

PARTICIPATE IN 2 STEPS

4.500€

FAST & EASY



STEP 1.

CHOOSE YOUR WORK

Select your best images and videos from your gallery.

Submit them to:

- 11 Watersports Categories.
- 7 Special Categories.
- 1 Video Category.

STEP 2.

SUBMIT YOUR WORK

Choose your participation plan and submit as many photographs or videos as allowed by your chosen plan.

REMEMBER! Fill out a separate form per each photograph or video.

*Upload images with atleast 2.000 px longest side. Finalist photographs will have to be sent in 10 Mpx.

*Upload videos at least in FULL HD (1920x1080p).

DONE! WAIT FOR THE FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT

DATES:

30/11

FINALISTS
ANNOUNCEMENT

FEB/MAR 2026

AWARDS
CEREMONY





RULES & CONDITIONS

Ocean Power WPA 2025

The international Watersports Photography Awards, *Ocean Power WPA*, aim to showcase the work of both professional and amateur photographers from all areas of the watersports world, promote the practice of watersports, support emerging talent, and inspire public interest in nautical tourism and respect for the marine environment.

The Ocean Power WPA were created as a platform to connect professionals and ocean lovers through photography and watersports, becoming a natural meeting point for talent, creativity, and community. Its highlight is the **Awards Ceremony**, a weekend designed to offer an unforgettable experience, featuring sporting activities, inspiring talks, live performances, local cuisine, and spaces to share, learn, and enjoy among people who share the same passion.

- All photographs and videos must be submitted using the official [participation form](#). The submission deadline is **October 19, 2025**, at 11:59 p.m. (CET – Central European Time).
- Photographs must be submitted with the longest side measuring 2000px. In the case of being selected as a finalist, a high-resolution version of at least 10MP at 300 dpi will be required for print purposes.
- Videos must be submitted via a downloadable link (no password, no expiration date) through the [participation form](#). They can be in horizontal or vertical format, with a minimum resolution of 1920x1080 px and a maximum duration of 30 seconds. Each video must consist of a single uncut shot, without artificial visual effects, showing the scene as it happened. Color grading and realistic sound effects are allowed.
- The number of photographs and videos you can submit depends on the **participation plan you choose**. With the free plan, you may submit 1 photo per category and 1 video. Premium plans allow you to submit more works and offer additional benefits (see section 2.0 "*Participation Plans*").
- The list of finalists will be published gradually between November 30 and December 3, 2025. Results will be announced on social media. In addition, all finalists will be notified by email.

How to participate?

Participation must be completed through the official [participation form](#), which must be submitted no later than October 19, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. CET. In the form, participants must indicate the type of work submitted (photo or video) and the category in which the work is being entered (*see section “1. Categories and prizes”*).

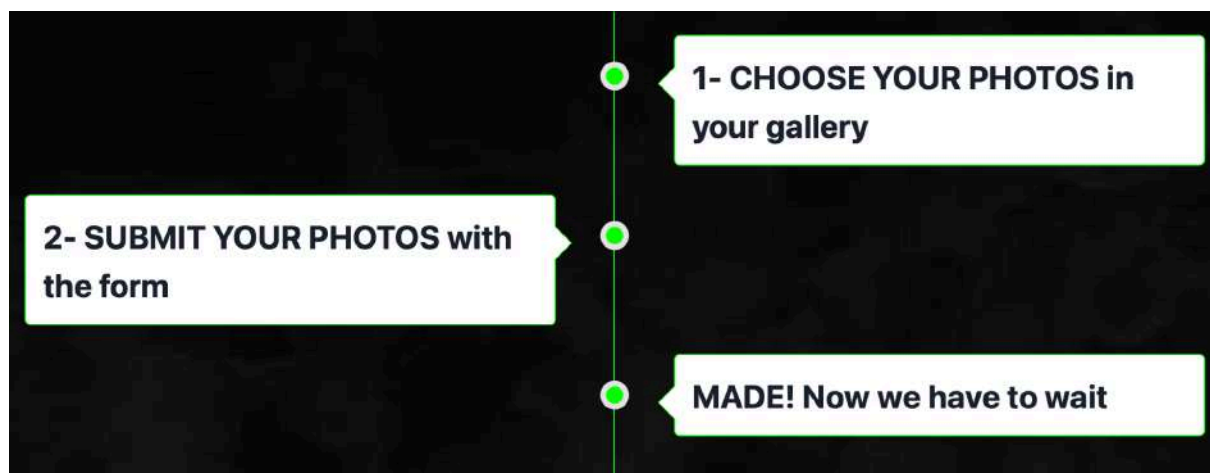
The maximum number of photos and videos you can submit depends on the participation plan you choose: from 1 photo per category and 1 video with the free plan, to up to 4 photos per category and 4 videos with premium plans. In all cases, a separate form must be filled out for each submitted work. *Please refer to section 2.0 “Participation Plans” for full details.*

Photos submitted to the Special Categories may also be eligible for prizes in their corresponding Watersports Categories.

Each participant may only win **1** Watersports Category, **1** Special Category, and **1** Video Category. If the same author is selected as a winner in more than one category, the final decision will be made by the jury.

The photograph that receives the highest jury score will also be awarded **Best Watersports Photograph of the Year**, with a prize of €1,000, a commemorative trophy, and the official title of **2025 Watersports Photography World Champion**.

[PARTICIPATION GUIDE - STEP BY STEP](#)



[EXPLANATION VIDEO - STEP BY STEP](#)

1. Categories and Prizes

The Ocean Power WPA includes photography categories: 11 Watersports Categories and 7 Special Categories, as well as 1 Video Category. A total of **4.500€** in **prize money** and other awards will be distributed across all categories.

- The winning photograph of each *Water Sports Category* will be awarded a commemorative trophy.
- The winning photograph of the *Special Category* will be awarded with **500€** and a commemorative trophy.
- The winning image of the *Special Category "Made with AI"* will be awarded with **250€** and a commemorative trophy.
- The most voted photo by the jury will also be the **Best Watersports Photo of the Year** with a prize of **1000€** and a commemorative trophy.
- The winning video of the Category *Motion RAW* will be awarded with **250€** and a commemorative trophy.

1.1 - Water Sports Categories:

- **Best Photo of the Year: Underwater Activities**

(Includes all underwater sports such as freediving, diving, snorkeling...except spearfishing)

- **Best Photo of the Year: Water Skiing and Wakeboarding**

- **Best photo of the Year: Jetski & Powerboats**

(Including racing boats, jet skis, flysky, motor boats, radio-controlled motor boats, etc.)

- **Best Photo of the Year: Swimming**

(Includes synchronized swimming, water polo, diving, cliff diving, etc.)

- **Best Photo of the Year: Fishing**

(Includes all types of fishing, including spearfishing...)

- **Best Photo of the Year: Canoeing**

- **Best Photo of the Year: Rowing**

- **Best Photo of the Year: Lifesaving**

- **Best Photo of the Year: Surfing**

(Including variants such as bodyboard, longboard, skimboard, SUP...)

- **Best Photo of the Year: Triathlon**

- **Best Photo of the Year: Sailing**

(Includes all wind-powered sports such as kitesurfing, windsurfing, wingfoil, radio-controlled sailing, etc.)



AWARD: Commemorative Trophy

1.2 - Special Categories:

Best photo of the year Water Sports Tourism	Photographs that combine water sports with tourism.	 500€ + TROPHY
Best photo of the year Aerial Photography	Photographs taken from the air.	
Best photo of the year Crashes and Wipeouts	Photographs of bumps, falls, and dunks in water sports. A sequence of up to 4 photographs of the same fall may be submitted.	
Best photo of the year Ecology	Photographs that combine water sports with sustainability and marine protection. Images that reflect sustainability, coexistence with flora and fauna, or that denounce the human impact on the ocean.	
Best photo of the year “Old School”	Photographs related to classic sailing or the retro "old school" style of any water sport. In this category, photographs must be presented in black and white or sepia tones.	
Best photo of the year Historical footprint (NEW)	Photographs that document, make visible, or interpret archaeological elements, historical remains, shipwrecks, submerged structures, or maritime-underwater heritage conservation practices.	 250€ + TROPHY
Best photo of the year Generated with AI “Cliff jumping in cities”	Photographs generated with Artificial Intelligence software. The theme for this edition is “cliff jumping in cities” The most highly valued photographs are those that are most creative and maintain a realistic photographic aesthetic. The form must include the software and the prompt used to generate the image.	

Video Category: Motion RAW **(NEW)**

Videos of up to 30 seconds, recorded in a single take and without cuts. The piece must depict a real scene, as faithful as possible to the original experience, without artifice or editing. Color correction and the use of sound effects to enhance the atmosphere are permitted, provided they maintain a natural focus. Music, editing, or any type of visual effect added in post-production are not permitted.

Each participant may submit the number of videos allowed by their participation plan.

Videos in horizontal or vertical format will be accepted, provided they comply with a minimum resolution of 1920 × 1080 pixels (Full HD).

Participation will be carried out using the entry form. Videos must be submitted by attaching a direct download link (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.) to the form, with no password or expiration date. To submit more than one video, a separate form must be completed for each video, always respecting the limit of one video per category.



AWARD: 250€ and a commemorative trophy

Special Mention “Young Promise”. The jury will be able to award young talent, photographers born in 2008 or later years.

1.3. The Best Water Sports Photo of the Year

The photograph that obtains the highest score from the jury will be recognized as the **Best Water Sports Photo of the Year**, and its author will receive the title of **2025 World Water Sports Photography Champion**, in addition to a cash prize of **1.000€** and a commemorative trophy.

1.4 Delivery and payment of prizes

The awards and trophies will be presented in person during the Official Ocean Power WPA 2025 Awards Ceremony.

Cash prizes ("prize money") will preferably be paid in cash during the official gala. In the event of non-attendance, payment will be made by bank transfer or PayPal within three months of the awards ceremony. In all cases, payment of the prize is subject to prior

signature of the corresponding receipt. Any fees resulting from the transfer will be borne by the beneficiary.

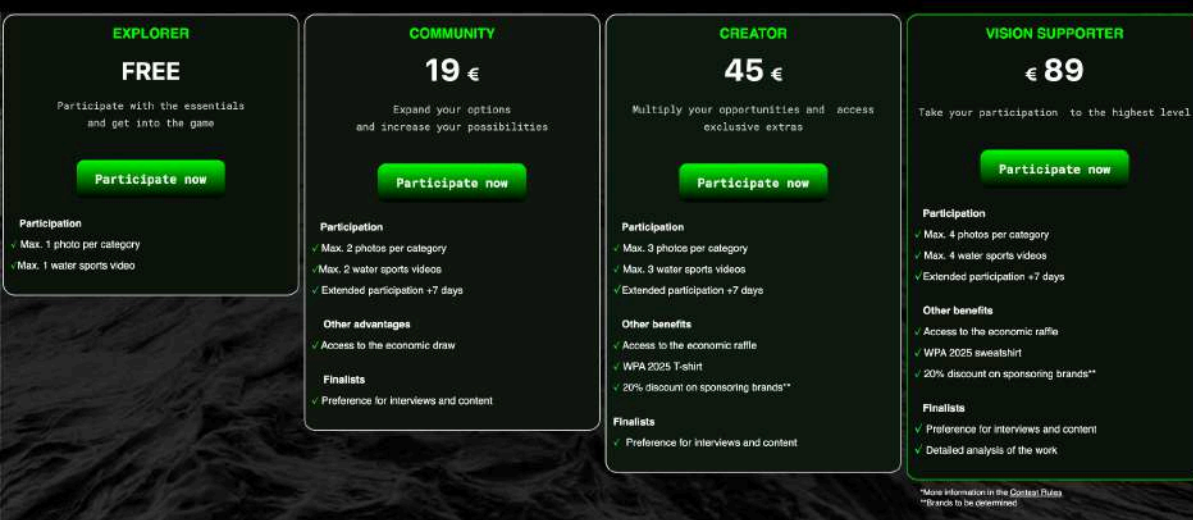
Tax Notice: Cash prizes will be subject to current Spanish tax regulations. If the winner is required to file a tax return or pay taxes in their country of residence, this obligation will be the sole responsibility of the participant, with no additional liability for the organization

The organization will not assume any responsibility for the shipping, storage, or safekeeping of trophies or any physical prizes for winners who do not attend the gala. These prizes must be collected exclusively during the in-person event, either by the winner themselves or by an authorized person on their behalf, with prior notification and confirmation of attendance at least one month in advance. After the gala, the organization will be fully exempt from any delivery or storage obligations, and subsequent claims will not be accepted.

2. Participation plans

Participation in the Ocean Power WPA is organized through **participation plans**, which determine the number of photographs and videos that each contestant can submit, as well as the additional benefits associated with each category.

The **free plan** allows you to register 1 photo per category and 1 video. For those who wish to expand their options, there are **premium plans**, which through a financial contribution offer improved conditions, such as the possibility of submitting more works, extending the participation period, accessing exclusive raffles, or receiving official merchandise.



EXPLORER FREE	COMMUNITY 19 €	CREATOR 45 €	VISION SUPPORTER € 89
Participate with the essentials and get into the game	Expand your options and increase your possibilities	Multiply your opportunities and access exclusive extras	Take your participation to the highest level
Participate now	Participate now	Participate now	Participate now
Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Max. 1 photo per category✓ Max. 1 water sports video	Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Max. 2 photos per category✓ Max. 2 water sports videos✓ Extended participation +7 days	Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Max. 3 photos per category✓ Max. 3 water sports videos✓ Extended participation +7 days	Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Max. 4 photos per category✓ Max. 4 water sports videos✓ Extended participation +7 days
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**More information in the Contest Rules
**Prizes to be determined

Each plan specifically establishes the conditions and limits for participation, including the maximum number of photographs and videos each contestant may submit. If the limit allowed by the chosen plan is exceeded, the excess entries will be deemed invalid. If necessary, the organizers will randomly select the entries that will officially enter the competition until the corresponding quota is filled.

It is recommended that you carefully review the terms of your chosen plan before submitting your work to ensure it meets the permitted number of entries and avoid being excluded from the competition.

The physical products included in each participation plan will be delivered by hand during the 2025 Ocean Power WPA Awards Gala. The organizers will not cover shipping costs if participants do not attend the event. However, shipping may be provided upon the participant's express request, provided they are responsible for the corresponding costs.

No Refund Policy: Financial contributions made for the purchase of premium plans are non-refundable under any circumstances, except in the event of definitive cancellation of the contest by the organizers. In the event of postponement, change of dates, or changes to the event schedule, the registration will remain valid for the new contest.

2.1 🏆 Economic Draw

The Ocean Power WPA **Economic Draw** is an exclusive reward for those who choose the **premium participation plans**, offering an additional opportunity to win a prize regardless of the jury's outcome.

The 30% of the premium contributions (net, excluding taxes) is allocated to this additional cash prize, reserved solely for premium participants.

The drawing will be held publicly and randomly during the Ocean Power WPA 2025 Awards Gala, among participants with Premium Plans present at the event, without being linked to the selection of finalist works or the jury's decision.

The Ocean Power WPA prize pool will preferably be paid in cash during the Official Gala. If this is not possible, payment will be made by bank transfer or PayPal. In all cases, payment is subject to prior signature of the corresponding receipt. Any fees or expenses arising from the transfer will be fully borne by the beneficiary.

3. PARTICIPANTS

Anyone may participate in the contest, with the exception of jury members, as well as employees and immediate family members of the entity organizing the contest.

Registration in the *Ocean Power WPA* is defined after receipt of the registration form.

Minors under 18 years of age may participate with prior written authorization from their legal guardians. [PARENTAL AUTHORIZATION](#).

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARDEES

The authors of the three most voted photos and videos in each category will be welcomed to the Awards Ceremony, where the winners will be announced live.

From November 30, 2025, selected finalists will be notified by email. Finalists in the photography categories will be asked to submit a high-resolution file of the finalist's photograph for possible printing (as indicated in section 5 of these rules), an identifying image of the author, a short explanatory video about the work, and relevant information related to the photograph. Finalists in the video category will be required to submit the same materials, except for the high-resolution photo file.

All material must be delivered within a maximum period of 15 days from the receipt of the email.

If the winning photographer is unable to attend the ceremony, he or she may be asked to join the ceremony live via video conference.

Failure to comply with these requirements could result in disqualification.

5. WORKS

Each participant can submit between 1 and 4 photographs per category and between 1 and 4 videos, depending on the chosen participation plan (*see section 2.0 "Participation plans"*).

- All works submitted must be original by the author.
- Participants are fully responsible for being the sole authors, for the absence of third-party rights, as well as for any claim for image rights on the works submitted.
- All photographic works will correspond to the selected category.
- Photomontages are not accepted.
- AI-generated images are not accepted (Except in the "Made with AI" category)
- If there is any suspicion that a winning photo or video may be fraudulent, the jury may request the RAW file for verification.
- Works that have already been selected as finalists or winners in previous editions of the Ocean Power WPA awards are not eligible to be submitted.
- The photographs must **not** necessarily be carried out in the same year.

6. PRESENTATION

The photographs and videos will be presented digitally through the [participation forms](#). The photographs will be delivered in JPEG format with a size of, at least 2000 pixels (the longest side), the file name being the same as the title of the work.

If you are one of those selected, you must send a copy of the photograph in a size of 10 Megapixels and a resolution of 300 dpi. Otherwise, the photograph will be disqualified.

The videos will be sent by attaching a downloadable link, without a password or expiration date, through the [participation form](#). They can be in horizontal or vertical format, with a minimum quality of 1920x1080 px and a maximum duration of 30 seconds.

7. ADMISSION PERIOD

The submission period remains open until **October 19, 2025**, at 11:59 p.m. (CET – Central European Time). Any works submitted after this deadline will not be accepted.

8. JURY

The Ocean Power WPA jury is made up of professionals with complementary backgrounds in key areas such as specialized sports photography, strategic communication, visual marketing, audiovisual production, nautical tourism, marine sustainability, and academic research. This combination of profiles allows for a comprehensive and rigorous evaluation, which assesses not only the technical quality of the images but also their narrative power, emotional impact, ability to generate awareness, applicability in media and campaigns, and their authentic connection to the world of water sports.

Through this cross-sectional approach, the jury identifies those photographs that transcend the aesthetic and powerfully communicate on multiple levels. This jury will select the finalists based on criteria of creativity, originality, and quality.

Works deemed by the jury to be commercially inappropriate or of insufficient quality will not be accepted. If there are no works of sufficient quality in any of the categories, the entries may be declared void and the corresponding prize will not be awarded.

9. DATA PROTECTION AND PRIVACY POLICY

We inform you that the WATERSPORTS PLASTIC FREE FOUNDATION is responsible for your data. Your data is collected for the purpose of managing your registration, participation, and submission of entries in the photography contest, based on the consent provided in accordance with Article 6.1.a of the GDPR, which we request in the registration form. Your data will be shared with the jury members for the evaluation process, and if you are a winner or finalist, your data may be published as the author of the work.

Likewise, the email address provided may be used by the organization to send relevant information about the contest, upcoming editions, logistical communications, related activities, and other initiatives linked to the Ocean Power WPA project. These communications will be sent through mailing lists managed by the organization, and the user may unsubscribe at any time using the link included in each message.

You may exercise your rights of access, rectification, deletion, objection, portability, and withdrawal of consent regarding your personal data at the following email address: **info@watersportsplasticfree.org**

You can find additional and expanded information in the privacy policy available on our website: www.watersportsphotographyawards.com

10. COPYRIGHT

The organizers, in accordance with the rules established by copyright law, consider that the works submitted to the Ocean Power Watersports Photography Awards are free of any intellectual property rights or any other rights that may belong to third parties. By virtue of their participation in the Ocean Power WPA, the authors agree to guarantee to the organizers that the submitted works are original, their own, and do not infringe the rights of third parties. Responsibility for any claim or demand related to the submitted works will fall exclusively on the authors, exempting the organizers from any legal liability in the event of a dispute or litigation.

The participants **expressly authorize the duplication, storage and use of the submitted works** (photographs, videos or other materials submitted), for incorporation into the Ocean Power WPA archives, as well as for use for informational, promotional, social, educational and/or cultural purposes linked to the contest or to activities related to water sports promoted by Ocean Power WPA or its affiliated entities, without commercial purposes unrelated to the contest.

Such use may include the adaptation of the images to different formats, proportions or media (printed, digital, audiovisual, web, social networks, media, communication, exhibitions, etc.), always citing the author's name. This mention may be omitted in exceptional cases in compilations or illustrative materials where the image is not the main feature. This authorization does not entail payment of royalties or any financial compensation, and is granted without territorial or temporal limitations.

Finalists also authorize the use of their name, image, and/or voice captured during in-person and online contest activities, including, but not limited to, the awards ceremony, interviews, or audiovisual recordings, for informational and promotional purposes related to the contest. This material may be disseminated through the official website, social media, newsletters, digital platforms, media outlets, or channels managed by the organization or its partners.

This transfer includes only uses related to the dissemination and promotion of the contest and **does not in any case imply a transfer of the exploitation rights of the works** beyond what is described here. Any other use requires express written authorization from the author.

11. ACCEPTANCE OF DATA

Participation in this competition implies full acceptance of these rules and the jury's final decision.

Language Disclaimer

This document is an English translation of the official contest rules for the Ocean Power Watersports Photography Awards (Ocean Power WPA). It has been provided for informational purposes only. The original and legally binding version of the rules is written in Spanish. In the event of any discrepancy, contradiction, or misunderstanding between the English and Spanish versions, the Spanish version shall prevail.