



C-PORT Seeks Nominations for Prestigious AFRAS Lifesaving Award

C-PORT is honored to announce it is seeking nominations for the prestigious AFRAS C-PORT Lifesaving Award. AFRAS and C-PORT are proud to continue this longstanding program recognizing these heroic actions of C-PORT members. Since its inception, 19 C-PORT members and their captains and crew have been honored with this award. Announcement of the winner is at the C-PORT Awards Banquet held during the C-PORT Conference. The award winner is also highlighted during the AFRAS Awards Ceremony hosted later in the year in Washington DC.

The [Association For Rescue At Sea \(AFRAS\)](#) was formed in 1976 to foster traditional maritime search and rescue values through suitable recognition of deserving personnel, and to facilitate cooperation in search and rescue. In 2010, AFRAS expressed a desire to establish a program, in cooperation with C-PORT, to annually recognize a deserving member of C-PORT that has shown exceptional skill and determination to save lives during a rescue incident in the maritime environment.

The Award is conferred on an individual or group of individuals who perform exceptional acts in attempting to save life in the maritime environment. Instances where the rescuer places their own life at risk will be given highest consideration. The Award may be given posthumously.

Nominations are to include a full description of the circumstances and events giving rise to the nomination and include such factors as:

- Location of the incident
- Prevailing weather conditions
- Skill displayed
- Determination to conduct the rescue operation
- Exceptional courage demonstrated
- Degree of risk involved

To be considered for the upcoming AFRAS C-PORT Lifesaving Award, the rescue must have taken place between September 16, 2025, and September 15, 2026.

AFRAS Award Nominations may be emailed to tcardone@cport.us or mailed directly to the C-PORT office at 4251 NE 27th Ave, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064. Nominations may be sent at any time so long as they are received no later than October 1, 2026, to allow sufficient time for the vetting of the nominations. AFRAS will present the Award at the C-PORT Awards Banquet Gala on Tuesday, February 2, 2027, in Nashville TN.

Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing, C-PORT, was founded in 1985 to act as a liaison between the marine assistance industry and public agencies and organizations involved with boating safety, marine assistance, marine salvage and other marine-related operations. Its mission is to represent, promote, protect, and defend its member companies through communication, relationship development, and education. Our members are dedicated to providing prompt, professional and timely assistance to all boaters and to actively partner and cooperate with local law enforcement and U.S. Coast Guard. They are professionals, dedicated to the growth and development of their respective businesses and committed to furthering the advancement of our waterways and the boating community. For more information, contact C-PORT at (954) 261-2012 or visit <https://cport.us>.

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