

Hups Photo Contest Themes for the Year 2020

Month	Theme	Descriptions
January	Diagonal Composition	A diagonal composition is employed to arrange elements in an image based on a diagonal line.
February	Eels	There are lots of eels out there. They are pretty easy to spot. Think “snakes with gills”.
March	Blue water	Any primary subject as long as the background has a nice blue color
April	Large swimmers (> 4 feet) - not people	Description: A fish or critter that is swimming with a length > 4 feet Detail – Examples grouper, tarpon, sharks, sting ray, manta ray, dolphin, moray eel, and big subjects is what you are shooting for.
May	Odd-shaped bottom dwellers	Infrequent-swimmers. Frogfish, crabs, flounder, scorpionfish, toadfish, batfish, lizardfish, crocodile fish.. If it is a bit odd looking and spends most of its life on or in the sand or reef, it probably qualifies.
June	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. Who would think that something that looks like a colorful Christmas tree ornament could be a worm?

July	Hawk fish, Drums, Triggerfish	A theme that gives you multiple choices of fish. This theme gives you up to 3 possible choices of fish families. So come on and submit a photograph or two to the contest. If not sure, check your fish id sources or ask the PC.
August	Crustacea	Just like it says... look it up in the book (crabs, shrimp, lobsters, barnacles, etc.). When in doubt... Wikipedia can help you out.
September	Natural light	<b>"Shooting ambient light means you are using the sun as your light source. Shooting with ambient light means less camera drag, as strobes can be left on the surface. The lighting of the photo will be more even, which is ideal for large subjects such as large reefs or schools of fish, silhouettes, or large wrecks"</b>

October	Blennies and Gobies	<b>Some of our favorite tiny guys. The ones that like to hug the reef, hide out in holes, or build their nests in the sand. If you aren't sure if your little guy (or guys) qualify, look it up in your critter ID book or ask the opinion of one or our ID experts.</b>
November	Polka Dots/Fish with Spots	A spot a small round or roundish mark, differing in color or texture from the surface around it. The most common subjects underwater are known variously as boxfishes, coffer fishes, cowfishes and trunkfishes."

December	Best of HUPS	<b>NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, and CREATIVE</b> contests: <b>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.</b>