

Port of Inverness - Photographic Competition Guidelines

1. Participants must submit photographs that relate to the Port of Inverness or clearly connected to the Port of Inverness area.

Areas of interest are:
 - Maritime activity, port infrastructure or industry
 - Wildlife and the environment
 - Community near to Port of Inverness
 - Heritage and history of the port area
2. Open to amateur photographers only.
There are two age categories, one for 13 – 17 yrs and another for 18 yrs and over.
3. Digital photographs only which includes the use of smartphones.
 - File format: JPEG only.
 - Minimum resolution: 2000 px on the longest side.
 - Each participant may submit up to 3 photos.
 - Photos must be titled and give a brief description and the date it was taken.
 - The cameras EXIF metadata must be included in the image file.
 - No drone images will be accepted.
4. Only basic editing is allowed (cropping, exposure, temperature colour correction).
Heavily manipulated or AI-generated images are not permitted.
No composite images allowed.
5. Submitted images must be the entrant's own original work.
By entering, participants grant the port a non-exclusive licence to use their photos for:
 - Promotional materials
 - Website & social media
 - Printed displays (e.g. calendar)
 - (Credit will always be given.)
 - You confirm that your entries have not been published elsewhere (excluding social media) and have not won a prize in any other photographic competition previously.
6. Photos must not infringe on the rights or privacy of others.
 - Photographers must follow all port safety rules and restricted-area guidelines.
 - No trespassing, drone use, or entering secure areas without permissions.
 - Participants are responsible for ensuring their activities do not endanger themselves or others.
 - Entries should not contain anything that is defamatory, obscene, unlawful, offensive or otherwise inappropriate.
 - The Port of Inverness reserves the right not to publish any or all the winning photographs.
 - By submitting your entry, you are confirming that you have understood and agree to be bound by the rules of this competition.
7. Photos will be judged on:
 - Relevance to the areas of interest listed

- Creativity, composition and storytelling

8. A panel selected by the port authority will review all entries.
The judges' decisions are final.

There will be vouchers available for the winners of each age category. No cash equivalent will be offered.

13 – 17 yrs 1st prize: £100

13 – 17 yrs 2nd prize: £50

18 yrs + 1st prize: £150

18 yrs + 2nd prize: £75