

# 2021 National Heroes Day Awards Celebrating our Seafaring Heritage

Seafaring is an integral part of the Cayman Islands history, identity, society, economy, and development. For decades, thousands of Caymanians depended on the sea for their livelihood. Through their heroic efforts in boat building, ship building, shipping administration, turtling, and seafaring, these hardy and intrepid Caymanians built the foundation of our islands. We recognise the women who stayed home to 'hold the fort' and raised the families while their loved ones were far away. Through challenging times and shifting tides, they all lifted an entire nation towards a better way of life.

The Cayman Islands is indeed "... founded upon the seas" and our motto reminds us of our heritage and our identity. From building sailing vessels at home to fishing out on the high seas hundreds of miles away, from piloting catboats while turtle ranging to sailing the world on merchant ships of all sizes and classes, our seafaring people became renowned worldwide for their skills with attributes of resilience, perseverance, an aptitude for hard work, independence, and a spirit of entrepreneurship that made us who we are today.

2021 National Heroes Day recognises the outstanding contributions made by our seafarers, highlights the inspiring stories of our seafaring heritage, and celebrates the industry that is firmly embedded in the history and culture of the Cayman Islands.

## CATEGORIES

Nominations are now open for the 2021 National Heroes Day Awards for Seafaring Heritage in the following categories:

### Early Pioneer

An individual, alive or deceased, who made an exceptional contribution prior to the 1940s in the areas of ship building, boat building, shipping administration, turtling or seafaring. A commemorative insignia and certificate will be awarded.

### Pioneer

An individual, alive or deceased, who made an exceptional contribution from the 1940s-1980s in the areas of ship building, boat building, shipping administration, turtling or seafaring. A commemorative insignia and certificate will be awarded.

### Excelled at Sea

An individual alive or deceased, who during their seafaring career advanced in rank to the highest level of their profession, or performed a lifetime (at least 40 years) of service regardless of final rank. A commemorative insignia and certificate will be awarded.

### Women in Seafaring

A woman, alive or deceased, who bravely went to sea or made exceptional contributions to our Islands' Seafaring Heritage. A commemorative insignia and certificate will be awarded.

### Memorial Scroll

A deceased person who made the ultimate sacrifice and lost their life as a result of going to sea or serving as a seafarer. This individual will be recognized with a certificate.

### Friends of Seafarers

An individual, alive or deceased, or a company that was instrumental in facilitating and supporting Caymanian seafarers or providing assistance to Caymanians while they were at sea. They may have been based in the Cayman Islands or internationally. They will be recognized with a certificate.

**Deadline for submissions is Saturday, 31 October 2020.**  
**Only completed nominations received by the deadline will be considered.**

# INSTRUCTIONS

1. To nominate an individual for one of the awards, complete this form with the legal full name (John Brown MBE) of nominee and arrange to supply up to two references. Also include a cover letter of support if possible. Feel free to provide any other relevant material.
2. If a nominee is deceased, please provide the legal full name and contact information of person who will accept award.
3. Please return completed nomination forms to [nhd@gov.ky](mailto:nhd@gov.ky) by Saturday, 31 October 2020. Forms can also be submitted to the following addresses:

## Attn: 2021 National Heroes Day Committee

Ministry of Health, Environment,  
Culture & Housing  
Government Administration Building, Box 111,  
Grand Cayman, KY1-9000

Cayman Islands Seafarer's Association  
11 Victory Avenue, Prospect P.O. Box 471,  
Savannah Grand Cayman KY1-1502  
Open: 7am to 3pm | Phone:(345) 947-7378

District Administration  
Government Administration Building  
19 Kirkconnell St, Cayman Brac  
Phone:(345) 925-0830

Online forms can be found on [www.celebratecayman.ky](http://www.celebratecayman.ky) and [www.ministryofhealth.gov.ky](http://www.ministryofhealth.gov.ky)

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# Nomination Form

## Nominee Information

Full legal name of nominee\*: (Mr./ Mrs./ Ms./ Miss)  Postnominals (i.e. MBE, JP):

Nickname:  Organisation/Programme (if applicable):

Is the nominee alive or deceased? (TICK ONE)  Alive  Deceased

Category: (TICK ONE)

Early Pioneer (Pre-1940)  Pioneer (1940 -1980)  Excelled at Sea  Women in Seafaring  Memorial Scroll  Friends of Seafarers

Area or field of contribution:  Ship building  Boat building  Shipping administration  Turtling  Seafaring  Other

Number of years:

Contact number:  E-mail:

\*If the nominee is deceased or will be unable to accept in person, please also provide name and contact information of person to accept award on their behalf.

\*Name:  \*Contact number:  \*E-mail:

REFERENCES: Please provide names of up to two other individuals who can verify the above information.

Reference #1: Name  Affiliation

Phone  E-mail

Reference #2: Name  Affiliation

Phone  E-mail

In the space provided below, please explain in 300 words or less why this person should be recognised for your chosen category. Your response should fully describe how the nominee exemplifies the attributes of the description provided and include any examples of how he/she can be distinguished from others. List any examples as appropriate, such as vessel(s) built or sailed on. The award citation will be based on your summary. I nominate the above person for the above indicated category because:

*If more space is required, attach a separate sheet with additional information to this form.*

## Nominator Information

Your name:  Contact number:

E-mail:  Signature:  Date: