

## 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.

- Firstly you need to ask to take part if you're a member - just go the Facebook page for "PHCC Photo Competition" and submit a join - request. Individuals can join 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.
- Submissions should be from **members of Poole Harbour Canoe Club/Wimborne Canoe Club**
- Submissions can be from **Family members or friends of PHCC members** who can also enter images of the members/friends in kayaking/canoeing action or on trips shared with them.
- Images should be taken on trips, of trips, courses, coaching situations – **anything that has kayaking/ canoeing as a topic and has involved members**. \* They should not be older than the current year \*
- 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 before
- The photos should be **your own and submitted by you**, 'the photographer.' - that way we are in no doubt over permission 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.**
- **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 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' ! 😊

- A prize is usually a unique "Photo Competition Mug, Baseball Cap, T-Shirt, bottle of wine, chocs, or very occasionally (in the past) a special prize offered by a local business or individual.
- 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 also do not enter 3-D images** – The quality just isn't that great 😞

So get joining in - get photographing - get posting - get liking - and get to eat the chocs or drink the wine...or even win the special prizes - all for simply posting a pic !