



## WORLD SUPERYACHT AWARDS 2017 COMPETITION RULES & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

### 1. EVENT AUTHORITY

The World Superyacht Awards is administered by Boat International Media, First Floor, 41-47 Hartfield Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 3RQ, United Kingdom.

### 2. NOMINATIONS

- a. Website. All nominations for the Awards are to be made on the Boat International website <http://www.boatinternational.com/luxury-yacht-events/world-superyacht-awards>.
- b. Qualifying Length. Yachts entered for the World Superyacht Awards must be of 30 metres overall length (LOA) and above to qualify. Spars, such as a bowsprit or a boom overhang, are not to be included when measuring overall length.
- c. Who Can Nominate. Any person is able to nominate a qualifying yacht, company or person for any of the awards listed below, with the limitation that the person making that nomination must be in a position to deliver the required documentation (see below) to the judges by the requested date. Nominations unsupported by such documentation will not be judged. A regularly updated list of nominations will be displayed on the event website.
- d. Nomination Fee. All nominations in the yacht classes (details in Section 6) must be accompanied by an entry fee of £250 to cover event administration costs.
- e. Closing Date for Nominations. Nominations close on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016, when **all requested material must be in the hands of the organisers**. All nominations will be published on the event website within two weeks of their receipt.

### 3. SHORT-LISTING

- a. A short-listing process is carried out to reduce entrant numbers to a point where the judges are able to thoroughly review them during a thorough judges' meeting.
- b. This first stage of the judging process is undertaken by Boat International Media.
- c. The short-listing meeting for the 2017 event will take place around the second week of December 2016. Entrants will be informed shortly afterwards whether or not they have been shortlisted. The shortlist will be published on the event website within one week of the date of the judges meeting.

#### 4. JUDGING PROCESS

- a. Following the short-listing, the finalists are then included in a dossier given to the judges who will decide the winners during their judges' meeting in March 2017. The judging panel is overwhelmingly comprised of superyacht owners.
- b. With the agreement of the yachts' owners, judges will make visits to nominated yachts between the date of the yacht's nomination and the judges' meeting. It is our aim that every finalist is visited by at least one judge so that he/she can report to the remainder of the jury on issues that are not readily apparent from documents or photographs.
- c. At the judges' meeting, judges have the right to withhold an award in any category if, in their view, the entries in that category display insufficient merit.
- d. Judges may reallocate any entry to a more suitable category should a majority of judges deem this necessary.
- e. Jury members with a vested interest in any nominated yacht will not be involved in judging any yacht in the same category.
- f. The judges' decisions are final, and no judge will enter into conversation or correspondence concerning decisions that have been made.
- g. Winners will be announced, and the Awards presented, at the World Superyacht Awards 2017 Gala Evening.

#### 5. PRIZES

- a. Winners will receive an inscribed World Superyacht Awards Neptune trophy.
- b. The judges have discretion to make a special award of a Neptune trophy or offer a Judges' Commendation should they believe one is justified.

#### 6. YACHT CLASSES & QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS.

The basic requirement is that a yacht nominated for any award must be over 30 metres in length. Yachts entered for the 'new yacht' classes must have been completed and DELIVERED to their owners between the 1st January and 31st December in the year of the competition (the qualifying year). For the World Superyacht Awards 2017 event, these qualifying dates are between 1st January, 2016 and 31st December, 2016.

- a. New Yacht Classes. Yachts may be entered in the classes that are outlined below. These classes have been established in consultation with yacht builders and naval architects, so that yachts could be equitably judged against other vessels of a similar size and type. There are classes for displacement motor yachts, semi-displacement (and planing motor yachts and sailing yachts. This distinction is made because these various types of yacht call for very different design and construction philosophies.
- b. Refitted and Rebuilt Yachts. A further two classes are reserved for yachts that have been given major refits or have been completely rebuilt and that were finished within the qualifying year. With the agreement of the Chairman, class boundaries may be redefined and classes may be amalgamated depending on the number of entries in those classes.
- c. The Yacht classes are:

### **Displacement Motor Yachts**

These yachts are defined as 'vessels always displacing their own weight of water when under power at full speed'. Gross Tonnage and length are the deciding entry qualifications in the Displacement classes. Because of this, the yacht's Gross Tonnage as well as length overall must be given in the on-line nomination form. It is anticipated that this class will be divided into the four categories listed below, but classes may be amalgamated if the number of entries warrants this:

- **Displacement Motor Yachts of between 1,500 Gross Tons and Above** (Estimated to be between approximately above 60 metres LOA).
- **Displacement Motor Yachts of between 500 Gross Tons and 1,500 Gross Tons** (Estimated to be between 50 metres LOA and 59 metres LOA).
- **Displacement Motor Yachts of below 500 Gross Tons – 40m and Above**
- **Displacement Motor Yachts of below 500 Gross Tons – 30m to 40m**

### **Semi-Displacement or Planing Motor Yachts**

These yachts are defined as vessels that displace less than their own weight of water when under power at full speed. The class is divided into the categories listed below. Should further sub-divisions based on size be considered appropriate by the jury, they will be added.

- **Semi-Displacement or Planing Motor Yachts – 40m and Above**
- **Semi-Displacement or Planing Motor Yachts – 30m to 40m**

### **Sailing Yachts**

These yachts are defined as vessels that are primarily powered by their sails. They are provisionally divided into the two categories listed below, but the size limits may be adjusted should the judges consider that a more equitable competition will result:

- **Sailing Yachts of 40m and Above**
- **Sailing Yachts of between 30m to 40m**

### **Refitted or Rebuilt Yachts**

This class is open to yachts, motor or sail, that have undergone refits or rebuilds and to commercial or other vessels that are converted into yachts and re-enter service in the qualifying year. For the 2017 event this will require yachts to be completed and returned to their owners following the refit (that may have started in any year) between 1st January, 2016 and 31st December, 2016. This category may be sub-divided into a Refit category and a Rebuild category should entries warrant this. All entries are made to this single class and the Jury will decide, if appropriate, the sub-category into which each yacht falls.

- **A 'Refit'** is defined as repairs and modifications carried out to a yacht necessitated by the number of years the yacht has been in service.
- **A 'Rebuild'** is defined as major changes made to a yacht, or a vessel originally designed for other purposes and converted into a yacht, following which it is a substantially altered vessel.

## 7. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION FOR YACHT CLASSES.

Please read this section carefully, as entries that are not supported by the following material will not be judged.

a. **Motor Yachts**. Required documents are:

- Specifications list. (2 Pages) A blank specifications list will be supplied for completion following the nomination of the yacht. Please note that the judges will assume a 'worst case' if any of the requested specifications are withheld. It is the responsibility of the individual making the nomination to ensure that the supplied specifications are accurate. Subsequent to the judging process, Judges have the discretionary right to strip category winners of their title should any supplied specifications be found to be significantly inaccurate.
- Yacht Profile and General arrangement plan of all decks. (1-2 pages)
- A maximum of three (3) A4 pages containing:
  - A statement from the owner detailing his requirements for the yacht and its anticipated use.
  - A statement from the naval architect, exterior stylist and interior designers to describe how they achieved the owner's wishes.
  - A statement from the builder concerning the construction and highlighting any elements that it particularly wishes to receive attention from the judges.
- Photographs. Yachts of 60m LOA and above may submit up to 40 photographs, yachts below this size may submit up to 30 photographs. Photographs need not be of professional standard. Ideally, they should illustrate the yacht under way, its deck areas, guest interior areas, crew areas, and service & technical areas, including the bridge and engine room.

b. **Sailing Yachts**. The required documents are the same as for motor yachts with the added requirement for a standard polar diagram showing the yacht's performance in various wind speeds and directions.

c. **Refitted / Rebuilt Yachts**

- Specification List (2 Pages) as for appropriate Motor or Sailing Yacht classes but showing 'before refit/rebuild' and 'after refit/rebuild' specifications.
- Yacht Profile and General Arrangement Plans (1-2 pages), both pre-refit and post-refit.
- A maximum of three (3) A4 pages containing:
  - A statement from the owner explaining his refit/rebuild requirements for the yacht that would make the vessel more suitable for its anticipated use.
  - A statement from the naval architect, exterior stylist and interior designers to describe how they achieved the owner's wishes and listing the major upgrades carried out.
  - A statement from the builder to highlight any difficulties encountered in the refit/rebuild, and to mention those elements that should receive particular attention from the judges.
- Photographs. Yachts may submit up to a total of 40 photographs that allow judges to compare the pre- and post-refit condition of the yacht. Photographs need not be of professional standard, but should illustrate the yacht under way, deck areas, guest interior areas, crew areas, and service and technical areas, including the bridge and engine room. Pre-refit photographs should be submitted in a separate file from the post-refit photographs.

## 8. ADDITIONAL AWARDS FOR WHICH NO NOMINATION IS NECESSARY

- a. **Motor Yacht of the Year.** Presented to a class winner in the Motor Yacht categories that is considered by the judges to be the most notable yacht of the qualifying year. No entry is required, or is possible, other than by entering the respective Yacht Category.
- b. **Sailing Yacht of the Year.** Presented to a class winner in the Sailing Yacht categories that is considered by the judges to be the most notable yacht of the qualifying year. No entry is required, or is possible, other than by entering the respective Yacht Category.
- c. **Explorer Yacht of the Year.** This is presented to a yacht in any of the categories (sailing or motor yacht) that in the judges' opinion best fulfils the criteria below.

## 9. OTHER AWARDS

These are presented on an occasional basis at times when the Judges consider that an award is appropriate.

- a. **Voyager's Award.** Nominations for this award are to be made on the event website. The Voyager's Award is presented to the yacht that, in the opinion of the judges, completed the most inspirational cruise during the Qualifying Year. Cruises may have begun in the year preceding the Qualifying Year. For the 2017 Awards, this period is from the 1st January, 2015 to 31st December, 2016. The owner or a person nominated by the owner (for instance the principal of a charter party but NOT a member of the crew) must have been aboard for a significant proportion of the cruise. Required documents are:
  - A brief account of the cruise. Its length should not exceed three typewritten A4 pages (approximately 2,500 words). We do understand that many world-roaming yachts are continuously on the move, but for the purposes of this Award we ask you to select starting and finishing points that were on your track between the qualifying dates for this year's event, namely the 1st January 2015 and the 31st December 2016. The text should inform the jury of noteworthy events and landfalls along your route.
  - One or several charts showing the track of your yacht. This should be marked up to show significant stopping places and should also indicate your progress by showing dates at suitable intervals along the track.
  - Photographs taken during the voyage. Please submit up to 50 photographs in .jpg format with a file size suitable for viewing on a computer screen (40cm x 20cm at 100dpi – 15in x 8in at 100dpi). These will be screened for the judges and will not be copied, printed or distributed to any other party, although a small selection of pictures from the winning entry will be used in the Gala Evening Programme and projected on the screen during the Prize Giving. The copyright for such pictures will remain with the photographer or anyone who has purchased such copyright. Should you require it, following the judging we are happy to provide a certificate confirming that all photographic files submitted have been destroyed.
  - Further information. You are invited to submit any further information that you would like the judges to consider. This may include copies of log pages, any visitor/passage certificates (such as those issued at Cape Horn or other significant landfalls) or examples of amusing over-bureaucratic paperwork or videos describing the voyage in its totality or shorter exploits that you have undertaken.
  - You are also welcome to submit any articles (or a book) published, any websites where the voyage is described, documents showing any exhibition that you have had regarding the voyage or that you have participated in.
  - The Voyager's Award will be judged not only on the voyage but also the way it is described in text, photos and other media.

- b. **The Legacy Award.** Presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the superyacht industry over many years. The Judges will put forth their nominations prior to the Judges' Meeting, where they will then cast their votes on the nominees.
- c. **Explorer Yacht of the Year.** Presented to an explorer yacht – either motor or sail – that the judges consider to be an outstanding vessel of her type. Judges will be looking for yachts that are specifically built to either explore specific areas (e.g. ice or rivers) or move around substantial distances or are equipped with special exploration equipment (like scuba diving equipment, submarines, tenders for long distance exploring).

## 10. ADVICE ON HOW TO MAKE THE BEST IMPRESSION UPON THE JUDGES

- a. Thoroughly read the Competition Rules and Entry Requirements together with the Submission Requirements for the category which you have entered, and comply with them exactly.
- b. Prepare your documentation accurately and ensure that it does not exceed the maximum number of pages allowed.
- c. Any statements required should be written specifically to satisfy the specific needs of the World Superyacht Awards, and should not be general press releases.
- d. Select photographs that will give the judges a comprehensive impression of the yacht. These should be individual .jpg files with a resolution of at least 600 pixels, not a pdf document containing photographs, as the latter does not provide sufficient quality when projected. Do not submit more photographs than are requested – if you do this we will only pass on the correct number of photographs to the judges, and these may not be the ones you might have selected.
- e. Be timely when submitting your material.

## 11. RULE CHANGES.

The organisers reserve the right to make any amendments necessary to ensure a better competition.

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