

14th CMAS Underwater World Championships of Underwater Photography on Cuba / Cayo Largo.

The Underwater World Championships of Underwater Photography will open new perspectives to all participants. If otherwise, the perfection of an organization has been achieved through the use of large financial resources, one can experience in this competition on Cuba the adventure of affectionate improvisation. Daily anew.

Our Cuban friends have, so to speak, built up from nothing an organisation which will give without doubt a lot of pleasure to all participants.

Jürgen Warnecke – president of the VISUAL COMMISSION – has experienced one week all-day long, how commercial experience (Mintur – Ministerio de Turismo) is to be paired with the love to our sport (FCAS – Cuban Federation of Underwater Activities). Following the rules of the CMAS was the criteria for everyone, but at the same time the problem.

Read now the report of an exhausting but successful test trip:

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1. How can I participate?

After initial problems with the implementation of the directives and numerous misunderstandings, the CMAS administration, the Steering Committee, has given the green light to carry out the World Championships on Cuba.

The deadlines for contracts and reporting deadlines were of course ignored completely, but also could never be kept by continuous changes in the CMAS guidelines.

Therefore, pay exactly attention to the now announced General Rules and Specific Rules that have been modified after this report again.

2. The preparations point by point

Those who want to participate in spite of the close periods at this World Championships have to follow the following conditions:

2.1 Has my Federation paid all fees for the CMAS membership?

2.2 Are the registrations/forms annexes 6 / A/B1B2/C on hand? Is the national team accepted after the CMAS general Rules?

2.3 Are the photographers, assistants and the captain reported digitally, that is have the sport licences been recorded?

2.4 Afterwards the costs and travel data should be reported to the Cuba Agency. This agency – Havanatur – will work out an offer at short notice. You will receive the costs of training days and competition costs in detail. Contact with this request necessarily in English or Spanish:

Mr. IBRAHIM BRULL MICANES – ibrahim@havanatur.cu

Copies of this request also to spo@cmas.org and vdstfoto@aol.com

2.5 Mr. Ibrahim Brull Micanés will confirm the receipt of the request immediately and will send an offer at short notice. You should confirm this offer and transfer the costs immediately to the given account.

- 2.6 At the same time the fees for your participants should be deposited (€92.00 see annexes) on the account of the CMAS.
- 2.7 The deadline for the registration and payment was fixed to the 28th of February, 2013.
- 2.8 Before the trip follow the necessary entry conditions, like visa (€25.00), health insurance proof and Secure Flight Code.
- 2.9 For the dives on Cayo Largo the complete equipment is to be brought along. Only diving equipment (12ltr. with DIN connector) and the weights are put. Rental equipment is limited, as long as supplies last.

3. Services of the package for the 14th World Championships.

- 3.1 Welcoming of the participants in Havana Airport. Pay attention to the CMAS logo.
- 3.2 Transfer to the hotel. The choices are:
Hotel Havana National – 5 stars –
Hotel Havana Riviera – 4 stars –
- 3.3 Overnight stay with breakfast
- 3.4 Transfers from the hotel to the National Airport
- 3.5 Flight Cayo Largo and transfer to the Hotel Play Blanca – cocktail reception
- 3.6 Check in and briefing for the registration for the competition.
- 3.7 package (total cost) of the competition, including overnight stays, full board, 3 days diving and all ceremonies.
- 3.8 Transfer from the hotel Playa Blanca (on 14th of April, 2013) to the National Airport on Cayo Largo.
- 3.9 Flight to Havana National Airport and transfer to the International Airport.
- Attention: Pay attention to the fact that these services are included in the offer.

4. Specific Rules complement the CMAS General Rules.

The Specific Rules have been changed slightly. This concerns particularly the process of the event and the registration deadlines.

As theme for the Macro category "sponges/spongia" has been set.

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