

HUPS Photo Contest Themes for the Year 2024

Month	Theme	Description
January	Invertebrates	Any creature without a backbone. Sponges, Cnidarians, Worms, Mollusks, Arthropods, Echinoderms, Crustaceans, Sea cucumbers, Nudibranchs.
February	Schools of Fish	Lots of fish - not critters, just fish. A school – 12 or more of the same fish.
March	Eyes and/or Teeth	Any sea life that has an eye or teeth. Can be fish, invertebrates or mammal.
April	Blue water	Any primary subject as long as the background has a nice blue color
May	Nudibranchs & Worms	Again, this is pretty specific but you may need to check your critter ID book if you're not sure. Worms can fool you sometimes.
June	Mammals	Any kind of marine mammal (not divers), such as: whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions, sea otters, manatees, etc.
July	Scorpion fish, Gurnards, Lionfish	Another theme that gives you multiple choices of fish. This theme gives you up to 3 possible choices of fish families.
August	Really Small Macro - Subjects smaller than a chicken egg	The main subject is smaller than an egg. Can be a portion of a larger subject (eyes, fins, etc). Should be taken with a macro lens or one that focuses close. Don't just crop the heck out of a picture.
September	Reef scenes without diver	Any kind of reef scene somewhere in the shot, but without any divers.
October	Syngnathidae (pipefish & seahorses)	The Syngnathidae is a family of fish which includes seahorses, pipefishes, and seadragons.
November	Sponges, Tunicates, Anemones	This theme gives you up to 3 possible choices of creature families. If not sure, check your creature ID book.
December	Best of HUPS	NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, and CREATIVE contests: First place winners from each month's Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced categories will be entered automatically for judging. The Creative category lets you enter anything you want as long as you do the photography and any special editing.