

# MARITIME WORLD AWARDS 2026

## Official Rules & Terms

### 1. Organiser

The Maritime World Awards 2026 ("Awards") are organised by Maritime World ("Organiser").

Participation in the Awards constitutes acceptance of these Official Rules & Terms.

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### 2. Eligibility

Applications are open exclusively to legally registered companies, organisations and business entities operating within the maritime sector or related industries.

Individuals are not eligible to apply.

The Organiser reserves the right to request documentation confirming the legal status, ownership, activities or eligibility of any applicant.

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### 3. Applications

Applicants may submit nominations only through the official application channels designated by the Organiser.

A separate application must be submitted for each award category.

Applications must be complete, accurate and submitted before the published deadline.

Incomplete applications may be rejected without further review.

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### 4. Verification Process

All submitted applications are subject to review and verification by the Organiser.

The Organiser reserves the right to:

- request additional information or supporting documentation;

- verify submitted information through independent sources;
- reject applications containing false, misleading or incomplete information;
- remove applicants from the Awards process at any stage.

The Organiser's decisions regarding eligibility and verification are final.

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## **5. Public Voting**

Where applicable, award categories may include a public voting stage.

The Organiser reserves the right to:

- monitor voting activity;
- remove fraudulent, duplicated or automated votes;
- suspend or disqualify any nominee benefiting from vote manipulation;
- modify the voting process if required to ensure fairness and integrity.

The Organiser's decision regarding voting validity shall be final and binding.

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## **6. Judging and Selection**

Award winners may be determined through a combination of public voting, industry experts, independent judges or Organiser review, depending on the category.

The Organiser reserves the right to:

- appoint or replace judges;
- amend evaluation criteria;
- merge, split, suspend or cancel categories;
- withhold an award where no nominee sufficiently meets the required standard.

All judging decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

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## **7. Intellectual Property and Submitted Materials**

Applicants confirm that all information, logos, photographs, videos, presentations and supporting materials submitted to the Awards are either owned by the applicant or used with appropriate permission.

Applicants remain the owners of their intellectual property.

By submitting an application, applicants grant Maritime World a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free licence to use submitted materials for purposes related to:

- Awards administration;
- event promotion;
- media coverage;
- marketing communications;
- website, social media and event publications.

Applicants shall indemnify and hold harmless Maritime World against any claims arising from infringement of third-party intellectual property rights connected with submitted materials.

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## **8. Publicity and Promotion**

Applicants acknowledge that their company name, logo, nomination status, category participation and related promotional materials may be published by Maritime World before, during and after the Awards.

Shortlisted nominees and winners may be featured across Maritime World marketing channels without additional compensation.

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## **9. Awards Ceremony**

The Organiser reserves the right to modify the date, location, format or programme of the Awards Ceremony if circumstances require.

Participation in the Awards does not guarantee attendance at the Awards Gala, nomination, shortlist placement or receipt of any award.

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## **10. Limitation of Liability**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Maritime World shall not be liable for:

- technical failures;
- lost or delayed submissions;
- interruptions to voting systems;
- event postponements;
- cancellation of categories;
- indirect or consequential losses arising from participation in the Awards.

Participation is undertaken entirely at the applicant's own risk.

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## **11. Disqualification**

The Organiser reserves the right to disqualify any applicant that:

- provides false or misleading information;
- attempts to manipulate voting;
- breaches these Rules & Terms;
- engages in conduct that may damage the reputation of Maritime World or the Awards.

Disqualification may occur at any stage of the Awards process.

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## **12. Changes to the Awards**

The Organiser reserves the right to amend these Rules & Terms, application procedures, timelines, categories or judging processes where reasonably necessary.

Any material changes will be published through official Maritime World communication channels.

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## **13. Governing Law**

These Official Rules & Terms shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Malta.

Any dispute arising from participation in the Awards shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Malta.

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## **14. Acceptance**

By submitting an application, the applicant confirms that they have read, understood and agreed to these Official Rules & Terms.