



# The Forbes Trophy Scoring Guidance

*2024 Season*

Annisquam Yacht Club  
Annisquam, MA

*Established in 1955 by Commodore W. Stuart Forbes, Jr., the Forbes Trophy is awarded to the Annisquam Yacht Club skipper with the best season average regardless of class.*



The guidance below is designed to help the Race/Sail Governor award the Forbes Trophy fairly. It gives specifics about how to determine the winner given the current racing program at the AYC. Each year, the Club makes changes to the racing program. Accordingly, this document should be reviewed each year and revised as needed to make sure that it is kept current.

The skippers who win the Bay Series Championship in the Laser or Alerion class, and only those skippers, are eligible to win the Forbes Trophy.

Like the Bay Series scoring, the Forbes Trophy scoring is by skipper for the Laser class and by boat for the Alerion 20 class. At the end of the season, a “season average” (defined below) is calculated for the skipper who wins the Laser Bay Series and for the boat that wins the Alerion 20 Bay Series. The skipper with the lower season average wins the Forbes Trophy.

Here's how to calculate the “season average” for each Bay Series champion: For each One-Day Series in the Bay Series, the Laser skipper and the Alerion 20 each receive a Forbes Trophy score equal to the Bay Series points they received for that One-Day Series divided by one more than the number of member competitors in their class in that One-Day Series.<sup>1</sup> At the end of the season, the Laser skipper will have a calculated Forbes Trophy score for each One-Day Series that was held by the Laser class, and the Alerion 20 will have a calculated Forbes Trophy score for each One-Day Series that was held by the Alerion 20 class. If either class holds eight or more One-Day Series during the season, the two worst (highest) Forbes Trophy scores shall be “excluded” for that class. If either class holds four or more One-Day Series during the season, the worst (highest) Forbes Trophy score shall be excluded for that class. If either class holds fewer than four One-Day Series, no Forbes Trophy score shall be excluded for that class. The “season average” for each Laser skipper and Alerion 20 is the average of their non-excluded Forbes Trophy scores for the season.

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<sup>1</sup> For example, a Laser skipper who receives two Bay Series points for a particular One-Day Series in which four member skippers and two guest skippers compete will receive a Forbes Trophy score of 0.4 because  $0.4 = 2 \text{ Bay Series points} / (1 + 4 \text{ member competitors})$ .