2023 S2SS Virtual Ride
Join Us to follow the Historical Route 66

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Chicago, IL

Santa Monica, CA

SEA 2 SHINING SEA
USIHC

Sea to Shining Sea Ride 2023

About the Ride

Sea 2 Shining Sea is a yearlong virtual ride on Icelandic Horses. This 2,400 mile 'ride' follows the historical Route 66 from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA. The ride begins on January 8, 2023 ending December 31, 2023. Each checkpoint will count for 150 miles or about 38 hours of riding. *(Actual distances between locations may be slightly more or less than 200 miles)*

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 time riding which is 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. The route begins in Chicago, IL travels 2,4000 miles to Santa Monica, CA. If a team would like to continue additional challenge they may reverse the route to Chicago completing a total of 4,800 miles.

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 count when you are doing an activity (riding or driving) with your horse...not watching someone's lesson or auditing a clinic. It is one on one with a horse, ground work does not count (lunging, liberty, etc.)

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 the S2SS logo when they log their first hours.

When each individual or team passes a milestone, monthly posts will be made for them on the FB group celebrating their achievement.

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 Checkpoints:

Leg	State	Checkpoint	Distance Traveled
First Quarter - 0 miles complete			
1	Illinois	Chicago	150
2	Illinois	Springfield	300
3	Missouri	Springfield	450
4	Oklahoma	Tulsa	600
2nd Quarter - 600 miles complete			
5	Oklahoma	Oklahoma City	750
6	Oklahoma	Elk City	900
7	Texas	Amarillo	1050
8	New Mexico	Santa Rosa	1200
Halfway - 1200 miles complete			
9	New Mexico	Santa Fe	1350

10	New Mexico	Albuquerque	1500
11	New Mexico	Gallup	1650
12	Arizona	Flagstaff	1800
Third Quarters - 1800 miles complete			
13	Arizona	Kingman	1950
14	California	Amboy	2100
15	California	Barstow	2250
16	California	Santa Monica	2400
Ride Complete - 2400 miles!			
Reverse Route for another 2400 mile challenge			

The Fine Print

- 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 through USIHC cooperation with UC Davis.

- 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 <u>logged</u> 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 2023 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.