

## Hups Photo Contest Themes for the Year 2021

Month	Theme	Descriptions
January	Flatfish (disk-shaped fish)	Flounder, angelfish, filefish, butterflyfish, sunfish, triggerfish, etc. It just needs to have a pronounced flat profile and be a FISH.
February	Fish Buddies (2 of the same)	2 Fish of the same species in the composition (Max number is 6)
March	Grouper	Groupers are teleost, typically having a stout body and a large mouth. They are not built for long-distance, fast swimming. They can be quite large.
April	Leading lines (natural lines that lead the eye)	An interesting topic and something that true artists use to point the viewer's eye to the primary "focus" of their work. Elements within the picture (straight lines, curves, spirals, etc.) should be obvious to the eye. You can even use interesting negative space effects if they serve the job of attracting the eye to the subject. Look at your stuff and you'll find plenty of examples. Learn to see and create like the masters.
May	Long and thin - fish or critters	Anything that is characterized by long, thin lines. Can be fish, invertebrates, or even non-living.
June	Silhouettes	Silhouettes are interesting in that the outlines and shape of the subject are what is important. A good silhouette should have almost no detail observable in the primary subject. We're talking form and composition this month so see what you can come up with. If you don't have good examples, you've got plenty of time to go try shooting some. It'll be good for you.
July	Single Color focus (Blue,Red,Green, Yellow)	Subject must be a single color or shade of color Examples green moray eel, green parrotfish, soap fish, sharks, sponge, coral
August	Fish Portraits	Side on, angled views, or face-to-the-camera shots are what we're looking for. You can have more than one fish in the shot but be reasonable, keep it to 2 or less, please. And, of course, we're talking fish here... not critters.

September	Echinoderms (starfish of all kinds, urchins, sea cucumbers, etc.)	All Starfish are Echinoderms but not all Echinoderms are Starfish. So there's the dilemma. But for this month's contest all echinoderms are acceptable Asteroidea (Sea Stars), Ophiuroidea (Brittle Stars and Basket Stars) crinoids, sea urchins, sand dollars, or sea cucumbers which are Echinoderms.
October	Composition Through a Hole	A hole is a hollow place in a solid body or surface. This theme is looking for a creative use of a hole in the composition. Examples: subject in porthole of a wreck, goby or eel in a hole, Fish swimming in front of cave entrance - be creative.
November	Animals in the Sand	Fish & critters that live in sand or muck.
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.