

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATION

MARITIME SAFETY AWARD



AWARDS
2026



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SAFETY**



ABOUT THE AWARD

The RINA Maritime Safety Award, sponsored by Lloyd's Register, recognises an individual, company or organisation which has made a significant technological contribution to improving maritime safety or the protection of the maritime environment.

The award recognises that the safety of both the seafarer and the maritime environment begins with good design, followed by sound construction and efficient operation.

While naval architects and other engineers involved in the design, construction and operation of maritime vessels and structures do not have a patent on such issues, nonetheless their work can make a significant contribution.

RINA also believes that it has a role to play in recognising the achievements of engineers in improving safety at sea and the protection of the maritime environment. Such recognition serves to raise awareness and promote further improvements.

Awards will be made on the basis of the degree of technological contribution made by the candidate for improving maritime safety, or for the protection of the marine environment, including evidence of the uptake by industry, legislation, or leadership, or to improved safety in areas of design, construction or operational procedures, or publication track record in the field of maritime safety, or for the teaching of safety issues.



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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 Lloyd's Register.

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

Nominations should include a 750 word summary, describing the technological contribution made towards the advancement of maritime safety.

Nominations should be made by completing the form below or by emailing awards@rina.org.uk.

Deadline for submissions to be considered for 2025 is the 31st December 2024.



The Award will be announced at the Institution's Annual Dinner.



NOMINATION CRITERIA

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An award may be considered for two categories of entrant:

- a specific and distinct contribution (such as an innovative design, device, or process)
 - a portfolio of contributions extending over a period of time (such as the 'career achievement' of an individual, or a long-term initiative of an organisation)
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EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

CRITERIA	EXPLANATION	POTENTIAL EVIDENCE
TECHNOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTION (30%)	Significant potential to enhance an aspect of maritime safety. Commitment and contribution to maritime safety.	Evidence that the idea is practical and could be adopted by industry. Evidence of a significant contribution to Safety during a reasonable period.
IMPACT (30%)	Impact that the initiative, project and/or programme has made and/or may make in the future. Has the nominee made an impact?	Take up by industry, changes to legislation, or influencing of the safety culture.
SUSTAINABILITY (30%)	Will the initiative/practice described leave a lasting legacy and can it be replicated? Any plans for continuation?	Any long term impact achieved or expected? Is initiative/practice replicable in other environment/organisations?
EXCELLENCE OF SUBMISSION (10%)*	Coherent, precise articulation of the submission which meets the requirements described in the award documentation.	

HOW YOUR APPLICATION IS SCORED

Each nomination will be marked from a **scale of 1-4**

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

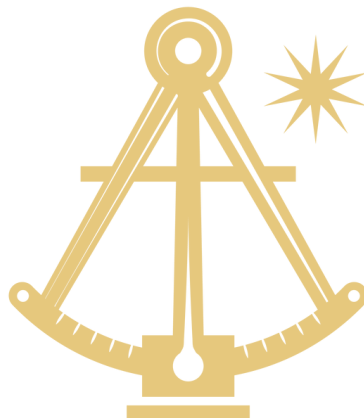
1 - Average. The nomination broadly addresses the criterion, but evidence does not support the outcome.

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

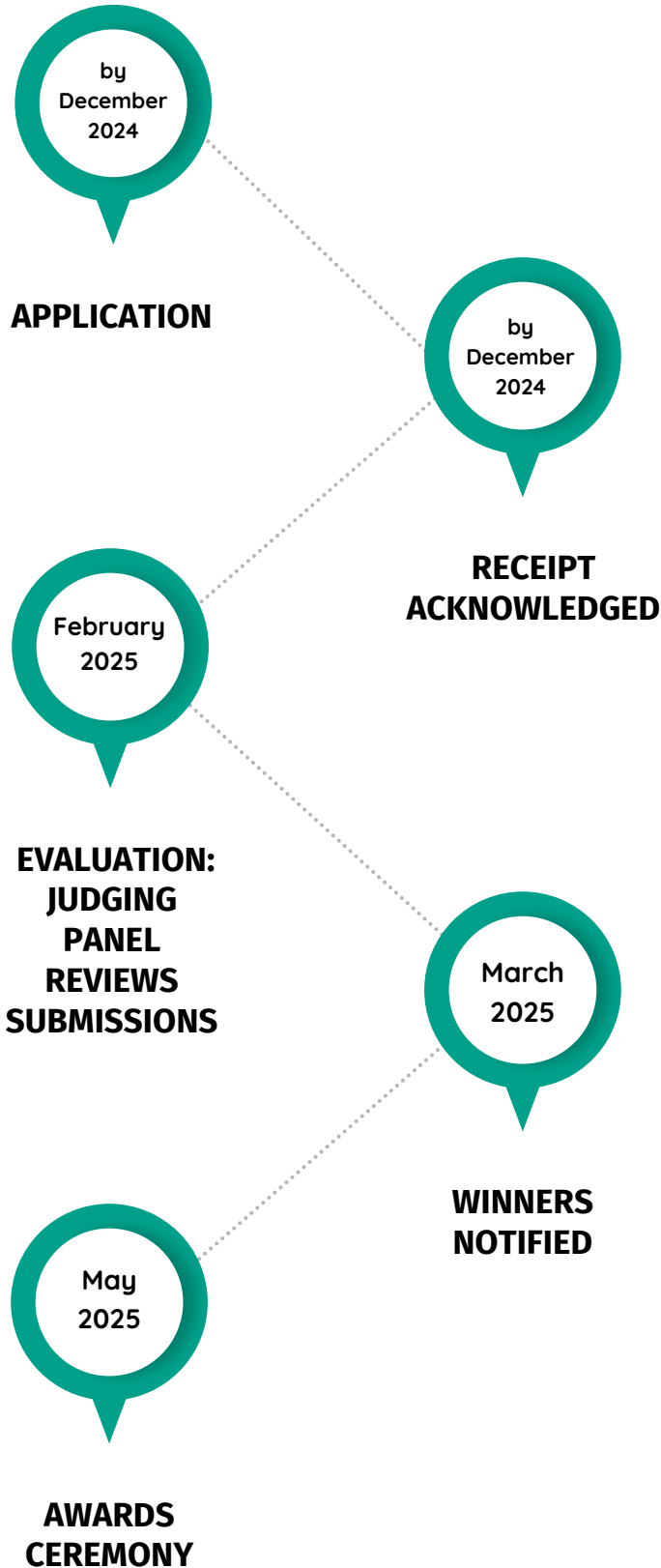
3 - Very Good. The nomination addresses the criterion very well, demonstrating significant impact writing group/organisation. Very good evidence is presented.

4 - Excellent. The nomination successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion, demonstrating impact that extend beyond immediate group / organisation. The excellent evidence are provided.

*Note: the submission should include any circumstances which should be considered by the judges e.g. where the nominees first language is not English.



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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