

Sea to Shining Sea Ride - 2020

About The Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a year long virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 5,000 mile 'ride' will cover a route circumnavigating the US starting January 1, 2020 and finishing December 31, 2020. The ride travels through four regions of the USA, completing 5 rides in each. Each ride will be counted as 250 miles or 62.5 hours.

Riders can participate as individuals or teams. All participants must be US Icelandic Horse Congress members throughout the ride to log their hours. Participants log their time riding which we will convert to distance at 4 miles-per-hour. This is easier for everyone to record. If you are riding as part of a team you should log your individual time. We will take care of crediting your rides to the correct group. Teams can have a maximum of six riders.

The horses used in the ride must be registered Icelandic Horses. They do not have to be registered in the United States...any FEIF member country's registry or WorldFengur is acceptable.

The Sea 2 Shining Sea ride is for leisure riders. You participate by riding or driving your Icelandic horse however you like – as long as you are not being paid for the time. The route is designed stage stop style. The rides do not make one continuous trail, but are all actual places that you can go and ride your horse in the USA during the year 2020. Local clubs may host rides at some of the locations, these will be announced on the S2SS FB page and you are welcome to join!

You will log your hours by e-mailing s2ss@icelandics.org starting January 1, 2020 until the USIHC website is capable of logging online. We will log your hours into a spreadsheet temporarily until the hours can be loaded onto the website. Once the website is finished, participants must log their time on the Congress website. (www.icelandics.org) We will only accept hours for the current week. You can come back to update your hours any time you want during the week by e-mailing s2ss@icelandics.org or logging them on the website once it is rebuilt. For example, you could log 2 hours on Thursday then come back on Saturday to update the "2" to "4" because you rode two more hours. The S2SS week runs Wednesday - Tuesday. For example week one is January 1 - January 7, 2020.

Once the week is over, you need to start your hours at zero again. Please, do not carry hours forward between weeks. Since this ride is aimed at leisure activities, we expect your weekly total will be under 20 hours. If you have a really big week, you will need to e-mail your hours to us with a short description of what you did during the week. We will enter the hours for you. Lastly, hours count when you are doing an activity with your horse...not watching someone's lesson or auditing a clinic. It is one on one with a horse.

We have created a Sea 2 Shining Sea Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866794093559110/>) and encourage everyone to share photos and stories about their rides.

Rider Recognition

Each participant receives a patch with our logo, when they log their first hours.

When each individual or team passes the quarter milestones, they receive another patch to celebrate the achievement.

The first individual or team to reach a landmark, receives a recognition certificate of achievement. All participants in teams receive the certificate when the landmark is reached. Each participant can only receive one landmark award during the ride. If an individual, team or rider is the first to reach more than one landmark, we will celebrate the achievement in the standings but award the certificate to the first to arrive who has not already received the certificate. Landmarks are marked by a ** along the route.

Each month the Leisure Committee will select a Leisure Scout to be featured on Facebook. The Leisure Scout will be selected based on participation on the Sea 2 Shining Sea Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1866794093559110/>).

Riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program, will have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine the Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will be posted on Facebook and will be featured in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.

The Route and Landmarks

| Leg | Route | Region | Ride | Distance |
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| First Quarter - 0 miles complete | | | | |
| 1 | Regions - Stage Stop | Pacific Mountain Region | Chugach Mountain State Park, AK | 250 |
| 2 | Regions - Stage Stop | Pacific Mountain Region | Yosemite National Park, CA | 250 |
| 3 | Regions - Stage Stop | Pacific Mountain Region | Rocky Mountain National Park, CO | 250 |
| 4 | Regions - Stage Stop | Pacific Mountain Region | Yellowstone National Park, WY | 250 |
| 5 | Regions - Stage Stop | Pacific Mountain Region | Grand Canyon National Park, AZ | 250 |
| Second Quarter - 1250 miles complete | | | | |
| 6 | Regions - Stage Stop | Midwest Region | Cuyahoga Valley National Park, OH | 250 |

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| 7 | Regions - Stage Stop | Midwest Region | Green River Lake State Park, KY | 250 |
| 8 | Regions - Stage Stop | Midwest Region | Shore to Shore Riding Trail, MI | 250 |
| 9 | Regions - Stage Stop | Midwest Region | Zumbro Bottoms Horseback Riding, MN | 250 |
| 10 | Regions - Stage Stop | Midwest Region | Wildcat Mountain State Park, WI | 250 |
| Half Way - 2500 miles complete | | | | |
| 11 | Regions - Stage Stop | Southern Region | Shenandoah National Park, VA | 250 |
| 12 | Regions - Stage Stop | Southern Region | Great Smokey Mountains National Park, TN | 250 |
| 13 | Regions - Stage Stop | Southern Region | Bussy Point Recreation Area, GA | 250 |
| 14 | Regions - Stage Stop | Southern Region | Big Bend Ranch State Park, TX | 250 |
| 15 | Regions - Stage Stop | Southern Region | Princess Place Preserve, FL | 250 |
| Three Quarters - 3750 miles complete | | | | |
| 16 | Regions - Stage Stop | Northeast Region | Mount Toby, MA | 250 |
| 17 | Regions - Stage Stop | Northeast Region | Sprague Land Preserve, CT | 250 |
| 18 | Regions - Stage Stop | Northeast Region | Marsh - Billings - Rockefeller National Historic Park, VT | 250 |
| 19 | Regions - Stage Stop | Northeast Region | Otter Creek Horse Trails, NY | 250 |
| 20 | Regions - Stage Stop | Northeast Region | Acadia National Park, ME | 250 |
| Ride Complete! - 5000 miles | | | | |

The Fine Print

- Participants must be USIHC members throughout the entire program.
- Horses must be Icelandic horses, registered with a FEIF registry.
- Horses need not be owned by the participants.
- Each member can only enter once.
- Members participate as individuals or in teams. Teams can only have a maximum of 6 riders.
- Once participants join a team they must remain with the group for the rest of the ride. Changing teams is not allowed mid-ride.
- Logged time transfers if participants join a team.
- Participants may start any time during the ride.
- Progress is logged in hours ridden and converted to distances using a 4 MPH conversion.
- Paid riding time is not eligible.
- Participants must e-mail s2ss@icelandics.org to log their hours until the website is rebuilt. When the website is rebuilt, participants must use the Congress website Sea 2 Shining Sea page (www.icelandics.org/s2ss) to log hours.
- Participants must record hours weekly by Tuesday 12PM (CT). Failure to record, results in lost hours.
- Participants submitting more than 20 hours for a week, must provide details for the long hours by e-mailing s2ss@icelandics.org. The Leisure Committee will confirm the hours are appropriate and log them for the participant.
- The Landmark achievement recognition can only be won one time per participant to share the experience with other participants.
- Rider of the Month - All riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program for 2020 season have agreed to have their names put in a hat for a random drawing to determine Rider of the Month. Each month a different name will be drawn. A write-up of the Rider of the Month will be posted on Facebook and will go in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.
- Leisure Scout will be determined by the Leisure Committee based on photos and participation on Facebook.
- Leisure Scout will be announced on the first Friday of each month starting February 2020.