



**FESTIVAL OF UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY ACUC-GRAN CARIBE
"COLONY 2010"
7th TO 15th SEPTEMBER 2010**

The ACUC Cuban Delegation and the Gran Caribe Hotels Group call all fans of underwater photography in Cuba and the World, to the Second Festival of Underwater Photography, which will take part from the 7th to the 11th of September 2010, at the International Diving Center "Colony" on La Isla de la Juventud (Cuba).

CATEGORIES IN CONTEST:

- FISH
- AMBIENT
- ENVIRONMENT WITH MODEL
- MACRO

AWARDS:

There will be a total of 14 awards:

- 3 for each contest category (first, second and third of each category).
- 1 for the best model.
- 1 for the highest accumulator of the 4 winners of the competition categories.

The awards will be trophies and diplomas, high quality diving gear, photographic material, free hotel accommodations and a free place for the next edition of the event, which will happen each year.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Date: 7th to 15th September 2010 (9 days / 8 nights)

September 7 Habana Riviera Hotel** CP**

Welcome at the José Martí airport and assistance.

Transfer to Habana Riviera Hotel.

Welcoming Cocktail. Accommodation and Personalize Check in.

September 8 Colony Hotel AP

Breakfast and Transfer at 8 AM to La Coloma in Pinar del Río, to board the boat for the trip to Colony. The trip will last 4 hours sailing through the San Felipe Keys where you can see a lovely view of the islands and keys. Visiting Sijú Key and Cucaña Key to watch the landscape of that area, iguanas, birds, flora and fauna. The firsts dive of the program will be made, with lunch included on board.

Arrival to the International Diving Center Hotel "Colony" at 4pm. Welcoming Cocktail.

Accreditation and accommodation

Technical Counselling with the contestants of the event.

Inauguration Dinner and Activity.



September 9 Colony Hotel AP (FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION)

Breakfast.
Transfer to the Diving Center to begin the first day of competition.
2 competition dives. (Lunch on board the boat)
Return to the hotel.

September 10 Colony Hotel AP (SECOND DAY OF COMPETITION)

Breakfast.
Transfer to the Diving Center to made 2 competition dives. (Lunch on board the boat)
Return to the hotel.

September 11 Colony Hotel AP

Breakfast.
Transfer to the Diving Center to made 2 dives out of competition. (Lunch on board the boat)
Return to the hotel.

September 12 Colony Hotel AP

Breakfast.
Transfer to the Diving Center to made 2 dives out of competition. (Lunch on board the boat)
Return to the hotel.

September 13 Colony Hotel AP

Day for the selection of photographs in each competing category by the contestants and delivery to the jury.
After the selection you can do recreation activities at the hotel
At night Closing Gala, Awards Ceremony and Cuban dinner with a show.

September 14 Habana Riviera Hotel** CP**

Breakfast and Check out
Transfer at 8 AM to Colony's Marina to board the boat where you are going to travel back to La Coloma in Pinar del Río, sailing through the San Felipe Keys. This trip will last 4 hours where the last dive of the program will be done with lunch on board included.
Arrival to La Coloma and Transfer to Habana Riviera Hotel. Accomodation.
Evening Dinner and Show at Parisien Night Club of The National Hotel of Cuba 5 stars. Farewell of the Diving Group.

September 15

Breakfast and Check out.
Transfer to the airport for departure flight.

PRICE IN EUROS PER PAX				
Program 7th to 15th of September	Diver		Non Diver	
	Double	Single	Double	Single
	552.00	596.00	440.00	484.00

Children from 0 to 5 years free of charge at the same parents room.



THE PRICE OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDES: All the services described in the Program

- All transfers under the Program

- Havana Airport-Hotel Habana Riviera-Havana Airport
- Hotel Habana Riviera-La Coloma -Hotel Habana Riviera
- Hotel Colony-Colony Diving Center-Hotel Colony

- 8 Nights Accommodation

- 2 nights at Hotel Habana Riviera on CP Plan. (Room & Breakfast)
- 6 nights at Hotel Colony on AP Plan. (Room, Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner and 4 drinks per day)

- 10 Dives in the Diving Area of Punta Frances and Cayo Los Indios, at the Colony and San Felipe Keys

- 2 dives on the trips both ways.
- 8 dives in the Diving Area of Punta Frances and Cayo Los Indios (4 competition dives and 4 dives out of competition)

The dives include boat, tanks, weights and underwater guide

- Welcome Cocktails

- Official Welcome and Closing Gala.

- Show at Parisien Night Club at The National Hotel of Cuba 5*

SUPLEMENT IN EUROS

ACCOMMODATION	PRICE IN EUROS / PAX	
	Double	Single
Extra night at Hotel Habana Riviera**** CP	32.00	44.00

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips
- Insurance

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 7th of August 2010.

*** LIMITED PLACES.**

To register or for more information contact:

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DESCRIPTION OF COMPETITION DIVE SITES:

• Blue Grotto (Cueva Azul)

Presence of abundant tubular sponges and coral of many varieties. Remains throughout the year with a lot of shad, barracudas, moray eels, snappers and different variety of fish. The wall begins about 12 meters deep.

• Beyond the Limit (Fuera del Limite)

Small coral wall begins at 6 meters and goes down to 18 meters with lush vegetation and a varied mix of marine fish with many small and large cavities, inhabited by crabs and moray eels in abundance.

• Cayo Mogotes Indians (Mongote de Cayo Los Indios)

Head on a sandy platform beginning at 18 meters and ends at the wall at 30 meters. There are rays, large snappers, saws and all kinds of small fish that take refuge in the vast flora and makes it seem as an aquarium.

• Sunken Ship: Jibacoa River

Fishing boat of the gulf fleet that was sank for military purposes. Today is an excellent shelter for fish with barracudas, stingrays, and many other small fish of different colors. Due to the shallow depth where it lays it has a wealth of marine vegetation, mainly sponges and fans, as well as inlays of small brain coral.

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT DURING THE COMPETITION:

While performing the dives in the event there will be stand by emergency teams. These will have the following specialized personnel:

- 1 SIUM Ambulance with the specialized personnel
- 2 Emergency Doctors
- 1 Paramedic and 1 First Aid Nurse.
- First aid and specialized equipment.

Except for the ambulance, which will be located in the Colony's Marina, in order to do any needed emergency transport, the rest of the equipment and personnel described above, will be on board to assist any diver if necessary.