



New Orleans Yacht Club

Boat of the Year

2026

The 2026 NOYC racing season will follow the Boat of the Year rules introduced in 2020. The 2026 NOYC Boat of the Year will include all major NOYC regattas and will award a Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker BOTY. The intent is to determine the most competitive Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats across all NOYC regattas and to promote quality racing in our weekend regattas as well as the NOYC Wednesday Night Racing Series. BOTY scoring will be updated shortly after each regatta so that competitors will know where they stand throughout the year. All competitors are welcome, whether they are members of NOYC or not.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The 2026 New Orleans Yacht Club Boat of the Year will be scored as follows:
- 1.2. Regattas eligible for 2026 BOTY scoring will be Mardi Gras Regatta HC, NOYC Opening Regatta, NOYC WNR Series (excluding series #3), Bastille Day Regatta, Pam Sintes Regatta, and NOYC Closing Regatta.
- 1.3. Scoring will be based on the Low Points Scoring System.
- 1.4. For all eligible regattas, boats shall receive their regatta class score.
 - 1.4.1. To clarify, all BOTY scoring will utilize boats' regatta or series scores, not individual races.
 - 1.4.2. For Mardi Gras Regatta, One Design Boats shall use EITHER their One Design Class score OR their Handicap Score (but not both).
- 1.5. Scheduled Champagne Races will only be used for scoring purposes if they are used as a make-up race for one of the above mentioned NOYC WNR Series.
- 1.6. The worst regatta score a boat that raced in a regatta or series may receive is 5.
 - 1.6.1. Boats that did not compete will receive a DNC score, last (5) +1.
- 1.7. Throw outs will be scored as follows:
 - 1.7.1. Boats may throw out their worst regatta score or missed race.
 - 1.7.2. If three or more members of a boat's regular crew perform Race Committee duties for an entire regatta, it may receive its yearly average score (before throw-out) for the regatta for which it performed Race Committee duties.
 - 1.7.3. Boats that missed eligible races/regattas to compete in major out of town regattas - e.g. Midwinter's/ Regional Championships/ Nationals, etc. - may receive an average score at the OA's discretion. This should be cleared with the OA before missing the race.
- 1.8. Tie breakers will be decided by:
 - 1.8.1. Order of best finish at NOYC Closing Regatta.
 - 1.8.2. If still tied, highest margin of victory (fleet corrected time) for any NOYC WNR.
 - 1.8.3. If still tied, fastest skipper to chug a beer of the Commodore's choice.
- 1.9. Competitors need not be a member of NOYC or any other yacht club.

2. Organizing Authority

- 2.1. New Orleans Yacht Club, 403 N Roadway Drive, New Orleans, LA 70124.

3. Schedule of Events

2026 BOTY Race Schedule

Regatta	Scoring	Start Date	Finish Date
NOYC Opening	eZ		3/8/2026
Mardi Gras HC	eZ	2/21/2026	2/22/2026
WNR #1	eZ	3/11/2026	4/8/2026
WNR #2	eZ	4/15/2026	5/13/2026
WNR #4	eZ	7/8/2026	8/05/2026
Bastille Day	eZ	7/11/2026	
WNR #5	eZ	8/12/2026	9/9/2026
Pam Sintes	eZ	8/22/2026	
WNR #6	eZ	9/23/2026	10/21/2026
NOYC Closing	eZ		11/08/2026

4. Awards – Final BOTY awards will be presented at the annual NOYC awards banquet.