VIDEO CONTEST INSTRUCTIONS – 2020

SFUPS VIDEO CONTEST:

- You may submit up to **two edited videos** per person, per contest. This is in addition to the still photo competitions. Your video must be shot underwater with any video camera, camcorder, DSLR or GoPro, and must consist of 90% underwater footage. No pool or aquarium video unless specified.
  See "HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO" below.

- **Video length** is indicated in each contest description. These are maximum times. Your videos may be shorter. The allowed length may vary for each contest and will be strictly enforced.

- After entering your video in the contest on sfups.org, you must also **send your video** file to Tom Poff via WeTransfer.com. Send to **audiovisual@sfups.org**. This step is necessary to facilitate showing the winning videos at the monthly meetings and holiday party. Winning and placing videos that are not received will not be shown.

- **Video editing** can be done according to the videographers' personal style and may include any or all of; color corrections, transitions, slowing down or speeding up, music, narration. Note that editing is NOT required except where specifically mentioned in a category description.

- **NOTE: Entering the contest is a two step process. 1. Enter the URL via the SFUPS website. 2. Send your video file to audiovisual@sfups.org. Sending your video file to audiovisual DOES NOT enter you in the contest.**

CONFIGURE YOUR VIDEO:

- Your video must be uploaded to your own VIMEO account and configured so that your identity is hidden from view as much as possible. Vimeo has both paid and free versions. **All of the following may not be available for the free account.**
- Hide your Profile picture and byline. Located under the "Embed" menu, "Your details."
- Disable Share and Like buttons. Located under the "Embed" menu, "Actions." Leave the "Embed" button active.
- Set the outro or "end screen" of your video to "thumbnail." Do NOT use "loop" as this will not display correctly on SFUPS. This is located under "Interaction tools", "After video", for Vimeo Plus accounts.
- Hide the Vimeo logo (if possible)

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO:

- Go to the "Enter and Vote" dropdown under the "Contest" tab on the SFUPS website to choose the appropriate contest. You must be logged in with your email and password. Click on "Submit Entry" located in the blue bar.
- Fill in the Submission Title – This must match your video title. Do not include your name as this field is visible to voters.
- Enter your video's URL with its unique 9 digit number that looks like this: **https://vimeo.com/123456789**
- Click on "Save" – wait until a box appears with the confirmation message "Contestants Successfully Added." This will be your only confirmation. You will NOT receive a confirmation email.
- Once you have submitted videos they cannot be replaced, so be sure you have chosen your submissions carefully.
- Unlike photo contests, your video will be visible immediately.