

SWFL Boat Of The Year

Notice of Series 2025-26

The Organizing Authority (OA) for each regatta is the Host Club. The series is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Class Rules of WFPHRF. WFPHRF will use the results of each BOTY event to score the Series.

ELIGIBILITY

All participants in any of the SWFL Boat of the Year Series that have a current WFPHRF certificate are automatically eligible to participate in the SWFL BOTY series. There is no fee or registration for entering the SWFL BOTY series. Each regatta must be entered separately according to the Organizing Authority's rules and cost of entry. Rating certificates are available online at www.westfloridaphrf.org. Rating certificates must be current at the time of the race for that race result to count toward the SWFL BOTY long series. Boats without a valid WFPHRF certificate may be allowed to compete in BOTY regattas at the Organizing Authorities' discretion but noncertificate boat results will not impact BOTY scoring.

SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION	Sponsor	Event Date
Summerset Regatta	CMCS	October 18, 2025
MIYC Commodores Cup	MIYC	November 22, 2025
New Year's Cup Regatta	GCSC	January 3, 2026
Presidents Regatta	GCSC	February 28, 2025
Conquistador Cup	PGSC	March 7, 2026
Naples Classic	GCSC	March 21, 2026

DIVISIONS

Divisions may be assigned or combined by the Organizing Authority of each event. The division endorsement listed on your WFPHRF certificate will be used for the entire series. Modifications to your division may be made by contacting WFPHRF.

Spinnaker	Multihull
Non-Spinnaker	
True Cruising	Multi-Cruiser

QUALIFICATION

50% of the division races run (rounded up at .50) are required to qualify.

SCORING

- This is a Low Point Series based on the average low score for all races started.
- RRS Rule A5.3 will apply.
- Worst 20% of race results will be thrown out on a division basis. For example, if a division sails 4 races for the season, then each boat will have her worst 3 races (including races in which they were not entered) dropped (20% of 14 = 2.8, which rounds up to 3).
- If a skipper and boat serve as Race Committee boat instead of competing in a race and have a valid PHRF certificate. They will have that race count as a qualifying race, and they will be awarded their season ending average points for races in which they were not RC boat; this score will be reflected at the end of the season and is not grounds for redress.

TROPHIES

- BOTY trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in each Class.
- 1st for 1 to 2 boats. 1st, 2nd for 3-4 boats. 1st, 2nd, 3rd for 5 or more.
- WFPHRF awards and perpetual trophies will be awarded at the annual WFPHRF meeting or given to a WFPHRF area representative to be distributed to winners.
- Perpetual trophies are to be returned to the WFPHRF area representative by June 30th.
- Individual race trophies may be given out at the discretion of the Host Club.

- This is a High Point Series.
- Pursuit start races or when an OA combines divisions, you are only competing against boats in your division that have a valid WFPHRF certificate.
- Each boat will receive **5** points for participating in a race. **10** Points for participating in a Naples Classic Regatta race. **15** points for participating in a distance only regatta race.
- Each boat will receive **1** point for each divisional boat beaten that has a valid WFPHRF certificate. You will **not** receive points for beating a boat that does not have a valid WFPHRF certificate. You will **not** receive points for beating a boat that is in another division.
- Boats that start a race will receive participation points even when scored OCS, DNF, RET, or NSC. However, boats that do not start a race including **DNC**, **DNS**, **DSQ** and **DNE** will receive no points.
- The best (highest) scores from **80%** of a divisions races (rounded up at .5) will be scored. Make sure and compete in the Classic and the distance races! The more you compete the higher you can increase your score.
- When a skipper and boat serve as Race Committee boat instead of competing in a race. They will have those races count as a qualifying race in their normal division and they will be awarded the average race points (participation and boats beaten) in their normal division.

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Other area regattas:

SYS Labor Day Regatta August 30-31st

Bradenton Kick Off Regatta Sept 27

Key Biscayne Sept 27th

River Romp October 18th

Saisa South Points Regatta #2 October 18th

US Junior Olympic Sailing Fest December 6th

Gasparilla Regatta Jan 10

Jensen Beach Sailfest Jan 24

Buccaneer Blast Regatta Jan 31st

Golden Conch Mid-January

Valentines Day Regatta Feb 7

Helly Hansen Sailing World Feb 14th

Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club Regatta Mid-February

Corsair Nationals Feb 21st

USODA Opti March 7