





PRESENTATION OF THE PHOTO CONTESTS

The **26th Paris International Dive Show** is, once again, an opportunity to organise contests to highlight the work of all photographers.

This year, we're proposing two photo contests with two distinct themes:

- The Mediterranean Sea
- Half-air / half-water

Compared with other years, and as announced, the Show organizers have decided to make a two category distinction for each theme :

- "Amateur photographer" category
- "Professional photographer" category

A professional photographer is someone who has already won an award in a previous French or international contest.

GENERAL INFORMATION AND DETAILS BY THEMES :

- The contest is open to all photographers
- To participate, you must choose either the *amateur* or *professional* category. If you select the wrong category, your registration will be rejected and your images will be considered as out of competition.
- The contest aims to promote scuba diving.
- For the Mediterranean Sea theme: The composition of the image is free. Pictures must be taken underwater and only in the Mediterranean Sea. The location of the photos must be specified.
- For the half-air / half-water theme: The location of the image is free. The photos must always show a part out of the water.

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE:

- The contest is free of charge.
- To enter the contest, you need to register on the event website: <u>https://www.salon-de-la-plongee.com</u> / Chapter *CONTESTS*
- To participate, you first need to create an account and specify your first and last name, an e-mail address and a password.
- The contestants who have already participated in the 2023 and/or 2024 Show Contest should preferably use the account they created previously.
- Each photo submitted must include a title and a description in the spaces provided.

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- You can choose the theme in which you would like to participate. If you choose the wrong theme, your photo will be disqualified from the contest.
- Each participant may submit a maximum of 1 to 3 photos per theme.
- A competitor may participate in both themes.
- A participant may only compete in one category.
- All images that have already been submitted in previous years are eligible, but are much less likely to win the jury's favour.

PHOTO INTEGRATION AND IMAGE PROCESSING :

- Images can be uploaded in 'jpeg', 'jpg', 'png' or 'webp' format.
- The maximum size is 10MB, there is no limitation in px or dpi.
- There are no restrictions on post-processing. However, this is not a Photoshop contest and the winning images are supposed to represent reality.
- Black and white images are accepted in all categories.
- Cropping is permitted, but winning images must always have sufficient resolution.
- Al-generated images are not permitted.

CONTEST DATES :

- Contest entries and images deposits will be made by midnight (UTC/GMT + 2) on 15 November 2024 at the latest.
- The results will be announced on Friday 10 January at 7 p.m. at the Paris Dive Show, in the *Espace Scénique*.

JURY AND AWARDS :

- Judging will begin on 16 November 2024. Initially, the jury will make a shortlist of around twenty images per contest and per category.
- Shortlisted contestants will be informed by e-mail. They will be asked to send higher resolution files as soon as possible and in any case before 31 December 2024. The absence of a reply may have an impact on the result.
- There are 3 winners per theme, from 1st to 3rd place.
- There are 3 winners per category, from 1st to 3rd place.
- Participants will discover the results at the awards ceremony on Friday 10 January 2025 at the Show. Participating in the Contest does not mean receiving an invitation to free entry into the Show.
- Each winner will receive a contest photo trophy from the Paris Dive Show 2025 corresponding to his or her result and some prizes offered by the event organizers.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winners or their representatives at the awards ceremony. No prizes or trophies will be sent.

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• The jury's decision is definitive. The jury will explain its choices at the awards ceremony. It will be available for face-to-face discussions, but will not be able to revisit discussions by correspondence once the ceremony is over.

SHOW INFORMATIONS

PARIS INTERNATIONAL DIVE SHOW 2025

ORGANIZATION DETAILS
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• OPENING DATES AND TIMES

- ✓ Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 10am to 7pm
- ✓ Friday, January 10, 2025, from 10am to 9pm
- ✓ Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 10am to 7pm
- ✓ Sunday, January 12, 2025, from 10am to 7pm
- VENUE

PORTE DE VERSAILLES - EXHIBITION PARK Hall 4 1 Place de la Porte de Versailles - 75015 Paris – France

ACCES

- ✓ By plane : All Paris airports (Orly & Roissy Charles De Gaulle)
- ✓ By train : All Paris train stations (Lyon, Montparnasse, Nord, etc.)
- ✓ By subway : Line 8 (Balard Station) & Line 12 (Porte de Versailles Station)
- ✓ By tram : Line T2 & T3 (Porte de Versailles Station)
- ✓ By car : Ring road Porte de Versailles Exit
- ✓ By bus: 39 & 80 (Porte de Versailles Station)
- ✓ Parking P6

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RULES OF THE PHOTO CONTEST

The Paris International Dive Show is an event created, produced and organised by HP Communication. The Paris International Dive Show is a brand name registered by SARL HP Communication.

Any image considered by the Paris International Dive Show to be clearly "off-topic" or likely to disturb public order will not be accepted for this contest.

Any image showing manipulation of or disrespect for an animal or the environment (moving an animal, unnatural conditions, etc.) will be excluded from this contest.

The Paris International Dive Show reserves the right to refuse to include some photos in this contest, without this decision being open to protest or giving the right to compensation or reimbursement of fees.

The Paris International Dive Show, in accordance with established copyright rules, considers that the photos presented are free of any artistic or other property rights that may be held by a third party (images, image rights, etc.).

By participating, the authors of the photos guarantee the organizer against any action that may be brought against it by the rightful beneficiaries. The Paris International Dive Show cannot be held responsible in any way in the event of a protest or dispute.

Each photographer shall ensure that his or her images do not prejudice the rights of third parties with regard to their image, property, personality or private life. In particular, he/she certifies that he/she has all the necessary authorisations for the publication of images of models and persons, including children.

Photographers consent to the use of their images by HP Communication for the promotion of the event, with mention of the photographer's name, without this giving rise to payment of copyright or compensation in any form whatsoever.

Participation in this contest implies acceptance of all the conditions set out in these rules and of the instructions given by the organizer to ensure the quality of the presentation of the photographs.

By participating in the contest, you agree to the following sentence:

«I confirm that I wish to take part in the photo contest for the 26th Paris International Dive Show. I declare that I have read the Information and the Rules of the contest above, accept without restriction all the clauses and waive any recourse against the organizer. I certify that I am the author of the photos and that I have authorisation to publish images of models and people, including children where applicable."