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I tried a number of higher end cameras, \$300 range including a Pentax and Nikon, and found that I hated the photos in the most basic of conditions. Low light seems to be an issue in most of these cameras. Most seem to be cheap cameras in waterproof frames. I ran across the Fujifilm FinePix XP10 and got decent results with both "normal" photos and underwater photos. Most of my photos were in the pool which tends to really point out flaws. I am pretty happy with results of photos and videos. This camera has spent more time submerged than practically any camera you can imagine. My kids left it in the pool, on the steps, fully submerged in caustic pool water for over a week and it was still charged and worked like a champ. I bought it at Ritz Camera for like \$150 with a \$50 rebate.

I guess my point is, in my experience, even the higher end cameras have "ok" results (i may be a snob) and if you HAVE to have underwater capability then get a lower cost waterproof camera. But honestly, underwater camera photos of fish is about as inspiring as wet cardboard to me, thus i would suggest a decent \$100 camera that uses standard AA batteries and if you drop it in the drink just write it off.