



Sailing Instructions

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.
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 can be found at the regatta website:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16817>

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as practical after the skippers meeting but no later than 0900 of day the change takes place. Official notices will also be posted on *yachtscoring.com*.

4. **Skippers Meeting: Thursday July 18, 2024 – 1930** A skippers meeting will take place via Zoom.
5. **Signals Made Ashore.** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main club flag staff. When flag AP is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 30 minutes’ in the race signal AP.

If the race must be cancelled due to a dangerous weather forecast or other unforeseen event, sailors will be notified via text and email using the contact information on record in yachtscoring.com for this regatta.

6. **Schedule of Races.**

Classes:

ORR-Ez Class A } *Avalon Cup Fleets*
 ORR-Ez Class B }

FS - Flying Scot*

All boats must have a VHF radio for CH 78 & 72.

Saturday July 20, 2024:

Flying Scot Fleet

The Race Committee will have a harbor start at **1000** from the Avalon Yacht Club and proceed to assemble Flying Scots in tow groups of 2-3 boats, and tow them through the opened Ocean Drive Bridge. The Flying Scots will be released from their tows in Townsends Inlet and should proceed under sail to the starting area. The fleet is to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by **1100**. One race in the ocean to the “lump” and back is scheduled.

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

6. Schedule of Races (continued)

Saturday July 20, 2024 (continued):

ORR-Ez Fleet

The Race Committee will have a harbor start at **1000** from the Avalon Yacht Club and the flotilla should proceed through the Ocean Drive Bridge as one group (if possible) and out Townsends Inlet to the starting area. The ORR-Ez fleet is to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by **1140**.

One distance race to Cape May is scheduled: **First Warning Signal 1200**

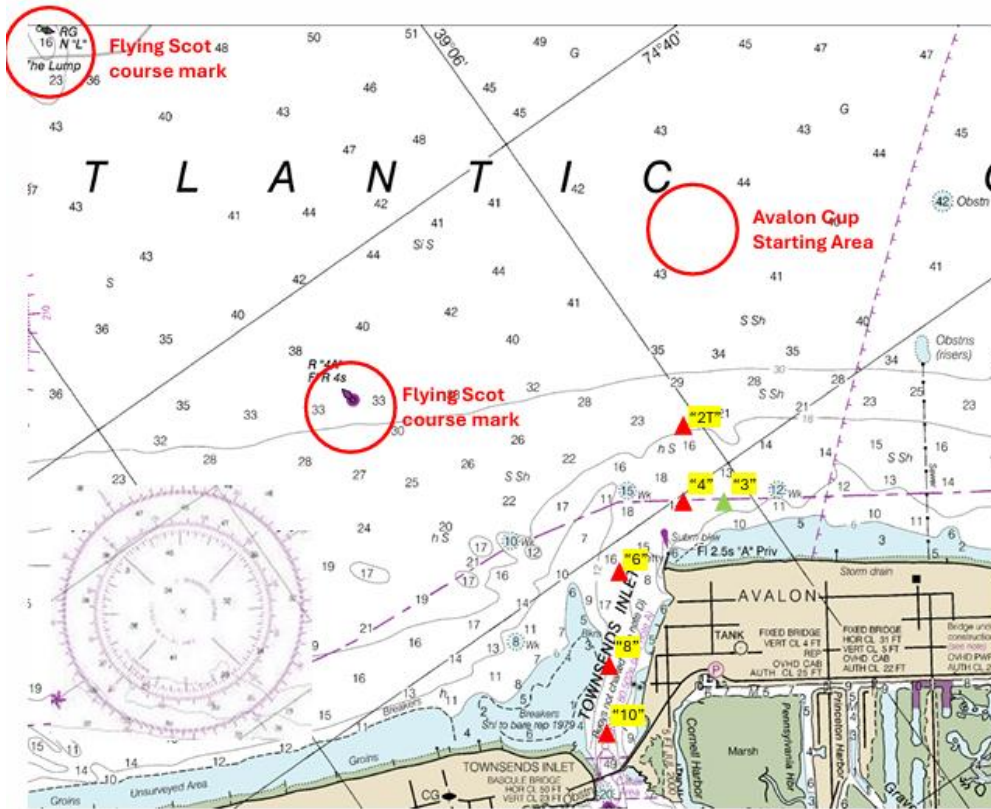
7. **Class Flags.** Class flags shall be used as follows.

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| Flying Scot | Flying Scot class insignia |
| ORR-Ez Class A | signal flag 1 |
| ORR-Ez Class B | signal flag 2 |

8. **Racing Area.** The racing area for the Flying Scot division will be the ocean waters between Townsends Inlet and the “Lump” buoy off of Sea Isle City. The racing area for the ORR-Ez divisions will be the ocean waters between Townsends Inlet and Cape May Inlet.

Starting Area: 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 **R”2T”**.

Approximate location is shown below:



9. **Marks:**

Flying Scot fleet

A red ball-shaped mark will be the start pin. In the case that a windward mark is set from the starting line, it will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. The finish marks will be a blue flag on the finish boat and a red ball-shaped mark.

ORR-Ez fleets

The starting mark for all divisions will be a red ball-shaped mark. In the case that a windward mark is set from the starting line, it will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. The finish marks will be a blue flag on the finish boat and a large yellow tomato shaped mark.

The turning marks for either day will be at the following approximate locations:

Flying Scot turning mark 1: government mark "L" Port Rounding
(Located at approximately N 39°07.3', W 74°38.2')

Flying Scot turning mark 2: government mark "4A" *Direction of rounding TBA*
(Located at approximately N 39°07.1', W 74°40.6')

ORR-Ez Course turning mark: government mark "3FB"
(Located at approximately N 38°57.5', W 74°42.6')

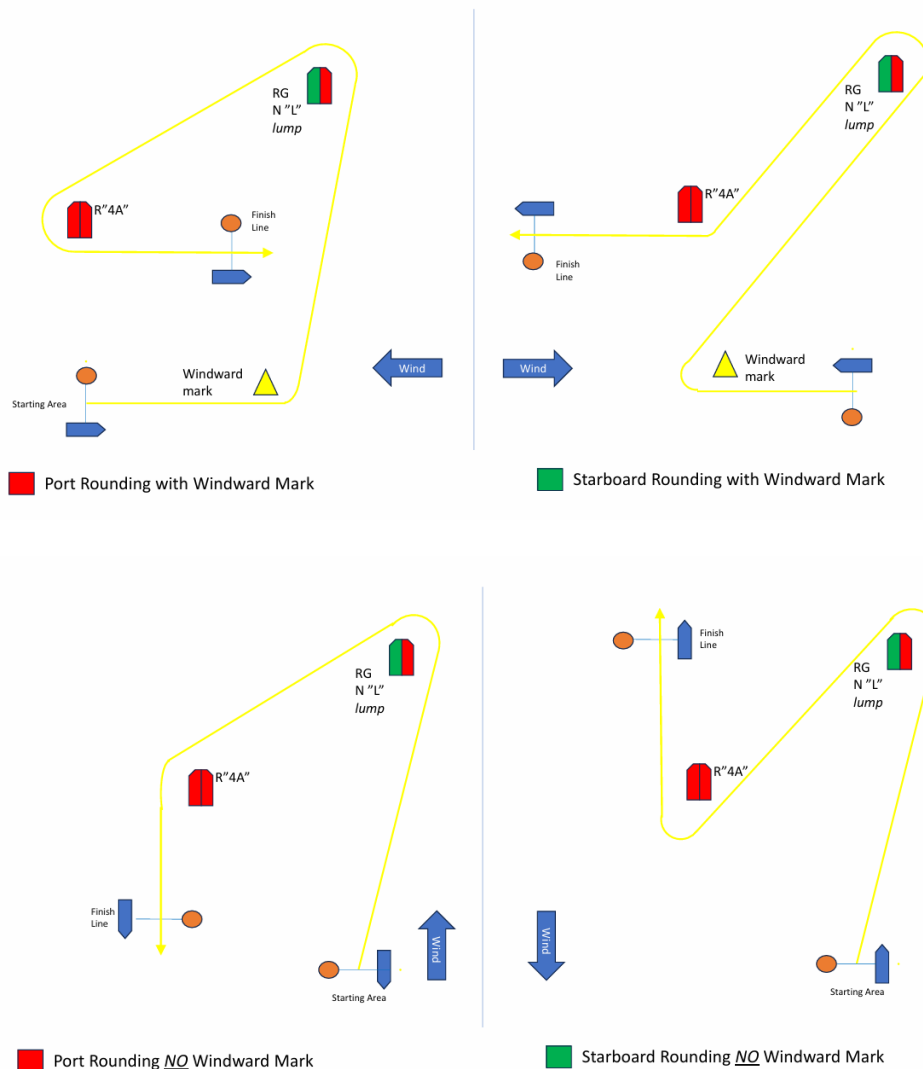
Note: government mark "3FB" may be used as a finish mark for ORR-Ez if shortening the course is warranted

10. Courses:

Flying Scot fleet course:

The course will include up to four legs for an approximate total distance of 6 miles. From the starting area, the Flying Scot fleet may sail to an optional windward mark, round in the direction indicated by the RC, then towards the “Lump” buoy leaving it to port. If no windward mark is indicated, the fleet will sail directly from the starting line to the “Lump” buoy, leaving it to port. The range and bearing to the first mark will be displayed on a course board by the RC signal boat. From the Lump buoy the fleet will sail to R“4A”, round in the direction indicated by the RC, then towards the finish line. The direction of rounding is the same as the optional windward mark. From R“4A” the fleet will sail to the finish line between a committee boat displaying a blue flag and a red ball-shaped mark. The RC will set the finish line approximately one mile “upwind” from R“4A”. The range and bearing to the finish line from R“4A” will be announced via VHF radio as soon as possible during the race, but before any boat has rounded R“4A”. Boats must cross the finish line from the direction of the last mark.

Flying Scot fleet course options



ORR-Ez fleet course:

A Distance Race including two legs for a total distance of approximately 15 miles. From the starting line the fleets will sail past the government mark “3FB” leaving it to starboard. From the turning mark the fleet will continue to a finish line between a committee boat displaying a blue flag, and a large orange tomato shape mark.

The finish area will be located at approximately N 38.56.029 W 74.50.053. Boats must cross the finish line from the direction of the last mark.

For any of the above courses, at the discretion of the race committee, a short windward leg may be set from the starting line to an inflatable buoy. In the case that a windward leg is set, the bearing and distance to the first mark, and the direction it is to be rounded (S for Starboard or P for Port), will be announced on VHF 72 and will be displayed on the committee boat.

ORR-Ez fleet courses



11. **The Finish:** The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an blue flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

Flying Scot Course: The Flying Scot Finish area will be located approximately 1 mile from R"4A" in the "upwind" direction.

Avalon Cup Course: The finish line for will be located along the direct line between "3FB" and "2CM", approximately 1 nm due East of 2CM.

12. **Obstruction:** Section not used.

13. The Start – All Fleets

- 13.1 Prior to the initiation of a starting sequence, the RC signal boat may as a courtesy make 4 horn signals and display code flag F (a white flag with a red diamond) and announce via VHF radio the course information, order of start and other information. The F flag will be lowered with 4 horn signals.
- 13.2 Races will be started by using RRS 26 (five-minute countdown). Class flags will be used as described in section 7 of these SIs.
- 13.3 The starting line will be between a staff flying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark.
- 13.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other fleets.
- 13.5 The RC May change the order of starts and combine fleets in starting sequence from the water.
- 13.6 In addition to the prescriptions of RRS 29 for individual recalls, the Race Committee will attempt to hail boats identified as On the Course Side (OCS) on VHF channel 72 or by verbal hails. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for granting redress (changes RRS 62.1 (a)).
- 13.7 Boats not starting within 10 minutes of their starting signal shall be scored DNS.
- 13.8 Recalls: The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats identified as On the Course Side (OCS) on VHF channel 72. The failure to hail, the hail of some but not all boats, untimely hail of a boat or boats shall not be grounds for granting redress (changes RRS 62.1 (a)).

14. **Change of the next leg of the course** shall be governed according to RRS 33

15. **Penalties:** Alternative Penalty: Appendix V parts V1 and V2 shall be in effect.

16. Time Limits:

Flying Scot:

If the first boat does not round the "Lump" mark within 1.5 hours of her start signal, or if no boat finishes within 3 hours of her start, the race shall be abandoned. If the first boat finishes within the time limit, boats still competing who have not finished within 45 minutes of the first boat in her class shall be scored TLE.

ORR Classes:

If the first boat does not finish within 5.5 Hours from the starting signal the race shall be abandoned. Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes of the first boat in their class to finish will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE).

17. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 17.1 If a competitor intends to file a protest, she shall notify the Race Committee at the time of finishing via VHF channel 72 or by verbal hails.
- 17.2 A written protest shall be filed to the Race Committee using US Sailing Protest Form within 45 minutes of the Signal Boat docking time, which will be posted on the notice board and on YS.

18. Scoring.

- 18.1 One race shall constitute a series.
- 18.2 The Low Point Scoring Systems, RRS A2 and A4, shall apply with the exception that each competitor's worst score shall *not* be excluded. This modifies RRS A2.
- 18.3 RRS A3 shall apply to all fleets where a ORR-Ez handicap is applied.
- 18.4 ORR-Ez fleets shall be scored for class standing as follows:
- Avalon Cup distance Race – 100%
 - All Classes (except Flying Scot) shall compete for the Avalon Cup award for the distance race. The boat with the fastest corrected ORR-Ez finish time will be the Avalon Cup Winner.

19. Safety Regulations.

- 19.1 Each boat must check in with the race committee boat before the start on race day. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 **Life jackets must be worn by all sailors in the Flying Scot fleet at all times.**
- 19.3 All Flying Scots must carry a sound device such as an air horn or whistle

20 – 21. Sections not used

22. **Official Boats.** All official boats of the race committee shall display either a Race Committee flag or the code flag "M". Displaying the code flag M does not indicate the official boat to be a mark of the course as defined in the RRS.

23 – 26. Sections not used

27. **Radio Communication and Emergency Conditions.** All competitors, including Flying Scots, must carry a VHF radio. The Race Committee and AYC patrol boats will monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 72. Emergency conditions should be reported directly to the Race Committee or AYC patrols on VHF Channel 72 or by verbal hails.

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

The Avalon Cup	1 st place based on ORR-Ez standings for distance race only
ORR-Ez Class A	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd overall based on fleet ORR-Ez standings
ORR-Ez Class B	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd overall based on fleet ORR-Ez standings
Flying Scot	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd based on “Lump” race only

Prizes for the Flying Scot fleet will be presented at the Avalon Yacht Club immediately after racing.

Prizes for all other fleets will be presented at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May as soon as possible after the race committee has docked at CYCCM after racing.

29. **Disclaimer of Liability**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS rule 4, decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regattas.

Addendum to Sailing Instructions

RRS 26

STARTING RACES

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the visual signals; the absence of a sound signal shall be disregarded.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and sound</i>	<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>
Warning	Class flag; 1 sound	5*
Preparatory	P, I, Z, Z with I, or black flag; 1 sound	4
One-minute	Preparatory flag removed; 1 long sound	1
Starting	Class flag removed; 1 sound	0

*or as stated in the sailing instructions

Tidal Current Information: A free website is available to view current flow predictions for the racing area:

[NOAA Tides and Currents animation](#)