

# 2026 SCYA Club of the Year Criteria



For clarification of Club of the Year (COY) criteria, or, to submit the name of your club's COY Coordinator contact **COY Chairpersons**: Sylvia Wheeler ([ForSylviaW@aol.com](mailto:ForSylviaW@aol.com)) & David Campagnari ([KDavidCamp@gmail.com](mailto:KDavidCamp@gmail.com)).

## SCYA Club of the Year Trophies



**Associate Club**



**Regular Club**



**Senior Club**

Southern California Yachting Association (SCYA) sponsors a Club of the Year (COY) program for its member organizations (Member Clubs). **The program runs from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.**

The Club of the Year Award shall be awarded annually by SCYA in recognition of the Senior, Regular and Associate club's outstanding display of participation within the activities of Southern California Yachting Association. The award is given for the highest number of points in each of the categories for the three membership levels. Interim clubs are encouraged to compete in their eligible membership category. Using SCYA Bylaws as guidance, Interim member COY competition levels are defined as follows:

- Associate clubs having a dues paying membership of up to 199 households.
- Regular clubs having a dues paying membership of 200 to 299 households.
- Senior clubs having a dues paying membership of at least 300 households

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

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

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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 Installation and Awards General Membership Meeting the following January.

All clubs that earn at least 80 percent of the available total points will receive a “Commodore’s Award,” reflecting a merit of club excellence.

## Competitive Fairness and Available Points

No club shall be permitted to earn the Club of the Year Trophy more than three (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 – 74 Points

Minimum points to qualify for Commodore’s Award:

- Senior Category – 77 Points
- Regular Category – 72 Points
- Associate Category – 59 Points

## Important Deadlines

1. January 15, 2026 – Submit club Yearbook data to SCYA, including appointment of club COY Coordinator (this form was sent to your club’s Commodore).
2. January 18, 2026 – Attend the SCYA Installation & Awards Ceremony (see [scya.org](https://scya.org))
3. March 1, 2026 – Remit club dues to SCYA
4. November 7, 2026 – Submit COY Binder for 2026

## Guidelines for a Club Submission

- The format should be a dedicated COY three-ring binder with tabs for each criterion. Electronic submission of binders is prohibited. Do not combine with Racing or Cruising Club of the Year binders.
- 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. This

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includes links to websites or events pages—such links will not be accepted or counted.

- After scoring by the COY Committee, Clubs may pick up their binders at the annual SCYA Installation & Awards/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.

## Critical Requirement (Applies to All Meeting/Event-Related Criteria)

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.

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.\*\* We recommend a best practice of taking a photo of the sign-in sheet and including it in your binder.**

## 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 and Alternate appointments 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 submission of SCYA Yearbook data on or before the deadline listed above.
- **2 points** will be awarded for SCYA dues remitted in full prior to the deadline listed above.

The SCYA Service Center will provide dues remittance and verification of 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 provide SCYA with 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 submission of your club's COY Coordinator information via the annual data collection form (sent to your club Commodore) on or prior to the deadline listed above.

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

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## 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 Appointed Delegate(s) that attend SCYA general meetings, the SCYA Installation & Awards Meeting, and who volunteer on SCYA committees.

- **1 point** will be awarded for a Registered Flag Officer, Delegate or Alternate attending an SCYA general meeting. No more than two (2) points will be awarded per meeting.
- **1 point** will be awarded for a Registered Flag Officer, Delegate or Alternate attending the SCYA Installation & Awards 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.*

Commodores, Vice Commodores and Rear Commodores are encouraged to attend meetings along with their Delegate(s), as their attendance will be used in the case of a tie-breaker. 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.\*\* We recommend a best practice of taking a photo of the sign-in sheet and including it in your binder.**

## 4) SCYA Seminar or Event Attendance

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

The point structure and requirements encourage Member Clubs to become more knowledgeable on subjects related to Corinthian principles, safe boating, and best practices. Points will be awarded for Club Member attendance at SCYA seminars. Seminars must be sanctioned by SCYA and be available to all members of all SCYA Member Clubs. Examples of SCYA seminars are: SCYA Rear Commodore Seminar, SCYA Women's Conference, SCYA Club of the Year Seminar, SCYA Medical Emergencies at Sea, SCYA Safety-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 (when

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available), or, registration confirmation along with certificates of attendance, and/or an event photo. **\*\*Attendees must sign-in and note club affiliation for a club to receive credit if sign-in sheets are available.\*\* We recommend a best practice of taking a photo of the sign-in sheet and including it in your binder.**

## 5) Club Opening Day Participation

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

Club Flag 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 six (6) Flag 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 must be in areas consistent with the spirit of this section.

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

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

## 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:

- **1 point** 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.

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- 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. **Clubs may partner with another SCYA Member Club with a viable Junior Program.**

**\*\*Any combination of the following sections, 7) Model Yacht Program, 8) Club Angling and Participation, or 9) Club Cruiser Navigation/Predicted Log Program for a maximum of 6 points\*\***

## 7) Model Yacht Program

*(A maximum of 6 points will be awarded for categories 7, 8, and 9)*

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

- **1 point** will be awarded for each club hosting or sponsoring a Model Yacht 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 for categories 7, 8, and 9)*

Awarded to a Member 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 the SCYA 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 point** 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), and documentation of the event(s), such as flyer, calendar, article, photos, or other.

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## 9) Club Cruiser Navigation/Predicted Log Program

*(A maximum of 6 points will be awarded for categories 7, 8 and 9)*

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

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

- **1 point** will be awarded for each contestant in which a club member participates in a qualified program.
- **1 point** 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 Member 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. Member Clubs are to provide data on member participation.

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## 10) Club Cruising Program

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

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

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

Cruise events may be sail or power and shall include a total distance of at least ten nautical miles and an overnight stay. A minimum of four 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.

**\*\*Note: this criteria is separate from Cruising Club of the Year, which requires a separate binder.\*\***

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## 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 a Member Club 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 all Categories)*

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. ***A championship regatta is generally considered to be a top-tier regatta held over several days and including overall winners for the series. The COY will consider those presented for points individually.***

- **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).*

The point structure and requirements encourage Member 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 sailboat races. An event consists of 1 or more individual races conducted on 1 or more days.
- **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.

Member 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.

**\*\*Note: this criteria is separate from Racing Club of the Year, which requires a separate binder.\*\***

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## 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.)*

The point structure and requirements reward Member 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.

- **1 point** 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. Attestation of no net profit and documentation of funds remitted is required.

## 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, other community service programs 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.

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## 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 Member 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 on 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, ***or if not in California, Boat US, or other organization with similar objectives.***

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 Inclusive Boating

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

Ensuring equal access and water equity for all to boating and the yacht club community is at the core of the Corinthian Spirit. Clubs are highly encouraged to promote the inclusion and participation of individuals of underserved communities and/or to those with physical or mental handicaps through

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specifically targeted programs. Examples include forming related committees and programs, conducting seminars that sensitize Member Club leadership and members to the opportunity that related programs offer, making reasonable accommodations to physical infrastructure and/or fleets, creating community boating/sailing programs and/or community memberships.

- **1 point** will be awarded for each Member Club hosting an Adaptive Boating program.
- **1 point** will be awarded for each Member Club hosting a water equity program.

Clubs shall submit its calendar or notices in its monthly publication or club bulletin as examples of appropriate documentation. **A program is more than a one-off event.** SCYA can provide resources and materials to Member Clubs wishing to create related programs. For Adaptive Boating, reach out to Peter Philips, [bluepeter2020@outlook.com](mailto:bluepeter2020@outlook.com). For Inclusive Boating, reach out to H/C Marie Rogers, [marieelizabethrogers@gmail.com](mailto:marieelizabethrogers@gmail.com).

## 20) SCYA Survey Participation

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

Participation in the annual SCYA Membership survey.

- **2 points** will be awarded.

Clubs shall submit the survey confirmation page as appropriate documentation. **Be sure to print out the survey confirmation page when it is presented on screen and forward to your COY Coordinator to include in the binder.**

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## Tie-Breaker Formula

The following tie-breaker formula will be used in the event of a tie.

For each Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore attending a SCYA General 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. **\*\*Attendees must sign-in to receive credit. \*\* We recommend a best practice of taking a photo of the sign-in sheet and including it in your binder.**