

Race for the Avalon Cup



Notice of Race:

The Avalon Cup

July 25th, 2015

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

1. **Rules.** The race will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, prescriptions of 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 24th.
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	}	Avalon Cup Fleets
PHRF Non-Spinnaker		
J-24		
J-70		

Flying Scot*

Scheduled time for the first warning signal for Flying Scot fleet is 1000. 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.

* If weather conditions do not allow the Flying Scot fleet to race offshore on July 25th, a separate buoy racing regatta will be run on the waters off of Townsends Inlet on **Sunday July 26th**.

6. **Class Flags.** Class flags shall be used as follows:

PHRF Spinnaker	class A
PHRF non-Spinnaker	class B
J-24	class C
J-70	class D
Flying Scot	class E

7. **Racing Area.** The racing area will be the ocean waters between Townsends Inlet and Cape May Inlet for all 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 a temporary mark (in the previous location of the Hereford Inlet buoy) leaving the temporary mark 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.



9. **Marks for the Avalon Cup Fleet.** The starting mark shall be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. The turning marks shall be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron (course 1) or government mark “3FB” (course 2) respectively. The finish mark shall be a yellow inflatable 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 S (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 (Avalon Cup fleet) or verbally (Flying Scot fleet). 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.** Time limits shall be identified in the Sailing Instructions.
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:
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| The Avalon Cup | 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) |
| J-70 | 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 |
- The prizes will be awarded at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May after the finish on race day.
17. **Fees.** Avalon Cup Registration \$65
18. **Contact Information.**
 Principal Race Officer: Past Commodore John Groskoph
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 (862)251-2625 cell
19. **MAYRA ORC:** The Avalon Cup in 2015 will serve as the first event in the three-part MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit. Other events in the MAYRA ORC include the Cape-to-Cape Challenge and Atlantic City Race Week.

Appendix 1: Pre-Race Activities

Schedule of Activities:

Friday July 24th, 2015

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 25th. 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 25th, 2015

The Race Committee and Flying Scot fleet 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). 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 some competitors may sail directly to the starting area from their home ports on the morning of the race. 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 as follows:

All trailerable keel boats (Melges 24, J-70, J-24) can be stored on their trailers in the AYC boatyard during the week prior to the Avalon Cup and can be launched using the AYC hoist (2 ton capacity).

The Avalon Marine Center 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 can be made by contacting Avalon Marine Center (old Avalon Point Marina) directly at (609)967-4100 and asking for Bud Dailey.

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.

