

PRELIMINARY & Revised
SUNCOAST REGION BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES
NOTICE OF SERIES 2011 – 2012
August 20, 2011

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: West Florida PHRF, Inc.

2. ELIGIBILITY: This series is open to all WFPHRF members. There is no fee or registration for entering this series.

3. CLASS BREAKS: In an effort to provide “like racing” under PHRF, boat displacement and other factors may be considered when determining class breaks for this series. Class breaks for the divisions will be assigned by West Florida PHRF, Inc., and their decision is final and is not subject to a request for redress. There are 4 primary groups covered by this Notice of Series.

SPINNAKER
NON-SPIN
RACER CRUISER-See Note 1 below
CRUISING-See Note 2 below

4. Boats with Cruising Rating Certificates that sail in a Non-Spinnaker Class for a particular event will be scored in the Cruising Class BOTY Series only when a Cruising Class is not available. Every effort will be made to score all of the boats in a BOTY class against all other boats in that class. If however, in the opinion of the BOTY Committee, the course sailed or the time of the starts is sufficiently different, the scores will be based on each competitor's position within its own division.

The number of trophies for each class/division will be based on the number of boats “qualifying” for the series.

Number of Qualifiers	Trophies
1	1
3	2
5	3

5. SCORING

- This series will be scored on the Traditional High Point Scoring System.

- Qualification for the series-

Competitor must race in at least **70%** of the **regattas** held in the series.

- All boats properly **entered** in a Regatta will receive 5 participation points per regatta added at the end of the season.

- Scoring-We will use the boat's fleet position in her class for each regatta. The total fleet points for each regatta will be the sum of all the races raced in that regatta.

- The Total Score for the Series will be the sum of the boats best scores in 70% of the Regattas held in the Series. (I.e. ~ 10 regattas raced ~ 70% equals = 7 best regatta scores).

- Points for DNF and DNS will equal 1 Point

- Points for any DSQ and DNC (vessel not entered in a particular regatta) will equal 0.

- Any ties will be broken at the end of the series, and all regattas will be included in the tie breakers. Participation points will not apply.

- Double-Point Regattas will include any one day Regatta with only one start per class.

For the 2011-2012 Season, these would be the DIYC Distance Classic-All Classes, DIYC Egmont Key-All Classes, SPYC Evander Cup-All Classes, and SPYC Crown Cars-Cruisers & Racer/Cruisers only. A Double-Point Regatta only counts as one regatta for Qualification for the series and for the participation points.

•Individual Race scores within a regatta will be scored as follows:

US Sailing example:

Race Scores – Define “N” to be the number of boats that compete in a race in the same class. Each boat finishing that race and not thereafter retiring or being disqualified will be scored as follows:

20 Boats in a class:

<u>Finishing Place</u>	<u>Score</u>	
First	=N	20pts
Second	=N-1	19
Third	=N-2	18
Fourth	=N-3	17
Each Place Thereafter	Subtract 1	

LIST OF EVENTS

2011

Sept. 23-25 BYC Fall Kickoff Regatta
Oct. 7-9 SPYC Fall Bay Race
Oct. 22-23 CYC Clearwater Challenge
Oct. 29 DBC Dunedin Cup
Oct. 30 DIYC Classic DIYC from Clearwater to DIYC

2012

Jan. 6-7 DIYC Egmont Key
Jan. 14-15 DIYC Commodores Cup
Feb. 17-19 NOOD (PHRF Championship)
Mar. 2-3 SPYC Evander Cup
Mar. 23-24 SPYC @PAG Crown Cars Regatta
March 29-31-April 1 Suncoast Race Week

Note 1 – RACER CRUISER CLASS: See APPENDIX F of the WFPHRF Rules for details of restrictions and limitations for this class

Note 2 – CRUISING CLASSES: This group consists of both “Pocket” & “Cruisers” as identified by the endorsements on the boats Rating Certificates. Boats with these endorsements that choose to sail in other classes will not be scored for that event in the BOTY series unless there is not a Cruising Class start.

Note 3- ONE DESIGN CLASS CERTIFICATES: Any WFPHRF member whose boat is part of an “established One-Design Fleet” may choose to use that fleet’s “Class Equipped” certificate in lieu of the boat’s certificate for an event as noted below.

To be an “established One-Design Fleet, the class must have requested a “One-Design Certificate” at least 2 weeks before the event and provided a schedule of all BOTY Series events that the certificate will be used for at that time. This is to be used primarily for boats such as the J-105 class whose class configuration is significantly different than the normal “PHRF” configuration.

Additional Information

1. Suncoast Raceweek Venue for 2012: Registration March 29, 2012 at Davis Island Yacht Club. March 30- Race from Davis Island to Bradenton Yacht Club, March 31 Race from BYC to SPYC-April1st – W/L Spinnaker Class, all other classes around government marks. Start and finish the vicinity of the St. Petersburg Pier.
2. Accommodations for St. Pete Downtown and Beach's go to SPYC website home page, left side of page to "*Quicklinks*", click on appropriate link.