



# 2024 SCYA Club of the Year Criteria

(Revised for November 1, 2023 to October 31, 2024)

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The Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) sponsors a Yacht Club of the Year program for Member Clubs.

The purpose of this award program is to promote the Corinthian Spirit in yachting, foster the exchange of information among yacht clubs, and encourage civic involvement and reward participation in SCYA activities.

There are three perpetual Trophies, one for each of the SCYA membership categories, which are awarded each year to the club in each competitive category that earns the most points. The club awarded each Trophy shall be selected by the Club of the Year Committee based on the point system described below; with points accumulated from November 1st through October 31st of each year. Club of the Year awards shall be presented by the outgoing SCYA Commodore at the annual Change of Command/General Membership Meeting the following January.

SCYA is working on identifying two new perpetual trophies for the Cruising and Racing Club of the Year awards.

All clubs that earn at least 80 percent of the available point totals in the Senior, Regular, and Associate category will receive a "Commodore's Award".

The COY Committee shall consist of the COY Chairperson(s), the Rear Commodore and at least one Staff Commodore; and are the final authority to determine whether criteria have been met.

## Changes for 2024

1. Introduction of the Cruising Club of the Year
2. Introduction of the Racing Club of the Year
3. Only one of the following categories for each club will count towards COY
  - Model Yacht Program
  - Club Angling and Participation,
  - Club Cruiser Navigation/Predicted Log Program
4. Adding two points for completing the SCYA Survey
5. The November 2023 General Meeting will not count towards SCYA participation except in the event of a tie.

## Competitive Fairness and Available Points:

No club shall be permitted to earn the Club of the Year Trophy more than 3 times in any 5-year period; however, they shall remain eligible to receive a "Commodore's Award".

Maximum possible points for each Category:

- Senior Category – 96 Points
- Regular Category – 90 Points
- Associate Category – 68 Points
- Racing Category - No limit

- Cruising Category – No limit

Minimum points to qualify for Commodore's Award:

- Senior Category – 77 Points
- Regular Category – 72 Points
- Associate Category – 55 Points

**Important Dates:**

1. January 13, 2024 – Attend the SCYA Change of Watch/Installation Ceremony
2. January 12, 2024 – Remit club dues to SCYA
3. January 27, 2024 – Club of the Year Seminar at Seal Beach Yacht Club
4. January 31, 2024 – Submit club Yearbook data to SCYA
5. February 1, 2024 – Appoint club COY coordinator and provide membership information
6. November 12, 2024 – Submit COY Binder for 2024

## Guidelines for a Club Submission

- The format should be a three-ring binder with tabs for each criterion.
- The Club COY Coordinator should keep data and documentation current each month.
- The Club COY coordinator must provide complete and accurate data and supporting documentation (in chronological order) for each criterion to substantiate the points claimed.
- The COY Committee will not gather supporting documentation except as noted in the Criteria.
- After scoring by the COY Committee, Clubs may pick up their binders at the annual Change of Command/General Membership Meeting in January. Officers from all SCYA Clubs will have the opportunity to see the COY binders submitted by clubs that took part in COY during the prior year if they attend the SCYA Installation.
- The binder records a valuable Club history for the year and should be preserved for future reference.
- This year, we've added two new categories: **Cruising Club of the Year** and **Racing Club of the Year**. Please see guidelines in this criteria.

## Critical Requirement:

The Commodore must impress upon his bridge officers, delegates and alternates as well as the COY coordinator the importance of signing in at all SCYA meetings.

## Cruising and Racing Club of the Year:

Introduced new in 2024 are the Racing and Cruising Club of the Year criteria – this was to address member clubs that do not have full programs but concentrate on either racing or cruising.

- These categories do not distinguish among our membership categories, all clubs in the Associate, Regular, and Senior Categories will compete against each other.
- For these categories, in addition to the corresponding area (Racing/Cruising) points are awarded in the following areas (in areas where there are different maximums depending on membership category, only the lowest maximum will apply):
  - On-Time Dues and Yearbook Submission
  - Club Coordinator Appointment
  - SCYA Participation
  - Charitable Activities
  - Community Service
  - RBOC Support
  - Adaptive Boating and Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness
  - SCYA Survey Participation
- For Racing Club of the Year in the Racing Category no maximum points
- For Cruising Club of the Year in the Cruising Category no maximum points

## Criteria for earning points:

### 1) On-Time Dues and Yearbook Submission

*(A maximum of 4 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

Membership in SCYA is beneficial to Member Clubs in a variety of ways. The SCYA Yearbook is used by reciprocal organizations to verify such membership. The point structure and requirements are to encourage Member Clubs to submit the information including delegate nominations for the SCYA Yearbook, and pay their dues on a timely basis. Submission of dues is required to maintain membership.

**2 points** will be awarded for complete submittal of SCYA Yearbook data on or before the third Friday in December.

**2 points** will be awarded for SCYA dues remitted in full prior to March 1st.

The SCYA Service Center will provide dues remittance and SCYA Yearbook data to the COY Committee.

## 2) Club Coordinator Appointment

*(A maximum of 1 point will be awarded in all Categories)*

Each club is required to appoint a coordinator and notify the Club of the Year Committee of their contact information. This information will be used as a means of contact and information flow to and from the COY Committee.

**1 point** will be awarded for submittal of name and contact information for a club COY coordinator to the SCYA Service Center on or prior to February 1.

The SCYA Service Center will provide club coordinator information data to the COY Committee.

## 3) SCYA Participation

*(A maximum of 13 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

The point structure and requirements promote direct involvement in SCYA by encouraging Flag Officers, Delegates and Alternates to become engaged. Participation in SCYA by Member Clubs should increase when individual Member Club Delegates and alternates become more knowledgeable about SCYA. Points will be awarded to recognize attendance of Flag Officers or a Club's Official Delegates that attend the SCYA Annual Meeting, the Installation Meeting, and Regular SCYA Meetings.

**1 point** will be awarded for a Registered Flag Officer, Delegate or Alternate attending a regular SCYA meeting. No more than 2 points will be awarded per meeting.

**2 points** will be awarded if the invitee(s) or designee(s) attends the SCYA Installation Meeting.

**1 point** will be awarded if a Registered Flag Officer, Delegate or Alternate serves as a Chair or Member of any SCYA Committee.

Note: For the intent and purpose of this section; concurrently serving SCYA Officers, Directors, Staff Commodores, and employees shall be excluded from participation credit in this section.

The November 2023 Regular Meeting will only be counted in the event of a tie.

The COY Committee will obtain documentation from the meeting attendance sign-in sheet at each meeting. **\*\*Flag Officers, Delegates and Alternates must sign in to receive club credit. \*\***

## 4) SCYA Seminar or Event Attendance

*(A maximum of 6 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

The point structure and requirements encourage SCYA Member Yacht Clubs to become more knowledgeable on subjects related to the principles of safe boating. Points will be awarded for Club members' attendance at SCYA seminars or a sanctioned local Harbor Association Seminars. Seminars must be sanctioned by the committee and be available to all members of all yacht clubs. Examples of SCYA seminars are: SCYA Rear Commodore Seminar, SCYA Women's Boating Clinic, SCYA Club Membership, SCYA Club of the Year, SCYA Medical Emergencies at Sea, or a Racing Rules seminar hosted by any SCYA Member Club. Other SCYA events, such as additional SCYA seminars or an SCYA sponsored fundraiser, if any are scheduled, are also eligible.

**1 point** will be awarded for each attendee. No more than 2 points will be awarded per seminar or event.

The Club must provide copies of event sign-in sheets as provided by the seminar leaders. **\*\*Attendees must sign in and note club affiliation for a club to receive credit. \*\***

## 5) Club Opening Day Participation

*(A maximum of 3 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

Club bridge officers are encouraged to participate in the opening day ceremonies of other SCYA member clubs. This section gives recognition to that participation by points in the Club of the Year competition.

**1 Point** will be awarded for each 6 bridge officer attendances at SCYA club opening days.

- At least four of the six must be to clubs in the jurisdiction of a Harbor Association other than that of the submitting club.
- Attendances at the submitting club's own opening day will not be included.
- If the submitting club is not within the jurisdiction of a Harbor Association, then the six attended will be in areas consistent with the spirit of this section.

To further the fraternal contact between clubs, attendees should prepare their own register of attendance and seek to have the register signed by one of the host club officers.

Satisfactory documentation for points in this section will include the date of attendance, name of club hosting the Opening Day, the name and position of the bridge officer(s) attending, and including such other documentation as may be available such as the event program, record roster, photo of sign-in sheet, or a host officer's card.

## 6) Junior Program Sponsorship

*(A maximum of 10 points will be awarded in the Senior Category; a maximum of 8 points will be awarded in the Regular Category, and a maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Associate Category)*

The point structure and requirements reward Member Clubs that promote yachting through a viable Junior Program. Clubs with an active Junior Program that focuses on instruction for youths under 18 years of age will be awarded points as follows:

**2 points** will be awarded for 10 or more participants.

Additional **4 points** will be awarded for 20 or more participants (Senior and Regular Category only)

Additional **1 point** if an instructor is certified by US Sailing

Additional **1 point** for every two scholarships awarded to participants in an instructional sailing program.

- The juniors must not be members of the yacht club at the time the scholarships are awarded.
- A maximum of 3 points will be awarded in the Senior Category and a maximum of 1 point will be awarded in the Regular and Associate Categories.

Clubs must document data describing their Junior Program and its activities in their submission.

**\*A choice between Model Yacht Program, Club Angling and Participation, or Club Cruiser Navigation/Predicted Log Program – please choose one:**

## 7) Model Yacht Program

*(A maximum of 6 point will be awarded in all Categories)*

The point structure and requirements encourage Yacht Clubs to maintain structured programs for model yachting. Programs should encourage member participation and learning with their peers.

**1 points** will be awarded for each club hosting or sponsoring a program.

Clubs shall submit its calendar, notices in its monthly publication or club bulletins as examples of appropriate documentation.

#### 8) Club Angling and Participation

*(A maximum of 6 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

Awarded to a club for a member's or club team's registered participation in any fishing tournament organized or sponsored by any SCYA member club, association, or Corinthian fishing club held within the waters adjacent to or within SCYA's service area.

"Fishing tournament" means a scheduled-in-advance event with structured criteria for entry and participation. Angling events should be widely publicized. SCYA can assist with this.

**1 Points** will be awarded for each separate angling event satisfactorily documented regardless of the number of participants.

The documentation submission must include the names of each participant; affirm their membership status, the date(s) of the event(s), participants, and documentation of the event(s), such as flyer, calendar, article or other.

#### 9) Club Cruiser Navigation/Predicted Log Program

*(A maximum of 6 points will be awarded in the Senior and Regular Categories)*

*(Associate Category clubs are not expected to host contests but may earn 1 bonus point if a member of their Club participates in an organized contest in any capacity.)*

The point structure and requirements promote Yacht Clubs to support Cruiser/Navigation and encourage members to learn navigation skills for sail and powerboats by racing and competing with experienced contestants and groups.

A club may claim points if it hosts or co-hosts a contest or if any member participates in a Predicted Log/ Cruiser Navigation contest organized by any SCYA club or regional organization. Participation by club members as a contestant, an observer, timer, scrutinizer or trainee for any such position will be eligible for points.

**1 points** will be awarded for each contestant in which a club member participates.

**1 points** will be awarded for each club hosted or co-hosted contest.

**1 point** will be awarded if a club hosts or co-hosts a seminar for prospective contestants to be instructed by an experienced contestant.

Documentation of the results of the contest showing the participant's name and club should be provided. Notice of instructional seminars should be widely disseminated to other clubs. SCYA can provide this service. In the case of member participation in a supporting role of the event, a register of participation signed by a contestant or organizing official should be provided. Clubs are to provide data on member participation.

## 10) Club Cruising Program

*(A maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Senior and Regular Categories, and a maximum of 2 points will be awarded in the Associate Category, not limit for Cruising Club of the Year)*

The point structure and requirements encourage Member Clubs to host Club Cruising activities which foster comradery, social interaction, and improve boating skill and on-the-water confidence.

**2 points** will be awarded for a minimum of 2 cruise events -or- **4 points** will be awarded for a minimum of 4 cruise events.

**1 Point** (Associate Category Only) will be awarded for each member that participates in a cruise organized by any club.

Cruise event may be sail or power and shall include a total distance of at least ten nautical miles and an overnight stay. A minimum of two boats constitutes a cruise, and the cruise must have been publicized to the club membership.

Clubs shall submit its calendar, notices in its monthly publication or club bulletins as examples of appropriate documentation.

## 11) Participation in the Midwinter Regatta

*(A maximum of 8 points will be awarded in the Senior and Regular Categories, and a maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Associate Category)*

The point structure and requirements reward member clubs that have yachts racing in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta.

**1 Point** will be awarded for each boat registered under their burgee and racing in the SCYA Midwinter Regatta. No boat's registration may be credited to more than one club.

## 12) Championship Regatta Hosting

*(A maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Senior and Regular Categories Only)*

The point structure and requirements encourage Member Clubs to host championship caliber regattas. Such as the SCYA Midwinter Regatta, US Sailing and Area J championships, PHRF championships, Model Sailboat championships, state, regional, national, or other regattas of championship caliber.

**2 points** will be awarded for each such regatta.

Host clubs must provide documents to substantiate the regattas for which they wish to claim points in their submission. The Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, an advertising flyer, club bulletin or a news release are examples of evidence needed to obtain points.

## 13) Club Racing Program

*(A maximum of 7 points (6 + 1 bonus) will be awarded in all Categories, no limit for clubs competing in the Racing Club of the Year Category)*

The point structure and requirements encourage Yacht Clubs to maintain structured programs to encourage racing for sail and model yachts. Programs should encourage members to race and learn with their peers.

**1 point** will be awarded for each 2 events for clubs hosting regattas for closed course sailboat races. An event consists of 1 or more individual races conducted on 1 or more days. Point-to-point race events will also be considered on an individual basis.

**1 point** will be awarded for each 8 events for clubs hosting regattas for model yacht races. An event consists of 1 or more individual races conducted on 1 or more days.

**1 bonus point** will be awarded for clubs hosting 25 or more regattas where model yacht races shall be calculated on a 4:1 ratio. For example, 20 closed course sailboat races + 20 model yacht races =  $20 + (20/4) = 25$  total regattas.

Clubs must provide documents in their submission to substantiate the regattas they host for which they wish to claim points. The Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, or club bulletins are examples.

#### 14) Charitable Activities

*(A maximum of 6 points will be awarded in the Senior Category, a maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Regular Category, and a maximum of 2 points will be awarded in the Associate Category, for purposes of Cruising/Racing Club of the Year, 2 points maximum)*

The point structure and requirements reward Yacht Clubs that support charitable activities. The proceeds of the activities must go to the charity with no net profit taken by any of the organizations associated with putting on the activity.

**2 Points** will be awarded for monetary support of each charitable non-profit organization, or sponsorship of a charitable activity such as a cruise for the physically or mentally challenged.

Clubs must submit documentation such as an advertising bulletin, a flyer, or a news article. Documentation of funds remitted is needed.

#### 15) Community Service

*(A maximum of 8 points will be awarded in the Senior Category, a maximum of 6 points will be awarded in the Regular Category, and a maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Associate Category, for purposes of Cruising/Racing Club of the Year, 4 points maximum)*

**2 points** will be awarded for each community service activity or for the support or sponsorship of community activities for organizations such as the Coast Guard Auxiliary, US Power Squadron, Scouting Organizations, other boating organizations or for hosting seminars.

Clubs must submit data such as published meeting notices, advertising bulletins, flyers, or news articles.

#### 16) Clean Boating Program

*(A maximum of 3 points will be awarded in the Senior and Regular Categories, and a maximum of 1 point will be awarded in the Associate Category)*

Yacht Clubs will be rewarded for promoting clean water through involvement, education and activities. Examples include qualification for the Clean Marinas program, hosting a Clean Boating seminar for members and the public, appointing a Clean Boating chair to attend at least one Clean Boating meeting a year, managing a program for used oil, hosting a Coastal Cleanup, having 5 or more members participate in a coastal cleanup day, or having a member attend a Dock-walker training with Boating and Waterways.

**1 Point** will be awarded for each qualifying activity.

Clubs must submit data such as current Clean Marina certification, published meeting notices, advertising bulletins, flyers, or news articles.



## 17) Yachting Association Memberships

*(A maximum of 4 points will be awarded in the Senior and Regular Categories, and a maximum of 2 points will be awarded in the Associate Category)*

The point structure and requirements encourage participation with other yachting organizations. Membership in yachting associations other than SCYA is encouraged. The United States Sailing Association (USSA) and local Harbor Associations provide services to member Clubs that enhance those from SCYA.

**2 points** will be awarded for each Club membership in these or equivalent organizations:

- United States Sailing Association
- Southern California Youth Yacht Racing Association
- Yacht Racing Union of Southern California
- All Southern California Harbor Associations (ASBCYC, ASMBYC, ASPBYC, SDAYC, AOCYC)
- Southern California Cruiser Association
- San Diego Cruiser Association
- Coastal Conservation Association California

Clubs can submit a copy of the roster from the yachting association. If the club is not listed in the roster, a photocopy of a canceled check for membership dues may be submitted.

## 18) Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC) Support

*(A maximum of 5 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

Financial support for RBOC, a nonprofit legislative advocacy organization in behalf of all boaters in California, benefits all member Clubs. RBOC works directly with the California Legislature and state regulators to shape legislation and regulation affecting boaters and boating.

Points will be awarded to a Club for contributions of as follows:

- Senior Category – **3 points** for \$500 minimum -or- **5 points** for \$1000 minimum
- Regular Category – **3 points** for \$200 minimum -or- **5 points** for \$400 minimum
- Associate Category – **3 points** for \$100 minimum -or- **5 points** for \$200 minimum

Clubs must submit copies of cancelled checks made out to RBOC

## 19) Adaptive Boating and Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness

*(A maximum of 2 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

Ensuring equal access, by all, to boating and the yacht club community is at the core of the Corinthian Spirit. Clubs are highly encouraged to promote the participation of individuals of underserved communities and/or to those with physical or mental handicaps through specifically targeted events or programs.

**1 point** will be awarded for each club hosting an Adaptive Boating event or program.

**1 point** will be awarded for each club hosting a Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness event or program.

Clubs shall submit its calendar or notices in its monthly publication or club bulletin as examples of appropriate documentation.

## 20) SCYA Survey Participation

*(A maximum of 2 points will be awarded in all Categories)*

Participation in the SCYA Membership survey sent out. 2 points will be awarded.

## Tiebreaker Formula

In the event of a tie for COY the following shall be used to break any tie(s).

Attendance at the November 2023 Regular Meeting will be included, if still a tie, the following formula will be used.

For each Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore attending a regular SCYA membership meeting, the total COY points earned by a club will be increased by the sum of the following:

- Commodore  $-0.005$  times the club's total points
- Vice Commodore  $-0.003$  times the club's total points
- Rear Commodore  $-0.001$  times the club's total points

The examples below use 80 as the club's total points.

EXAMPLE 1 – Commodore attends 2 meetings:

$$2 \times 0.005 = 0.01$$

$$0.01 \times 80 = 0.8$$

$$0.8 + 80 = 80.8 \text{ adjusted total points}$$

EXAMPLE 2 – Commodore attends 2 meetings and Vice Commodore attends one:

$$2 \times 0.005 = 0.01 \text{ (Commodore)}$$

$$1 \times 0.003 = 0.003 \text{ (Vice Commodore)}$$

$$0.01 + 0.003 = 0.013$$

$$.013 \times 80 = 1.04$$

$$1.04 + 80 = 81.04 \text{ adjusted total points}$$

The COY Committee shall use the regular meeting sign in sheets as the sole source of confirming meeting attendance.