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**The International Hydrofoil Society (IHS)
Mandles Prize for Hydrofoil Excellence – 2027**

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 is now entering its 14th year, and Mr. and Mrs. Mandles have increased funding to \$7,000 annually in hydrofoil achievement prizes for students, with a \$5,000 First Prize and up to two \$1,000 Honorable Mention awards.

To encourage a broader range of qualified entries, student submissions based on work completed since 2023 are eligible for the 2027 IHS Mandles Prize. The 2027 Announcement and Rules will be available within the next several weeks at the following links:

<https://foils.org/mandles-prize/mandles-prize-announcement/>
<https://foils.org/mandles-prize-rules/>

Students are requested to send IHS an informal expression of interest in competing by 4 December 2026. The due date for Competition Application Forms (included in the Rules) is 19 February 2027 and entries (student report submissions) are due on or before 30 June 2027.

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.

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.