

## LESSON 3: CLIPPING MASKS

### Learning Objectives:

- Save and organize digital images
- Use **TEXT** and **MOVE** tools
- Create Clipping Mask
- Use Layer Styles

**Step 1** – Create a folder called **CLIPPING MASKS**. Locate several high-quality OCEAN photos and place them in your folder. Go to **PHOTOSHOP** and create a new document that is 8” in height x 10” in width. Give your document a resolution of 300, select CMYK (for printing) and give it a white background. Click okay.

**Step 2** – On your document window, select the **TEXT** tool on your toolbar. A textbox will open on your screen. Type in the word OCEAN. Use a bold font such as *MONT* or *GILL SANS ULTRA BOLD* and change its size to something large (approximately 175 pt.) Change its color to something visible like black if your font is currently white. The options bar above your document tab and window will provide you with these options. Notice on your layers panel that the new layer is already named OCEAN.

**Step 3** – Place your cursor on the **MOVE** tool then go to **FILE** and select **PLACE EMBEDDED**. Your folders will open and you will select one of the ocean photos you saved. (Photos may be provided for you or you may find them on your own.) The image will appear over the word OCEAN on your document window. If it does not cover the word OCEAN, place your cursor on one of the corners and stretch the photo to position it completely over your text.

**Step 5** – Go to your layers panel and right click over the ocean image. You will notice a square on the bottom right of the layer and if you hover over it you will read **SMART OBJECT THUMBNAIL**. Right click on the layer and a drop-down menu will appear. Select **CREATE CLIPPING MASK**. Your image will appear through your letters. You can shift the image to show exactly the way you like it.

**Step 6** – For a little something extra, click PLACE EMBED and open your second ocean photo. Hit ENTER then move the layer to the bottom below your word OCEAN. Go to your text layer and select **ADD A LAYER STYLE**  $\frac{1}{x}$ . You can now add a drop shadow or outer glow to your lettering. Play with some of your options to see what cool affects you can create.

