

# 2026 SCYA Cruising Club of the Year Criteria



Introduced in 2024, Racing and Cruising Club of the Year was created to give member clubs that do not have full programs an opportunity to compete and be recognized for the breadth and volume of their racing and/or cruising programs.

Cruising Club of the Year does not distinguish between membership categories—all clubs in the Associate, Regular, and Senior Categories will compete against each other. Interim clubs are encouraged to compete in their eligible membership category. Using SCYA Bylaws as guidance, Interim member COY competition categories 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.

## Important Deadlines

1. The program runs from November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2026.
2. January 15, 2026: Submit club Yearbook data to SCYA, appointing Club COY Coordinator for 2026 (this data collection form was sent to your club's Commodore).
3. November 7, 2026: Submit Cruising COY Binder at the SCYA General Meeting.

## Guidelines for a Club Submission

- The format is a dedicated Cruising COY three-ring binder with tabs for each event. Electronic submission of binders is prohibited.
- 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 event to substantiate the points claimed. For example, the event flyer, list of participants, and event photos.
- Submit Cruising COY binder at the November SCYA General Meeting.
- The COY Committee will not gather supporting documentation. Links to websites or event pages are not accepted and will not be counted.
- 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.

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### Critical Requirements and Point Structure

**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.

- A 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 four boats constitutes a cruise, and the cruise must have been publicized to the club membership.

### Tie-Breaker Formula

In the event of a tie, the following formula will be used to determine the winner:

**1 point** for the greatest number of boats participating across all events. To ensure the possibility of calculating the tie-breaking point for your club, **you must include a list of boats participating for each event in your club's Cruising COY binder.**

### Need Help?

If you have questions or require clarification of Racing Club of the Year (COY) criteria contact **SCYA COY Chairpersons:** Sylvia Wheeler ([ForSylviaW@aol.com](mailto:ForSylviaW@aol.com)) & David Campagnari ([KDavidCamp@gmail.com](mailto:KDavidCamp@gmail.com)).