

RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ... new annual awards scheme ...

Many organisations and individuals contribute to the value and effectiveness of sail training for young people. But a few make a truly exceptional difference. The Trustees and member national organisations of Sail Training International want to recognise the 'high performers', organisations and individuals, who make an outstanding contribution to the sail training activity and the development of young people.

Sail Training International will make two awards annually in each of three categories:

- ***Sail Training Organisation of the Year***
- ***Sail Trainer of the Year***
- ***Sail Training Volunteer of the Year***

Sail Training Organisation of the Year ... to encourage and recognise 'innovation' and 'best practice' in sail training for young people. To help draw attention to those operators of sail training vessels, large and small, that demonstrate excellence in these areas Sail Training International will make two special awards: one to an organisation that runs one or more large sail training vessels, the other to an organisation that operates one or more smaller vessels. The international judging panel will be looking for organisations that have been successful in at least some of the following:

- developing sail training programme content, focused on building skills in social confidence, teamwork and leadership.
- marketing and promoting sail training to young people or to government, educational or other organisations that assist the participation of young people.
- developing careers for young people in the sail training industry.
- growing the market for sail training for young people.
- developing sources of funding to support sail training for young people.

National sail training organisations, sail training vessel operators and individuals are eligible to nominate in this category

Sail Trainer of the Year ... to encourage and recognise high-performing sail training 'professionals' who deliver the sail training programme for young people at sea. Sail Training International will make two special awards: one to a professional sail trainer older than 25 and the other to one aged 25 or younger. The international judging panel will be looking for paid 'sea staff', whatever their rank or duties, who have demonstrated exceptional talent, dedication and achievement in either or both of the following:

- Training, mentoring and encouraging young trainees, building skills in social confidence, teamwork and leadership.
- Outstanding seamanship and vessel management.

Sail training operators/organisations are eligible to nominate in this category

Sail Training Volunteer of the Year ... to encourage and recognise high-value volunteers, young and old, at sea or ashore, who have made an extraordinary contribution to the organisation they serve because of the skills, talent, time, and dedication they bring. Sail Training International will make two special awards: one to a volunteer older than 25 and the other to a volunteer aged 25 or younger. The international judging panel will be looking for volunteers who have made a significant difference to an organisation's performance through one or more of the following:

- Training, mentoring and encouraging young trainees at sea
- Time and skills ashore contributing to key admin functions, vessel management and maintenance
- Generating or contributing financial resources

Sail training operators/organisations are eligible to nominate in this category

NOMINATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

In the first instance Sail Training International invites brief written nominations (email, fax, letter), indicating which individual or organisation is nominated and why. (Sail training organisations are asked to include a few words on what they do and the vessel(s) they operate.) ***Deadline: 31 August 2007.***

A short-list will then be selected for further review and consideration by an international panel of judges. The winners will be announced, and the trophies presented, at the Sail Training International Annual Conference in Liverpool, England, 16/17 November 2007. (Attendance at the conference is not a precondition of winning!)

Nominations (indicating the category for which the nomination is made) should be sent to:

“_____ of the Year 2007”

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