

## A clear winner in TradeWinds photo contest

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Peter Russotti of d'Amico Tankers is the TradeWinds Maritime Photographer of the Year 2011.

The keen snapper, who works in the Italian company's London chartering department, ended up a clear winner in a readers' poll with his brilliant shot of a shaft of light illuminating the gloom in a tank on the 36,000-dwt products tanker *Cielo di Salerno* (built 2002).

His colleague, Mark Roberts, d'Amico's chartering manager, who was one of many who voted for him, said it was taken during Russotti's first visit to one of the company's tankers.

Russotti used a Leica D-Lux 4 camera for his winning picture and had widespread backing from London brokers, particularly at ACM.

He beat Amit Rastogi, general manager for MSPL Diamond, Singapore, into second place.

Rastogi's evocative view from the bridge of the 320,000-dwt tanker *A Whale* (built 2010) won praise for its contrast between the dark of the sea and the lights of the vessel.

Frank Paleokrassas of Bernhard Schulte in Germany came third with his stunning snap of a bow wave from above.

Russotti wins the TradeWinds Maritime Photographer of the Year trophy, as well as a Nikon D90 digital SLR camera.



EVOCATIVE: Inside a tank on the "Cielo di Salerno"

Photo: Peter Russotti