

2026 Cruising World Boat of the Year Entry

For Models Introduced between October 15, 2024 and October 9, 2025

Final Deadline for Entry: August 1, 2025

- ☐ This boat will be available for inspection at the 2025 U.S. Sailboat Show, Annapolis, October 2025.
- ☐ This boat will be available for inspection outside of North America only.
- ☐ We will not be entering BOTY this year, but would like to be included in Cruising World's New Boat Showcase (October 2025 issue).
- ☐ We wish to request special consideration for inspection outside of the 2025 U.S. Sailboat Show.
(Additional fees may apply)

Model Name: _____ Model introduction date: _____

Manufacturer: _____

Company Name: _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Contact Person for BOTY Nominees (must be authorized agent on North American continent) :

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

DESIGN INFORMATION

Hull Description: ☐ Monohull ☐ Catamaran ☐ Trimaran ☐ Other _____

Rig Description: ☐ Sloop ☐ Cutter ☐ Ketch ☐ Other _____

Boat's design purpose: _____

Designer: _____

LOA: _____ Disp. (light ship): _____ Disp. (half load): _____

LWL: _____ Draft: _____ ☐ Fin ☐ Shoal ☐ Other _____

Beam: _____ Ballast: _____

Mast height (above water): _____

Tankage capacity/location: _____ Water _____ Greywater _____

Batteries, size and location: _____ Fuel: _____ r: Waste: _____

Stability: _____ Limit of positive stability (IMS method): _____ enclosed: ☐ ☐ No

Design stability curve (IMS method) _____ Yes _____

STIX method: _____

If you use another method, please specify and describe: _____

Rating if known or projected: _____

CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Location of plant: _____

Construction certification or approval: ☐ Plans ☐ ABS ☐ CE category

☐ Yard ☐ Lloyd's ☐ NMMA Yacht Certification

☐ Vessel ☐ Bureau Veritas ☐ Other _____

Layup method: ☐ Hand ☐ Vacuum bagged ☐ Prepreg

☐ Other _____

Hull: Skin material: _____ Resin: _____ Gelcoat: _____

☐ Solid ☐ Sandwich core ☐ Balsa ☐ Foam (type)

Deck: Skin material: _____ Resin: _____ Gelcoat: _____

☐ Solid ☐ Sandwich ☐ Balsa ☐ Foam (type)

core

Hull/deck-joint type:

Drawing enclosed:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Bonding material:

Fasteners/interval:

Keel material:

☐ Cast lead

☐ Cast iron

☐ Other

Attachment; if bolts (number, material, and diameter):

Encapsulated (method):

Rudder type:

Composition:

Rudderstock material/diameter:

SPARS AND RIGGING

Spar maker:

☐ Keel stepped

☐ Deck stepped

Spar material:

Mast:

Boom:

Rigging:

☐ Wire

☐ Freestanding

☐ Rod

☐ Other/options:

SAILS

Describe standard configuration, type, and brand:

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Sail Area ($\frac{1}{2} \times \text{PE} \times 2$ method):

Sail Area (actual working sail):

Sail Area (upwind):

Sail Area (downwind):

Roller-furling main?

Jib?

Other?

Type and brand of roller furling:

ENGINE

Brand:

Manufacturer's listed horsepower:

☐ Sail Drive

Turbocharger:

Fuel type:

☐ Shaft

ELECTRICAL

☐ DC 12 V

☐ AC110 V Shore

☐ Generator brand/

KW

Inverter (brand and size):

Other:

REFRIGERATION

Brand:

☐ Engine driven

☐ AC driven

☐ DC driven

STANDARD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT (Note brand where applicable.)

Speed ☐

Autopilot ☐

VHF ☐

AIS ☐

Depth ☐

GPS ☐

SSB ☐

Windspeed ☐

Wind direction ☐

Radar ☐

OTHER EQUIPMENT INCLUDED

Anchoring:

☐ Chain

☐ Rope/chain

Length:

Number of rollers:

Storage in forepeak for 2 rodes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Anchor size:

Windlass (brand/type):

SAFETY

U.S. Coast Guard requirements met: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Jackline/harness padeyes installed: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Other standards met (list):

Other safety features:

CATEGORIES

Please place your boat in the appropriate size (and price) categories below. For the purpose of this contest, pricing will be indicated as “price as tested” for a commissioned boat delivered to North America, with bottom paint, sails, basic safety equipment, basic navigation electronics (depth, speed, radio), and refrigeration. In addition to best Domestic and Imported boats and winners for each category, special awards may be given by the judges in categories such as Best Value, Innovation, and Quality of Build. Please note, if a category contains fewer than three nominated boats, we reserve the right to combine it with a similar category, and some adjustment in size and price ranges may be necessary. We make every attempt to accommodate your category choices but reserve the right to re-categorize a boat after its initial inspection.

General Cruising World Judging Category Guidelines

Please place your boat in the appropriate estimated size (and price) categories below (actual categories will be determined at the conclusion of the nominating process).

- _____ Small Cruiser (under 35 feet)
- _____ Midsize Cruiser (36-44 feet, Under \$300,000)
- _____ Midsize Luxury Cruiser (36-44 feet, Over \$300,000)
- _____ Full-size Cruiser (45-55 feet, Under \$500,000)
- _____ Full-size Luxury Cruiser (45-55 feet, \$500,000-\$1million)
- _____ Unlimited Cruiser (Over 55 feet; or smaller but priced over \$1million)
- _____ Cruising Multihulls

PLEASE SUBMIT WITH THIS FORM:

- Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement
- Payment
- Sales brochures/buyer’s literature (including sail-away price)
- Designer’s statement of purpose
- USB drive email/online file share service with the following in digital format:
 - profile plans (including underbody and keel options)
 - sail plans
 - accommodation plan
 - transverse stability curve (IMS method, monohulls)
 - high-resolution photos

PLEASE SIGN AND SUBMIT TO:

Boat of the Year Coordinator

BOTY@firecrown.com

Boat of the Year Contact

Cruising World

Andrew Parkinson

andrew.parkinson@firecrown.com

954-536-7443

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Email: _____

BOAT OF THE YEAR ACTIVATION FEE:

A testing activation fee is required for each boat that is entered into the Boat of the Year contest. The fee is due when the BOTY entry is submitted.

Every boat that is entered in the BOTY Awards program will be featured in one of Cruising World's editorial channels leading up to the announcement of the Boat of the Year winners. We will also be providing all BOTY participants with photography and video assets from the tests to be used in promotion of the boat's BOTY participation. In addition, all participants will receive promotional banners to identify their boat(s) as BOTY nominees. The fees are as follows:

20 feet and below - \$250 per entry

21 feet – 31 feet - \$500 per entry

32 feet and larger - \$750 per entry

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Payment is required prior to testing. Upon receipt and acceptance of your entry form, you will be sent a payment request to the email provided.

Email address for payment (required)
