

Conditions of Participation “ocean tribute” Award 2026

1. Introduction

1.1 The ocean tribute Award was launched in 2017 by the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation with the Friends of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation (Germany e.V.), Messe Düsseldorf GmbH (as organiser of “boot Düsseldorf”) and the German Ocean Foundation and has been awarded annually since then. This European ocean-protection award honours outstanding projects and initiatives dedicated to the protection of the oceans. The aim is to find solutions to preserve and sustainably use our oceans in line with sustainable development.

1.2 The organiser of the ocean tribute Award (hereinafter also referred to as the “Activity”) in both organisational and legal terms is Messe Düsseldorf GmbH, Messeplatz, Stockumer Kirchstr. 61, 40474 Düsseldorf, Germany, telephone: +49 211 4560-01, fax: +49 211 4560-668, e-mail: info@messe-duesseldorf.de, Internet: <http://www.messe-duesseldorf.com/> .

2. Eligible participants

Eligible for application are individuals aged 18 and older, organisations and institutions with outstanding and innovative ocean protection projects worldwide from social, scientific and industrial spheres.

3. How can you participate?

3.1 Participation is exclusively online via the registration form at: https://www.boot.com/en/Program/Awards/ocean_tribute_award), which also contains the information required for participation (e.g. organisation’s name, project description, etc.).

In the event of nomination, the participants agree to provide raw video material for an introductory film at short notice (if available, this can already be enclosed with the registration).

3.2 By participating in the Activity, the participant accepts these Terms and Conditions.

4. Participation period

The application period for the “ocean tribute” begins on 15 May of each year and ends on 31 August of each year. If fewer than 10 (ten) participants have applied by the deadline, the organiser is free to extend the aforementioned deadline one month until 30 September of each year at the latest. As wide as possible range of participants as and the resulting genuine competition between the entries should provide as much scope and as broad an impact as possible for diversity and creativity. The protection of the oceans as a valuable asset should thus be duly taken into account and presented on a broad stage. For all participants, this means maximum visibility for his/her project and for him/herself - regardless of whether he/she is chosen as the winner. The organiser is also free to suspend or terminate the activity if this is necessary due to circumstances beyond the organiser’s control or if this is the only way to ensure that the activity can be carried out properly.

5. How is the winner determined?

5.1 After the end of the participation period, a jury will select five projects from all applications received that will be nominated for the “ocean tribute” Award. The jury line-up is published on the website of the ocean tribute (https://www.boot.com/en/Program/Awards/ocean_tribute_award). The five projects will be selected by means of a points-based system. Each jury member receives 1 to

10 points, which can be awarded on a sliding scale to a maximum of ten projects. The favoured project receives 10 points. The five projects with the most points will then be nominated. The relevant contact person of the nominated projects will be informed by e-mail. They must respond within 21 days by e-mail to the e-mail address sent to them in order to reach the final round. If no response is received by the deadline, the organiser reserves the right to nominate another project.

The five nominated projects will then be published on the ocean tribute website (https://www.boot.com/en/Program/Awards/ocean_tribute_award). Website visitors can then vote once for their favourite project (so-called “public voting”). The duration of the public voting can be found on the ocean tribute website.

A winning project will be selected from the five shortlisted projects.

The winning project will be determined as follows: Each jury member will award one point for his/her favourite project. The project with the most votes from the public voting will receive an additional point. The respective points are then added together. The project with the most points wins. The winning project will be announced at an awards ceremony at boot Düsseldorf in January of each year. The place and time will be announced in good time by e-mail. Messe Düsseldorf GmbH will invite all five nominated projects to this event in good time. Alternatively, the award ceremony will take place in a hybrid format (consisting of both an in-person event and digital elements) or in a purely virtual format (consisting exclusively of digital elements), at the organiser’s discretion.

5.2 The expert jury will use the following criteria to select the winning project:

- a. Impact: The project has the potential to bring about a significant and continuous improvement in the state of our oceans and water bodies in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 14;
- b. Participation: As many people as possible are involved in the project and/or can participate in it;
- c. Networking: The project inspires others to imitate it and involves as many other actors as possible, thus achieving the greatest possible impact for our oceans.

5.3 If several (at least two) projects achieve the same final score, the points from the nomination will be added to the final score. If a winning project cannot be determined even after including the points from the nomination, the individual votes from the public voting will also be included.

6. What is there to win?

6.1 The winner of the “ocean tribute” Award will receive prize money of € 20,000 and the opportunity to present his/her project at boot Düsseldorf as part of the “love your ocean” water protection initiative.

6.2 The winnings can therefore only be claimed as described above. Claims to the winnings are not transferable.

7. Transfer of rights

7.1 Copyright to the works created by the participant shall remain with him/her. The participant assigns to the Messe Düsseldorf GmbH and the German Ocean Foundation the right - unlimited in terms of space, time and content - to exploit in tangible form or to publish and store in intangible form (rights of use) any work submitted by him/her in the course of participation to which he/she holds the copyright. This applies in particular to the publication of the project text, the (moving) image material, the logo, the names and all other information and content sent. This covers

in particular the publication on all channels of the German Ocean Foundation and Messe Düsseldorf GmbH (in particular on boot.de, in the boot.club newsletter, on social media channels, in press releases as well as the publication in press articles and advertisements of boot Düsseldorf).

7.2 The Messe Düsseldorf GmbH and the German Ocean Foundation are entitled to grant the rights of use to third parties in part or in full, to edit, supplement, modify, reproduce and incorporate the works into other works.

7.3 Should Messe Düsseldorf be held liable by third parties for any claims arising from the use of the aforementioned works within the scope of the authorisation of use for the aforementioned purposes, the participant shall indemnify Messe Düsseldorf GmbH and/or the German Ocean Foundation against any liability whatsoever.

8. Exclusions from participation

8.1 Winning projects from previous years, executive bodies, employees and their relatives and other representatives of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH and the German Ocean Foundation are excluded from participation.

8.2 Only one project may be submitted to the Activity within an Activity period (see Section 4). If there is any suspicion that the participant is participating in the Activity with a project more than once within the Activity period, the organiser reserves the right to exclude the participant from this Activity. In this case, the Award/winnings may be withdrawn and reclaimed. A new participation is possible in the next Activity period (i.e. in the following year), provided that there is no reason for exclusion according to Section 8.1. of these Conditions of Participation.

8.3 Participation via lottery services, automated mass participation procedures of third parties, via agencies or via other commercial providers is not permitted.

9. Liability

9.1 All information supplied by Messe Düsseldorf, in particular in connection with the publication of the winner's name, etc., is provided without any guarantee as to its accuracy or completeness, since this information is furnished by the participant.

9.2 In the case of ordinary negligence with breach of non-essential contractual obligations, the liability of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH is excluded, and in the case of ordinary negligence otherwise, it is limited to contractually typical, foreseeable damage. Essential contractual obligations are such whose non-fulfilment jeopardises the purpose of the contract and on whose observance the participant may rely. The limitation of liability does not apply, however, in the case of injury to life, limb and health as well as in the case of the breaching of a guarantee and of any statutorily regulated liability regardless of negligence or fault.

10. Data protection

Messe Düsseldorf GmbH processes personal data of the participant for the purpose of carrying out the award ceremony, including the transmission of the names of the participants to the jury. Further information can be found in Messe Düsseldorf GmbH's Privacy Policy. This can be viewed at www.messe-duesseldorf.com/privacy. Participants may object to the processing of their personal

data at any time either on the aforementioned website, by e-mail to privacy@messe-duesseldorf.de or by surface mail to Messe Düsseldorf GmbH, G2-RV, PF 101006, 40001 Düsseldorf.

11. Applicable law

11.1 The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply.

11.2 If the participant is a businessperson, a corporate entity under public law or a special fund under public law, the place of the registered office of Messe Düsseldorf GmbH is defined as exclusive place of jurisdiction for all disagreements arising from the contract or in connection with these conditions for participation. This agreement concerning place of jurisdiction will not apply in the event that the legal dispute concerns non-pecuniary claims which are referred to the district courts without consideration of the value of the matter in dispute or in the event that an exclusive place of jurisdiction is in place for the legal dispute by act of law.

11.3 If individual provisions of these conditions of participation should be or become invalid, this will not affect the effectiveness of the remaining provisions.

12. Prevalence of the German language version

In case of conflict (e.g. due to any contradictions or ambiguities) with other language versions of these Conditions of Participation, the German language version shall prevail in case of doubt.

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