

UNDERWATER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Skindiving Spearfishing Athlete of the Year Award Criteria

APPENDIX B

The “*Underwater Society Of America Skindiving Spearfishing Athlete of the Year Award*” is awarded to a deserving United States male or female tournament skindiving spearfishing athlete each year. The award Committee is composed of representatives from each of the five regions – North East, South East, Midwest, North West and South West/Hawaii. Every effort will be made to have both a male and female representatives, and, where possible, have previous winners of this award, representing each of these regions. The committee will receive nominations in December and announce the winner in January for the previous year.

While this is not an exact science, committee members should consider a 50% weight on the lifetime performance in diving as well as the contribution to the sport of skindiving spearfishing. Contributions may include but are not limited to education, safety promotion, organization, fishery regulations/management/biology, USOA involvement, youth and new club development. The other 50% weight should be based on how the diver performed during their nomination year.

Historically, the winners of this award are athletes who have won the U.S. National Skindiving Spearfishing Championships at the individual or team level and have also won many other tournaments.

Some have likened this award to a “*Skindiving Spearfishing Divers Hall of Fame*” going forward and as such, nominees can only be awarded once.

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NOMINATION FORM:

Nominee Name: _____

Nomination Year: _____

- Postal Address: _____

- E-mail address: _____

- Telephone number: _____

- Name Dive Club or Council: _____

Name of Person making nomination: _____

Why nominee is deserving of this award:

Tournament Records: Include: year, location, place finished – individual and team. Please document if nominee has beaten past AOY recipients at any of the competitions listed below.

World and/or National Championship Level:

Regional and Local Tournament Level:

Contributions to the Sport of Skindiving Spearfishing:

List any effort the individual has undertaken to promote skindiving spearfishing (such as: education, safety promotion, fishery regulations/management/biology, youth and new club development.)

Other:

List any contributions to USOA and to their local council/club. (Keep in mind, paid occupation/business ownership is not a contribution.)

Nominating Signature: _____

Date: _____