

# IMO AWARDS CEREMONY

Monday, 2 December 2024 at 6 p.m.



2024 IMO HONOURS FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE 2023



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### INTRODUCTION

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Address by IMO Secretary-General, Mr. Arsenio Dominguez

### PRESENTATION CEREMONY

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- 🏆 Presentation of the 2023 International Maritime Prize
- 🏆 Special recognition for merchant vessels and their crew involved in the rescue of mixed migrants at sea
- 🏆 Special mention to the recipients of Letters of Commendation
- 🏆 Presentation of Certificates of Commendation
- 🏆 Presentation of the 2024 IMO Awards for Exceptional Bravery at Sea

### RECEPTION

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The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the Delegates' Lounge

# INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE



The International Maritime Prize is awarded annually by the IMO Council to the individual or organization judged to have made the most significant contribution to the work and objectives of IMO.

Since the presentation in 1981 of the 1980 International Maritime Prize, 43 distinguished recipients from 22 countries, as well as one organization, have received this prestigious award.

Today, the 2023 International Maritime Prize will be presented to **His Excellency Captain Ian Finley**, who becomes the 45th recipient of the silver dolphin statuette.

## Recipient of the 2023 INTERNATIONAL MARITIME PRIZE

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### **His Excellency Captain Ian Finley**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Cook Islands to IMO

*Nominated by the Cook Islands*

# IMO HONOURS FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AT SEA



This annual award provides international recognition for those who, at the risk of losing their own life, perform acts of exceptional bravery, displaying outstanding courage 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.

There are three categories of honour: firstly, the Award itself, for the nominee judged to have performed the most outstanding act of bravery. Secondly, Certificates of Commendation for nominees who have committed acts of extraordinary bravery. And, thirdly, Letters of Commendation for nominees who are judged to deserve some special recognition for their meritorious actions.

The first Award was presented in 2007 and, over the last 17 years, 27 recipients nominated by 15 countries/organizations have been bestowed with the Award medal, over 75 certificates have been presented and more than 130 letters of commendation have been sent.

## Recipients of the 2024 IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea



### Captain Avhilash Rawat and the crew of the oil tanker *Marlin Luanda*

Nominated by the Marshall Islands



### Captain Jorge Fernando Galaviz Fuentes and the crew of the tugboat *Pemex Maya*

Nominated by Mexico

## Certificates of Commendation



- ◆ Captain Jérôme Noël Mougoula Saguiliba, Master of the LCT *Celeste*, nominated by Gabon
- ◆ Lieutenant Crépin Manfoumbi Mengara, onboard the rapid patrol boat *Mayumba*, Gabonese Navy, nominated by Gabon

## Letters of Commendation

- ◆ Captain Eduardo Mesquita Pedroso, Master of the container ship *Monte Sarmiento*, nominated by Brazil
- ◆ Commander Yong Li of the rescue vessel *Hai Xun 06838*, Law Enforcement Unit, Changshu Maritime Safety Administration, nominated by China
- ◆ Captain Hao Yang of the rescue helicopter B-7328, Dong Hai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China
- ◆ Captain Lingqi Zhang of the rescue vessel *Donghaijiu 112*, Dong Hai Rescue Bureau, nominated by China
- ◆ Captain Frédéric Caurant, Sub-Lieutenant Loïc Taillardat, Warrant Officer Sébastien Richard and Warrant Officer Michaël Severino, helicopter detachment of Flotilla 32F, Lanvéoc Naval Air Base, French Navy, nominated by France
- ◆ Captain Brijesh Nambiar and the crew of the INS *Visakhapatnam*, Indian Navy, nominated by India
- ◆ Captain Benito A. Lucio, Master of the bulk carrier *African Turaco*, nominated by Panama
- ◆ The crew of the patrol vessel *Lee Cheongho*, Coast Guard Station *Seogwipo*, Republic of Korea Coast Guard, nominated by the Republic of Korea
- ◆ The crew of the patrol vessel *522*, Coast Guard Station *Wando*, Republic of Korea Coast Guard, nominated by the Republic of Korea
- ◆ Captain Lee Gil Un and the crew of the fishing vessel *1 SungBok*, nominated by the Republic of Korea
- ◆ Lieutenant Commander Subhasinghe Saia and the diving team of the SLNS *Vijayabahu* (P 627), Sri Lanka Navy, nominated by Sri Lanka
- ◆ The crew of the CGC *Alex Haley* (WMEC 39), United States Coast Guard, nominated by the United States
- ◆ BM2 Theodore Noah S. Kirkbridge, BM3 Christian V. Lorenzo, MK2 Anthony C. Mason and BM3 Kaleiopio E. Guth, Coast Guard Station Maui, United States Coast Guard, nominated by the United States
- ◆ Ms. Lashawna J. Garnier, Ms. Emma C. Nelson and Ms. Christina A. Lovitt, co-Captains of the small passenger vessel *Expeditions'* dinghy, nominated by the United States
- ◆ BM2 Joshua A. Marzilli, Coast Guard Station Maui, United States Coast Guard, and Mr. Travis DeWater, serving as rescue swimmer on board the small passenger vessel *Trilogy II*, nominated by the United States



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