

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

MARITIME INNOVATION AWARD



AWARDS
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ABOUT THE AWARD

The RINA Maritime Innovation Award, sponsored by QinetiQ, acknowledges outstanding scientific or technological contributions to innovation in the maritime industry by an individual, company or organisation.

Innovation is key to success in all sectors of the maritime industry and the research carried out by engineers and scientists in both universities and the industry can be critical to pushing forward the boundaries of design, construction and operation of marine vessels and structures. The Maritime Innovation Award recognises innovations that offer the potential to make significant improvements in these areas. Such contributions can have been made by a specific activity or over a period of time.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Nominations may be made by any member of the global maritime community and will be judged by a panel of members of the Institution and QinetiQ.

Individuals may not nominate themselves, although employees may nominate their company/organisation.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Nominations for the Award will be judged by the following criteria.

CRITERIA	EXPLANATION	POTENTIAL EVIDENCE
INNOVATION (40%)	Contribution to maritime innovation.	Developed and implemented strategy, approach or practice, action plans and defined measurable targets.
BENEFIT TO MARITIME INDUSTRY (30%)	Benefit that the initiative, project and/or programme made.	Clear scope and level at which the benefit is/will be achieved. (Take up by industry, changes to legislation, or influencing of the safety culture).
EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION (30%)	Significant potential to enhance an aspect of maritime innovation.	Evidence that these ideas could be adopted.

HOW YOUR APPLICATION IS SCORED

Each nomination will be marked from a **scale of 1-5**

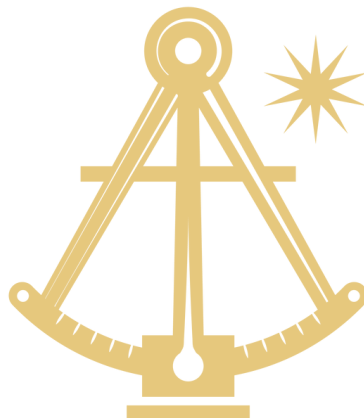
1 - Poor. The nomination is not within the scope of the competition or cannot be evaluated due to incomplete information.

2 - Fair. The nomination broadly addresses the criterion, but the evidence is not given.

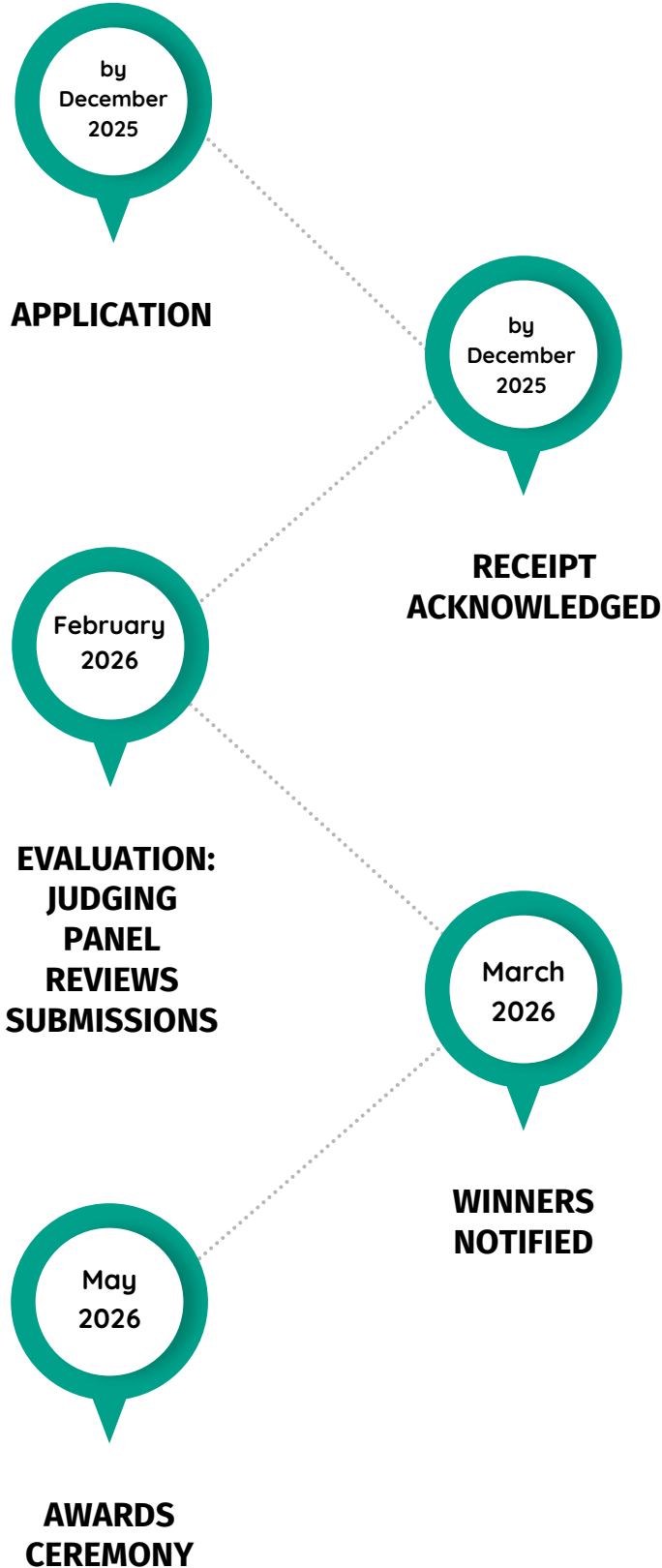
3 - Good. The nomination addresses the criterion well, providing sufficient evidence.

4 - Very Good. The nomination addresses the criterion very well, demonstrating significant impact within the group/organisation. Very good evidence is presented.

5 - Excellent. The nomination successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion, demonstrating impact that extends beyond the immediate group / organisation. Excellent evidence is provided.



AWARD TIMELINE



GENERAL TIPS FOR NOMINATIONS

- Ensure you write your nomination in plenty of time before the submissions close.
- Ensure you provide sufficient evidence
- Nominations are scored using only the information included on the submission so don't assume the panel know anything about the nominee.
- Be mindful that there is a maximum word count so choose your words wisely, but don't be afraid to make use of it to provide sufficient evidence.
- Always proofread the final version of the nomination before the final submission and ensure you have responded to each of the points in the guidance.
- Ensure all information submitted is accurate and authentic.

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