

GULF BOAT OF THE YEAR

NOTICE OF SERIES 2016 – 2017

WEBSITE : GULFRACING.ORG

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. EVENTS IN SERIES :

LIST OF EVENTS 2016

DBC Dunedin Cup - September 24th, 2016

CYC Clearwater Challenge - Saturday October 29th, 2016

LIST OF EVENTS 2017

SPYC Crown Cars Regatta - March 11th, 2017

DBC/SPYC Pass-A-Grille Run - March 25th, 2017

SPYC Suncoast Raceweek - April 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2017

4. 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

- 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 or more	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 60% of the regattas held in the series.
- 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.
- Points 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 80% of Regattas held in this Series. (I.e. 5 regattas raced = 4 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 2015-2016 Season, the Double-Point Regattas are :

- DBC Dunedin Cup - All Classes
- DBC/SPYC Pass-A-Grille Run - All Classes
- 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:

Finishing Place	Calc	Score
First	=N	20pts
Second	=N-1	19pts
Third	=N-2	18pts
Fourth	=N-3	17pts
Each Place Thereafter	Subtract 1	16pts.

6. CONTACT: For the 2016-2017 Gulf Boat of the Year series the designated representative is Tish Wold (tishwold@tampabay.rr.com)

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

Please visit gulfracing.org for all event information

8. NOTES

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.