

# The capital increases its offer of family tourism with the celebration of Fotosub Las Palmas de Gran Canaria 2017

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The Fotosub Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 2017 strengthens its condition as a family event and expects the participation of half a thousand people among children, amateurs and professionals. The latter will compete for the best underwater photos of Las Canteras beach in Fotosub Nocturno, Cazafotosub and Open. The event, which will be held from Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th September, includes a fund cleaning, school activities, sea baptisms, kayak rides and a festive encounter with live music in the Plaza del Pilar in Guanarteme.

The councilor of City of Mar of the City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, José Eduardo Ramírez and the Vice Chancellor for Coordination and Institutional Projects of the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, José Miguel Doña, presented today the event that will be dedicated and will remember the trajectory and the divulgadora work developed by the submarine diver and photographer, Fernando Ros, recently deceased and that was linked to Fotosub of the capital from its beginnings.

The event that has an important popular participation reinforces the condition of the capital of the island as an ideal destination for diving tourism and the practice of sport at sea. "Las Palmas de Gran Canaria has an impressive natural aquarium: Las Canteras beach, with 150 different species at its bottom. The Fotosub helps us to discover this incredible ecosystem that we have in our city ", said the mayor. "This event reaffirms, year after year, Las Canteras as one of the best urban beaches in the world, where it is also possible to enjoy your funds and practice underwater photography with all the security guarantees."

The Fotosub Las Palmas de Gran Canaria is one of the events consolidated in the annual agenda of the city and an important tourist claim thanks to the involvement of the Department of Tourism of the capital and the Cabildo of Gran Canaria, through the Tourist Board . Every year, thousands of tourists come to the island attracted by the international fame of our seabed, the richness of its fauna and the amazing treasures that are hidden beneath the surface, and the best ways to promote this segment at a global level is through of events such as Fotosub LPGC, said the councilor of Tourism of the Cabildo of Gran Canaria, Ines Jiménez.

The technical director of this event, the underwater photographer Enrique Fáber, explained that the professional contest will again have a night test, the fourth edition of Fotosub Nocturno; in addition to the Open Fotosub, the reina queen, and the Cazafotosub, which awards the largest catalog of daytime images of Las Canteras. So far, 50 divers have been registered: 12 couples at Fotosub Nocturno (Thursday, 21. 20:00 hours); 11 couples at the Open Fotosub (Saturday 23, 09:00 hours) and 7, at the Cazafotosub (Saturday 23, 8:30 am).

One of the objectives of the test is to show life at sea and the need to conserve the marine ecosystem "our main landscape and natural resource", according to Ramírez. For this reason, children's workshops have been scheduled for children to be immersed in the sea (school photosub Friday 9:30 am), diving baptisms and kayaking (Saturday 23 and Sunday, 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. hours) and a cleaning of funds (Sunday, 9.00 p.m.) promoted by the University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. The vice-rector, José Miguel Doña, explained that university students have been specially invited. The event has "a clear vocation for training and environmental awareness so we want to influence the most university students to know, value and learn to respect the life that hides the water of Las Canteras. The University of LPGC also has numerous experts on the coast and in marine life, something we are very proud of. "

### **The poster of the event**

The poster for the 2017 edition is a close-up of a beautiful specimen of "Parablennius pilicornis", a barriguda midge also known as moma, common in shallow and rocky areas preferably exposed to waves, even in intertidal areas, so the beach of Las Canteras in general and the area of Charcón in particular, are shown as perfect habitats. Its morphology has the characteristic form of the blennids, on the eyes have characteristic short tentacles distinctive elements of this species.

In this case, the photograph, the work of the technical director of the test, Enrique Fáber, is a female with an intense orange-yellow coloration. This species has the ability to change its usual color, in gray and light brown tones, males to dark lilac and females to intense yellow.

### **Program**

The program of activities will begin on Thursday, September 21, with the Fotosub Nocturno, for professionals, starting at 8:00 pm, in the area of Los Lisos - El Charcón, where the tents of the event will be located. On Friday, September 22, in the morning, Fotosub Las Palmas de Gran Canaria will have as protagonists students from the capital who will have the opportunity to know the fauna of the quarries and immerse themselves with cameras.

The professional contest will resume its activity on Saturday, September 23, with Open Fotosub and Cazafotosub. The first will require five professional underwater photo collections from the professional photographers: Environment with model, Environment without model, Fish, Fauna (vertebrates and invertebrates are accepted) and Seaweed. The Cazafotosub will reward the photographer who gets to capture in images the greatest number of different species. In previous editions this particular catalog has surpassed 55 species.

Citizens will enjoy the sea and underwater life, on Saturday 23 and Sunday 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with free baptisms of diving in Playa Chica and walks through the competition area in transparent kayaks.

The day of Saturday will count from 21.30 hours in the Plaza del Pilar, Guanarteme, with the awards ceremony of the professional category and an outdoor music concert by the band Los 600. On the last day of the event, on Sunday 24, will be held the most popular competitions, the children's, from 10.00 hours, and the amateur, from 12:00 hours. Registration for these two modalities can be made from Friday 30, in the tents of the event, on the Paseo de Las Canteras at the height of the streets Franchy Roca and Nicolás Estévez.