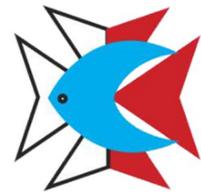


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The Federation of Underwater Activities Malta is once again organising the Blue Dolphin of Malta International Underwater Photography Competition this coming October 2018.

This competition, which was first held 1987 on the occasion of the CMAS Annual General Meeting in Malta, is an international event for persons interested in underwater Photography. In the last edition held in November 2017, a nice number of Scuba Divers from the United Kingdom, Italy and Malta participated, braving some of the worst weather conditions that one could imagine. Some photos from last year can be seen on the competition website at www.bluedolphinofmalta.org.mt

This year we are organising again the event between the 18-21 October, again with the kind assistance of the Ministry for Gozo. For this year's event, apart from divers from the United Kingdom and Italy, interested partners from Spain and France are going to participate making this a larger event.

The main part of the competition are two days of diving sessions in which underwater photographers will compete to present their best set of photographs for the three themes of the competition: Ambient/Wideangle, Macro Fish and Macro non-Fish. There will also be two categories here for divers with basic underwater cameras and another category for divers with DSLR cameras so that divers have the opportunity to compete with buddies using similar levels of equipment.

The dives will be carried out around Gozo and Comino and if the weather is kind, will include boat dives to dive sites that are not that accessible from shore. These will include dives sites full of exceptional photographic opportunities for all photographers, swim-troughs, caverns, underwater life, marine critters and very good visibility easily reaching 30m+.

The results from the competitor's efforts will then be shown in the Awards presentation lunch happening on the 21st October in which the best 3 sets will be awarded a trophy and the best photo across all categories will be presented with a prize. Organisers are also working towards holding a land based exhibition in the following months to showcase the results to aspiring future divers and the general public.

More information, including logistics and registration packages are available from the competition's website at www.bluedolphinofmalta.org.mt. Registration is open until 30th September but Hotel spaces may run faster. The first 50 registrations will also benefit from a discount thanks to our sponsors, the Ministry for Gozo. Visit the website to also see photos from the past editions and Sea you soon!

Best Regards,

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