



Boat Of The Year: Notice of Series

2026 – 27

September 26 – 27	BYC Kick-Off Regatta	Bradenton YC
October 10 – 11	Windjammer Regatta	VYC/VSS
October 17 – 18	Buzzelli Multihull Regatta	Sarasota Sailing Squadron (SYS)
November 8	SYC Invitational CANCELLED	Sarasota YC
November TBD	Island to Island	DIYC / VYC
February 6	Cherry Pie Regatta	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
February 27	Around Egmont Key Classic	Bradenton YC
March 13	Pot o' Gold Regatta	Sarasota Sailing Squadron
March 20 – 21	Sharks Tooth Regatta	VYC/VSS
April 10	Sarasota Bay Cup	Bird Key YC
May 12 – 15	Bone Island Regatta (Key West)	Bone Island Regatta

- The Organizing Authority (OA) is the member organization(s) hosting the event.
- All participants in any of the Sarasota Bay Yachting Association Boat of the Year Series that have a current, valid, WFPHRF certificate are automatically entered in the SBYA BOTY series. There is no fee or registration for entering this Series. Rating certificates are available at www.westfloridaphrf.org.
- A boat must compete in at least three of the Regattas to qualify for a SBYA BOTY award.
- A Boat may compete in one class only for the Series.
- Class breaks and divisions will be assigned by the Organizing Authority of each event. Their decision is final and not subject to a request for redress.
- Each regatta will be scored as “Days of Racing”. Where there are multiple races in a (qualifying) day of a regatta, each race’s rankings will be merged and scored as a single race for that day. Any throw-outs defined by the OA will be considered. Any day(s) excluded from SBYA BOTY scoring by the OA must be specified in that regatta’s NOR.
- The “fraction of boats beaten” scoring method will be utilized. Each competing boat’s final regatta day score will be 0.1 point plus the fraction of boats beaten. For example, if a boat’s final standing for a day is 4th overall in a 10 boat fleet, then the fraction of boats beaten = 6/10, or 0.6 - and the day’s score will be 0.1 + 0.6 = 0.7. Note that a “competing boat” is defined as one that was in the starting area at the time of the first race, regardless of any subsequent reason for not being scored.
- The “series score” for each boat will be the sum of her race scores excluding her worst N scores, where N = 20% (rounded up) of the races completed by that class. For example, if a class sails 14 races for the season, then each boat will have her worst 3 race scores excluded (including races in which they did not compete) (20% of 14 = 2.8, which rounds up to 3). The qualified boat with the highest “series score” is the winner, and others are ranked accordingly.
- Awards per division will be determined by WFPHRF.
- Regatta organizers may provide either Buoy/ WL courses or RLC or OWC courses for Spin, Non-Spin and Multihull but should provide RLC or OWC courses for all other classes.

SBYA MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

Bird Key Yacht Club	Bradenton Yacht Club	Venice Yacht Club
Sarasota Sailing Squadron	Sarasota Yacht Club	Venice Sailing Squadron
	Bayshore Gardens Yacht Club	

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