

## Section 9 – Yacht of the Year (v1 05/11/21)

### YACHT OF THE YEAR

The SYC **Yacht of the Year** trophy is designed to find the top Yacht at SYC. It will be awarded to the best performing boat across a combination of the Inshore, Long Inshore and Offshore series, based upon the results calculated under the NHC handicap system.

To ensure that any yacht in the fleet has the opportunity to win this prestigious award, only the best two series will count for each yacht. This means, that a yacht which opts not to compete in the Offshore series, for example, will count its series scores from the Inshore and Long Inshore series. A yacht that competes in all three series will discard the series in which it performs worst. For the Long Inshore and Offshore series, where a yacht does not compete in a race, their score to count for that race will be the total number of entrants in that series plus one. For the Inshore series (as there will likely be different numbers of entrants in each of the individual Inshore series) where a boat does not compete in a race, their score to count for that race will be the total number of entrants plus one across all three of the Inshore series.

Because there are a different number of races in each series, an adjustment will be made to the Long Inshore and Offshore series race points. The adjustment will ensure that the same number of points are awarded for each series. To achieve this a multiplying factor of 2 will apply to the Long Inshore series and a factor of 5 to the Offshore series. The number of races to count from each series is roughly half of the races scheduled, and a boat's best results will be used towards the Yacht of the Year trophy. In the event that races are cancelled, and less than the number of races to count from a series are actually raced, the points will be adjusted accordingly to ensure equal weighting for each series. The usual rule in respect of series validity will apply.

#### Inshore Series

Races designated as Inshore series to count towards the Yacht of the Year trophy are:

- Spring Series
- Summer Series
- Autumn Series

There are a total of 21 races in these series, of which 10 will count.

#### Long Inshore Series

Races designated as Long Inshore series to count towards the Yacht of the Year trophy are:

- Solent
- Round Rampion
- Tala Hinna
- Double Diamond
- Ferguson
- Eastbourne
- Eastbourne Return
- Black Rock
- Littlehampton

There are a total of 9 races in this series, of which 5 will count.

#### Offshore Series

Races designated as Offshore series to count towards the Yacht of the Year trophy are:

- Royal Escape
- Cherbourg
- Pactolus
- Seaway Trophy
- Nab Tower

There are a total of 5 races in this series, of which 2 will count. Races to/from France may be subject to change depending on the circumstances at the time.

The Royal Escape Race will only be included as an Offshore Result for the purposes of YOTY for those Yachts which compete further in the Series, see the Racing Overview section of the Keelboat Handbook.