

THROUGH THE LENS

A guide to digital photography for computer enthusiasts. After the click of your camera, you're only half done!

Dive into underwater cameras!

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When we think of underwater cameras we picture someone scuba diving around a shipwreck or swimming with the fishes on a reef. Below are some interesting shots Chris got while snorkeling down south using his pocket size underwater camera.



But even if you are not into scuba diving or snorkeling, there are other environments where underwater cameras work well; essentially any place that is wet or at risk of being wet. This would include being on a sailboat, canoe, in the rain, or poolside. I like being able to take shots while I'm in the pool or place the camera just at the water surface and shoot up from there (see examples below).



As with other types of cameras, there is a wide range of costs and weights and capabilities with respect to water depth. The most popular cameras vary in price from about \$100 to \$600 and some, like the GoPro series, are hands free with mounts or straps available.



LeadEdge \$70
131 ft
20 MP



Fuji XP \$179
82 ft
16 MP



Olympus TG6 \$480
50 ft
12 MP



Nikon Coolpix \$500
100 ft
16 MP



Go Pro Hero9 \$529
30 ft
20 MP



Go Pro Max \$600
16 ft
18 MP

Photos taken with an underwater camera typically benefit from some post processing on your computer as they tend to be low contrast or reflect cloudiness in the water. I use a dehaze tool or add contrast to bring out the details and make the colours pop!

For an up-to-date buyers guide for underwater cameras, see link below at DPReview.
<https://www.dpreview.com/reviews/buying-guide-best-waterproof-cameras>