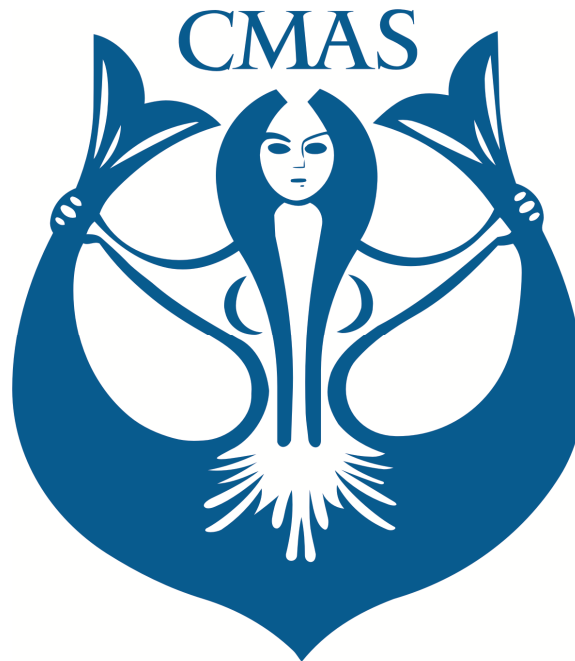


Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques
World Underwater Federation



14th CMAS SEA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2013
UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY
SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

In case of different interpretations the CMAS General Rules (2012 English version) have priority

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Specific Rules of the XIV World Championship of Sea Underwater Photography to be held in Cayo Largo, Cuba, from April 8th to 14th, 2013.
- 1.2 This championship will take place over a period of 4 days, divided as follows:
 - 1.2.1 One day for practice
 - 1.2.2 Two days of competition
 - 1.2.3 One day for judging
- 1.3 Organization of the event
 - 1.3.1 The event is hosted by the Ministry of Tourism of Cuba through the Yacht Clubs and Marinas Company, Marlin S.A. and the advisory and cooperation of the Cuban Federation of Underwater Activities (FCAS), and certified by the Audiovisual Aids Commission of CMAS and the Sports Committee of CMAS.
- 1.4 Specific Rules
 - 1.4.1 This championship is based on the General Rules(2012) of CMAS for Sea Underwater Photography and the Specific Rules made by the Audiovisual Aids Commission and the Sports Committee of FCAS.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ENTRY

- 2.1 All Federations interested in participating have to return no later than 28th of February 2013 the entry form (Enclosure A) to CMAS (spo@cmas.org) with a copy to FCAS (fcas@inder.cu, orestesgm30@hotmail.com)
- 2.2 Each member federation or association can propose maximum a total team of 5 persons including 2 photographers, 2 assistants (models) and one captain.
- 2.3 The federations should send to CMAS Enclosure 6 of specific procedures and obligations applicable to all World Championships.
- 2.4 Personal entry forms (Enclosure B) have to be received by CMAS (spo@cmas.org) at the latest 1 months before the date of the competition with a copy sent to FCAS ibrahim@havanatur.cu

3. ORGANIZING MEETING

- 3.1 The Organizing Meeting will be held on April 9th, 2013, at 16:00
 - 3.1.1 Participants:
 - The organizing committee and the persons in charge appointed by the hosting federation (divers, boatmen, doctors and others)
 - CMAS International Judge
 - CMAS Delegate
 - The President of the CMAS Visual Commission
 - Team Captains and competitors
- 3.2 Purpose of the meeting
 - 3.2.1 Allocate by draw a number to each photographer in order to use throughout the competition.
 - 3.2.2 The distribution of the teams on the boats and allocation by draw of the rotation of the boats on dive sites.
 - 3.2.3 Announce all the information concerning:

- 3.2.3.1 Technical matters
- 3.2.3.2 Time schedules and means of transport
- 3.2.3.3 Safety measures
- 3.2.3.4 Organization of the dives and handling of the photo films
- 3.2.3.5 The different photo categories to be judged
- 3.2.3.6 Guidelines for the protocol medal ceremony.

4. SPECIFIC RULE

- 4.1 There will be 4 (four) Competition Zones and 2 (two) as reserve.
- 4.2 Competition Program

SCHEDULE OF CMAS XIV WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP OF SEA UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY 2013

Date	Activity
Tuesday, April 9th	06:00 Transfer of participants to the airport (1)
	07:00 Departure to Cayo Largo.
	08:00 Arrival in Cayo Largo. Transfer to Playa Blanca Hotel.
	09:00 Welcoming Cocktail. Accreditation.
	12.00 Lunch.
	16.00 Technical Meeting
	19.30 Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, April 10th	20.30 Welcoming Dinner.
	06.30-07.30 Breakfast at the hotel.
	08.00 Transfer to the Marina.
	08.30 Photographic equipment checkup.
	09.30 Departure of boats to the diving sites. Professional activities including two adaptation dives. Lunch on the boats.
	16.00 Return to the Marina.
	17.00 Transfer to the hotel.
Thursday, April 11th	20:00 Dinner at the hotel.
	06:30-07:30 Breakfast at the hotel.
	08:00 Transfer to the Marina.
	08.30 Photographic equipment checkup.
	09:30 Departure of boats to the diving sites. Professional activities including two competition dives. Lunch on the boats.
	16.00 Return to the Marina.
	17.00 Transfer to the hotel.
Friday,	20:00 Dinner at the hotel.
	06:30-07:30 Breakfast at the hotel.
	08:00 Transfer to the Marina.

April 12th	08.30 Photographic equipment checkup.
	09:30 Departure of boats to the dive sites. Professional activities including two competition dives. Lunch on the boats.
	16.00 Return to the Marina.
	17.00 Transfer to the hotel.
	18.00 Selection of images by the competitors.
	20:00 Dinner at the hotel.
Saturday, April 13th	07.00-08.00 Breakfast at the hotel.
	07.00 Submission of images to the Jury for the contest.
	09.30 Jury deliberation.
	12.00 Lunch at the Hotel.
	20.00 Projection of the prizewinning photos and Official Prize Awarding Ceremony.
	21.00 Dinner and Closing Gala.
Sunday, April 14th	06.30-07.30 Breakfast at the hotel.
	08:00 Transfer of all participants to Cayo Largo Airport.
	10:00 Return to Havana.(1)
	11.00 Transfer of all participants to hotels in Havana

4.3 Environmental conditions and others:

- Sea temperature: between 25-27 degrees Celsius
- Visibility: 15 meters minimum.
- The transfer from the Diving Center to the Dive Site is of 40 minutes.
- Transfer from one Competition Site to another takes about 30 minutes.
- The Diving Center has 12-liter aluminum cylinders filled at 200 bars and there is also international connection.

4.4 For any request of information concerning the championship, you can contact the Organizing Committee at:

Ivett Roig Albet; dircomercial@marlin.tur.cu, and /or
Jenny Jay Costa; rpublicas@marlin.tur.cu

4.5 Hotel accommodation will be at Playa Blanca Hotel, home of the event, through HAVANATUR S.A. offices

4.6 PACKAGE PRICE FOR THE EVENT AT PLAYA BLANCA HOTEL, CAYO LARGO

It includes per person:

- A 5-night stay at the all-inclusive Playa Blanca Hotel in Cayo Largo, per person in single or double rooms.
- Air ticket + Transfer in/out Hav-Cayo Largo-Hav.
- Roundtrip transfers Marina Cayo Largo - Playa Blanca Hotel - Marina Cayo Largo – Playa Blanca Hotel

- Welcoming dinner at the event
- Farewell lunch at the event
- Pack of two daily dives in different sites during the three days of competition and on boats with expert crew, diving instructor (judge), lunch on board and non-alcoholic open bar (water, juices, soft drinks, teas)

	Package price for the event (in Euro)	
	Single room	Double room
Playa Blanca Hotel	816	773

4.6.2 PACKAGE PRICE FOR THE EVENT IN CAYO LARGO PLUS A DAY IN HAVANA

Excepting people that travel directly to Cayo Largo, to where several international airliners have direct flights, the usual stay is of at least one day in Havana and another day on the return from Cayo Largo.

Following is a PACKAGE that covers the DIRECT PACKAGE of the event plus the stay in two hotels in Havana. This PACKAGE includes:

- Accommodation in hotels in Havana, including breakfast on transfer days.
- A 5-night stay at the all-inclusive hotels Playa Blanca, per person in single or double rooms.
- Air ticket + Transfer in/out Hav-Cayo Largo-Havana
- Roundtrip transfers Marina Cayo Largo - Playa Blanca Hotel - Marina Cayo Largo –Playa Blanca Hotel
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Hotels	Package price for the event (in Euro)	
	Single room	Double room
Playa Blanca + Nacional	980	897
Playa Blanca + Riviera	932	855

4.7 Only the CMAS International Judge is entitled to decide the interruption of the Competition due to force majeure (a cold front, heavy rains, other natural phenomena). The competition will be valid after the first two dives in all categories.

4.8 The 5 categories for the individual classification are:

4.8.1 **Fish** (Fish Photo only (turtles, octopus, etc. are not accepted) involving nice attitudes of these creatures).

4.8.2 **Close-up photo with a theme** (Macro or close-up photo of a theme. Each championship will have a subject or theme representative of the location of the competition. The theme will be "Sponge/Spongia").

4.8.3 **Close-up photo without a theme.** (Macro or close-up photo of all subjects except fish or the theme of the championship as the main subject). Details of fish or of the theme are not accepted in this category).

4.8.4. **Wide angle without diver.** (A wide angle photo without any diver showing the beauty of the natural underwater environment including fauna and flora).

4.8.5. **Wide angle with diver.** (A wide angle photo including diver who may be the assistant; colored lights and half pictures are allowed in this category. *Apnoe dives are not allowed.*)

4.9 There will be 4 (four) Competition Zones and 2 (two) as reserve.

4.10 The competition zones will be drawn in the organizing meeting and all competitors must equally pass by the same zones.

4.11 Only the CMAS International Judge is entitled to change the Competition Zones and use the reserve ones in case of inclemency of the weather or force majeure.

5. Photos

Selection of photos. See General Rules

6. SAFETY MEASURES

6.1 The entry form submitted and signed by each participant ensures that all team members have no physical impediments to diving.

- 6.2 Competitors are responsible for their own safety during the competition events, and must observe as and when necessary the safety norms for underwater scuba-diving. Their very participation in the World championships is a pledge of their familiarity with safety rules and procedures. All photographers and assistants are obliged to wear a stab jacket and use a regulator with pressure gauge. The photographer in addition should have an alternative air source (double regulator, regulator on jacket or pony bottle) as well as a float.
- 6.3 The Organizing Committee will guarantee necessary assistance to provide proficient management of the competition and will have to provide the necessary information on emergency aid and any competent local emergency services.
- 6.4 As a minimum requirement the organizers will provide all the necessary means of communication in case of emergency and oxygen supplies aboard will be available at the competition locations and will be used exclusively for this purpose.
- 6.5 A doctor specialized in diving will be present at the competition site at all times.
- 6.6 Each competition boat will have on board a spare dive tank equipped for safety reasons. Any use of these tanks may lead to the CMAS International Judge applying sanctions as it sees fit.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

Photographers will be responsible for equipment they are given during the Championship as well as for their personal equipment and accessories allowed in the competition.

8. PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

- 8.1 Competitors and/or assistants should not touch the corals or move any creatures underwater. They have to avoid any manipulation or destruction of the fauna and flora during all the competition including the practice day.
- 8.2 Photographers and assistants may be controlled during the practice day and the competition days.
- 8.3 Neither the photographer nor the assistants may cause any damage to sea life. It is completely forbidden to:
- damage sea urchins or any other living creature;
 - handle any species;
 - move a dead animal or part of it to use it in a photo
 - move living animals from one place to another;
 - stir up the sediments or creating pollution on purpose;
 - photograph living animals out of their natural environment;
 - create air bubbles in caves for taking pictures;
 - pull out algae, black coral and mollusks and other seabed organisms;
 - catch crabs, shrimps and lobsters;
 - keep any species captive for taking pictures;
 - use of elements alien to sea life.
- 8.4 In the case of destruction of the fauna or flora by a competitor and/or an assistant, where the destruction is duly confirmed by the CMAS International Judge, the competitor and/or the assistant may be excluded.