DIYC 2026-2027 Boat of the Year
Notice of Series

Organizing Authority – Davis Island Yacht Club

Amended 10/19/2026 to add Double-handed.

1. RULES

1.1. This series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* including Appendix V2 (Post-race Penalties).

1.2. The US Sailing prescriptions to the preamble to Part 5, Section B, and 63/1(b) do not apply to this series.

1.3. Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, **and** did not see, the incident, or

1.4. All visiting skippers shall be responsible for the conduct of their non-member crew and liable for any actions or damages which occurred while on Club property. The visiting skippers and their non-member guests may be brought before the Board and sanctioned by the Board of Directors.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 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. Boats shall register for individual events.

2.2 Spinnaker-C boats may register in the Spinnaker-B Division.

2.3 Double-handed Division will start with Racer-Cruiser. Double-handed entries will be non-spinnaker unless spinnaker is declared.

2.4 Melges-24s may enter selected events as a one-design class with no certificate required. There is a separate Notice of Series for Melges-24.

3. SCHEDULE

The following events are included in this Series:

Regatta	Scheduled Date	Rating	Description
Labor Day Night Race	September 4, 2026	RLC	Reverse handicap "pursuit style" distance race, up to 25 miles
Halloween Regatta	October 24, 2026	Buoy RLC	Spinnaker drop-mark racing Other classes distance race, up to 25 miles
Egmont Key Race	November 21, 2026	RLC	Around Egmont distance race w/ 2 courses: Long course about 65 miles Short course about 50 miles
Keelboat Regatta	December 13, 2026 (Sunday)	Buoy RLC	Spinnaker drop-mark racing Other classes distance race, up to 25 miles
Commodore's Cup	January 16-17, 2027	Buoy RLC	Spinnaker drop-mark racing Other classes distance race, up to 25 miles
Hillsborough Bay Race	February 20, 2027	RLC	Distance race, up to 25 miles, finishing near SPYC
Around the Point Race	March 13, 2027	RLC	Distance race, up to 25 miles
Tampa Bay Hospice Cup	April 10, 2027	RLC	Reverse handicap "pursuit style" distance race, up to 25 miles

Tampa Bay to Venice	May 7-8, 2027	RLC	Distance race, about 60 miles Boats equipped for Category 1 or 2 racing only

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. The Sailing Instructions will contain the times of the first warning signal.

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 70 and above)
Melges-24 (Halloween, Commodore's Cup)
Racer-Cruiser
Double-handed (spinnaker optional)
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 towards the series score for each boat.

5.2. Boats not equipped for Category 1 or 2 racing must sail the Short Course in the Egmont Key Race. Cruising will also sail the Short Course.

5.3. Spinnaker-B boats not eligible for the Egmont Key Long Course will not count the race as part of their series.

5.4. Throws outs: When 6 or more events (5 for boats not eligible for Egmont Long Course or Venice) 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 boats not eligible for Egmont Long Course or Venice) are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her event scores excluding her 2 worst scores.

5.5. Boats must compete in at least 50% of the events for which they are eligible to qualify for an overall series trophy.

5.6. Overall DIYC BOTY Series trophies are awarded for the **top 3 places** for qualified boats in each Division.

5.7. 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 22nd. 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 June 19, 2027.

8. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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