

NORDIC CHAMPIONSHIP IN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY 2025



Norwegian Diving Federation

THE JURY

Aleksander Nordahl has distinguished himself both nationally and internationally through his visual storytelling. He has won numerous awards during a long career behind the camera, both above and below water. For several years, he has been one of Norway's leading photojournalists, earning multiple honors and prizes both nationally and internationally. In 2016, he won the prestigious "Picture of the Year" award for capturing the drama among the ruins of the war in Aleppo, Syria. After 33 years in journalism (NTB, Dagbladet, and Dagens Næringsliv), he said farewell to the latter last year to fully dedicate himself to his ocean projects as a visual artist, lecturer, and advisor.



Erling Svensen is an experienced diver and underwater photographer from Egersund. He has been diving since 1976 and started underwater photography shortly after. He is a man with many titles and roles, but spends much of his time on scientific projects in collaboration with researchers and specialists on the marine fauna found in Norway. Documenting and raising awareness about marine life—and ensuring that new species are discovered and recorded—is something Erling dedicates a great deal of time to.



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Petter Schmedling is an experienced diver with a strong interest in underwater photography and everything that lies beneath the surface. He has extensive experience serving on the jury for the Norwegian Championship in Underwater Photography, making him a reliable person to have involved in this process.



Elisabeth Tønnessen has been an active freediver since 2007, and her underwater activities include photography, filming, foraging, and spearfishing. She has run her own photography business for over 20 years, primarily serving companies and the advertising industry. Her interest in underwater photography began with a desire to document life and nature beneath the surface. Her great passion is to showcase the beauty of the underwater environment, which forms the foundation of her interest in underwater photography and her commitment to documenting this world. Recently, she contributed content to the book “Hold pusten” (“Hold Your Breath”), a comprehensive publication on freediving and spearfishing.



	Points
1 Pekka Tuuri, FIN	328
2 Marko T Wramén, SWE	216
3 Andreas Ljung, SWE	183
4 Johan Björklund, SWE	179
5 Mats Forsberg, SWE	165
6 Martin Hanell, SWE	157
7 Ari Linna, FIN	156
8 Patrik Kolmodin, SWE	117
9 Anne Mari With Ottesen, NOR	89
10 Nils Aukan, NOR	58
11 Lars Nedergaard, DEN	57
12 Morten Sætrang Haakonsen, NOR	51
13 Mick Friis, DEN	46
14 Klaus Kevin Kristensen, DEN	39
15 Andreas Kron, SWE	38
16 Petri Rekonen, FIN	31
17 Lisa Svensen, DEN	22
18 Ivar Albertsen, DEN	15
19 Dave Holland, DEN	12
20 Henrik Dohlmann, DEN	11
21 Christine Fagerbakke, NOR	8
22 Kjell Williamsson, SWE	6
23 Morten Rasmussen, DEN	4
24 Tommy Krüger, NOR	2
Flemming Stensbak, DEN	0
Michael Christensen, DEN	0
Steen Strand Nissen, DEN	0
Vsevolod Rudyi, NOR	0
Hege Nyborg Drange, NOR	0
Päivi Luoma, FIN	0
Peter Svensson, SWE	0

RESULT OF THE TOTAL COMPETITION

The competition was organized by the Norwegian Diving Federation, where 31 participants took part.

Jury's comment: The judging of this year's entries revealed a consistently high technical and artistic level across all classes. We wish to highlight the masterful use of lighting to create both drama and balance, as well as the creative utilization of the water surface, where reflections and refractions effectively divide the subject and enhance the mood.

The photographers demonstrated great skill in composition and creative use of perspective – from unique close-ups to effective over/under solutions – and the selection successfully balances action-packed moments with subjects characterized by deep tranquility and timelessness.

Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to all participants!

Class A: Close-up

1Andreas Ljung, SWE	174
2Pekka Tuuri, FIN	165
3Andreas Ljung, SWE	154
4Martin Hanell, SWE	150
5Martin Hanell, SWE	95
6Klaus Kevin Kristensen, DEN	91
7Klaus Kevin Kristensen, DEN	82
8Ivar Albertsen, DEN	68
9Nils Aukan, NOR	54
10Pekka Tuuri, FIN	50
11Martin Hanell, SWE	41
12Dave Holland, DEN	40
13Andreas Kron, SWE	33
14Johan Björklund, SWE	28
15Kjell Williamsson, SWE	27
16Patrik Kolmodin, SWE	25
17Johan Björklund, SWE	24
18Dave Holland, DEN	23
19Tommy Krüger, NOR	22
20Morten Sætrang Haakonsen, NOR	21

Class B: Photo with a model

1Marko T Wramén, SWE	200
2Marko T Wramén, SWE	134
3Ari Linna, FIN	128
4Nils Aukan, NOR	126
5Mick Friis, DEN	97
6Martin Hanell, SWE	81
7Andreas Ljung, SWE	73
8Pekka Tuuri, FIN	65
9Anne Mari With Ottesen, NOR	60
10Martin Hanell, SWE	59
11Mats Forsberg, SWE	57
12Pekka Tuuri, FIN	56
13Pekka Tuuri, FIN	51
14Johan Björklund, SWE	49
15Anne Mari With Ottesen, NOR	48
16Lars Nedergaard, DEN	34
17Morten Sætrang Haakonsen, NOR	33
18Morten Sætrang Haakonsen, NOR	26
19Anne Mari With Ottesen, NOR	24
20Mick Friis, DEN	22

Class C: Normal/ Wide angle

1Pekka Tuuri, FIN	310
2Anne Mari With Ottesen, NOR	143
3Lars Nedergaard, DEN	113
4Morten Sætrang Haakonsen, NOR	110
5Mats Forsberg, SWE	103
6Lisa Svensen, DEN	80
7Ari Linna, FIN	62
8Ari Linna, FIN	60
9Martin Hanell, SWE	58
10Johan Björklund, SWE	55
11Mick Friis, DEN	45
12Mats Forsberg, SWE	40
13Nils Aukan, NOR	36
14Andreas Ljung, SWE	34
15Nils Aukan, NOR	33
16Lars Nedergaard, DEN	32
17Andreas Kron, SWE	31
18Anne Mari With Ottesen, NOR	30
19Ari Linna, FIN	27
20Patrik Kolmodin, SWE	22

Class D: Freshwater

1 Mats Forsberg, SWE	241
2 Pekka Tuuri, FIN	166
3 Johan Björklund, SWE	161
4 Ari Linna, FIN	135
5 Johan Björklund, SWE	133
6 Petri Rekonen, FIN	93
7 Mats Forsberg, SWE	71
8 Johan Björklund, SWE	61
9 Ari Linna, FIN	52
10 Andreas Kron, SWE	50
11 Petri Rekonen, FIN	45
12 Ari Linna, FIN	38
13 Andreas Kron, SWE	36
14 Andreas Kron, SWE	35
15 Patrik Kolmodin, SWE	34
16 Patrik Kolmodin, SWE	32
17 Martin Hanell, SWE	31
18 Pekka Tuuri, FIN	29
19 Pekka Tuuri, FIN	25
20 Nils Aukan, NOR	23

Class E: Theme «Silence»

1 Patrik Kolmodin, SWE	193
2 Johan Björklund, SWE	160
3 Pekka Tuuri, FIN	108
4 Marko T Wramén, SWE	103
5 Martin Hanell, SWE	102
6 Marko T Wramén, SWE	95
7 Martin Hanell, SWE	93
8 Ari Linna, FIN	75
9 Morten Sætrang Haakonsen, NOR	70
10 Henrik Dohlmann, DEN	66
11 Mick Friis, DEN	54
12 Ari Linna, FIN	34
13 Christine Fagerbakke, NOR	31
14 Andreas Ljung, SWE	29
15 Andreas Ljung, SWE	28
16 Pekka Tuuri, FIN	26
17 Morten Rasmussen, DEN	25
18 Mats Forsberg, SWE	22
19 Lars Nedergaard, DEN	21
20 Lisa Svensen, DEN	18