

**SUNCOAST BOAT OF THE YEAR SERIES
NOTICE OF SERIES 2016 - 2017
As of June 13, 2016**

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**
 - CRUISER-See Note 2 below**

4. Boats with Cruiser Rating Certificates that sail in a Non-Spinnaker Class for a particular event will be scored in the Cruiser Class BOTY Series only when a Cruiser 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 or more	3

5. SCORING

- This series will be scored on the Traditional High Point Scoring System.
- Qualification for the series- the Competitor must race in at least **60%** of the **regattas** held in the series **rounded up at and after .50**
- All boats properly **entered and checked in with the race committee at the start of a race in a Regatta** will receive 5 participation points per regatta.
- Scoring- The boats score will be her overall assigned fleet position for her class/division at the end of the regatta.
 - SPINNAKER CLASS only** will be split into **THREE DIVISIONS**. Division "A" will consist of PHRF ratings of up to 79. Division "B" will consist of PHRF ratings of 80-115, and Division "C" will consist of PHRF ratings from 116 and higher. If there are more/less divisions at a regatta (on the scratch sheet) the divisions will be re-scored by the Rating Band listed here.

- The Total Score for the Series will be the sum of the boats best scores in 70% of the Regattas held in the Series rounded up **at and after .50**. (I.e. ~ 10 regattas held ~ 70% equals = 7 best regatta scores).
 - Points for DNF and DNS will equal 1 Point
 - Points for any DSQ and DNC (vessel not entered or did not compete 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.
 - Overall Assigned Fleet Positions 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

** Note on changing classes at different regattas: you only earn BOTY points toward the class that you compete in. If you change your racing class during the BOTY series, you may not meet the qualification threshold for your primary class.

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.

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.

LIST OF EVENTS & OTHER INFORMATION SEE PAGE #3 OF THIS DOCUMENT

Suncoast Boat of the Year Schedule 2016-2017

<u>Event</u>	<u>Dates</u>	
1. BYC Kickoff	Sept 17-18, 2016	WL for Spin
2. SPYC Fall Bay Leukemia/Ted Irwin	Oct 8, 2016	WL for Spin
3. DIYC Egmont Key	Nov 19, 2016	
4. DIYC Keelboat Regatta	Dec 3, 2016	WL for Spin
5. DIYC Commodores' Cup	Jan 14-15, 2017	WL for Spin
6. NOOD (Sailing World)	Feb 17-18-19, 2017	WL for Spin
7. PAG Crown Cars	March 11, 2017	
8. SPYC Pusser's Rum Cup	April 1, 2017	
9. Suncoast Raceweek	April 7-8-9, 2017	

Suncoast Raceweek Schedule 2017

4-7 - DIYC to SPYC (Downtown)

4-8 - SPYC to BYC

4-9 - BYC around the Government marks

Finish Lower Tampa Bay

4-14 - Awards at SPYC

Spinnaker boats have:

5 WL Regattas and 4 RLC

All other classes have:

9 RLC