



# Isle of Man Splash In 2021

## COMPETITION RULES

### General Information

The overall theme is the Best of Manx. The organisers would like to showcase the amazing marine life and environment around the Isle of Man.

The competition runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> until June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. All images must be taken during the time frame of the competition.

The photography competition is open to all underwater photographers using digital cameras, regardless of the equipment that they use. The video competition is open to all underwater videographers, regardless of the equipment that they use.

Images must be taken in the marine environment. Images from swimming pools, aquarium or anything that contains captive flora and fauna are not eligible.

Any image which in the judges' opinion has been created as a result of handling, placing or interfering with wildlife will be disqualified. Remote control photography (e.g. pole cams) is permitted. Props may be used.

Competitors should abide by the spirit of the competition, which is to demonstrate in a time-limited window the underwater photography skills required to make images that capture the essence of Manx diving.

There is no limit (other than those imposed by sensible diving practices) to the number of dives that a competitor may make during the competition, provided that all images are submitted by the deadline.

Images entered in any category may be printed for display at the Isle of Man Festival of the Sea. The organisers reserve the right to publish the images along with the name of the photographer to promote the Festival of the Sea. Competitors keep the copyright to their images.

### Registration

Registration opens on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2021. All competitors must register their intent to enter by 5pm June 30<sup>th</sup> 2021. Tickets for the awards evening must be purchased by July 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 (so that we can order the supper for the awards evening to be held on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>). Late registrations will not be accepted.

Registrations must be made on the registration form and include a declaration to abide by the rules and the spirit of the competition.

## Categories

Both video and stills images may be entered.

Competitors may enter up to 3 images in any stills section.

Competitors may enter only one video in each category.

Each entry costs £2 (to cover the cost of display).

Still image categories are:

- Macro. Close-up images of underwater life (flora and fauna) Any close-up image of a specific subject and, if included, its immediate background context. All images at greater than life size magnification.
- Wreck. Any image (wide or macro) taken from a wreck in Manx waters.
- Compact. Cameras with small sensors only. No interchangeable lenses to be used.
- Comedy. Funny images (intentional or spontaneous). May include props and be staged.

Video categories are:

- Best of Manx. Maximum 1 minute. Material may be edited from any footage recorded during the time of the competition.

## Image manipulation

All automatic and manual in-camera processing is allowed. However, in-camera processing (i.e. changes made post image capture) should be consistent with the spirit of the competition; it should restore the image to what was observed underwater at shutter release.

Out-of-camera processing is permitted to the following extent:

- Cropping to improve composition.
- Global (whole image) adjustments that are judged to restore the colour and contrast observed at image capture are allowed and encouraged. This includes colour balance, exposure, contrast, tone, highlights and shadows, clarity, noise, vibrance, saturation and lens distortion corrections (including lens vignette corrections) or any similar global adjustment provided by any software package.
- Local adjustments that change specific parts of an image are not permitted, for example any type of cloning, including back-scatter removal, partial image blurring or artificial vignettes.

Videos may be edited freely. Music or ambient sound may be included.

## Image Submission

The deadline for submission of images is 17.00 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

All still images must be submitted as JPEG files. Photographers must have the original image, which they may be required to send to the organisers.

All videos must be submitted as MP4 files. Videographers must have the original footage, which they may be required to send to the organisers.

No watermarks on any submitted images or videos.

All submissions must be made in person to Discover Diving. Submissions must be made on a USB flash drive, hard-drive or optical disc. Files cannot be submitted remotely. Images will be copied by the organisers to be collated for the judging and awards.

File name format:

[CATEGORY][IMAGENUMBER]\_ [FIRSTNAME][SURNAME]

All images must be submitted with an entry form which includes the name of the files being submitted and the category the submission is for. Entries must be paid for at the time of submission.

Images will be printed for display at the Festival of the Sea at the end of July 21.

## Awards of prizes

The judges' decisions are final, and no appeals are allowed.

Awards of prizes in each category will be made on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

Tickets for the awards evening cost £10 each and include a fish and chip supper. Tickets must be ordered in advance and by July 8<sup>th</sup> at the latest.

Prizes winner will be photographed accepting their prizes so that we can thank our sponsors. There is no cash prize equivalent.

Any competitor not attending the awards evening who wins a prize will be notified by email. The prize can be collected by arrangement from Discover Diving, where photos of the presentation will be taken.



# Isle of Man Splash In 2021

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name	
Address	
Email address	
Telephone	

I agree to abide by the rules and spirit of the Isle of Man Splash In competition.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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This section to be completed at submission only.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entry number	Photo/Video (circle)	Category	Filename
1	P / V		
2	P / V		
3	P / V		
4	P / V		
5	P / V		
6	P / V		
7	P / V		
8	P / V		
9	P / V		
10	P / V		
11	P / V		
12	P / V		
13	P / V		
14	P / V		
15	P / V		

Total fee paid (£2 per entry)      £ \_\_\_\_\_