



DIYC 2023-2024 Boat of the Year

Notice of Series

Organizing Authority – Davis Island Yacht Club

Updated 12/13/2023 – Hospice Cup date

1. RULES

This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except that the US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 shall not apply.

2. ELIGIBILITY

This series is open to all boats with a valid WFPHRF certificate, or a temporary rating assigned by the DIYC Club Measurer. There is no fee to enter this Series.

3. SCHEDULE

The following events are included in this Series:

Regatta	Scheduled Date	Rating	Description
Labor Day Night Race	1 Sep 2023	RLC	Reverse handicap “pursuit style” distance race, up to 25 miles
Halloween Regatta	28 Oct 2023	Buoy RLC	Spinnaker Class drop-mark racing Other classes distance race, up to 20 miles
Egmont Key Race	18 Nov 2023	RLC	Around Egmont distance race w/ 2 courses: Long course about 65 miles Short course about 50 miles
Keelboat Regatta	10 Dec 2023 (Sunday)	Buoy RLC	Spinnaker Class drop-mark racing Other classes distance race, up to 25 miles
Commodore’s Cup	20-21 Jan 2024	Buoy RLC	Spinnaker Class drop-mark racing Other classes distance race, up to 25 miles
Around the Point Race	10 Feb 2024	RLC	Distance race, up to 25 miles
Hillsborough Bay Race	16 Mar 2024	RLC	Distance race, up to 25 miles
Tampa Bay Hospice Cup	13 April 2024	RLC	Reverse handicap “pursuit style” distance race, up to 25 miles
Tampa Bay to Ft Myers Race	24-25 May 2024	RLC	Distance race, about 100 miles

Please refer to DIYC’s Calendar on the website for further details on each event. Format and distance subject to change, so refer to the NoR and Sailing Instructions for each event.

4. DIVISIONS

If less than three boats are registered in any Division, boats will be assigned a Division by the Fleet Captain and the decision is final and is not subject to a request for redress. Divisions are expected to be the following:

- Spinnaker A (RLC rating less than 70)
- Spinnaker B (RLC rating between 70 and 116)
- Spinnaker C (RLC rating above 116)
- Racer-Cruiser
- Cruising
- Multihull

5. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 5.1. The series will be scored using RRS Appendix A including A5.3. The finishing position of each event will count as the series score for each boat.
- 5.2. Throws outs: When 6 or more events (5 for Spinnaker C) are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her worst score. When 8 or more events (7 for Spinnaker C) are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 5.3. Boats must compete in at least 50% of the events to qualify for an overall series trophy, except Spinnaker-C must compete in 40%.
- 5.4. Overall DIYC BOTY Series trophies are awarded for the **top 1 place** for qualified boats in each Division.
- 5.5. The prestigious Bonanni perpetual trophy will be awarded to the outstanding yacht, as determined by the Fleet Captain and DIYC BOTY Captain.

6. KICKOFF PARTY

DIYC will host the BOTY series kick-off party on August 26th. The event will be held at DIYC in the Regatta Bar. While your attendance is not required to participate in the series, please try to attend - and bring your crew!

7. SEASON-END TROPHY PRESENTATION AND AWARDS PARTY

Trophies will be presented in conjunction with the *Rally to Sail Pavilion* on the summer solstice (aka *Sailstice*) weekend on 15 June 2024.

8. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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