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The International Hydrofoil Society (IHS)

Mandles Prize for Hydrofoil Excellence - 2026

The International Hydrofoil Society is pleased to announce that thanks to the continuing generosity of Mr. Martinn Mandles, a long-time member of IHS and his wife Connie, we will once again sponsor The IHS Mandles Prize for Hydrofoil Excellence competition. The competition, now entering its 13th year, includes up to \$4,500 annually in IHS hydrofoil achievement prizes for students, with a \$2,500 First Prize and up to two \$1,000 Honorable Mention awards.

In order to open the competition to a wider spectrum of qualified entries, submissions by students based on work completed since 2021 will be eligible for the 2026 IHS Mandles Prize for Hydrofoil Excellence.

Students are requested to send IHS an informal expression of interest in competing by 5 December 2025. The due date for Competition Application Forms (included in the Rules) is 20 February 2026 and entries (student report submissions) are due on or before 30 June 2026.

This is an outstanding opportunity for the next generation of hydrofoil developers to be acknowledged for their efforts to advance the state of the art in hydrofoil and hydrofoil-assisted craft engineering, design and construction. Rules for the competition can be downloaded from the IHS website (www.foils.org)

We anticipate a very exciting competition and look forward to receiving many high-quality entries. Expressions of interest and Competition Application Forms, as well as questions, may be sent to IHS Vice-President Mark Bebar at markbebar334231@gmail.com or IHS President Ray Vellinga at: IHSpresident2016@gmail.com.