

# The FACEPLATE

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The Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.



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The Fall meeting of the OCSSDI takes place November 21 in Huron, Ohio, as part of the annual *Shipwrecks & Scuba* convention.

The November meeting is the one where new Trustees and Officers are chosen. We will need one new 3-Year Trustee, who will take over as head trustee in 2013. There are also four 1-year Trustees selected -- any or all may repeat.

Bad news to SAue, Jack, Rich, and Judy. Although new trustees are chosen in November, they do not assume their new responsibilities until after the Spring meeting (held along with *ScubaFest*). You're still in office until then!

Anyone and everyone is invited to attend the meeting.

Dan Orr, President and CEO of the Divers Alert Network, attended this year's Barbecue for DAN at Portage Quarry. Dan inaugurated a new award, the President's Special Service Award, to be given in special occasions to those who have provided extraordinary service to the organization.

The first ever award was presented to Jeff Rice, owner and Operator of Portage Quarry Recreation Club. The award was given for decades of work above and beyond in support of the Divers Alert Network.

*In a related matter, rumors have been circulating this year that Portage Quarry Recreation Club will be closing. This is not true. See the article inside.*

Exciting news for the ScubaFest Regional Photo Competition. The Aggressor Fleet is donating the Grand Prize for 2011. They join Deep Blud Adventures and *Midwest Dive News* as sponsors for the competition. Details inside.

**A point worth noting:** The first year of the competition we received dozens of entries in the *Great Lakes* category. Many were spectacular. Fewer were entered in the *Freshwater* category, but again, many were great and vied well for prizes.

Last year, there were only three entries between the two.

This is an opportunity you shouldn't miss. We know, we've seen many, many great pictures taken in the Great Lakes - many of our club websites and newsletter display them. There is no U/W Competition anywhere else that offers a chance to win prizes, and \*(more important) to show off your Great Lakes pictures. Just \$10 for the first one, \$5 for the others.

**OCSSDI Mission Statement:** To promote the sports of skin and scuba diving and appropriate research; to encourage safety; to represent skin and scuba divers in all interests related to diving; to encourage the protection of the environment; to provide a vehicle for the exchange of information within the diving community; and any and all things necessary of incident to any thereof.

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# Minutes, Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers Meeting July 18, 2010, Portage Quarry

## In attendance:

**Vivian Duff** TA Dive Club  
**Rich Lauer** Buckeye Divers  
**Patrx Heschel** BAD/MAST  
**Jim Lapenta** SEI/UDMAquatics

**Darrell Logan** Circleville Landsharks  
**Judy Logan** TA Dive Club /Landsharks  
**Elex Ali** Lake Erie Wreck Divers  
**Jeff Rice** of Portage Quarry, Professional Member

Rich Lauer brought the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m. Vivian Duff read the meeting minutes from the March 21, 2010 meeting. There was one correction to Rich Lauer's workshop attendance numbers. Darrell Logan made a motion to accept the minutes. Dave Rauch seconded the motion.

## Treasurer's Report

Rich Lauer presented the Treasurer's report for Lu Ann Howard. There were no additions or corrections. Rich Lauer entertained the approval of the treasurer's report subject to audit. Jim Lapenta seconded the motion.

## O2 & Legislation

No reports.

## Faceplate

Rich Lauer will combine the July/August material into the next newsletter. He asked Patrx Heschel for an article for the Put-in-Bay Clean-up. Rich will put a link to the March, 2010 Ohio Council meeting minutes on the web in the newsletter.

## License Plate

No report.

## Put-in-Bay Clean-up Monday, September 20, 2010

Patrx Heschel reported that there will be a change in location at Put-in-Bay. The teams will be cleaning up the Boardwalk.

## MAST

No report.

## Scholarship

Rich Lauer will promote the scholarship in the next newsletter.

## Portage Quarry

Jeff Rice was invited to attend the Ohio Council meeting as a special guest. Jeff has been a 15 year member of the Ohio Council and wants to address the rumors surrounding Portage Quarry. Jeff brought the members present up-to-date. Vivian Duff will type up his portion of the meeting and send it to Jeff for his review. Jeff can then condense the topic into an appropriate length paragraph for Rich Lauer to include in the Ohio Council newsletter.

## Safety

Jim Lapenta will send Darrell Logan his article on Safety 'Who is responsible?' for inclusion in the next newsletter. Darrell Logan will share it with Vivian Duff who will forward it to Rich Lauer for the next Faceplate.

## New Business

- ◆ Rich Lauer entertained a motion to support two events: Put-in-Bay Clean-up \$600 and Legends \$500.
- ◆ A motion was made by Elex Ali to discuss the money to any group. Jim Lapenta seconded the motion. How does the Ohio Council support each group?
- ◆ Put-in-Bay Clean-up is our environmental requirement for the Ohio Council. Patrix Heschel reported that \$600 is sufficient to carry forth the work of the clean-up.
- ◆ Handicapped Scuba Association (HSA) - Ohio Council gives them a regular admission to ScubaFest to use as a door prize.
- ◆ Legends at Portage Quarry - The event promotes diving.
- ◆ DAN promotes safety.
- ◆ Breast Cancer - Ohio Council gives them a regular admission to ScubaFest to use as a door prize.
- ◆ Boy Scouts - Ohio Council could give them an admission to ScubaFest.
- ◆ Elex Ali made a motion to give Legends \$500. Dave Rauch seconded it. Motion passed.
- ◆ Patrix Heschel made a motion to give Put-in-Bay \$600. Darrell Logan seconded it. Motion passed.
- ◆ Darrell Logan made a motion to give DAN \$100. Patrix Heschel seconded it. Motion passed.
- ◆ Rich Lauer received a suggestion from Bill Libecap that he would like us to put in the Faceplate any club that has a scuba trip coming up.
- ◆ Discussion followed. Advantages are: promote diving, club benefits from being a member, diver knows of the opportunity and it promotes interclub relations.
- ◆ Disadvantages: Some clubs are closely linked to shops and those shops don't like it when dive clubs are trying to fill their own trip. Rich Lauer will not go out and get the lists. It is the club's responsibility to get the information to Rich Lauer. He will contact professional members. Jim Lapenta suggested Ohio Council will accept announcements for upcoming trips. Send the notice by a certain date. Clubs should be the submitter not shops.
- ◆ Rich plans to put their website links in the newsletter for more information regarding trips.
- ◆ Rich will add professional member website addresses to the list which appears in each newsletter.
- ◆ It was pointed out that the Faceplate can contain this information because it was previously authorized by the Ohio Council.
- ◆ Jim Lapenta brought it to our attention that as of mid-July SEI training is an arm of U.S.O.A CMAS.
- ◆ Judy Logan gave a report on ScubaFest. She will have the final reports on activities and finance available shortly. Darrell has 6 x 9 cards to give out to anyone who would like to promote ScubaFest. The ground stake sign for ScubaFest in 2011 was on display at Portage Quarry. Darrell reported that we have a 3 year contract with the Crowne Plaza North, Columbus, OH for ScubaFest.
- ◆ Jim Lapenta from Pennsylvania reported that he benefited from Discover Scuba at ScubaFest. He had a family of 4 for open water classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vivian Duff*

# ScubaFest 2011

It's time to start looking ahead to ScubaFest 2011, the annual Ohio scuba convention.

The 2011 event takes place March 18-20, again at the Crowne Plaza North Hotel in Columbus. The annual get-together has been going on for more than 50 years.

Last year's highly successful event brought more than 1,000 divers & friends, 35+ vendors in the free Exhibit Hall, excellent presentations, prizes galore, and good food and drinks Saturday night. There were four presentation rooms going on all day. Discover Scuba, with instructors and volunteers from Aquatic Adventures, was a tremendous success.

Keynote Speaker for ScubaFest 2011 will be Sean Fisher, grandson of the legendary Mel Fisher, the World's Greatest Treasure Hunter. Mel is most famous for his discovery of the *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* and the *Santa Margarita*, rich treasure ships that sank during a hurricane on September 6, 1622, near Key West, Florida. Sean Fisher has long been a part of his Grandpa Mel's adventures. In his teenage years he spent his days at sea on the boats as part of the crew.

After taking some time off to get his degree, Sean returned to Mel Fisher's Treasures in 2005 as the Director of Marketing. Within 3 years he has taken on many additional responsibilities, including Acting Director of Mel Fisher's Treasures. He has become the face and voice of Mel Fisher's Treasures doing many television, magazine and newspaper interviews.

Sean loves the fact that he can carry on his Grandpa's dream of finding the Sterncastle of the Atocha. He also hopes to one day find a wreck that dwarfs the Atocha so his Grandpa Mel can look down on him and say, "That's my boy."

More information will be coming in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, keep the weekend handy. Remember, entrance to the exhibit halls is free! You need tickets to attend any of the presentations, or the Saturday night banquet. Prices have not gone up from last year.

To see the list of speakers, the popular workshops, pricing, etc., check out the website -- [www.scubafest.org](http://www.scubafest.org). We will also be sending you e-mail updates over the next few months.

Meanwhile, you should look into ScubaFest volunteer opportunities. For just four hours volunteered you receive a lot in return. Gary DeMont of the TA Dive Club is in charge of volunteers for 2011. Here's what he has to say:

*As the Volunteer Coordinator for ScubaFest, it is my pleasure to announce our special offer of a weekend pass at a discounted fee for attendees who would like to volunteer their time during the 3-day event. In exchange for just a four-hour commitment, Volunteers will receive a Weekend Pass (including a banquet ticket, admission to all presentations, and a ScubaFest shirt) for \$40 if purchased before January 15, 2011 or \$45 if purchased on or after January 15, 2011. The special Volunteer rates are discounted by more than 35% from the regular attendee rates.*



*There are many options for volunteering as well as numerous time slots available. You may have a favorite time slot you want to spend, but these go first come, first go. Besides for the extra \$5 discount, you get your choice of time slots if you volunteer early.*

If there are presentations or a workshop you want to attend, Gary & Co. will work the schedule around so you won't miss it. AND, there's no extra cost for the presentation. It's included in your volunteer package.

You can find the volunteer information on the website.

# Wes Skiles, National Geographic Photographer

Wes Skiles, an acclaimed underwater photographer, explorer and filmmaker, died this past July on a dive off the eastern coast of Florida. He was working on an assignment for National Geographic.

The well-known freelance filmmaker dies just before his pictures were featured on the cover of the National Geographic's August issue. One of his cave pictures was the cover for the magazine.

Although I don't think Wes was ever a featured speaker at ScubaFest, he was often invited to presentations in the Midwest, including Our World Underwater. Wes was well-known to many of our Ohio organization's cave divers and photographers. I knew him for years while diving the Florida Springs, and was lucky to have him as my first cave diving instructor. I do remember a lot from the course, but remember more his friendliness, his sense of humor, and his professionalism.

The 52-year old Skiles signaled to other divers that he was out of film and that he would come up to the surface to retrieve more. But a few minutes later, his colleagues saw his body lying on the ocean floor, according to a report in The Miami Herald. He was later pronounced dead at St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Skiles documented life below the surface of the world's oceans for more than two decades and was a pioneer in underwater cinematography. He was also known as a passionate conservationist.

If you missed the magazine's August issue, you can see many of his pictures on line at <http://ngm.nationalgeographic.com/2010/08/bahamas-caves/skiles-photography>. Click on the Photo Gallery button.

I also recommend you either buy or rent the DVD *The Cave*. Go to the Special Features tab, and open *Into the Cave*. This is Wes at his best. He talks about the caves he loves, the dangers and the rewards, then brags for a while about filming for the movie.

## Memorial Scholarship Applications Being Accepted

Applications are now being accepted for the 2011 Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2011, says Dick Colwell, Scholarship Fund Chairman.

The OCSSDI sponsors an educational scholarship for students to pursue careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields. The Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship Fund is presented to honor the many who have contributed so much to scuba diving in Ohio. The OCSSDI raises scholarship money through raffles at the annual spring ScubaFest and Banquet Ball, and through donations from the state association.

There are very few hard and fast rules. The amount given to the Scholarship winner is decided on by the committee. This includes deciding whether to award more than one scholarship, or none at all. Over the past several years, the scholarship amounted to \$1000 per annum. No scholarships were awarded in 2010.

To qualify, the applicant, or an immediate family member, must be a member in good standing of the OCSSDI, and

pursuing a career in one of the fields mentioned above.

Interested individuals may download the scholarship requirements and application from the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers web site ([www.ocssdi.org](http://www.ocssdi.org)). Click on the Scholarships tab along the left border. The application, and all supporting documents, should be mailed to OCSSDI Scholarship, PO Box 85, Summit Station, Ohio 43073, By February 1.

The Council is very interested in spreading knowledge and education in our sport, shipwrecks, and the aquatic environment. This scholarship is one of the ways we work to do that. If you have questions about the scholarship, you may mail them at the above address.



# ScubaFest Regional Photo Competition

There is exciting news to announce with the 3rd Annual **ScubaFest Regional Photo Competition**. This is the underwater photo competition open to divers from Ohio and the surrounding states – Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Michigan.

We are very excited to have Midwest Dive News and Deep Blue Adventures again as co-sponsors the event. This year they are joined by The Aggressor Fleet. The Grand Prize for 2011 is an all expenses week on board the new Baja Aggressor. The winner can choose from one of three itineraries diving and photographing the Great Whites, or among the large creatures: manta rays, schooling hammerheads, white tip and silver tip sharks, and bottlenose dolphin. You choose the week and the agenda. Value is @ \$2500.

Aggressor Fleet will be at ScubaFest 2011. Deep Blue Adventures and Midwest Dive News will again be there, supporting ScubaFest and Ohio divers as they have for years. Be sure to stop by and see them.



This is a digital photo contest; if you still shoot slides or film, all you have to do is scan it, or get it done at your nearby photo shop. Your first entry is \$10; all subsequent entries are \$5 each. Although we regularly get excellent results, you will be competing only with divers from the above six states, not people who live in Indonesia or New Zealand, who dive the spectacular reefs every week. Last year's winner were pictures that might have been photographed anywhere in the world, but any of the Wide Angle and Macro shots could just as easily have been shot in the Caribbean.

There are Five categories. Unless we've specified, the pictures can be taken *anywhere in the world*, except, obviously, in the Great Lakes category; fresh-water category can be in any fresh water lake, river,

cave, or quarry in the world.

NOTE: For two years we have promoted an Under 16 category, for only photographers under the age of 16. I think it was a great idea -- but no one else did; in two years we did not get a single entry. So we have dropped it for this year.

We have added a new category that should intrigue many of you -- a *Point and Shoot* category. This is for those divers (most of us) who won't go into Digital SLRs and \$5000 in equipment. Your housed Point and Shoot can create excellent pictures, and possibly win you the same prizes as others can win. One thing -- you cannot use P&S film cameras and scan them in -- the picture must be taken with a digital P&S, so we can verify.

Here are the five categories:

- **Great Lakes**, and the rivers that connect them
- **Macro/Closeup**. Move in close for critters or reef shots from anywhere in the world
- **General & Wide Angle**. Salt water or fresh, medium or wide shots of wrecks, reef environments, divers, aquatic life, etc.
- **Fresh Water**: Lakes, springs, quarries and ponds located anywhere in the world
- **Point and Shoot Cameras**. Only digital P&S cameras may be used – entries in this category cannot be made over from negatives or slides.

Winners will be announced Saturday, March 19 at the ScubaFest Saturday night banquet. Winning photos will be published in a future Midwest Dive News. 2009 and 2010 winners can be viewed at [scubafest.org](http://scubafest.org).

Besides for prizes in each category, and a grand prize for the overall winner, we have the *People's Choice* winner, where ScubaFest attendees can pick their favorite. You can view them Friday night or Saturday afternoon at *ScubaFest 2011*, and vote for your favorite.

Do you want to help? You very likely know your own photo pro or photo enthusiasts (maybe it's you). Tell that person we'd love to have him or her involved, as a committee member, a judge, an advisor. Contact Rich Lauer at (614) 759-0357, or at [rlauer@ohiohills.com](mailto:rlauer@ohiohills.com).

A complete list of rules can be found at [ScubaFest.org](http://ScubaFest.org), as well as the application form. Deadline for entries is March 1, 2011.

# The Question of *Hands On* CPR

The summer of 2010 has seen several reports proposing radical changes to CPR as we know it. For decades we have seen, and have been taught, to combine mouth-to-mouth resuscitation with chest compressions to keep a victim alive whose heart has stopped, whether from heart attack, electrical shock, or drowning. The only changes we've seen over the years have been the ratio of compressions vs breaths (currently suggested 30 compressions to two breaths), and the addition of an AED.

Nowadays several agencies, including the American Heart Association, have begun calling for “hands only” CPR. They tell us that two new studies published in the *New England Journal of Medicine* provide additional evidence to what the American Heart Association has been saying for years – chest compressions alone are as effective in rescuing victims of heart attacks as conventional CPR.

Chest compressions work by circulating oxygen that is already present in the blood. The bloodstream of a person breathing normally — up until a cardiac arrest — contains enough oxygen to sustain life for several minutes, until an ambulance can arrive with oxygen supplementation.

Only one in three people suffering from cardiac arrest get prompt cardiopulmonary resuscitation before the ambulance arrives. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation is sometimes responsible for the reluctance of would-be saviors to perform CPR.

In emergencies, 911 operators randomly instructed callers to administer either conventional CPR or “hands-only” CPR. They found that 12.5% of those given only compressions survived to be discharged from the hospital, compared to 11% of those given conventional CPR. The 30-day survival was 8.7% for those given compressions only, compared to 7% for those given conventional CPR.

While the differences appear small, removing the element of hesitation of a bystander to perform CPR because it is now unnecessary to provide rescue breathing may increase the number of patients actually receiving the life-saving technique, they say. The AHA notes that about 60% of cardiac arrests are witnessed by someone, and most occur at home.

“These studies reinforce the message that the American Heart Association has been promoting since 2008,” said Dr. Michael Sayre, a professor of emergency medicine at Ohio State University in Columbus and a spokesman for the AHA. “When you encounter a person who has collapsed suddenly, the best thing to do is to call 911 and then push hard and fast on their chest. It’s simple, and something anyone can do even if they don’t have any training.”

Some communities who have been implementing “hands-only” CPR have seen a dramatic increase in survival rates. In Dallas TX, survival rates have increased by 60%. In some smaller areas outside of Dallas, where the new guidelines could be implemented more quickly, the survival rates have quadrupled, according to Dr. Paul E. Pepe, head of the emergency medicine department of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Now, before we adopt this thinking, please note:

- It would seem (my opinion) that the lack of success come from either a rescuer *not wanting to touch mouths* with a victim, or because, with lack of practice, the process becomes more difficult, and delays happen. If this is you, remember that barriers are available, from pocket masks to a one-way membrane. As far as practice, yes, like everything from driving in the snow to using your octopus, practice should not be ignored.
- The “rescue breathing” part of CPR is still necessary for those who have suffered drowning. As divers and people who spend a lot of time around water, I think we are more likely to run into a water emergency. Rescue breathing is also required for infants and children, for choking victims, or for people who have respiratory problems.
- The reason, I believe, that “hands only” works at all is because of the close proximity of an ambulance in most situations. Find yourself vacationing in a remote area, and you should be prepared for the two-step CPR.
- Remember John Travolta and the song *Stayin’ Alive?* Keep it in mind – that’s the tempo of the chest compressions.

The latest change I’ve heard is the suggestion that the rescuer should jump right into chest compression *without even checking first* for breathing, without taking time to open the airway. Although it is important to begin CPR as quickly as you can, I’m nervous about skipping the *check for breathing* step. At least it makes me more hesitant about falling asleep in public.

# 2010 Acquisition of Portage Quarry

Throughout the past year, we have heard rumors after rumors about the closing of Portage Quarry Recreation Club in Bowling Green. Portage has been a member of the Ohio Council for more than 12 years, so we invited Jeff Rice to the July OCSSDI meeting to find out the truth of the matter. Jeff gave the Ohio Council members present an update to stop rumors that Portage Quarry will be closing to divers.

*“A local Bowling Green construction business owner now owns Portage Quarry. I will still run the Recreation Club. Over the years, I kept in contact with the VP of Shelly Company (former owner of the quarry). I always wanted to buy the property. I sent Shelly Company two appraisals then there was no contact or communications.*

*At the end of Nov, 2009, I found out the quarry was sold to local contractors by Shelly. After being here 35 years, Shelly Company would not negotiate with me. The finances were in place for the purchase on my part, but they failed to accept any correspondence from me and I was told that I would not be considered in the sale. The guy who bought it did not call me until Jan, 2010.*

*Everything is current with the EPA and local health department with the changes. Nothing has been dropped in the quarry. Dirt is sold as well as gravel and broken concrete. The dirt pile will be gone shortly as it is here for storage only. From the big tree to the back corner will be for the new owner's use. He will not develop the property at this time.*

*I am willing to buy the property at any time. The new owner knows that as soon as anything goes into the water - diving is over. He has expressed he wants the club to stay and carry on business as usual for a minimum of 10 years. He is afraid I will retire first. So at this time there is no truth to the rumor mill. We appreciate all the support of the Diving community and have experienced a good diving summer.*

*Call the Quarry if you need to know something about the Portage Quarry. Portage Quarry Recreation Club is open for business for 10 – 15 years into the future.”*

## Membership for 2011 Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Divers, Inc.



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Rich Lauer

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Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

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# ScubaFest Ohio Regional Photo Competition

Sponsored by the OCSSDI, the Aggressor Fleet, Deep Blue Adventures, and *Midwest Dive News*.

The ScubaFest Ohio Regional Photo Competition is a digital photography contest open to divers and amateur photographers residing in Ohio and the contiguous states of Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. The winning entries will be announced at the ScubaFest 2011 banquet on Saturday, March 19, 2011. ScubaFest 2011 is being held in Columbus, Ohio from March 18 – 20, 2011.

**ELIGIBILITY** The Competition is open to divers and amateur photographers residing in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, & Pennsylvania. The digital photos entered may have been taken anywhere in the world, fresh or salt water, unless limited by the category in which the image is submitted.

## CATEGORIES

**Great Lakes:** Pictures taken in any of the Great Lakes or the rivers which connect the lakes

**Standard and Wide Angle:** Salt water or fresh, medium or wide shots of wrecks, reef environments, divers, aquatic life, etc.

**Macro/Close-up:** Move in close for critters or reef shots from anywhere in the world

**Fresh water:** Lakes, springs, quarries and ponds located anywhere in the world

**Point & Shoot Cameras:** You don't need an SLR; your point & shoot digital camera can win the competition. Only digital P&S cameras may be used – entries in this category cannot be made over from negatives or slides.

**JUDGING:** Judging will be based on composition, technique, exposure and general interest. The decision of the judges will be final. It is the intent of the judges to select 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entries in each category, along with a grand prize winner for the entry deemed Best-of-Show.

There will also be a special People's Choice winner chosen by the Friday and Saturday attendees of ScubaFest. The judges reserve the right to not select any entries in a category for which no entry deserves the award. The judges reserve the right to request the original unedited or raw digital file for review. Any entry that does not meet the rules or conditions of the Competition may be disqualified by the judges.

**PRIZES** An entrant can be awarded more than one prize but only one major prize for the entire contest. In the event that an award-winning entry is later found to have violated any rule, it will be disqualified and officials of this Competition reserve the right to recall prizes.

## RESTRICTIONS

Contest officials and their immediate families are ineligible. Images that have been published or accepted for publication as of the entry postmark date are not eligible.

Any images which have won best-of-show or placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in any major competition (as defined at the discretion of the judges) as of the entry postmark date are ineligible.

Aquarium and pool pictures are not eligible.

Each individual image may be entered in only one category as defined by the entrant.

Creating digital images usually involves some manipulation, including any or all of these: cropping, white balance, brightness and contrast adjustment, saturation, sharpening, B&W conversion, dodging and burning. These are allowed. *Generally* using the clone tool is not allowed. Please do not bring elements into your pictures (i.e. extra fish, coral, dive boat, etc.), or significantly change the ingredients and features of your image. Removing backscatter is allowed; removing a diver is not.

Excessive manipulation will disqualify your entry. Judges reserve the right to see the original image before awarding prizes.

The intent of this competition is to give exposure and credibility to amateurs. Industry professionals are ineligible for this competition. A professional is anyone the judges believe, at their sole discretion, to be an industry professional

## ENTRY

**Deadline:** All entries must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than March 1, 2011.

**Fees:** Entrant may submit as many images as desired. Entry fee for the first image is \$10 with a \$5 fee for each additional image.

**Format:** Entries may be submitted as JPEG or TIFF, with a minimum resolution of 1200 in the long dimension. If in JPEG, a file with the highest quality setting (where compression is kept to a minimum) is recommended. Color images should be RGB.

**Ownership/Copyright:** Ownership and copyright of all entries remain with the photographer. ScubaFest and the OCSSDI reserve the right to publish the winning entries, without compensation, in all announcements of contest winners and all publicity. Proper credit will be given to the photographer.

**Entry Form:** A completed entry form must accompany all submissions. Entry forms can be downloaded at [www.scubafest.org](http://www.scubafest.org). By signing the form, the entrant will certify that the images submitted are his/her own work.

**Mail Entries:** Submit images on a CD or DVD labeled with the entrant's name and either the phone number or e-mail address. Mail (1) the completed entry form, (2) a check or money order made payable to "ScubaFest 2009" for the appropriate fee and (3) the labeled CD/DVD to: **ScubaFest Ohio Regional Photo Competition, PO Box 85, Summit Station, OH 43073**  
CDs/DVDs WILL NOT BE RETURNED

**Electronic Entries:** Submit images and the completed entry form via e-mail to [PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org](mailto:PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org). To pay your entry fee via PayPal, go to [www.ScubaFest.org](http://www.ScubaFest.org), and follow the instructions on the Photo Contest page.

**Contest officials, contest judges, members of the ScubaFest Committee and members of the OCSSDI, cannot be held responsible for lost or misdirected entries.**

Submit questions to [PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org](mailto:PhotoContest@ScubaFest.org)

Check the Photo Contest page of our website, [www.scubafest.org](http://www.scubafest.org), for any last-minute announcements

# Schedule of Events

November 20: **Shipwrecks and Scuba**, Bay Area Divers

Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio [Bayareadivers.net](http://Bayareadivers.net)

November 21: **OCSSDI Meeting**, Huron, Ohio

December 20: **Deadline, Ocean Views Photo Competition**. Enter up to 20 pictures for just \$25. [Oceans@naturesbestphotography.com](mailto:Oceans@naturesbestphotography.com)

December 31: **Deadline, Beneath the Sea Photo Contest**

[www.beneaththesea.org](http://www.beneaththesea.org)

January 1, 2010: **New Years Day Dive**

White Star Quarry Park, 10am-4pm

January 17: **Deadline, Our World Underwater Underwater**

**Photo & Video Competition** [ourworldunderwater.com](http://ourworldunderwater.com)

February 1: **Deadline, for 2010 Applications, Ohio Council Memorial Scholarship Fund** See article in newsletter

February 18-20: **Our World Underwater**, Rosemont, Il.

[ourworldunderwater.com](http://ourworldunderwater.com)

March 1: **Deadline, ScubaFest Regional Photo Competition**

See story in newsletter

March 5: **Great Lakes Shipwreck Festival**, Ann Arbor, MI

[www.shipwreckfestival.org](http://www.shipwreckfestival.org)

March 18-20: **ScubaFest 2010**, Columbus, Ohio

See articles in newsletter [www.scubafest.org](http://www.scubafest.org)

March 20: **OCSSDI meeting**, Columbus, Ohio

March 25-27: **Beneath the Sea**, Seacucus, NJ

[www.beneaththesea.org](http://www.beneaththesea.org)

April 2: **Shipwrecks 2011**, Niagra Divers Association, Welland, Ontario

17th Annual! [www.niagaradivers.com](http://www.niagaradivers.com)

March 27: **Public Safety Day**,

White Star Quarry

