

SWFL Boat of the Year

Notice of Series 2026–27

The Southwest Florida Boat of the Year series rewards both competitive performance and consistent participation throughout the 2026–27 season. The Organizing Authority (OA) for each regatta is the host club. The series is governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and the class rules of West Florida PHRF. WFPHRF will use the results of each race to score the series.

ELIGIBILITY

All participants in any SWFL Boat of the Year Series event who have a current, valid WFPHRF certificate are automatically eligible to participate in the SWFL BOTY series. There is no fee or separate registration to enter the SWFL BOTY series. Each regatta must be entered separately according to the Organizing Authority's rules and entry fees. 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 2026–27 SWFL BOTY series.

SCHEDULE

DESCRIPTION	Format	Host Club	Event Date
Reach up the Beach	1-Day Distance	GCSC	November 14, 2026
MIYC Commodore's Cup	2-Day Buoy	MIYC	December 4-6, 2026
New Year's Cup Regatta	2-Day Buoy	GCSC	January 2-3, 2027
Presidents' Regatta	2-Day Buoy	GCSC	February 6-7, 2027
Conquistador Cup	2-Day Buoy	PGSC	March 12-14, 2027
Naples Classic	1-Day Distance	GCSC	April 3, 2027
Messmer Cup	2-Day Buoy	NSYC	May 14-16, 2027

DIVISIONS

For this series, the division endorsement listed on your WFPHRF certificate will be used to determine your BOTY division. The host club (OA) of each event may combine divisions' race starts and scoring based on the number of entries. Combined results will be separated and recalculated to align with each boat's WFPHRF division endorsement.

Spinnaker	Multihull
Non-Spinnaker	
True Cruising	Multi-Cruiser

QUALIFICATION

Participation in 50% of the races run, rounded up when the result ends in .50, is required to qualify. Races run will be counted separately for each division.

SCORING

The series will be scored for each division race using two components: participation points, which recognize consistent involvement, and traditional High Point Scoring, which rewards competitive performance.

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Once checked in, a boat will receive one (1) participation point for each race in which it crosses the start line. Participation in multiple regattas is encouraged, and points can be earned for every race a division runs.

HIGH POINT SCORING

High Point Scoring defines "N" as the number of boats in the same division that cross the start line in a race. Each boat receives points based on its finishing place and the number of boats it beats in that race.

Finishing Place	Calculations	Score
First	N	10
Second	N-1	9

BOATS BEATEN

- Boats that cross the start line but are scored as DNF, OCS, RET, or DSQ will count as boats beaten and will be included in "N." Boats without a valid WFPHRF certificate will not count as boats beaten and will not be included in "N." Boats sailing in the same race in another division will not be considered boats beaten and will not be included in "N."

DOUBLE POINT REGATTAS

Results from one-day distance regattas will be doubled and will count as two races, including two participation points.

BEST 75% RACE SCORING – RACE MORE, SCORE BETTER

- At the conclusion of the series, a boat's best (highest-scoring) 75% of its division's races run will count toward the final standings.
- If a boat competes in more than 75% of its division's races run, every additional race started provides another opportunity to improve its season score. There is no penalty for racing more often. Participation in additional races can only improve a boat's chance of earning more points.
- If a boat competes in fewer than 75% of its division's races run, it will receive zero points for boats beaten and no participation points for each race in which it did not compete.

TROPHIES

- BOTY trophies will be awarded based on the number of boats in each class.
- First place will be awarded for one or two boats; first and second places for three or four boats; and first, second, and third places for five or more boats.
- WFPHRF awards and perpetual trophies will be presented at the annual WFPHRF meeting or given to a WFPHRF area representative for distribution to the winners.
- Perpetual trophies must be returned to the WFPHRF area representative by June 30.
- Individual race trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the host club.