Cape Horn Hall of Fame Nomination Guide and Form Explained

The Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination process accepts entries from anyone

The Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination process accepts entries from anyone who wants to put forward a notable Cape Horner, using the Candidate Nomination form published by the International Association of Cape Horners, with member voting deciding the final inductees from a committee shortlist. The first Hall of Fame gala took place at Les Sables d'Olonne on 31 August before the start of the 2022 Golden Globe Race, according to the International Association of Cape Horners Hall of Fame page accessed 16 November 2026. This page explains where the form lives, what it asks, and how selection works. Readers checking Harbor Beacon eligibility rules can confirm which voyages count before nominating.

Where does the Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination form live?

The Candidate Nomination form lives on the International Association of Cape Horners site and now serves as the call for applications route. The current online page covers the 2026 intake and sets nominations to close on 30 April 2026, according to the International Association of Cape Horners nomination page accessed 16 November 2026. Harbor Beacon's Hall of Fame directory lists past inductees for reference, and the circumnavigation register helps check claimed roundings. An earlier downloadable nominee application for the 2024 intake asked for return to the Hall of Fame administrator, showing that the route moved from a PDF to an online form.

Who can submit a Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination?

Any member of the public can nominate a suitable individual for the Cape Horn Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame page states that anyone can nominate candidates, so no membership is needed to propose a name. Nominees are sailors with a real Cape Horn record, and the strongest cases cite specific voyages, vessels, and years.

The association background explains the IACH membership behind the later vote. Nominators should give as much detail as the record allows rather than general praise.

What does the Cape Horn Hall of Fame form ask for?

The nominee application asks for identity, sailing history, Cape Horn voyages, biography, achievements, and possible controversies. The table below follows the fields in the 2024 nominee application form, according to that form accessed 16 November 2026. Dates below reflect that 2024 form version.

Section | What to provide

Identity | Candidate name, date of birth or death, nationality
Nominator | Name of nominator, email address, date of nomination
Sailing record | Years of sailing activity, number of years active, vessels and teams
Cape Horn voyages | Each rounding with years, passage type where known
Case for candidacy | Introduction and contributing factors, brief biography, other

significant achievements
Disclosure | Possible controversies affecting the nomination, web links to stories supporting it

The current online nomination page for the 2026 intake uses a shorter web version of the same structure, with fields for candidate, nationality, sailing activities, vessels, Cape Horn voyages, biography, achievements, controversies, and supporting links. Candidates from distant eras need dates of birth or death where known. Missing voyage years weaken a file because the committee weighs achievements on the water. Harbor Beacon's listing standards explain how verifiable facts support directory entries.

How does Hall of Fame selection work after you nominate?

An independent committee reviews each nomination and selects a shortlist based on achievement. That committee stage precedes the member vote, following this sequence:

1. Nominator submits the completed Candidate Nomination form before the closing date.
2. The selection committee reviews each nomination on achievement.
3. The committee publishes a shortlist of candidate names.
4. All International Association of Cape Horners members vote on the shortlist.
5. The top names join that year's intake and appear at the induction ceremony.

For the 2025 intake, public nominations closed on 30 May 2025, according to Sail-World on 22 May 2025. The selection committee was chaired by Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and included Jean-Luc van den Heede, Stan Honey, Dee Caffari, Dilip Donde and Archie Fairley, with members voting the final six inductees, according to the same report. The 2025 induction ceremony was expected in Portsmouth in late November as part of the annual reunion lunch, with the date to be announced. Timing shifts each year, so treat the current 30 April 2026 closing date as the working deadline.

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Where is the Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination form published?

The Candidate Nomination form for the Cape Horn Hall of Fame is published by the International Association of Cape Horners. The current online page covers the 2026 intake and sets nominations to close on 30 April 2026. Harbor Beacon eligibility rules explain who the IACH recognizes as a Cape Horner.

Who can submit a Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination?

Anyone can submit a Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination by completing the Candidate Nomination form. The Hall of Fame page states this open call directly, so no membership is needed to propose a name. Committee review and a later vote by members decide the final inductees.

What details does the Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination form ask for?

The 2024 nominee application form asked for candidate name, birth or death dates, nationality, nominator details, sailing activity and years active, vessels and teams, Cape Horn voyages with years, biography, achievements, controversies, and supporting web links. Provide dates and voyage details where the record allows. The Hall of Fame directory lists past inductees for comparison.

How does Cape Horn Hall of Fame selection work after nomination?

An independent committee reviews each Cape Horn Hall of Fame nomination and draws up a shortlist based on achievement. All members of the International Association of Cape Horners then vote on the shortlist. The 2025 process used this route to select six final inductees, according to Sail-World on 22 May 2025.