# Moira Lake Property Owners Association (MLPOA) 2025 Photo Contest Rules

The MLPOA is excited to announce our 2025 Photo Contest! We invite all photography enthusiasts to showcase the beauty, life, and people of Moira Lake. Submissions will be accepted from now until **July 31, 2025**.

# **Categories**

Photos may be submitted under the following three categories:

- Scenery Landscapes, sunsets, weather, and other natural views around Moira Lake.
- 2. Wildlife Animals, birds, insects, and other fauna found in and around the lake.
- 3. **People and Places** Community activities, events, lake life, cottages, and people enjoying the lake.

# **Eligibility**

- Open to all ages.
- Photos must be taken in or around Moira Lake.
- Photos may be from any date.
- Submissions must be original works by the entrant.
- There is no entry fee.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- Photos must be submitted in .jpg or .png format.
- Minimum resolution: 1920 x 1080 pixels.
- Include the **photographer's name**, **category**, and **photo title or brief description** in the file name. For example: "jill-smith-wildlife-loons off stony island".
- Submit entries by
  - Direct posting to the MLPOA Facebook Group: <u>Moira Lake Property Owners</u> <u>Association Group | Facebook</u>
  - Email to: mlpoa.photocontest@gmail.com.
- Deadline for submissions: July 31, 2025, at 11:59 PM EST.

### **Judging**

- A panel of judges selected by the MLPOA will evaluate submissions based on originality, visual impact, composition, and relevance to the category.
- A People's Choice selection will be chosen by Facebook voting.
- Winners in each category will be announced at the MLPOA Annual Meeting on August 09, 2025.

#### **Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place selections in each category plus a single People's Choice prize.

### **Usage Rights**

By submitting a photo to the MLPOA 2025 Photo Contest, entrants agree to the following:

- The MLPOA reserves the right to use submitted photographs (with credit to the photographer) for non-commercial purposes, including but not limited to: MLPOA's website, newsletters, social media channels, presentations, and other MLPOA publications.
- The entrant retains copyright and ownership of the photo.
- MLPOA will not sell any submitted photographs or use them for commercial gain without the photographer's express written permission.

## **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Members of the MLPOA Board of Directors, appointed contest judges, and their immediate family members are welcome to submit photos and participate in the 2025 Photo Contest for community engagement and recognition. However, they are not eligible to win prizes in any category other than People's Choice.

Their submissions may still be shared publicly and celebrated, but will be excluded from prize consideration (other than People's Choice) to maintain fairness and transparency in the judging process.

#### **General Terms**

- Photos containing offensive or inappropriate content will be disqualified at the discretion of the MLPOA.
- Entrants must have explicit permission from any individuals identifiable in the photo to share their image.
- MLPOA is not responsible for lost, late, or misdirected entries.