

BSC Club Championship

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 chosen by this format. The CC will be sailed in a one-design boat from one of the fleets present at the BSC. 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 available fleets. 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. Beginning in 2008, the Flying Scot fleet was selected as the host fleet. In 2009, the host fleet will be selected randomly from among those fleets that can provide seven approximately equal boats for the event. If a fleet decides to pass its opportunity to host the CC, then the next fleet in the rotation will be asked to host. Fleets which might be able to host the BSC CC include Buccaneer, Flying Scot, J-22, Laser, Snipe, and Thistle. 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 BSC Vice Commodore (VC) 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 15, 2009. In subsequent years, the determination of a host fleet shall be made by May 1st of that year. One of the by-products of this early selection is to let CC hopefuls find a way 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.

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

In the first stage, the BSC VC 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, Caldwell Cup, Ironman and Leukemia Cup. After calculating the total number of starts by each BSC member, the VC will determine

the total number of starts by each sanctioned fleet and the total number of starts by all BSC members. The VC will provide interim reports on the number of starts by fleets in June and in September. Apportionment will be as follows: 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.

The Open Fleet participants in the BSC CC will be determined from an annual series of Sunday Handicap races from November through October. Any boat 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 Handicapping 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. For each race the skipper shall be awarded points for the number of boats beaten.
 3. A discard race is allowed for the 21st race and for every 3 races after the 21st race an additional discard is allowed.
 4. Each skipper's series score shall be computed as a percentage determined by dividing the skipper's total points by the total number of boats racing in those races counted for this skipper. Note that total skipper points and total races counted must both be adjusted for discarded races.
 5. The series standings are then ordered from the highest percentage to the lowest.
- The BSC will award the winner of this annual series as the BSC Open Fleet Champion. The series standings will determine the Open Fleet participants for the BSC CC.

Each One-Design Fleet will submit to the VC by May 1st of each year the format for determining its fleet champion and runners-up. Fleet Championships shall be the responsibility of the individual fleet. The fleet rankings shall 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.

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