

Sea to Shining Sea Ride 2026

About the Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a yearlong virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 3,315 mile virtual 'ride' follows the route of The Great American Horse Race of 1976. The ride begins on January 1, 2026, ending December 31, 2026. Hours may be logged beginning January 19, 2026. Each checkpoint will count for 255 miles or about 64 hours of riding.

Riders can participate as individuals or teams. Registration is online at www.icelandics.org. All participants must be US Icelandic Horse Congress members throughout the ride to log their hours. Participants log their times riding which are converted 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. The website credits your rides to the team you joined. Teams may have up to six riders.

Horses used in the ride must be Icelandic Horses, either fully registered or having obtained a participation number from USIHC after being DNA verified. Registered horses 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 – if you are not being paid for the time. If a team would like to continue additional challenge they may continue logging hours beyond the 3,315 miles to see how far they can go!

Hours are logged by using the website, www.icelandics.org, login with your USIHC Member login, select the "Ride" tab to find *Sea 2 Shining Sea Ride*. Hours must be entered in decimal format and you may log hours weekly or daily, the new week begins on Wednesday 12:00 AM Eastern and ends Tuesday at 11:59 PM Eastern. If you accidentally log hours incorrectly you can log negative hours (ex: -2.5) to adjust your hours.

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 big week, you will need to e-mail your hours to s2ss@icelandics.org with a short description of what you did during the week. Lastly, hours only count when you are doing an actively riding or driving your horse. Ground work (lunging, liberty, etc.) and watching or auditing another riders lessons/clinic do not count.

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.

In a Nutshell

- Participants must be USIHC members throughout the entire program.
- Registration is online at www.icelandics.org
- Horses must be Icelandic horses, registered with a FEIF registry or DNA Verified.
- 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. Regional clubs may have more than one team.
- 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 at www.icelandics.org.
- Paid riding time is not eligible.
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- Participants must record hours weekly by Tuesday 11:59 PM (ET). 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.
- Rider of the Month - All riders participating in the Sea 2 Shining Sea program for 2025 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 go in *The Icelandic Horse Quarterly*. This is to help the Sea 2 Shining Sea participants get to know each other better.