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Of
Houston Underwater Photographic Society

**ATTACHMENT 3 A – HUPS PHOTO CONTEST INFORMATION &
DECEMBER CONTEST**

HISTORIC INFORMATION – In 1984 HUPS began a program of photographic competition at its General Membership Meeting. The first award for Photographer of the Year was given that year and it has continued to develop and evolve year after year.

GENERAL CONCEPT – The HUPS monthly photo contest serves to recognize the developing talent of HUPS members; provide a basis of photographic education for all members in attendance; and educate the HUPS members about marine life and the marine environment.

These Rules will become effective on January 1, 2016

DECEMBER MEETING "BEST OF HUPS" PHOTO CONTEST RULES

2.1 Categories

There are four categories:

- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Creative

The first three categories are the same as the monthly contest (including the limitations on image size, image manipulation, submission to PhotoContest@hups.org 48 hours prior to the meeting, etc.) with some clarifications:

- Any image that has won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in a monthly contest is eligible. Any image that was won a previous 'Best of HUPS contest is not eligible.
- Any underwater subject may be used.
- Anyone can enter the fourth "creative" category.
- The overall photo should have an underwater context or connection of some sort. For instance, a school of fish swimming through the "canyons of New York City" is a perfectly acceptable entrant even though most of the image may be a cityscape.
- Any image is allowed as long as it has been taken or created by the person entering the photo. One cannot take photos of other photos or take images off the web, etc.
- Any form of digital manipulation is allowed.
- Three images may be entered in each category for which the photographer is eligible.

2.2 Judging and Scoring

Judging will be done by everyone at the December meeting using paper ballots. Each person participating as a judge will award 3 points for the best photo, 2 points for the next, and 1 point for their third choice in each of the four categories.

The points will be totaled after the meeting, and the results will be announced on the website, in the January newsletter, and at the January meeting following the contest.

Points in the December contest DO NOT count toward Photographer of the Year.