



2009 Australian Yachting Awards

Sandringham Yacht Club, Melbourne

16th October

Nominations are being called for in eight award categories:

Male Sailor of the Year
Female Sailor of the Year
Sailor of the Year with a Disability
Youth Sailor of the Year
Sport Promotion Award
Lifetime Achievement Award
Sport Professional Award
Volunteer Award

Conditions Relating to the Awards

1. Full details MUST be provided for each nominated person/crew in order to facilitate the judging process. Nominations MUST include a quality "head and shoulders" colour photograph or an action shot, preferably emailed in a high resolution format. For all categories the completed nomination form must be signed by the nominee, verifying the accuracy of information provided.
2. On selection as a finalist Yachting Australia would appreciate being supplied with at least 30 seconds of moving footage to assist in compiling a video montage for use at the Awards dinner.
3. If nominations include both skipper and crew(s), only the results that all the crew members achieved as a combined crew will be considered. It is preferred that where results were achieved as a combined crew that all crew members are nominated.
4. Nominations need not be made for each Award category.
5. Nominees, finalists and winners of previous Australian Yachting Awards may be re-nominated.
6. Nominations may be submitted by any person, provided the nominee meets the criteria listed.
To protect the integrity of the Awards and to guard against omissions, Yachting Australia reserves the right to make, alter, reject and amend nominations.
7. All nominations should be in respect of performances and achievements during the period 16 March 2008 to 31 July 2009 except for the Lifetime Achievement Award, Sport Professional Award and the Volunteer Award, which all focus on longer term contribution to yachting.
8. For the Youth Sailor of the Year award – the rules in respect to youth status are as per the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) guidelines. Athletes must be under 19 years of age during the year in which the event(s) included in the nomination took place.
9. To be considered for the Sailor of the Year with a Disability award, a nominee must be classified under the International Association for Disabled Sailing's (IFDS) Functional Classification System or for a sailor with an intellectual disability the INAS-FID Athlete Eligibility Criteria

10. Completion of nomination forms indicates full acceptance, by both the nominee and the nominator, of the conditions that apply to the conduct of the Australian Yachting Awards.
11. Selection of finalists and winners of each award category will be made by the Voting Academy. The Voting Academy is an independent panel appointed by Yachting Australia. The panel is constituted of prominent, successful and experienced people representing all aspects of the sailing and boating community.
12. For the Sailor of the Year awards individual or joint/dual winners may be awarded. For the Lifetime Achievement Award, Sport Professional Award and the Volunteer Award any number of awards may be given so as to recognise a significant contribution that deserves merit.
13. The Lifetime Achievement Award, Sport Professional Award and the Volunteer Award may be not awarded every year.
14. The decisions of the Voting Academy are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Judging Criteria

Male Sailor of the Year Award

1. The athlete must have performed an outstanding sailing or boating achievement within the period of 16 March 2008 to 31 July 2009
2. Consideration will be given to an athlete, crew member or team in any event
3. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Female Sailor of the Year Award

1. The athlete must have performed an outstanding sailing or boating achievement within the period of 16 March 2008 to 31 July 2009.
2. Consideration will be given to an athlete, crew member or team in any event
3. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Sailor of the Year with a Disability

1. Outstanding sailing or boating performance or achievement within the nomination period of 16 March 2008 to 31 July 2009. This may include overcoming and/or exemplifying the spirit of sailing or boating by people with disabilities
2. Must be classified under the International Foundation for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) Functional Classification System or the INAS-FID Athlete Eligibility Criteria
3. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Youth Sailor of the Year

1. Under 19 years of age during the nomination period 16 March 2008 to 31 July 2009
2. Outstanding sailing achievement by an athlete, crew member or team
3. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Sport Promotion Award

1. Awarded to an individual or non-profit organisation who has positively promoted sailing and/or boating during the nomination period 16 March 2008 to 31 July 2009 involving one of more of the following responsibilities:
 - Organisation of a significant local or national or international event(s);
 - Enhanced public and/or commercial interest in sailing and/or boating;
 - Generated publicity for sailing and/or boating via the print, electronic, radio or television media or by the application of photographic images
 - Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Lifetime Achievement Award

1. Individual should have been involved for at least 20 years in sailing or boating
2. Outstanding contribution to sailing or boating
3. To be awarded only when there is a deserving person, not necessarily every year. Recipient can only receive the award once
4. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Sport Professional Award

1. A sailing and/or boating professional in the area of coaching, officiating or administration
2. The contribution to sailing and/or boating must be at least 5 years
3. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

Volunteer Award

1. An individual who has made a significant voluntary contribution to the sport of sailing and/or boating
2. The contribution to sailing and/or boating must be at least 5 years
3. Of good character and is known for displaying good sportsmanship

*Please return the nomination forms by **15 August 2009** to:*

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