



DAY OF THE FILIPINO SEAFARER 2022

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

INTRODUCTION

In line with the celebration of the Day of the Filipino Seafarer on 25 June 2022 with the theme **“Your voyage – then and now, share your journey”**, the Maritime Industry Authority is launching the online search for **Ten (10) Exceptional Bravery at Sea** (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 seamanship 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 active commercial seafarers but at the time of the action is active seafarers and maybe 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 prevent damage to his/her vessel, cargo/property, or the marine environment.
- c. Only events occurred from August 2021 to June 2022 shall be considered in the nomination.
- d. Endoser/s must be able to provide documentation 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

stcwo_ead@marina.gov.ph with Subject **NOMINATION FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA AWARDEE 2022**, using the attached Nomination Form together with the Description of Events/Circumstances, not later than **12NN, 12 August 2022**.

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 locations of the incident; .2 prevailing weather conditions; .3 skill displayed; .4 leadership demonstrated; .5 determinations 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 the nomination received after the deadline has expired will not be eligible for consideration.

FORM OF THE AWARD

The award will take the form of a 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 MARINA Technical Expert, Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and the Head of the different MARINA Committees of the Day of the Seafarer 2022. Their function shall 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 shall 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 Overall Chairman of the MARINA Committee for the Maritime Week Celebration 2022.

No award will be made if 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 2022 National Maritime Week Celebration.

TIMETABLE

Every effort should be made to ensure along the following lines, leading to the Award Ceremony, be observed:

ACTIVITY	TIMELINE
Launching of the Search for Ten (10) Exceptional Bravery at Sea Awardees	25 June 2022
Deadline for recipient nomination	12 August 2022
Review by Assessment Panel	15 – 19 August 2022
Consideration by the Panel of Judges	22 – 26 August 2022
Endorsement of the Administrator of the Winner	2 September 2022
Notification of recipient and press release	9 September 2022
Award Ceremony – Celebration of the National Maritime Week	