

**Underwater Images 2005  
Photo/Video Competition Final Results**

**BEST OF SHOW**

Sponsored by Aquatic Encounters, the *FeBrina*, and the Walindi Plantation, PNG  
Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Big Encounter

**CONSERVATION CATEGORY**

First: Viora Alessio, Borgomanero, Italy- Luna in Rete  
Second: Robert Whorton, Staffs, England- One Bad Habit Leads to Another  
Third: John F. Williams, Suquamish, WA- Beach Seining (Video)  
Honorable Mention: Leslie Richter, Mill Valley, CA- Devastation

**VIDEO CATEGORY**

First: Mike Boom, Oakland, CA- Why We Visit  
Second: Matt Brandt, Los Angeles, CA- Fishy Behavior  
Third: Walter Marti, Mission Viejo, CA- Life & Loves of the Opisthobranch  
Honorable Mention: Ron Kuznetz, Plainview, NY- Close Encounters of the Unusual Kind  
Steve Cohen, Annandale, VA- Night Dive Testimonial  
Bob Gladden, San Diego, CA- Drifter of the Deep Blue Sea

**WIDE ANGLE NOVICE CATEGORY**

First Place: Mike Roberts, Kihei, HI- Turtle in the Sun  
Second Place: Ruth VanSciver, Los Gatos, CA- Whale Shark & Friends  
Third Place: Patrick Barry, Eagan, MN- Dosojos Cave Entrance (Mexico)  
Honorable Mention: Mike Roberts, Kihei, HI- Frog in the Sun  
Joe Hoyt, Marblehead, OH- Stingrays  
Cor Bosman, Amsterdam, Holland- Michelle

**WIDE ANGLE OPEN CATEGORY**

First Place: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Ocean in Motion  
Second Place: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- The Rock  
Third Place: Matthias Blaettler, Quartino, Switzerland- Anemone Light  
Honorable Mention: Marc Shargel, Felton, CA- Sea Nettle on Blue  
Virginia Bria, Fairfax, CA- 3 Strikes, You're Out  
Alessandro Dodi, Milano, Italy- Pacific Gas

**MACRO/CLOSE-UP NOVICE CATEGORY**

First Place: Emma Turner, Joslin, S. Australia- Portrait of a Lady  
Second Place: Adriano Morettin, Trieste, Italy- Neon's Shrimp  
Third Place: Adriano Morettin, Trieste, Italy- Pigmy  
Honorable Mention: Donald Hughes, Stewartville, MN- Starburst  
Julie Edwards, Amsterdam, Holland- Bozo

### MACRO/CLOSE-UP OPEN CATEGORY

**First Place: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Denise**  
**Second Place: Paolo Bausani, Porto Stefano, Italy- Squid**  
**Third Place: Judy Johnson, Irving, TX- King of the Tunicate**  
**Honorable Mention: Robert Whorton, Staffs, England- We're A Couple**

### MAJESTIC CATEGORY

**First Place: Ernst Seeling, Vienna, Austria- Bonaire**  
**Second: Alessandro Dodi, Milano, Italy- Absolut**  
**Third: Wesley Underwood, Westminster, CO- King of the Sankisan Maru**

### TOGETHERNESS CATEGORY

**First: Mirko Zanni, Gordola, Switzerland- Star Dancer**  
**Second: Robert Schrager, New York, NY- Mouthful**  
**Third: Robert Whorton, Staffs, England- The Cuddle**  
**Honorable Mention: George Bogard, Rockwall, TX- Sue with Stonefish**  
**Keri Wilk, Ontario, Canada - Father/Son Picnic**  
**Bob Spiers, Pinole, CA- Harlequin Shrimp**  
**Mike Roberts, Kihei, HI- Entourage**  
**Leslie Richter, Mill Valley, CA- Hitchhiker**

### OHIO COMPETITION

**First: Joe Hoyt, Marblehead, OH- Stingrays**  
**Second: Gary DeMont, Reynoldsburg, OH- Mandarinfish**  
**Third: Cliff Lemmerhirt, Wapakoneta, OH- Eternity**  
**Honorable Mention: Cliff Lemmerhirt, Wapakoneta, OH- In the Looking Glass**  
**Bill Libecap, Cincinnati, Ohio- We're Not Talking**  
**Andrew Dennis, Hilliard, OH- Magical Waters of Roatan (Video)**

From the Director:

Thanks to all entrants, judges, and sponsors. Your participation is an integral part of this competition, and is greatly appreciated. Competitions of this type, share divers' own visions of the underwater world, and serve to promote good conservation practices. They also highlight some of the world's best diving destinations. These winning shots will be posted on our website, [www.uwimages.org](http://www.uwimages.org) as soon as possible.

Prizes were set before the judging according to their values and the number of entries in the respective categories. Proceeds go to marine educational and scholarship purposes. This past year we again sponsored former sea turtle fishermen from Baja, Mexico to attend the International Sea Turtle Symposium through the non-profit organization, ProPeninsula [www.ProPeninsula.org](http://www.ProPeninsula.org), where they learned about the conservation of this endangered animal. They then returned home to teach other sea turtle fishermen and local communities about the importance of protecting the sea turtles of the world. Through ProPeninsula, we also supported the Sixth Annual Baja California Sea Turtle Group meeting in Loreto, BCS, Mexico in support of East Coast sea turtle conservation efforts.

We are also continuing to support Mahonia Na Dari, a Nature Conservancy program for students in Papua New Guinea, where they learn true conservation and preservation principles with hands-on experiences.

Lastly, we are supporting the Ohio Council of Skin and Scuba Diving, Inc. (OCSSDI) Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a member in good standing of OCSSDI in order to pursue careers related to marine biology, underwater archaeology, and other related fields.

As we are all volunteers in these contests and they are just for fun, we hope everyone enjoyed our friendly competition this year. I'll be looking forward to your entries next year. Safe Diving and Shooting. *Sea Ya!*

**Roger Roth, Director**