



## UNDERWATER PHOTO CONTEST

Entry Form and Contest Rules:

Competitor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dive Operator \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Competitor Group: Adult (15 years or older) \_\_\_\_ Junior (under 15 years of age) \_\_\_\_

Category: (check the categories you are competing in and print clearly the image file name)

REEF FISH _____	IMAGE FILE NAME _____
REEF CORAL(S) _____	IMAGE FILE NAME _____
REEF CREATURE(S) _____	IMAGE FILE NAME _____
DIVER(S) _____	IMAGE FILE NAME _____
SHIPWRECK(S) _____	IMAGE FILE NAME _____
HUMOR _____	IMAGE FILE NAME _____

By signing and dating this entry form, the photo contest participant agrees to abide by the rules of the contest and accept the judges' decisions. The participant, while maintaining copyright to their images also agrees to grant, at no charge, non-exclusive usage rights to the ISS group rights to their images for reportage of the event and for promotion of future Island Sun Splash events.

Competitor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTEST RULES:

Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each of the above categories, except 'Humor'. The judges will also select "Best of Show" and a prize awarded.

The spirit of this photography contest is less of one of a pure competition and more of a 'for fun' event to participate in and is therefore open only to amateur photographers.

All entries must have been taken during Island Sun Splash Week 2008. (Competitors must save the original image as it will contain meta-data that documents the date the image was taken. Please note that some photo-editing programs will delete such data, so it is necessary for the competitor to save an original version of their entry, as proof, if asked, that the image was made during ISS week 2008)

Competitors may only submit one entry per category.

Any type of camera / lens may be used. If using film cameras the competitor should have the film developed locally at any upper Keys CVS kiosk and the entry submitted for judging on a CD or other digital media (flash drive, etc.) All entries must be submitted in digital format and preferably on a CD disc or flash drive. Only JPEG file format images can be accepted.

Competitors must turn in their entries not later than 12:00 noon on Friday at the ISS concession located at the Holiday Inn Key Largo, MM 99.7 Oceanside.

Images may be digitally enhanced or edited with respect to: levels, curves; color, hue, saturation, brightness/darkness, contrast, sharpened, cropped and removal of backscatter. Images cannot be 'manipulated' such as adding an element to a composition that was not there when the photograph was made.

An image may be disqualified if the judges believe that the image was made without regard to marine conservation. For example: an image of a diver touching coral, or handling, feeding or harassing aquatic life.

Images will be judged based on: focus, exposure, composition, subject, creativity and degree of difficulty and by our Island Sun Splash Photo Pros: Tom and Therisa Stack ([www.tomstackphoto.com](http://www.tomstackphoto.com)) and Larry Gates ([www.larrygates.com](http://www.larrygates.com)). The judges' decisions are final.