

Avalon Cup Regatta – 2024

Avalon – Cape May



Notice of Race

The Avalon Cup Regatta
Saturday July 20, 2024

The Avalon Yacht Club and Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May are proud to invite all offshore sailors to compete for the Avalon Cup. The annual Avalon Cup Regatta serves as the second event in the 2024 MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit. The organizing authority is AYC.

This event for monohull sailboats will include racing in the ocean for two divisions: the Flying Scot division and the Off-Shore division of 3 ORR-Ez classes. The Flying Scot division will race one long-distance race to the “lump” and back. The Off-Shore division will sail a distance race which will score finishes within class for the regatta class awards. Additionally, the Avalon Cup will be awarded to the boat in the Off-Shore division with the fastest corrected time for the distance race. All scoring in the Off-Shore division will be based on ORR Ez ratings.

1. **Rules.** The race, for monohulled sailboats, will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, prescriptions of US Sailing and ORR Ez, and the Sailing Instructions. All boats competing in the Off-Shore division must provide a current (2024) ORR Ez certificate when registering at yachtscoring.com.

- There will be 2 divisions: The Flying Scot division (racing one-design) and the Off-Shore division comprising of 3 ORR-Ez classes as defined in MAYRA ORC 2024:

[MAYRA ORC 2024 Class Divisions](#)

- Class A will be boats with ORR Ez spinnaker rating General Purpose Handicap (GPH) TOD of less than 670.
- Class B will be boats with ORR Ez spinnaker ratings General Purpose Handicap (GPH) TOD of 670 or higher.
- Class C will be boats who sail non-spinnaker. *No LRH or Code Zero type sails may be used in this class.*
- Questions regarding classes can be directed to Michael Mandell at msman64@comcast.net
- Applications for an ORR-Ez certificate at can be found at:
https://www.regattaman.com/certificate_page.php.
Click on the Mid Atlantic regional group - apply/renew
- All races scored under ORR Ez will be scored using Time over Time ratings.
- All competitors must register for the regatta at yachtscoring.com
- Competitors should provide a phone number to receive texts and an email address in yachtscoring.com.

2. **Notice to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the AYC Sailing Center.
3. **Sailing Instructions.** Sailing Instructions will be posted on *yachtscoring.com* by Wednesday July 17. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as practical but no later than 0900 of day the changes take place. Official notices will also be posted on *yachtscoring.com*.
4. **Schedule of Races.**
Flying Scot division: One race in the ocean to the “lump” and back
Off-Shore division: One race in the ocean from Avalon to Cape May.

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Flying Scot Fleet: **First Warning Signal 1130**
 ORR Ez Fleet: **First Warning Signal 1200** up to three start sequences

Classes:

FS- Flying Scot*

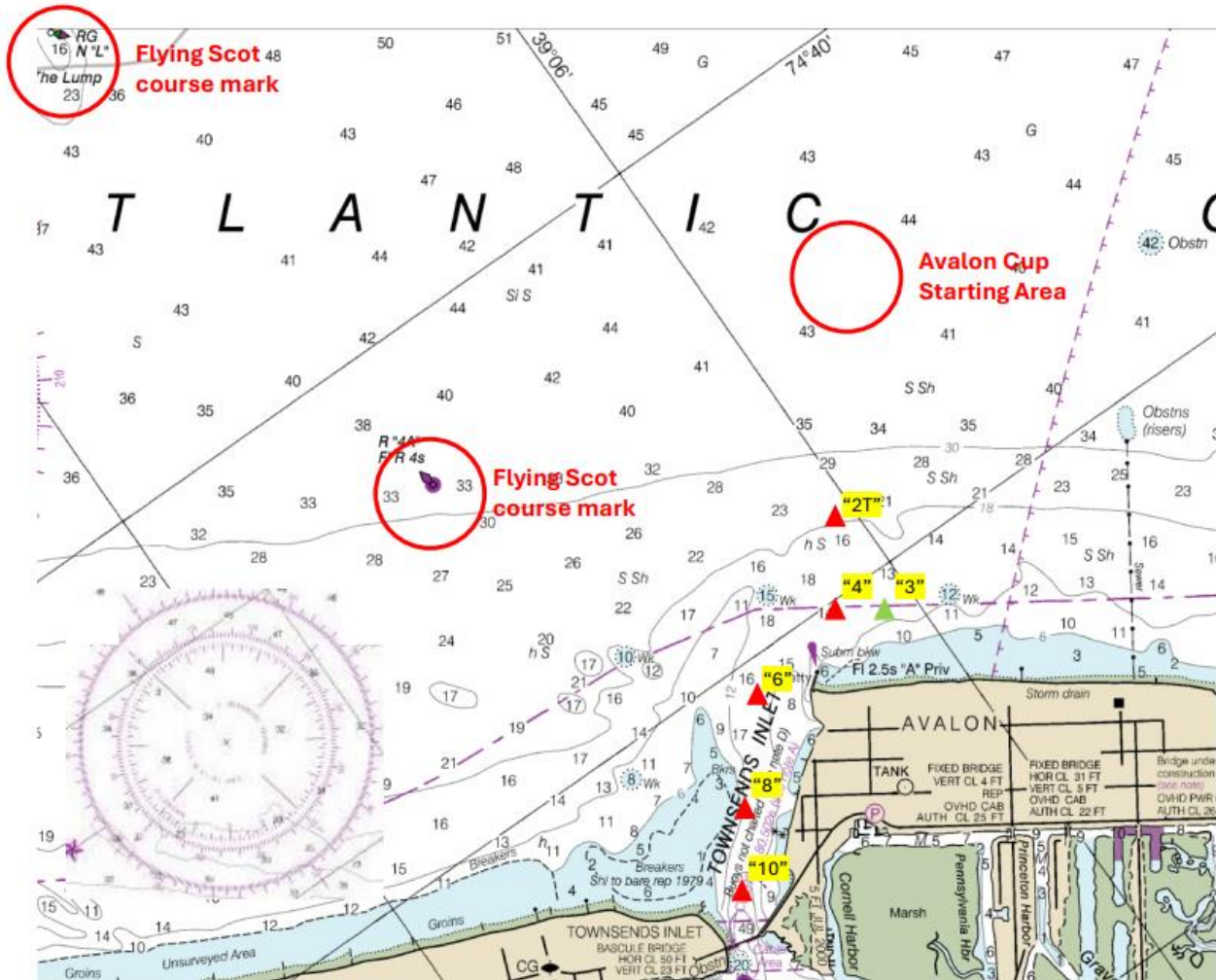
ORR Ez Class A	}	<i>Avalon Cup Fleets</i>
ORR Ez Class B		
ORR Ez Class C		

- No warning signal after 1400.
- Yachts must have a VHF radio for CH 78 & 72.

* Participation of the Flying Scot division is entirely dependent on having weather conditions that allow the Flying Scots to safely compete offshore. If weather conditions do not allow the Flying Scots to compete on Saturday July 20th, the make-up event will be the MAYRA Flying Scot Championship scheduled for Saturday July 27th in the Great Sound, .

6. **Racing Area.** The racing area for the Flying Scot division will be the ocean waters between Townsends Inlet and the “Lump” buoy off Sea Isle City. The racing area for the remaining divisions will be the ocean waters between Townsends Inlet and Cape May Inlet. A single starting line will be located in the area of N 39°05.80’, W 74°41.08’ which is 0.5 miles south-east of the outermost Townsend Inlet channel marker. A separate finish line for the Flying Scot fleet will be established.

Approximate locations are shown below:



7. **The Course.** The courses will be announced at the “Zoom” Skipper’s meeting Thursday July 18 at 1930. The Flying Scot Finish area will be located “up wind” of “R4A” (Townsend’s Inlet), unless changed in the Sailing Instructions.
8. **The Start.**
 1. An **1130** first warning signal is planned for the Flying Scot fleet
 2. A **1200** first warning signal is planned for the ORR Ez division with up to 3 separate starts for A, B, and C classes.
 3. **Time limit** for the ORC is 5.5 Hours from starting signal for Class A and Class B, and 6 hours for Class C.

9. **Scoring.**

The Low Point Scoring Systems, RRS A4 shall apply except there are no throw-outs, (this changes section A2.1). Classes A, B, C shall be scored for class standing using ORR Ez. All Off-Shore division classes shall compete for the Avalon Cup award. The boat with the fastest corrected ORR Ez finish time will be the winner of the Avalon Cup.

10. **Prizes.** Regatta prizes will be awarded as follows:

The Avalon Cup	1 st place distance race based on total fleet ORR-Ez standings
Flying Scot	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
ORR-Ez Class A	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
ORR-Ez Class B	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
ORR-Ez Class C	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

Prizes for the Flying Scot division will be presented at the Avalon Yacht Club after racing on Saturday July 20. Prizes for the Off-Shore division races and the awarding of the Avalon Cup will take place at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May as soon as possible after the race committee has docked at CYCCM on July 20.

11. **Fees.** Avalon Cup Regatta registration (includes after race refreshments & awards)

- Flying Scot: \$65
- ORC: \$85

12. **Contact Information.**

- Principal Race Officer: Jim Forrester RC Chair, PC
Email: forresterbrv@gmail.com, Cell: 540-797-0777
- Regatta Chairperson: Michael Mandell AYC
Email: msman64@comcast.net, Cell: (267) 872 2177

13. **Entry Form:** The entry form, fee and liability waiver can be submitted at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16817>. Entries must be submitted by **Thursday July 18 at 2359**. All ORR Ez Certificate numbers should be entered in the Yacht Scoring entry screen.

14. **MAYRA ORC:** The Avalon Cup Regatta 2024 will serve as the second event in the three-part MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit. Other events in the MAYRA ORC:

- **Lewes Cup**, July 22 at Lewes Yacht Club
NOR and registration: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16708>
- **Cape-to-Cape Challenge XVI**, August 3rd Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May
NOR and registration: *(tbd)*

Appendix 1: Social Activities

Schedule of Activities:

Thursday July 18th, 2024: 1930 A skippers meeting will take place via Zoom.

Friday July 19th, 2024 (evening)

Cocktails and a buffet dinner will take place on the North Deck of the Avalon Yacht Club for all competitors and their guests starting at 1800. Payment for dinner and drinks can be made by credit card. **For planning purposes, we request reservations with the size of your party. Please contact the club directly at (609) 967-4444 to make your reservation.** Make sure to let the club know that your reservation is for the **Avalon Cup Dinner**.

Saturday July 20th, 2024 (morning)

The Race Committee and Flying Scot fleet will have a harbor start at **1000** from the Avalon Yacht Club and will proceed through the Ocean Drive Bridge and Townsends Inlet to the starting area (N 39°05.80, W 74°41.08). The Flying Scot fleet is to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by **1100**. The ORR Ez fleet is to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by **1140**.

Appendix 2: AYC Dockage and Hoists:

Dockage and launching will be available at AYC for all sailing and support boats both before and during the regatta.

All Flying Scots and other trailerable keel boats (J/70, J/24, similar) can be stored on their trailers in the AYC boatyard prior to the Avalon Cup and can be launched using the AYC hoist (2 ton capacity).

Larger boats will be permitted to berth at AYC (a docking plan will be made available). Showers are available at the AYC Junior Sailing Center, however no electricity or water are available at the north end docks. The Avalon Marine Center is also an option for larger boats, arrangements can be made by contacting them directly at (609) 967-4100.

About Avalon and Townsends Inlet:

Townsends Inlet is a dredged, well-marked inlet with good protection from a southerly or southwesterly swell. One drawbridge (Ocean Drive) crosses the inner inlet and opens on demand by communication on VHF channel 13 or by audible signal. The inlet is exposed to an easterly or northeasterly swell although these conditions are unusual for July. A satellite photo is provided for reference.

