



Nordic Championships in Underwater Photography 2021

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Annika Persson

Annika Persson has been diving since 1994 and started with underwater photography around 2004. She is a passionate diver and instructor working for Global Underwater Explorers. She enjoys a large range of different underwater environments, everything from shallow macro dives, to diving with sharks, diving on wrecks and in cave and mine environments. She has a few medals from the Swedish championships in underwater photography in addition to some good results from global photo shoot outs and competitions. Annika like photos with a clear composition, an appropriate level of detail as well as pictures where the photographer has shown some efforts of creativity.



Rune Edvin Haldorsen

Rune Edvin Haldorsen is a CMAS ** underwater photo instructor and has been photographing under water since 2005. He started photographing after joining his father in the darkroom developing films at the age of 10. During his career he has participated in different photo exhibitions with both underwater photography and other themes, making a few films for Norwegian TV2, NRK, BBC, and publishing photos in the major Norwegian newspapers, National Geographic websites and at the Glasgow Climate Panel. He represented Norway in the CMAS world championship in the Netherlands in 2015, Mexico 2017 and Madeira 2019. In addition to underwater photography, Rune has a passion for photographing polar landscapes.



Kjetil Astrup

Kjetil Astrup is a well-known name in underwater filming, and he is working as an underwater camera man in Cinemarine Norway. Kjetil C. Astrup has several large film productions and names in his portfolio. He is working with commercials, music videos, television, and film production. Some of the more famous sets he has been working on are Skam, Beforeigners, Twin, No Time to Die, Nordsjøen, The Birdcatcher and The Snowman. Last time we called him he was busy with BBC in Northern Norway.



Jury's general comment about this year's submissions:

The level of photos and classes were very varied. In some classes, the winner photos were easy to choose, but in other, the jury had to use some more time due to the different styles and techniques. In general, the quality of images delivered in Nordic waters were better than in the other sub classes, but it was possible to find high quality top photos in all classes. In some of the classes in Baltic / freshwater and "other waters", the number of photos were so few that all photos were honored with points, even if the quality might have been lower than lots of rejected photos from "Nordic waters". In general, the photographers could have spent more time of solving the theme "Exploration". The jury had an impression of that quite a lot of the participants put some random photos into the class. This was also the class with the most significant deviation in the points given of the different jury members. The photographers are also advised to pay attention to environment and animal stress, even if it is not mentioned in the rules. Photos showing animals being moved has in general got a low score by the jury.

Ranking of photographers

The final ranking of photographers is as follows.

Class A – Macro

Points	Photographer	Nationality
165	Fredrik Ehrenström	Sweden
145	Galice Hoarau	Norway
138	Johan Sundelin	Sweden
121	Fredrik Blomqwist	Sweden
81	Martin Hanell	Sweden
79	Pekka Tuuri	Finland
56	Teemu Lakka	Finland
55	Mats Forsberg	Sweden
43	Jukka Suoniemi	Finland
42	Maria Ferm	Sweden
41	Tom Dalgaard Petersen	Denmark
38	Lisa Svensen	Denmark
34	Bjørnar Nygård	Norway
26	Johan Björklund	Sweden
11	Morten Bjørn Larsen	Denmark
9	Kathrin Tengsand	Sweden
7	Axel Hansen Grøvdal	Norway
4	Anders Larsson	Sweden
3	Kjell Williamsson	Sweden
2	Patrik Kolmodin	Sweden
0	Ismo Marttinen	Finland
0	Jørn Knudsen	Norway
0	Victoria Klausen Olsen	Norway
0	Kristoffer Molvig	Norway
0	Carl Johan Brengesjö	Sweden
0	Steen Strand Nilsen	Denmark
0	Christine Fagerbakke	Norway
0	Emil Burman	Sweden

Class B – Wide angle with model

Points	Photographer	Nationality
133	Maria Ferm	Sweden
131	Pekka Tuuri	Finland
121	Tom Dalgaard Petersen	Denmark
118	Bjørnar Nygård	Norway
104	Johan Sundelin	Sweden
96	Martin Hanell	Sweden
87	Galice Hoarau	Norway
49	Ismo Marttinen	Finland
49	Axel Hansen Grøvdal	Norway
38	Lisa Svensen	Denmark
34	Fredrik Blomqwist	Sweden
30	Johan Björklund	Sweden
28	Patrik Kolmodin	Sweden
25	Jukka Suoniemi	Finland
22	Mats Forsberg	Sweden
17	Teemu Lakka	Finland
17	Kristoffer Molvig	Norway
14	Fredrik Ehrenström	Sweden
9	Morten Bjørn Larsen	Denmark
6	Kjell Williamsson	Sweden
3	Kathrin Tengsand	Sweden
2	Anders Larsson	Sweden
0	Jørn Knudsen	Norway
0	Victoria Klausen Olsen	Norway
0	Carl Johan Brengesjö	Sweden
0	Steen Strand Nilsen	Denmark
0	Christine Fagerbakke	Norway
0	Emil Burman	Sweden

Class C – Wide angle without model

Points	Photographer	Nationality
160	Johan Sundelin	Sweden
160	Fredrik Ehrenström	Sweden
121	Galice Hoarau	Norway
100	Morten Bjørn Larsen	Denmark
81	Patrik Kolmodin	Sweden
75	Pekka Tuuri	Finland
60	Bjørnar Nygård	Norway
59	Jukka Suoniemi	Finland
49	Martin Hanell	Sweden
48	Maria Ferm	Sweden
40	Lisa Svensen	Denmark
37	Mats Forsberg	Sweden
34	Kjell Williamsson	Sweden
27	Axel Hansen Grøvdal	Norway
27	Tom Dalgaard Petersen	Denmark
25	Fredrik Blomqwist	Sweden
15	Teemu Lakka	Finland
12	Christine Fagerbakke	Norway
11	Anders Larsson	Sweden
10	Victoria Klausen Olsen	Norway
7	Kathrin Tengsand	Sweden
6	Johan Björklund	Sweden
5	Ismo Marttinen	Finland
4	Jørn Knudsen	Norway
0	Kristoffer Molvig	Norway
0	Carl Johan Brengesjö	Sweden

Class D – Fish

Points	Photographer	Nationality
195	Bjørnar Nygård	Norway
190	Galice Hoarau	Norway
166	Pekka Tuuri	Finland
90	Martin Hanell	Sweden
85	Johan Sundelin	Sweden
66	Fredrik Blomqwist	Sweden
63	Patrik Kolmodin	Sweden
50	Teemu Lakka	Finland
39	Johan Björklund	Sweden
31	Lisa Svensen	Denmark
27	Kjell Williamsson	Sweden
23	Steen Strand Nilsen	Denmark
22	Fredrik Ehrenström	Sweden
20	Maria Ferm	Sweden
15	Tom Dalgaard Petersen	Denmark
13	Jukka Suoniemi	Finland
13	Mats Forsberg	Sweden
13	Kathrin Tengsand	Sweden
10	Anders Larsson	Sweden
8	Kristoffer Molvig	Norway
0	Ismo Marttinen	Finland
0	Jørn Knudsen	Norway
0	Victoria Klausen Olsen	Norway
0	Carl Johan Brengesjö	Sweden
0	Axel Hansen Grøvdal	Norway
0	Morten Bjørn Larsen	Denmark
0	Christine Fagerbakke	Norway
0	Emil Burman	Sweden

Class E – Theme: «Exploration»

Points	Photographer	Nationality
123	Martin Hanell	Sweden
99	Galice Hoarau	Norway
51	Lisa Svensen	Denmark
37	Johan Sundelin	Sweden
31	Fredrik Blomqwist	Sweden
30	Pekka Tuuri	Finland
18	Mats Forsberg	Sweden
5	Patrik Kolmodin	Sweden
4	Johan Björklund	Sweden
0	Ismo Marttinen	Finland
0	Kjell Williamsson	Sweden
0	Jukka Suoniemi	Finland
0	Jørn Knudsen	Norway
0	Teemu Lakka	Finland
0	Anders Larsson	Sweden
0	Maria Ferm	Sweden
0	Bjørnar Nygård	Norway
0	Victoria Klausen Olsen	Norway
0	Kristoffer Molvig	Norway
0	Carl Johan Brengesjö	Sweden
0	Steen Strand Nilsen	Denmark
0	Axel Hansen Grøvdal	Norway
0	Fredrik Ehrenström	Sweden
0	Morten Bjørn Larsen	Denmark
0	Christine Fagerbakke	Norway
0	Tom Dalgaard Petersen	Denmark
0	Emil Burman	Sweden
0	Kathrin Tengsand	Sweden

Overall Highest Ranked Photographers

Points	Photographer	Nationality
642	Galice Hoarau	Norway
524	Johan Sundelin	Sweden
481	Pekka Tuuri	Finland
439	Martin Hanell	Sweden
407	Bjørnar Nygård	Norway
361	Fredrik Ehrenström	Sweden
277	Fredrik Blomqwist	Sweden
243	Maria Ferm	Sweden
204	Tom Dalgaard Petersen	Denmark
198	Lisa Svensen	Denmark
179	Patrik Kolmodin	Sweden
145	Mats Forsberg	Sweden
140	Jukka Suoniemi	Finland
138	Teemu Lakka	Finland
120	Morten Bjørn Larsen	Denmark
105	Johan Björklund	Sweden
83	Axel Hansen Grøvdal	Norway
70	Kjell Williamsson	Sweden
54	Ismo Marttinen	Finland
32	Kathrin Tengsand	Sweden
27	Anders Larsson	Sweden
25	Kristoffer Molvig	Norway
23	Steen Strand Nilsen	Denmark
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