

APPROVED BY
Director of the Primorsky Aquarium -
Branch of the NSCMB FEB RAS

SEA REFLECTION,
Open Regional Creativity Contest
for Children and Teenagers

OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The *Sea Reflection* creativity contest (the Contest) is run by the “Primorsky Aquarium”, “A.V. Zhirmunsky National Scientific Center of Marine Biology”, Far Eastern Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences (the Primorsky Aquarium) in commemoration of World Ocean Day.

1.2. An Organizing Committee for the Contest is formed of specialists of the Primorsky Aquarium and other organizations and performs the following functions:

- distributes information about the Contest;
- invites experts to form the Jury;
- receives and processes submitted entries;
- interacts with other organizations and companies in order to facilitate the holding of the Contest.

1.3. In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to change these Rules and Regulations at any time. The changes are to be published on the official website of the Primorsky Aquarium.

2. PURPOSE

The Contest seeks to raise awareness in children and youths about the importance of biodiversity conservation and nature protection through individual creative activity.

3. CONTEST PERIOD

3.1. The Contest is being held from February 1 to June 8, 2022.

3.2. Key dates:

Stage I – Call for applications. Information about the Contest is posted on the official website of the Primorsky Aquarium on January 01, 2022.

Stage II – Applications are open from April 01 to April 30, 2022.

Stage III – The Jury evaluates the entries and selects the winners. Announcement of winners on May 29, 2022.

Stage IV – Award ceremony. The winners are to be notified on the exact time and date of the ceremony by email.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1. The Contest is open to pre-school students, students of primary and secondary school, as well as students and participants of non-formal educational institutions, organizations, or programs. Students must be 5–18 years old at the time of entry.

4.2. Only one entry per entrant is permitted per category.

4.3. Works are submitted from individual entrants. Videos may be submitted by individuals or teams of not more than 7 members.

4.4. Entrants submit their works by themselves if they are of age. Parents/guardians or teachers/mentors submit the works of minor entrants.

5. CONTEST CATEGORIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

5.1. Entries are accepted in the following categories:

1. Writing.

Themes:

- “Sea: My Discoveries”
- “Ocean Voyagers and Ocean Voyages”
- “I Live by the Sea”
- “My Local Lighthouse”

2. Artwork.

Themes:

- “Sea Patterns”
- “My Encounters with Wild Marine Life”
- “Our Oceanic Home”
- “Family Day at the Public Aquarium”

3. Video.

Themes:

- “How I Protect the Sea”
- “Scenes from the Life of Sea Creatures”
- “A Day at the Public Aquarium”

Entries must be prepared in accordance with the Formatting and Content Guidelines, see Appendix 1.

5.2. Entries are divided into age groups, winners chosen in each one:

- 5-7 years old;
- 8-11 years old;
- 12-15 years old;
- 16-18 years old.

5.3. All entries must be submitted in Russian. English language may be used in application forms, labels for artworks and soundtracks for videos (for entries from outside Russia).

5.4. All entries must be the original work of the entrant and must not infringe the rights of any other party. According to the laws of the Russian Federation, the adult entrant, or the parent/guardian/teacher/mentor of the minor entrant, agrees to fully indemnify the organizers against any claims arising from the copyright or other intellectual property-right infringement.

5.5. Entry will be disqualified without notice or reasons being given, should such entry:

- fail to comply with the categories and themes of the Contest;
- fail to comply with the Formatting and Content Guidelines;
- be the award winner of some other contest;
- be a copy of any third party’s work (artwork, photo, etc.) or infringe third party’s intellectual property rights;
- violate ethical norms or laws of the Russian Federation;
- be submitted through an ineligible application form, before April 01, 2022 or after April 30, 2022.

Disqualified entrants will not be granted any certificates of participation.

5.6. Entries cannot be returned or reviewed.

6. HOW TO ENTER

6.1. Adult entrants and teachers/mentors or parents/guardians of minor entrants must apply through an online form (<https://forms.gle/hpm3kkuGvYJWxeWA6>).

6.2. Each Writing or Video entry must be uploaded to any file hosting service (Google Drive, Dropbox, Yandex Disk, etc.), the shareable link to be submitted in the application form.

6.3. Each Artwork entry is sent by mail as a parcel to the following address: Ul. Akademika Kasyanova, 25, Ostrov Russky, Vladivostok, Russia 690922. Please, do not declare value or purchase insurance coverage for your parcel. Your artwork must be received by April 30, 2022.

If mailing is impossible, participants from outside Russia may send scanned copies of their works, JPEG format, ≥ 1000 dpi resolution, to the email address ocean.konkurs@primocean.ru.

6.4. Scanned copies of the Privacy Policy Agreements, signed by adult entrants, the parents/guardians or teachers/mentors of minor entrants (Appendices 2, 3), must be uploaded to any file hosting service and the shareable link must be submitted in the application form.

6.5. By participating, adult entrants, parents/guardians or teachers/mentors of minor entrants confirm that they have read and accepted the Official Rules and Regulations, the Privacy Policy Agreement, and they agree that their entries may be published in mass media and used in the events organized or participated by the Primorsky Aquarium.

Selected entries may be exhibited and reproduced in publications and corporate gifts with clear acknowledgement of authorship and only for non-commercial purpose.

7. PRIZES AND AWARD CEREMONY

7.1. Award winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners) will receive diplomas and gifts. Other participators will have specially designed certificate forms sent to their emails, to be filled in.

7.2. The Organizing Committee may select additional winners and create additional Contest categories, not specified by these Official Rules and Regulations. The additional winners will receive special diplomas and gifts.

7.3. Each teacher/mentor of the award winner will receive a note of thanks.

7.4. Award ceremony will be held at the Primorsky Aquarium (Ul. Akademika Kasyanova, 25, Ostrov Russky, Vladivostok, Russia).

7.5. Award winner and his/her chaperone, if present (a minor entrant may be accompanied by one adult), require visitor passes issued through the Organizing Committee. Your pass will not include an access to dolphin shows.

7.6. Entrants from outside Russia, in case they want to visit the award ceremony, should notify the Organizing Committee via the official email of the Contest not later than 7 days prior to the date of the ceremony.

8. SPONSORS

8.1. The Primorsky Aquarium is the main sponsor of the Contest; it may attract financing from various sources.

8.2. The Primorsky Aquarium does not cover mailing payments (for artworks), transport to and from the award ceremony venue, living and meals for entrants.

Contact us:

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Formatting and Content Guidelines

1. **Writing.** Documents must be in Word document format, A4 (210 x 297 mm). Length up to 2 pages, length of poems unlimited. Font: Times New Roman, size 12, spaced 1,5. Layout: upper, lower, left margins - 2 cm; right margin - 1,5 cm; portrait orientation. Each document must be accompanied by a separate cover page (not included in the text size count). Cover page should contain:
 - names of the category and theme;
 - title of the writing;
 - first and second names of the author, his/her age and home town (city, village, etc.);
 - full name of the teacher/mentor, if present.

Description of some themes:

- 1) “Sea: My Discoveries” – an essay, a short story, or a poem about accidental discoveries you made living by the sea, during holidays or a sea voyage. You may describe your unexpected encounters with sea creatures, fresh view of some common or previously unknown facts or phenomena. The sea might have even helped you to discover your true self.
- 2) “Ocean Voyagers and Ocean Voyages” - an essay, a short story, or a poem about people who conquered or discovered oceans and ocean routes, or about travels of marine animals and plants.
- 3) “I Live by the Sea” - an essay, a short story, or a poem about yourself, if you live by the sea, or about other people living near the sea, or about coastal wildlife and nature.

2. **Artwork.** Artworks must be created in physical media (watercolor, pastel, oil, crayon, gouache, pencil) on any surface (paper, canvas, etc.). No digital art is accepted. Your art must be your own original concept and not a copy of anyone else’s drawings, paintings, photographs or their parts. Your art must depict organisms in their true physical form. Size: A3 (297 x 420 mm) or A2 (420 x 594 mm).

The title of the work, your full name, age, home town (city, village, etc.), and your teacher’s/mentor’s full name, if present, must be marked clearly **on the back** of your

artwork in the right bottom corner. This information must comply with that given in the application form. **Please do not write your name or signature on the front of your artwork.**

Description of “Sea Patterns” theme. The ocean and its inhabitants have their individual design or pattern. For instance, bands on the lionfish’s body or spots on the largha’s body, interlacing seaweeds and sea grasses, or the like. An artwork must show natural patterns that make each marine organism unique.

Video. Short films and animations can be shot in MOV, AVI, FLV and MPEG formats. All genres (interview, reportage, music video, etc.) are accepted; photos can be used. Opening titles should include:

- title of the Contest;
- category of the Contest;
- title of the film;
- first and second names of the author/authors;
- home town (city, village, etc.) of the author/authors;
- full name of the teacher/mentor, if present.

Films can be in English, but with Russian subtitles. Closing credits should list the sources and authors of the music, photos or videos used in the film. Video submissions cannot exceed **3 minutes** in length.

3. All submitted works are judged based on the following criteria:

- relevance to the theme;
- in-depth coverage of a topic;
- style and originality;
- intelligibility, coherence, and clarity;
- consistency with modern science;
- artistic expression, skill and technique;
- compliance with requirements;
- general quality;
- age-appropriate level of independence, individual view.

Privacy Policy Agreement

(to be signed by a parent/guardian of a minor entrant)

I, _____

(Full name of a parent/guardian)

hereby acknowledge that I have read and understood the rules of the Creativity Contest for Preschool and School Children “Sea Reflection” and I give my consent to the organizer of the Contest - “Primorsky Aquarium”, “A.V. Zhirmunsky National Scientific Center of Marine Biology”, Far Eastern Branch, Russian Academy of Sciences, located at Ul. Akademika Kasyanova, 25, Ostrov Russky, Vladivostok, Russia, 690922 – to collect, store, process, or post online the personal information of my minor child

(Full name of a child)

The following personal information is processed: last, first, middle names; age; address; email; phone number; the Contest results.

I hereby agree to the rules of the Contest, including the right of organizers to publish or reproduce the entered work in any and all media and to use it for all purposes (exhibitions, publications of all kinds, corporate gifts, etc.), provided that the authorship is clearly acknowledged and the work is only used for non-commercial, i.e. for educational, purpose.

Personal data may be collected and processed through application forms, emails, automatically or in any other way.

The present Agreement shall become effective upon signature. In case of data misuse, this Agreement will be withdrawn by my written request.

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Date

Signature

Name

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(to be signed by a teacher/mentor of an entrant)

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(Full name)

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