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# The British Cartographic Society Children's Map Competition 2018

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The **BCS Children's Map Competition** is supported by the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO). The competition aims to encourage children's creative and graphic representation of their environment. The awards are given every two years<sup>1</sup> and comprise a prize and certificate for the overall winner in each age group.

Entries will be considered by a panel of judges appointed by a BCS Awards Committee. The panel will include a range of people from different areas of expertise including those involved with education. The judges will be looking at content and quality of the execution of the theme into a map or chart. Special consideration will be given to the age of the child who produced the drawing.

The British Cartographic Society (The BCS) is a dynamic association of individuals and organisations dedicated to exploring and developing the world of maps and charts. The BCS is regarded as one of the world's leading cartographic societies and its main publication, *The Cartographic Journal*, is recognised internationally. See [www.cartography.org.uk](http://www.cartography.org.uk)

## "Sustainable Seas"

The theme for the 2018 competition is "**Sustainable Seas**". This might highlight issues facing our seas such as pollution, exploitation (for example, overfishing) or rising sea-levels or be something showing how people have changed (or could change) to counter such problems and work with resources in a sustainable way.

It may be hand drawn or computer generated (to a maximum size of A3).

There are 4 age categories, with a winner chosen from each category (ages as at 31 August 2018): 7-9 years, 10-11 years, 12-14 years and 15-16 years.

**For How to enter please see:** link on <http://www.cartography.org.uk/awards/>

All entries (maximum size of A3) must be submitted with a completed entry form. They must be accompanied with the appropriate approval from either a parent/guardian or the leader of a recognised group such as Cub Scouts or Brownies. Entries must be received by **29th June 2018**

The **RULES OF THE COMPETITION** apply to all competitors.

<sup>1</sup> The BCS competition is run every two years so as to alternate with the *Barbara Petchenik Children's World Map Competition* organised by the International Cartographic Association. Details of this can be found at <http://icaci.org/petchenik>



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## The BCS Children's Map Competition Rules of the Competition

1. Each award is for a map or chart based on the given theme, "Our Coastal Heritage", produced by a child in the specified age categories (see Rule 2).
2. The age categories (ages as at 31 August 2018) are as follows:
  - 7-9 years
  - 10-11 years
  - 12-14 years
  - 15-16 years
3. Entries may be submitted by any individual or through an organised group
4. Entries submitted must be completely original and the work of the individual child.
5. Entries must be in their finished state, whether computer generated or hand drawn.
6. Details of how the map was drawn are to be included.
7. Entries must not exceed A3 in size and must be supplied in hard copy format if computer generated.
8. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form. The link to the electronic entry form is on the BCS website <http://www.cartography.org.uk/awards/>
9. Each entry form must have a responsible adult's signature and contact details - either the group co-ordinators or the parent/guardian as applicable.
10. All entries become the property of the BCS and will, where practicable, be placed in the library of the Society. They can not be returned.
11. By entering the competition you are giving permission for the BCS to exhibit entries at their annual symposium or at other events and to reproduce all or part of an entry in all BCS publications, on the BCS website and in any other promotion. This will be without payment of royalty, copyright, or reproduction fee. Due acknowledgement will be made to the child and group (if applicable). The child's privacy will be respected.
12. The closing date for receipt of entries is **29th June 2018**.
13. Competitors are responsible for the safe delivery of their entry to the address given on the entry form by the closing date. Entries should be clearly marked '**BCS Awards – Children's Map Competition**'.
14. The BCS does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to material submitted for the competition.
15. Entries will be considered by a panel of judges, appointed by the BCS Student Awards' Co-ordinator. The panel will include a range of people from different areas of expertise including those involved with education. The judges will be looking at content and quality of the execution of the theme into a map or chart. Special consideration will be given to the age of the child who produced the drawing.
16. The judges' decision is final and correspondence about the competition and its results will not be entered into.
17. If selected as a winning entry, the responsible adult on the entry form will be contacted with regard to the presentation of the prize and certificate.
18. Entries failing to comply with the Rules above will automatically be excluded.