



## Mid-Atlantic Yacht Racing Association

### Offshore Racing Circuit

#### MAYRA ORC 2026

##### NOTICE OF CIRCUIT (revised 06/11/2026)

##### 1.0 Invitation

You are cordially invited to participate in the MAYRA ORC to be held between June and August 2026.

##### 2.0 Rules

*Each of the MAYRA Offshore events included in the MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit will be governed by their own Sailing Instructions and are organized by their own host yacht club or clubs. MAYRA is the organizer and sponsor of circuit scoring only. A committee consisting of the regatta event PROs and MAYRA representatives shall declare circuit winners based on the scoring system contained within this Notice of Circuit.*

The MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit and each included regatta event shall use the class rules listed below, and include rules from the Orr Ez Rule book and the ORR Ez Glossary which can be found here:

<https://www.offshoreracingrule.org/orr-ez/orr-ez-rulebook>

[https://www.regattaman.com/cert\\_glossary.php](https://www.regattaman.com/cert_glossary.php)

##### a. Rating Certificates

Owners must have a current, valid, and accurate ORR-Ez rating certificate for their boat **before** competing in any of the three regatta events. Only boats with current ORR-Ez certificates will be permitted to compete for the MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit awards.

##### b. Sail Definitions

Headsail: Attached to the headstay with mid-girth measurement less than 50% of the foot length.

Large Roach Headsail (LRH): Mid-girth measurement between 50% and 75% of the foot length. These sails are allowed under ORR-Ez rules but are considered Spinnakers and **may not** be used if a boat is competing as a Non spinnaker class.

Spinnaker: Includes both symmetrical, asymmetrical, and Code Zero either tacked to the centerline or flown from a spinnaker pole, with a mid-girth measurement greater than 75% of the foot length.

##### c. Headsail Clew

The clew of a Headsail or Asymmetrical Spinnaker may be attached to a whisker pole on the windward side of the boat. There is no restriction on the length of the whisker pole.



MAYRA Offshore Circuit class rules *continued*:

**d. Non-Spinnaker Restrictions**

- 1) A boat racing with a non-Spinnaker rating may only use a mainsail and single Headsail, except that cutters with a fixed inner forestay may use a staysail, and two masted boats may use a mizzen mainsail.
- 2) When racing with a non-Spinnaker rating, an LRH or "Code Zero" or similar sails may not be used.

**e. Sail Declaration**

Participants shall declare their largest headsail, Large Roach Headsail (LRH), and largest spinnaker that would be used for racing, on their ORR-Ez certificates.

**f. Classes**

There shall be 3 Classes: **A, B, and C**

**Class A** will be boats with ORR Ez spinnaker rating General Purpose Handicap (GPH) TOD of less than "670". Typical examples of boats in this class (but not limited to) are J/105, J/70, E33, Beneteau First 40, etc.

**Class B** will be boats with ORR Ez spinnaker rating General Purpose Handicap (GPH) TOD of 670 or greater. Typical boats in this class are Alerion 33, J/24, Tartan 37, etc.

**Class C** will be boats who sail non-spinnaker. No LRH or Code Zero type sails may be used.

The current class splits can be found here:

[MAYRA Offshore Class Splits v20230413.pdf](#)

**g. Class Designation**

Boats competing in the MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit must sail in the same class for all the regattas in that season. Boats who sail in different classes in one season will not participate in MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit scoring.

**h. Participation**

If three event regattas are completed, boats who wish to participate in the MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit must participate in at least two of the event regattas.

**i. Awards**

Awards will only be presented for classes which have more than two competitors in the class.



MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit class rules *continued*:

#### **j. Scoring**

- 1) Scores for the MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit shall be based on the final regatta scores for each of the three event regattas.
- 2) Each event regatta score will weigh evenly towards the MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit score. For example, if 3 event regattas are held, a boat's final regatta scores from each will count towards 1/3 of their circuit score.
- 3) A boat that does not compete in one of the event regattas will be scored a DNC for that event. DNC is calculated by utilizing the total number of qualified circuit boats that competed in the class in that season, plus 2.
- 4) Tie breakers: if there is a tie between two or more boats, regatta scores will be listed from best to worst and at the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best scores.
  - a. If the scores are still tied the scores from all individual races in the event regattas will be listed from best to worst, and at the first difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the boat with the best scores.
  - b. If the scores are still tied, the scores of the tied boats shall be compared using the last race they competed against each other. The boat with the best finish will be broken in favor of the boat with the best score.

#### **3.0 Eligibility**

All members of MAYRA Yacht Clubs are eligible to participate in the MAYRA ORC.

#### **4.0 Schedule**

Three regattas of the 2026 MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit are as follows:

<b>July 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Lewes Cup</b>
<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Cape-to-Cape Challenge</b>
<b>August 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Avalon Cup</b>

#### **5.0 Prizes**

Individual Class prizes (keepers) for the MAYRA ORC will be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	<b>"MAYRA ORC Class A"</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<b>"MAYRA ORC Class B"</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	<b>"MAYRA ORC Non-Spinnaker"</b>

In addition, a perpetual MAYRA ORC Trophy will be presented to the circuit winner of each class. The name of the winning yacht will be engraved on the award which will be held at the winning yacht's home club for one year.

If possible, the winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Avalon Cup on August 15<sup>th</sup>. However, if time constraints prevent the final scoring on that day, the winners will be announced as soon as possible after the scoring is completed. Prizes will be presented to the winners at the 2026 MAYRA awards banquet.

#### **6.0 Entry**

There is no separate entry form or fee for the 2026 MAYRA Offshore Racing Circuit.