



Awards open to both Members and Non-Members

OCC members may nominate anyone for these awards. With the exception of The OCC Lifetime Cruising Award, The OCC Award and the Port Officer Service Award, the voyage or other achievement for which the nomination is being made must have finished no more than two years before nominations close on 31st December. Although the singular is used below, nominations may also be made for a couple, or for a skipper and crew.

The OCC Lifetime Award

First awarded in 2018 and open to both members and non-members, it recognises a lifetime of noteworthy ocean voyaging or other significant achievement towards ocean cruising.

The OCC Seamanship Award

Donated by Past Commodore John Franklin and first presented in 2013, this award recognises feats of exceptional seamanship and/or bravery at sea. It is open to both members and non-members.

The OCC Jester Award

Donated by the Jester Trust as a way to perpetuate the spirit and ideals epitomised by Blondie Hasler and Mike Richey aboard *Jester*, this award recognises a noteworthy singlehanded voyage or series of voyages made in a vessel of 30ft or less overall, or a contribution to the art of singlehanded ocean sailing. It was first presented in 2006 and is open to both members and non-members.

The OCC Award

Dating back to 1960, from 2018 two OCC Awards will be made – one (to a member) recognising valuable service to the OCC; and the other (open to all) for service to the ocean cruising community as a whole.

The OCC Port Officer Service Award

Introduced at the suggestion of then Rear Commodore Mark Holbrook and first presented in 2008, this award is made to an OCC Port Officer or Port Officer Representative who has provided outstanding service to both local and visiting members, as well as to the wider sailing community.

The OCC Events and Rallies Award

This award recognises any Member, Port Officer or Port Officer Representative who has organised and run an exceptional rally or other event. Please note that it is no longer limited to POs and PORs.

OCC Environment Award

Instigated by OCC member Jonathan Webster in April 2021 as a memorial to HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, the OCC Environment Award recognises cruisers who contribute towards the environment or to cruisers who raise issues pertinent to the environment especially where ocean cruising is concerned.

Awards open to OCC Members Only

OCC members may nominate any Full or Associate member for these awards. In the case of the Barton Cup and the Vasey Vase, the nominee must have been or become an OCC member by the halfway point in the voyage, and in the case of the Qualifier's Mug they must since have been elected to Full Membership. In all cases the voyage for which the nomination is being made must have finished no more than two years before nominations close on 31st December. Although the singular is generally used below, nominations may also be made for a couple, or for a skipper and crew.

The Barton Cup

The Club's premier award, named after OCC Founder Humphrey Barton and donated by his adult children, twins Peter Barton and Pat Pocock, the Barton Cup was first presented in 1981. It recognises an exceptional or challenging voyage or series of voyages made by an OCC member or members.

The Vasey Vase

Donated by past Commodore Tony Vasey and his wife Jill, and first awarded in 1997, this handsome trophy recognises an unusual or exploratory voyage made by an OCC member or members.

The Water Music Trophy

Presented by Past Commodore John Foot and named after his succession of yachts all called *Water Music*, this set of meteorological instruments set into a wooden cube was first awarded 1986. It recognises a significant contribution to the Club in terms of providing cruising, navigation or pilotage information.

The Qualifier's Mug

Presented by Admiral (then Commodore) Mary Barton and first presented in 1993, this award recognises the most ambitious or arduous qualifying voyage published by a member in print or online, or submitted to the OCC for future publication.