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Dear Entrant

Now that yacht delivery season is in full swing, we want to direct your attention to entries for the 2019 Boat International Design & Innovation Awards. The nominations process will go live on 21st June 2018 and nominations will close on 5th October 2018. In order to assure the best chance of success for your projects, we urge you to think now about the categories you might enter and how you can support those entries with photos, renderings general arrangement plans and statements about the design and innovation. Considering this now will take pressure off preparing a strong coherent entry at the same time you will be enjoying summer vacations and planning for fall boat shows.

While you are gathering materials or making plans to obtain them, please remember that you will need the owner's permission to enter the vessel and to show images to the jury that are relevant to the entry. If the entry is selected as a nominee, permission will be requested to show a few images at the Innovation & Design Awards event. At least two photographs of the winner will be printed in the souvenir programme. Note that this permission is separate from any editorial requests for articles. To be clear, there have been cases where the owner has allowed the yacht to be included in the judging process but not published in one of the Boat International publications or on line. While we hope this is not the case with the project(s) you are considering, withholding permission for publishing a feature article will not disqualify the yacht from being considered for awards if it meets all other criteria.

While categories for the 2019 awards will be similar to those for the 2018 awards, we would like to call your attention to a change in the size limitation. The lower LOA limit has been dropped to 80 feet (24.00m) to match the LOA limit of the Global Order Book and because some good things are happening in terms of naval architecture, lifestyle design and technical innovation in the sub-30-metre realm. Note that this is measured LOA as indicated on the yacht's certificate. Spars and swim platforms not part of the moulded-in hull or measured as part of the yacht's certificate do not count in the LOA.

Kind regards,

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