to verify if photos were manipulated or not.
- It is prohibited to carry out any alternations in the original file using Photoshop or any other imaging software.
- Final judgement will take place in November.
- Winners will be announced in Clube Naval Santa Maria WEBSITE in December. Participants who are unable to attend will receive their prizes by mail.
- Competition organizers will take the utmost care in handling digital files submitted to the competition. However, the organization will not be held responsible for any loss of the submitted material.
- Participants are required to comply with any local environmental conservation regulations and to share respect for the underwater world during the process of taking images. Be advised that any damage to the protected underwater world, including the disruption of the natural habitat creatures, provocation through touching, feeding or annoying, is prohibited and will disqualify the images or the photographer.
- The organization encourages the participation of all photographers in the competition but reserves the right not to accept the participation of a photographer who does not comply with the spirit of the competition.
- The organization is entitled to disqualify a participant who acts against the rules, displays undue conduct, has caused harm to another participant, or acted in any way that is contradictory to the spirit of competition, as well as any other reason that the organization team deems fit. The decision to remove a participant from the competition is final, indisputable, and does not entitle the participant to receive compensation or refund of any kind.

- The competition is conducted individually, being forbidden to submit images in one's own name but which another photographer has taken or captured elsewhere.
- Any doubt not defined here shall be analysed and decided by the organization.

PRIZES

1st Place – Portfolio "CHALLENGE" – € 500

2nd Place – Portfolio "CHALLENGE" – € 300

3rd Place – Portfolio "CHALLENGE" – € 200

1st Place – "AMATEURS" – € 150

2st Place – "AMATEURS" – € 75

3st Place – "AMATEURS" – € 50

- Prizes are awarded to the winners only. Bank transfer charges or any other additional expense are not included.
- The prizes for the "CHALLENGE" category are not cumulative. It is not allowed for the same participant to win more than one prize in this category, although it is allowed to submit more than one portfolio.

USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

- By enrolling the competition, participants agree to give unlimited rights for an unlimited amount of time of the images to the Clube Naval de Santa Maria, but with reference to its authorship. The photographer also retains the right to use the images.
- Use of images will require no additional verbal or written permissions from the photographer.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Participants are responsible for their own safety and for the proper use of their diving and photography equipment. Divers must dive within the limits of their own diving certification level and in accordance with local regulations.
- Competition organizers do not accept responsibility for the safety of participants during their diving activity, nor do they accept responsibility for any damage to personal equipment that may occur as a result of diving activities. Dive Safely!

GOOD LUCK!