

BSC Club Championship

BACKGROUND

Whereas the purpose of the BSC Club Championship (CC) is to foster participation and interest in the BSC racing program and in particular in the one-design philosophy of the BSC, the BSC will hold its annual Club Championship each year in November using the following format.

The CC will be sailed in a round-robin, boat-swap series among the 6 participants that qualify in the Selection Process outlined below. The CC will be sailed in a one-design boat from one of the active fleets present at the BSC during the year of competition. Including a break-down boat, the host fleet will need to provide 7 approximately equal, race-worthy boats for the series. Crews shall remain with the boat, while the participating skippers will rotate among the six boats for the six races.

The host fleet will be selected by random draw from the eligible fleets. Fleets eligible to host will be determined by the BSC Race Management Committee (RMC). The primary criterion for a host fleet will be that it can provide seven approximately equal boats. Fleets used in a prior year will not be eligible to host until all fleets have had a turn. After all fleets in BSC have had the opportunity to host the CC, the sequence of rotation shall be repeated. If a fleet decides to pass on its opportunity to host the CC, then the next fleet in the rotation will be asked to host. Eligible fleets must have a fleet captain who will assume the responsibility of providing the seven approximately equal, race-worthy boats that will be used to sail the CC. Each year the Race Management Committee shall consult with the fleet captain of the fleet that is next in the rotation for CC host fleet to determine if that fleet will be able to host the event. Such determination shall be made by September 15th for that year's CC competition.

BSC members that are CC hopefuls are encouraged to practice sail one of the CC host fleet boats. This will give the host fleet an opportunity to do a bit of proselytizing, while giving others the opportunity to see firsthand the finer points of another one-design boat. In addition, because the boats to be sailed are loaned by members for the CC, becoming familiar with the characteristics, handling and rigging will help to avoid damage and breakdown.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection of the 6 participants in the BSC CC shall be in two stages. The first stage (Fleet Apportionment) is to determine how many participants will be apportioned from each of the sanctioned BSC fleets, including an Open fleet. The second stage (Fleet Representative) will be for each sanctioned fleet to determine its fleet champion and alternates, who will represent that fleet in the CC.

In the **Fleet Apportionment Stage**, the RMC will determine the number of starts by BSC club members in all BSC sanctioned events from November through October. BSC sanctioned events include all Sunday races, One Day Regattas, Long Distance Races, Caldwell Cup, Ironman and Leukemia Cup. After calculating the total number of starts by each BSC member, the RMC will determine the total number of starts by each sanctioned fleet and the percentage of fleet participation that each fleet has with respect to the total number of starts.

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A fleet will be allowed one participant for each 15% of the total participation. For example, a fleet with 15% will be entitled to one participant; a fleet with 30% will be entitled to 2 participants, etc. All fleets with less than 15% will be considered a part of the Open fleet and the Open fleet will provide the remaining participants to make up the 6 total competitors.

In the **Fleet Representative Stage**, each One-Design Fleet eligible to compete in the CC will determine its fleet champion and runners-up to fulfill their fleet apportionment number as described in the paragraph above. Fleet Championships and fleet rankings are the responsibility of the individual fleets. The fleet rankings should be used to determine the stage two participants of the BSC CC. If for any reason a skipper deemed to be eligible to participate in the CC is not able to participate, the next skipper in their fleet rankings shall take their place in the CC.

Representatives from the Open Fleet shall be determined from the BSC Sunday Handicap Series from November through October. Any skipper starting either in the Open Fleet on a Sunday race or starting with its own one-design fleet simultaneously with the Open Fleet on a Sunday race will be scored in this series. Open Fleet scoring will be on the basis of the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System established by the US Sailing Association.

Series winners will be determined as follows:

1. A skipper must rank as a starter for at least 20 races to qualify.
2. A High Point Scoring System will be used for each race where each skipper shall be awarded points for the number of boats beaten.
3. At the end of the Series, each skipper's Best 25 Race High Point Total shall be calculated.
4. The Series standings are then ordered from the highest to the lowest of this Best 25 Race High Point Total.
5. BSC will award the winner of this annual series as the BSC Sunday Series Champion.
6. The Series standings will also determine the Open Fleet participants for the BSC CC.

The RMC should provide interim reports on the number of starts by fleets in June and in September. Standings may also be reported on an interim basis for the Sunday Series Open Fleet using a minimum number of races to qualify as to be determined at the time of the report. In general, the minimum race count to qualify would be based on races completed and races remaining that would lead to a 25 race total at the end of the series.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA

The BSC Club Champion Skipper and Crew will be determined in the 6 race, round-robin series described in the Background section above. Scoring in the six (6) race series will be a Low Point System. Sailing Instructions should be provided to the eligible skippers and crews at the Skipper's Meeting to indicate specifics for the series. Both Skipper and Crew scoring will be recorded and scored separately with equal awards presented in both categories. Although the plan may be to complete the CC in one day, Skippers and Crews must be prepared to participate on both days of the scheduled weekend. Only in the event of a single-handed boat being selected for the CC may Crew participation be an exception. The

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number of crew, including any limitations, placed on each boat shall be determined by the RMC and host Fleet Captain.

Recording of race results, scoring, and maintenance of these rules governing the BSC Club Championship shall be the responsibility of the Race Management Committee. Changes shall be approved by the Board of Governors.

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