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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



## MARITIME INDUSTRY AUTHORITY

# DAY OF THE SEAFARER 2020

### GUIDELINES FOR THE SEARCH FOR THE TEN (10) EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA AWARDEES

#### INTRODUCTION

In line with the celebration of the Day of the Seafarer on 25 June 2020 with the theme *#SeafarersAreKeyWorkers*, the Maritime Industry Authority, adopting the same IMO invitation for nomination, is launching the online search for **ten (10) Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees** (Domestic/International).

#### PURPOSE AND CRITERIA

The purpose of the Award is to provide recognition to those who, at the risk of losing their own life, performed acts of exceptional bravery, displaying outstanding courage in attempting to save life at sea or in attempting to prevent or mitigate damage to the marine environment. Such acts of bravery may also involve extraordinary seaman ship skills in very difficult conditions or any other display of outstanding courage. Except in the most extraordinary circumstances, the nominated rescues should occur at sea or those rescued should emanate from a vessel. The Award may also be granted posthumously.

The following criteria for the nominated awardee are:

- a. Must be an active seafarer at the time of the incident. Potential awardees may not necessarily be an active commercial seafarer but at the time of the action is an active seafarer and may be now engaged in the maritime industry: *from the academe, training or assessment centers, manning/shipping/crewing companies, non-governmental organizations, maritime associations and even in civil service.*
- b. The exceptional bravery has been proven to have saved life/lives and/or prevented damage to his/her vessel, cargo/property or the marine environment
- c. Endorser/s must be able to provide documentations to prove that the exceptional bravery was indeed performed in the course of his/her duty.

#### NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Award may be made by Licensed Manning Agencies, Shipping Companies, Intergovernmental Organizations and/or Non-governmental Maritime Organizations or any other legitimate endorsers and the like via [pid\\_stcw@marina.gov.ph](mailto:pid_stcw@marina.gov.ph), (with **Subject: Nomination for Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardee 2020**), using the attached Nomination Form together with the Description of Events/Circumstances, **not later than 12NN, 15 August 2020.**



It should provide a full description of the circumstances and events giving rise to the nomination. They should, as appropriate, include such factors as: .1 location of the incident; .2 prevailing weather conditions; .3 skill displayed; .4 leadership demonstrated; .5 determination to conduct the rescue operation; .6 exceptional courage demonstrated; .7 degree of risk (to human lives and/or the marine environment) involved; as well as .8 any other information supporting the nomination.

It should be noted that nomination received after the deadline has expired will not be eligible for consideration.

### **FORM OF THE AWARD**

The award will take the form of medal or plaque, which will be accompanied by a certificate citing the act of exceptional bravery performed.

### **ASSESSMENT PANEL**

The Assessment Panel shall be composed of the Overall Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Chairmen of the different MARINA Committees of the Day of the Seafarer 2020. Their function will be to review the nominations for the Award, taking into account the Award's purpose and criteria vis-à-vis the description of the factual circumstances giving rise to the nomination and the related supporting documentation. The Panel will submit to a Panel of Judges a shortlist ranking the nominees in order of preference, along with the rationale for their recommendation.

### **PANEL OF JUDGES**

A panel of judges composed of the MARINA Administrator, STCWO Executive Director, the STCWO Deputy Executive Director or their Officers-in-Charge, the Director of the MARINA Maritime Safety Service and the Over-all Chairman of the MARINA Committee for the Maritime Week Celebration 2020

No Award will be made in the event that the Panel of Judges decides that the acts performed by the shortlisted nominees do not merit the Award. The Administrator will be invited to endorse the outcome of the Panel of Judges.

### **AWARD CEREMONY**

The MARINA Administrator will present the Award for “Exceptional Bravery at Sea” during the 2020 National Maritime Week Celebration.



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### TIMETABLE

Every effort should be made to ensure that a timetable along the following lines, leading to the Award ceremony, be observed:

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Launching of the Search for Ten (10) Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees	25 June 2020 (via online)
Deadline for recipient nomination	15 August 2020
Review by Assessment Panel	16-25 August 2020
Consideration by the Panel of Judges	26-31 August 2020
Endorsement of the Administrator of the Winner	01 September 2020
Notification of recipient and press release	05 September 2020
Award Ceremony - Celebration of the National Maritime Week	25 September 2020



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## ANNEX A

### DAY OF THE FILIPINO SEAFARER 2020

*#SeafarersAreKeyWorkers*

#### NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR THE 2020 AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA

We from the, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Licensed Manning Agency or Shipping Company of Government/Non-governmental maritime organization)

hereby nominates \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Seafarers, Last Name, First Name, Middle Name and Rank/Position)

for the **2020 Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea.**

For, and on behalf of, \_\_\_\_\_ (Name of Licensed Manning Agency or Shipping Company of Government/Non-governmental maritime organization)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Seal: \_\_\_\_\_ (where appropriate)



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**ANNEX B**

**DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND EVENTS**

In accordance with guidelines set for the Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea, the candidature of .....[nominee]..... is supported by the following description of the circumstances and events giving rise to the nomination. It is noted that not all of the information requested below may be available; nonetheless, as much information as possible should be provided to enable the Panel of Judges to make an informed decision.

1 Location of incident (latitude/longitude or distance/bearing from known geographic point of reference):

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2 On-scene weather (wind/sea state/precipitation/temperature):

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3 Details of incident (Please note that the intent of the Award is to recognize actions in response to a specific incident, rather than multiple incidents that may have occurred during the period of time under consideration, i.e. from 1 March 2019 to 28 February 2020):

.1 Nature of distress (sinking, fire, collision, etc.):

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.2 Date/time of incident:

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.3 Name/description of vessel (or person) in distress:

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.4 Total number of lives at risk:

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.5 Number of lives saved:

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.6 Name of Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre (MRCC) or other rescue authority (or other shore-based organization involved that may have relevant records of incident):

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4 Details of nominated:

.1 Ship/unit to which nominee was attached at time of rescue:

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.2 Parent company/organization:

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.3 Nominee's name, nationality and position/assignment on board:

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.4 Nominee's role in rescue operation:

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5 Is nominee a SAR professional (or trained and/or experienced in Search and/or Rescue beyond fundamental level required of their regular non-SAR related position):

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6 If incident involved attempting to mitigate damage to the marine environment, please describe consequences to the environment if nominee's action was not taken:

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**7 Please provide a narrative description of not more than three pages of the exceptional act of bravery:**

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