

Race for the Avalon Cup



Notice of Race:

The Avalon Cup

July 29th, 2017

The Avalon Yacht Club is proud to invite all offshore sailors to compete in a race for the Avalon Cup. The Avalon Cup serves as the second event in the 2017 MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit.

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 AYC Sailing Center.
3. **Sailing Instructions.** Sailing Instructions will be available online and 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 28th.
4. **Signals Made Ashore.** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main club flag staff. When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' in the RRS is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes'.
5. **Schedule of Races.** Date: July 29th 2017
Classes: PHRF Spinnaker
PHRF Non-Spinnaker
J-24
J-70
Flying Scot* } Avalon Cup Fleets

The scheduled time for the first warning signal is 1200. There shall be no warning signal after 1430. Some divisions may be combined based on fleet size.

* 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 Scots to compete on Saturday July 29th, the make-up event will be the local buoys races which are already scheduled for Sunday July 30th on the Great Sound.

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

PHRF Spinnaker	class 1
PHRF non-Spinnaker	class 2
J-24	class 3
J-70	class 4
Flying Scot	Flying Scot insignia flag

7. **Racing Area.** The racing area will be the ocean waters off of Townsends Inlet and south to Cape May Inlet. The starting area 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.

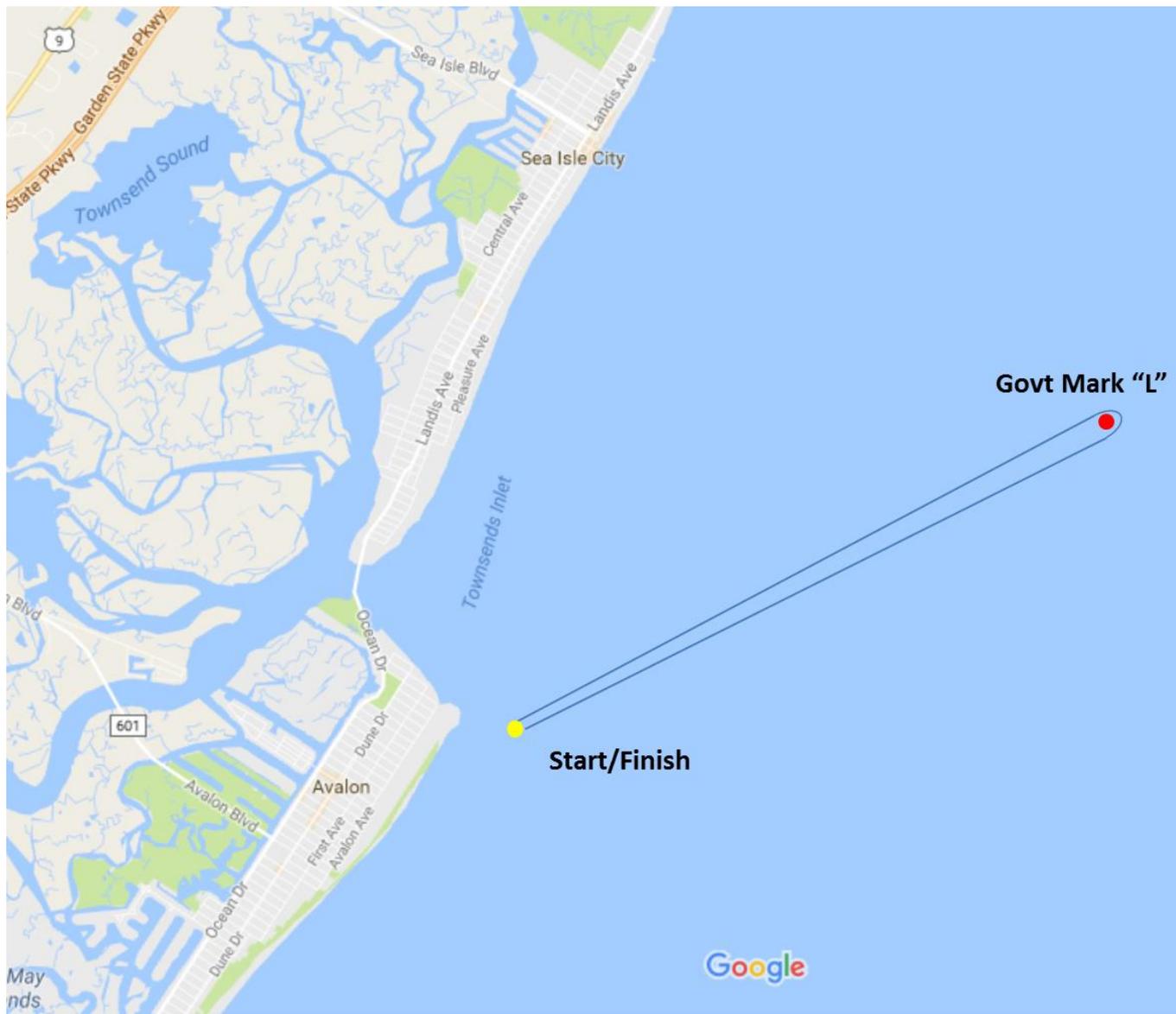
8. **The Courses.**

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.



Course 3: (Flying Scots only) will include two legs for a total course distance of approximately 6.3 miles. From the starting line, the Flying Scot fleet will sail north-east to the Sea Isle Lump buoy “L”, round the buoy to port and return to a finish line off of Townsends Inlet.



9. **Marks for the Avalon Cup Fleet.** The starting mark shall be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron. The turning marks shall be as follows:
 Course 1: yellow inflatable tetrahedron
 Course 2: government mark “3FB”
 Course 3: government mark “L”
 The finish mark for courses 1 and 2 shall be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron in the vicinity of the government mark “2CM” marking the entrance to Cape May Inlet. The finish mark for course 3 shall be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron in the vicinity of Townsends Inlet.
10. **The Start.** Races for all divisions of the Avalon Cup will be started using RRS 26.
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.** 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, including 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
PHRF Spinnaker	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
PHRF non-Spinnaker	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
J-24	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
J-70	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Flying Scot	1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd

The prizes for the Flying Scot fleet will be presented at the Avalon Yacht Club after all boats return to the harbor area. The prizes for the remaining fleets will be awarded at the Corinthian Yacht Club of Cape May after the finish of racing.

17. **Fees.** Avalon Cup Registration \$70

18. **Contact Information.**

Event Chair: Past Commodore John Groskoph
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 (862)251-2625 mobile

19. **MAYRA ORC:** The Avalon Cup in 2017 will serve as the second event in the three-part MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit. Other events in the MAYRA ORC include Leukemia Cup and the Cape-to-Cape Challenge.

Appendix 1: Pre-Race Activities

Schedule of Activities:

Friday July 28th, 2017

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 28th. 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 29th, 2017

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.

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 Flying Scots and 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.

