

I live by the Sea International Youth Contest

2018

Instructions for Contestants

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1. This Contest is organized by Today We Have (www.todaywehave.com) in cooperation with EurOcean (<http://eurocean.org/np4/home>) and the Ocean Sanctuary Alliance (<http://www.oceansanctuaryalliance.org/>).
- 1.2. The winners will be awarded by having their work exhibited on the World Ocean Day on 8 June 2018 during a special event to be held in Brussels.
- 1.3. This Contest is for youth of ages up to 21.
- 1.4. The winners will be selected in four age categories:
 - 5 to 12,
 - 13 to 15,
 - 16 to 18,
 - 19 to 21.
- 1.5. Submission of works (1 photo or 1 film and a text) by 19 March 2018.**
- 1.6. Announcement of the results: 8 June 2018.**
- 1.7. Current information about the Contest is available at: www.todaywehave.com.**
- 1.8. The language of the Contest is English.**
- 1.9. This set of rules creates the basis for the Contest and provides Contestants with their responsibilities and rights.

II. CONTEST GOALS

- 2.1. The *I live by the Sea* International Youth Contest is a continuation of a Polish project, which took place in 2015 and early 2016, and is a direct follow up on the 2017 International edition. The Organizers' goal is to spread and share knowledge about marine environments and marine protection issues, as well as the exchange of information among users of different seas and marine oriented regions.

2.2. The *I live by the Sea* International Youth Contest also aims to involve youth of different natural and cultural heritage to share their views on marine issues in a creative way.

III. CONTEST THEME

3.1. Participants send **ONE photograph** or **ONE film** and a **short text** related to the photo or a film. Both the photo or the film and text must reflect on marine issues, either global or local. Submissions may refer to such general categories as: Landscape, People or Animals. Some examples of themes include:

- **Biodiversity and invasive species.**
- **Marine protection, do we need it?**
- **How to behave on the beach.**
- **Overfished seas and oceans.**
- **Melting Arctic glaciers, what is the fate of Polar bears?**
- **My friend the dolphin.**

IV. TECHNICAL ISSUES

4.1. Each participant submits an original photograph or a film and a short text related to the photo or the film. The text may be a story, a report, a description, a plea to humanity, etc.

4.2. All images must be submitted in JPG format, minimum 1MB and not to exceed 6MB as a closed file. Please do not send photos with frames and avoid collages. If selected, you may be contacted for a larger file that is suitable for the exhibition. Each text should be maximum 250 words. Formatting: Times New Roman, 11 pts., single space. Each text should have a title related to the photograph, along with the name of the Contestant and his/her address.

4.3. Please do not insert your photo in the application form.

4.4. Films can be recorded in an arbitrary technology, using any type of recording device (camera, photo camera, mobile phone, etc.). Films must be sent in one of the following formats: avi, mpg, mp4 or mov. **Films cannot exceed 3 minute of lengths.**

4.5. Each Contestant may send only ONE photo or ONE film and ONE text.

4.6. Submissions may have up to 2 authors for the photo and up to 5 authors for the film.

4.7. Contest Organizers provide a panel of judges for the selection of the best submissions.

4.8. Photos or films, together with the application form should be sent to office@todaywehave.com using WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>).

4.9. Name the file as follows: Name/surname/country/age/film or photo, e.g. Alan/Jones/USA/15/film.

4.10. How to send your entries. Use the WeTransfer (<https://wetransfer.com/>) and follow the instruction below:

1. Email to: office@todaywehave.com. This will facilitate sending files to us.
2. Your email: enter your email address.
3. Message: I Live by the Sea Contest.
4. Add files through clicking the +Add your files button and then the
5. When files have been downloaded click Transfer button to initiate the transfer.
6. Once the transfer of files has been completed you will see a window which confirms successful transfer. You can leave the service then.

V. PARTICIPATION IN THE CONTEST

5.1. Participation is voluntary and is free of any charges or fees.

5.2. Participation in the Contest is equal to agreeing to the Contest rules.

5.3. By submitting work to the Contest the applicant agrees to use his/her personal data for the purpose of the Contest.

5.4. Contestants agree that their works will be presented on the Today We Have webpage, FB, Instagram, both during and after the Contest.

5.5. Contestants agree that their works will be printed and exhibited by the Organizers free of charge, without time and space limits.

VI. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

6.1. Submissions can be made by children and young persons of ages up to 21 years old.

6.2. Submissions can be made individually by children or through their teachers, parents and/or legal guardians.

6.3. In case of collaborative works, contestants are required to be from the same age group.

6.4. In the event of too many submissions, the Jury will implement a pre-selection process for the submissions.

VII. RULES FOR SELECTING BEST WORKS

7.1. This Contest is a one stage event.

7.2. A panel of international judges will evaluate all submissions with respect to the photo or film quality and the text, taking into account originality and level of merit.

VIII. AWARDS

8.1. **A maximum of 30 photos, films and texts will be chosen to be printed and presented during a special event to be held during World Ocean Day on 8 June 2018 in Brussels.**

8.2. All winners will be awarded with a Participation Diploma.

8.3. Jury decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

IX. SUBMISSIONS

9.1. Submissions should be made at www.todaywehave.com. Submissions can be made only after registering. Each submission **MUST** consist of a photo or a film, text and the Contest Submission Form.

9.2. Each submission must include the following:

- a) First name and surname, age of the Contestant, address of the Contestant (or address of school or other institution), telephone number and email address.
- b) Title of the submission.

X. FINAL AGREEMENTS

10.1. Persons submitting work to the Contest hereby declare that the photo and a text are their original work and they are not using the intellectual or legal property of anyone else.

10.2. In case of questions please contact the Organizers at: office@todaywehave.com.