

A few simple rules for the PHCC Monthly Photo Competition
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1083902641635184/>

With a few new members having recently shown an interest in the photo competition it's probably useful to mention a few guidelines /rules.

Firstly you don't need to ask to take part if you're a PHCC member - just go the Facebook page for "PHCC Photo Competition" and submit a photo. Individuals can take part but 'pages' / 'groups' won't be accepted. Requests for joining are received from most countries – with those applicants clearly not realising it's a members' competition. Any problems with posting ? ... contact an admin.

Submissions should be from **members of Poole Harbour Canoe Club/Wimborne Canoe Club**

Submissions can also be from ***Family members or friends of PHCC members*** who can also enter images of the members/friends in kayaking/canoeing action on trips shared with them.

Images could be taken on trips, of trips, courses, coaching situations – ***anything that has kayaking/canoeing as a topic & shows involved members***. *They should not be older than the last two months*
Non-club-member's entries **not showing PHCC members** may be discounted in the awards round-up.

Photos should be of interest to other paddlers and ***so this isn't a purists 'photographic' competition***. The idea is to share the love and enjoyment of paddle-sports and for this to be achieved through featuring members or places they visit whilst on trips. * ***Images should not have been entered here previously***

The photos should be ***your own and submitted by you***; 'the photographer' - that way we are in no doubt over permissions and no doubt about where the prize should go. *Images taken by others should not be submitted unless their approval has been given and their name mentioned*. **By entering entrants agree that their pics can be used in club promotions and be considered for the club's annual calendar.**

Photos should be posted singly and never as multiples or albums – such entries will be discounted. (Any likes achieved before a single repost will obviously be discounted)

Comments made relating to images entered should be suitably tempered and relate benignly to the image content and ***comments should not be disparaging in any way***.

Entries should generally be submitted by the photographer with no unnecessary comment or explanation. The 'Likes' received from non-group members may be discounted from the final tally.

The number of 'likes' a photo gets during the month usually determines the winner - but in the event of a tie - we may look at the 'likes' as a percentage of the total viewers that the fb page stats figures show have seen the posting. In the event of a tie the editors/admins decision will be final and will - if all other ways of separating entries fails - finally be based on how prominent the kayak /canoe component is in the image - - in effect a 'pixel count' ! 😊 **Obviously it isn't acceptable to vote for your own entry.**

* A prize is usually a unique "Photo Competition Mug, Baseball Cap, T-Shirt, of any other item we might add as a promotional prize

* Although entries close at midnight at end of each month - and open for entries immediately for the following month; the voting goes on for another 7 days to allow late entries the chance of catching up.

* ***Note: it is advisable not to enter more than one or two at a time – be selective !***

* ***'Stills' taken from a Video and entered as a still-image should be marked as such in the comment.***

Whilst they are often amazing images, viewers should be aware that this is not a video editing competition 😊 ! **Please note we will discount 3-D images** – The quality just isn't that great 😊

So get joining in - get photographing - get posting - get liking - and enjoy being a champion amongst champions - all for simply posting a pic !

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