

	Information Notice 2020-003
	DEPARTMENT OF MARINE SERVICES AND MERCHANT SHIPPING (ADOMS)
	2021 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

1. Introduction

The Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is inviting nominations for candidates for the **2021 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea**.

Nominations for the Award may be made by the United Nations Member States; intergovernmental organizations; and/or non-governmental international organizations in consultative status with IMO.

The recipient of the Award will be presented with a medal, which will be accompanied by a certificate citing the act of exceptional bravery performed. The presentation will take place at a special ceremony to be held in conjunction with the celebration of a major IMO occasion, as appropriate.

2. Purpose and criteria

The purpose of the Award is to provide a unique, international recognition for those who, at the risk of losing their own life, perform acts of exceptional bravery, displaying outstanding courage at sea.

The Award will be conferred on individuals or groups of individuals who, at the risk to their own life, perform acts of exceptional bravery 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.

3. Nominations

Nominations for the Award should be made by United Nations Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. Such nominations should be addressed to the Secretary-General (in accordance with the requisite procedures) and 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.

4. Antigua and Barbuda's Nomination Consideration

Antigua and Barbuda would be delighted to submit, to the Secretary General, the nomination of any seafarer, or group of seafarers, that served onboard Antigua and Barbuda's flagged ships over the period 01 March 2020 to 28 February 2021, that meets the established criteria for the bravery award.

All shipowners, masters, and managers, are therefore invited to consider all operational events over the stipulated period where the actions of the ship's crew rise to the standard set for exceptional bravery at sea. Nomination(s) should be submitted to ADOMS at adminstration@abregistry.ag by the 10 March 2021 for due consideration and to allow for the requisite forms to be completed for submission to the IMO by the closing date.

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