

# Avalon Cup Regatta – 2023

## Avalon – Cape May



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### **Notice of Race**

#### **The Avalon Cup Regatta**

#### **Saturday and Sunday, July 15-16, 2023**

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 2023 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 combination of two races around buoys on Saturday, scored by finishes within class and, and a distance race on Sunday which will score finishes within class, for the regatta class awards. The Avalon Cup will be awarded to the boat in the Off-Shore division with the fastest corrected time in 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 (except Flying Scot) must provide a current (2023) 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 2023:

[MAYRA ORC 2023 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](mailto:msman64@comcast.net)
- Applications for an ORR-Ez certificate at can be found at:  
[https://www.regattaman.com/certificate\\_page.php](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 12. 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 to the “lump” and back is scheduled on Saturday July 15, 2023

Off-Shore division: 3 races are scheduled: Two round-the-buoys races on Saturday July 15, 2023, in the ocean near Avalon, and one distance race on Sunday July 16, 2023, in the ocean from Avalon to Cape May.

Saturday July 15, 2023:	<b>First Warning Signal 1200</b>	up to four start sequences
Sunday July 16, 2023:	<b>Warning Signal 1030</b>	All Classes

Classes:

ORR EZ Class A	}	<i>Avalon Cup Fleets</i>
ORR EZ Class B		
ORR EZ Class C		
FS- Flying Scot*		

- No warning signal after 1545 Saturday July 15.
- 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 15<sup>th</sup>, the make-up event will be the next Inter-Club buoy races which are scheduled for Saturday July 22 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 outside Townsends Inlet for the buoy races, and between Townsends Inlet and Cape May Inlet for the distance race. 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 closer to Townsends Inlet. Approximate locations are shown below:



7. **The Course.** The courses will be announced at the “Zoom” Skipper’s meeting Thursday July 13 at 1930. The Flying Scot Finish area will be located along the direct line between the RG N “L” (Lump) and R”2” (Townsends Inlet), unless changed in the Sailing Instructions.

8. **The Start.**

1. On Saturday July 15: A 1200 first warning signal is planned with up to 4 separate starts for: Flying Scot, A, B, and C classes.
2. On Sunday July 16: A 1030 warning signal, a single start is planned for all classes.
3. **Time limit** for the Sunday distance race 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). Class A, B, C shall be scored for class standing using ORR Ez as follows:

- Round-the-Buoys Race 1 – 25%
  - Round-the-Buoys Race 2 – 25%
  - Avalon Cup distance Race – 50%
- Completion of at least one race shall constitute a regatta. (If only two buoy races are sailed each race will count equally.)
- If one buoy race is canceled or abandoned before a boat finishes, the distance race shall count as 66% of the total score for class scoring, the remaining Buoy Race shall be the balance of the 34% of the score.
  - All Off-Shore division classes 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.

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

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

Prizes for the Flying Scot division will be presented at the Avalon Yacht Club the night of Saturday July 15. Prizes for the Off-Shore division races and the awarding of the “Avalon Cup” will be presented at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May as soon as possible after the race committee has docked at CYCCM on July 16.

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

- Flying Scot: \$55
- ORC: \$75

12. **Contact Information.**

- Principal Race Officer: Jim Forrester RC Chair, PC  
Email: [forresterbrv@gmail.com](mailto:forresterbrv@gmail.com), Cell: 540-797-0777
- Regatta Chairperson: Michael Mandell AYC  
Email: [msman64@comcast.net](mailto: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=16072>. Entries must be submitted by **Thursday July 13 at 2359**. All ORR EZ Certificate numbers should be entered in the Yacht Scoring entry screen.

14. **MAYRA ORC:** The Avalon Cup Regatta 2023 will serve as the second event in the three-part MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit. Other events in the MAYRA ORC:

- **Lewes Cup**, July 8th at Lewes Yacht Club  
NOR and registration: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=15893>
- **Cape-to-Cape Challenge XIII**, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th at Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May  
NOR and registration: *(tbd)*

# Appendix 1: Social Activities

## Schedule of Activities:

**Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023: 1930** A skippers meeting will take place at AYC and via Zoom.

### **Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** (morning)

The Race Committee and Flying Scot fleet will have a harbor start at 1030 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 entire fleet is to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by **1130**.

### **Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** (evening)

Cocktails, a buffet dinner, live entertainment, and dancing will take place on the North Deck of the Avalon Yacht Club for all competitors and their guests starting at 1800. The Flying Scot awards will also be presented. The dress code will be waived for this event and sailors are welcome to “come as they are”. Advanced purchase of tickets will not be required. 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**.

### **Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

The Race Committee will have a harbor-start at 0900 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 entire fleet is to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by **1000**.

# 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.

