

## 2025 Cruising World/Sailing World Boat of the Year Entry

For Models Introduced After October 2023

**Deadline for 2024 Entry: August 1, 2024**

- This boat will be at the Newport International Boat Show (Rhode Island)
- This boat will be at the U.S. Sailboat Show, Annapolis, Maryland
- We will not be entering BOTY this year, but would like to be included in *Cruising World's* October Showcase feature of new boats for 2025

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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us in which magazine you'd like to be featured:

- Cruising World (for cruising sailboats)       Sailing World (for performance sailboats)       Both

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fuel: \_\_\_\_\_ Waste: \_\_\_\_\_  
Batteries, size and location: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stability: \_\_\_\_\_ Limit of positive stability (IMS method): \_\_\_\_\_  
Design stability curve (IMS method)    Enclosed:    Yes    No  
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  
    Vessel                       Bureau                      Certification  
   Veritas                       Other  
Layup method:                       Hand                       Vacuum                       Prepreg  
    Other                      bagged  
Hull: Skin material:                      Resin: \_\_\_\_\_ Gelcoat: \_\_\_\_\_  
    Solid                       Sandwich core                       Balsa                       Foam (type)

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Deck: Skin material:	Resin:	Gelcoat:
	<input type="radio"/> Solid <input type="radio"/> Sandwich core <input type="radio"/> Balsa <input type="radio"/> Foam (type)	
Hull/deck-joint type:	Drawing enclosed: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
	Bonding material:	
	Fasteners/interval:	

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Keel material:	<input type="radio"/> Cast lead <input type="radio"/> Cast iron
	<input type="radio"/> Other
	Attachment; if bolts (number, material, and diameter):
	Encapsulated (method):
Rudder type:	Composition:
	Rudderstock material/diameter:

**SPARS AND RIGGING**

Spar maker:	<input type="radio"/> Keel stepped	<input type="radio"/> Deck stepped
Spar material:	Mast:	Boom:
Rigging:	<input type="radio"/> Wire	<input type="radio"/> Rod
	<input type="radio"/> Freestanding	<input type="radio"/> Other/options:

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**SAILS**

Describe standard configuration, type, and brand:

I:	J:	P:	E:
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Sail Area ( $\frac{I \cdot J}{2} + \frac{P \cdot E}{2}$ method):	Sail Area (actual working sail):	
Sail Area (upwind):	Sail Area (downwind):	
Roller-furling main?	Jib?	Other?

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Type and brand of roller furling:

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**ENGINE**

Brand:	Manufacturer's listed horsepower:	<input type="radio"/> Sail Drive
Turbocharger:	Fuel type:	<input type="radio"/> Shaft

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**ELECTRICAL**

<input type="radio"/> DC 12 V	<input type="radio"/> AC110 V Shore	<input type="radio"/> Generator brand/KW
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Inverter (brand and size):

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Other:

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**REFRIGERATION**

Brand:	<input type="radio"/> Engine driven	<input type="radio"/> AC driven	<input type="radio"/> DC driven
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**STANDARD ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT** (Note brand where applicable.)

Speed <input type="radio"/>	Autopilot <input type="radio"/>	VHF <input type="radio"/>	AIS <input type="radio"/>
Depth <input type="radio"/>	GPS <input type="radio"/>	SSB <input type="radio"/>	
Windspeed <input type="radio"/>	Wind direction <input type="radio"/>	Radar <input type="radio"/>	

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## 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

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Other standards met (list):

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Other safety features:

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## CATEGORIES

Please place your boat in the appropriate size (and price) categories below. For the purpose of this contest, price is understood as sailaway for a commissioned boat delivered in Annapolis, Maryland, in October 2024, 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

Sailing World contest (indicate all that apply):

- Crossover (racer/cruiser)
- Sportboat
- Multihull
- Daysailer
- Performance Dinghy
- Custom
- One-Design

**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 Contacts**

**Cruising World**  
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954-536-7443

**Sailing World**  
Dave Reed  
[dave.reed@sailingworld.com](mailto:dave.reed@sailingworld.com)  
401-835-4435

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTICIPATION FEE**

A participation 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 receive a write up that will be featured in one of Cruising World or Sailing World’s editorial digital channels (email, web and social) leading up to the announcement of the Boat of the Year winners. We will also be providing all BOTY participants with photography from the Annapolis event. In addition, all participants will continue to receive promotional banners and stickers to identify their boat(s) as BOTY nominees at the United States Sailboat Show and any future shows and events.

If you are submitting information on a new boat that will not be participating in BOTY or that will not be on display in Newport or Annapolis, there is no fee.

Please select all that apply. If you are submitting the same boat for both *Cruising World* and *Sailing World*, a separate entry fee is required for each publication.

No. of Entries	Length / Fee	Amount	\$
_____	20 feet and below - \$250 per entry	Amount	_____
_____	21 feet – 31 feet - \$500 per entry	Amount	_____
_____	36 feet and larger - \$750 per entry	Amount	_____
<b>Total Amount Due:</b>		<b>\$</b>	_____

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

**PUBLICITY RELEASE, RELEASE OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have applied voluntarily to participate in the 2025 *Cruising World* and/or *Sailing World* Boat of the Year Contest (the "Contest"). I understand that the sport of sailing and this event pose inherent risks of loss and injury that cannot be eliminated, regardless of the care taken to avoid injury and that the risks involved in the event include, without limitation, risk of physical injury and death. I represent that knowingly assume these risks. I also represent and warrant that I am familiar with the sport of sailing and have the requisite level of experience and boat safety training to understand these risks, I will take action to mitigate these risks, and I assume full responsibility for these risks.

**As consideration for being permitted to participate in the Contest, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Firecrown Media Inc., which owns and operates *Cruising World* magazine, *Sailing World* magazine, and other publications along with their respective officers, agents, employees, and assigns from any claims, actions, lawsuits, losses, damages or expenses (including but not limited to attorney fees) for personal injury, death or property damage resulting from participation in the Contest or related activities, regardless of cause, including negligence.**

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This agreement is made under the laws of the State of Tennessee and the parties hereby agree that any dispute arising in relation to this agreement or arising out of any participation in the Contest shall be governed by the laws of the State of Tennessee. **EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.** Each party irrevocably submits to the State and Federal Courts located in the State of Tennessee, Hamilton County as the exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any disputes arising in connection with this agreement or the Contest.

**I have read this agreement fully, and I understand its terms and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I am aware that this agreement is binding on my heirs and assigns, and that I am releasing certain legal rights that I otherwise might have. I acknowledge that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.**

Boat-Model Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_