

Race for the Avalon Cup



Notice of Race:

The Avalon Cup

July 30th, 2011

The Avalon Yacht Club is proud to invite all offshore sailors to compete in a race for the Avalon Cup and the MAYRA Offshore Championship.

1. **Rules.** The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, prescriptions of MAYRA and PHRF-MA, and the Sailing Instructions.
2. **Notice to Competitors.** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Avalon Yacht Club youth room deck.
3. **Sailing Instructions.** Sailing Instructions will be provided to all competitors at the skippers meeting on the evening before the race. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted as soon as practical after the skippers meeting but no later than 2200 on July 29th.
4. **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.
5. **Schedule of Races.**
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Classes: PHRF Spinnaker }
PHRF Non-Spinnaker } Avalon Cup Fleets
J-24 }

Flying Scott

Scheduled time for the first warning signal for Flying Scot fleet is 1100. The scheduled time for the first warning signal for the Avalon Cup fleets is 1200. There shall be no warning signal after 1430. Some fleets may have combined starts based on fleet size.

6. **Class Flags.** Class flags shall be used as follows:
PHRF Spinnaker class A
PHRF non-Spinnaker class B
J-24 class C
Flying Scot class E

7. **Racing Area.** The racing area will be the ocean waters in the area offshore of Townsends Inlet for the Flying Scot fleet and between Townsends Inlet and Cape May Inlet for the Avalon Cup fleets. The starting line(s) for all fleets will be located at approximately N 39°05.80, W 74°41.08 which is 0.5 miles east of the outermost Townsend Inlet channel marker.

8. **The Courses.**

Course 1: will include two legs for a total length of approximately 12 miles. From the starting line, the Avalon Cup fleets will sail past the Hereford Inlet buoy leaving it to starboard and continuing to a finish line in the area near the 2CM buoy off of Cape May Inlet.

Course 2: will include two legs for a total distance of approximately 15 miles. From the starting line the Avalon Cup fleet will sail past the government mark “3FB” leaving it to starboard and continuing to a finish line in the area near the 2CM buoy off of Cape May Inlet.



Course 3 (Flying Scot only): will be a windward leeward course with the number of legs and length of the windward leg to be posted from the committee boat. All marks of Course 3 will be yellow inflatable marks and will be left to port.

9. **Marks for the Avalon Cup Fleet.** The starting buoy will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron. The turning marks shall be government marks “H” (course 1) and “3FB” (course 2) respectively. The finish mark shall be an orange tetrahedron in the vicinity of the government mark “2CM” marking the entrance to Cape May Inlet.

10. **The Start.** Races for the Avalon Cup fleets will be started using RRS 26. The Flying Scot fleet will be started using Annex Q (3 minute dingy starts).

11. **Recalls.** The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats identified as On the Course Side (OCS) on VHF channel 71. 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)).
12. **Time Limit.** The time limit for the first boat in each class is 5 hours. Boats failing to finish within sixty (60) minutes of the first boat in their class to finish will be scored Did Not Finish.
13. **Scoring.** The Low Point Scoring Systems, RRS A2, A4, A9 shall apply.
14. **Safety Regulations.** 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.
15. **Radio Communication and Emergency Conditions.** All competitors, with the exception of Flying Scots, must carry a VHF radio. The Race Committee and AYC patrol boats will monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 71. Emergency conditions should be reported directly to the Race Committee or AYC patrols on VHF Channel 71 or by verbal hails.
16. **Prizes.** Regatta prizes will be awarded as follows:

The Avalon Cup	1 st place overall based on total fleet PHRF standings
MAYRA Offshore PHRF Champion	1 st place overall based on total fleet PHRF standings
PHRF Spinnaker	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
PHRF non-Spinnaker	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
J-24	1 st , 2 nd (if 4 or more in fleet), 3 rd (if 6 or more in fleet)
Flying Scot	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
MAYRA Offshore One-Design Champion	1 st place overall Flying Scot

Prizes for the Flying Scot fleet will be awarded at the Avalon Yacht Club after the conclusion of racing. The prizes for the Avalon Cup fleet will be awarded at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May after the finish on race day. The two MAYRA Championship Trophies will be awarded at the MAYRA Awards dinner in December 2011.

17. **Fees.** Avalon Cup Registration \$50

18. **Contact Information.**

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Appendix 1: Pre-Race Activities

Schedule of Activities:

Friday July 29th, 2011

Cocktails, dinner and skippers meeting will be held at the Avalon Yacht Club for all competitors on Friday evening. Advanced purchases of dinner tickets are not required. Payment for dinner can be made by cash or credit card on the evening of the 29th. For planning purposes, we only 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 30th, 2011

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). All keelboats racing to Cape May are to rendezvous with the Race Committee at the starting area by 1130.

Overnight Dockage:

It is understood that most competitors will sail directly to the starting area from their home ports on Saturday morning. However, if it is more convenient for individual boats to arrive in Avalon in the days prior to the race, overnight dockage can be arranged through the race committee.

The Avalon Point Marina will be the primary overnight location for larger boats. The depth at the outer "T" docks at the Avalon Pointe Marina is 8 to 10 feet at low tide. Arrangements for overnight docks should be made through the Avalon Yacht Club with the registration for the Avalon Cup.

About Avalon and Townsends Inlet:

Townsends Inlet is a dredged, well marked inlet with good protection from a southerly or southwesterly swell. One draw bridge (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.

