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Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing

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C-PORT Seeks Nominations for Prestigious Awards

C-PORT, Conference of Professional Operators for Response Towing, is seeking nominations for a number of prestigious awards to be presented at the 31st C-PORT Conference and Membership Meeting being held on January 15- January 17, 2018.

AFRAS Lifesaving Award - C-PORT is pleased to announce that AFRAS (Association for Rescue at Sea) will continue its program to annually recognize a deserving member of C-PORT for their rescue efforts. 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. The Award will be conferred on a C-PORT member 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

C-PORT Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service Awards - These awards honor C-PORT members who demonstrate the professional standards that our association promotes. These marine assistance professionals go above and beyond their dedication to providing service to the boating public through extraordinary and exemplary actions. Nominations are to include a full description of the circumstances and events giving rise to the nomination.

C-PORT Compass Rose Award - This award is presented to someone who is dedicated to making the marine assistance industry better through their hard work and desire to make boating an enjoyable experience for everyone. The recipient is a leader with true direction, high personal standards and will go above and beyond in any situation.

C-PORT Advocacy Award - Recognizes a deserving C-PORT member for their service to the association and to the marine assistance industry through advocacy and leadership. This award will be presented to the C-PORT member who demonstrates political involvement by actively promoting C-PORT to their Congressional leaders, to State and Local public agencies, and to the maritime industry. Nominees understand this is industry support rather than individual business elevation.

Cardone asked that nominations for all awards be emailed to tcardone@cport.us or mailed directly to the C-PORT office at 3640-B3 North Federal Hwy #136, Lighthouse Point, FL 33064. "Nominations may be sent at any time so long as they are received no later than October 5, 2017," stated Cardone. "This allows sufficient time for the vetting of the nominations."

C-PORT was founded in 1986 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. 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. For more information, contact C-PORT at (954) 261-2012 or visit www.cport.us.