



Sailing Instructions

Arizona Yacht Club Birthday Regatta & Leukemia Cup
February 16-18, 2018
Lake Pleasant, Arizona

1. **Rules.** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. **Notices to competitors.** Notices will be posted on the AYC website, arizonayachtclub.org.
3. **Signals made ashore.** Race delays will be announced on VHF channel 68.
4. **Schedule.**
 - Friday.** 11am Skipper's Meeting, 1pm first warning. Only three-day fleets will be scored Friday, but other boats may run unscored practice races at the Race Committee's discretion.
 - Saturday.** 8am Skipper's Meeting for two-day fleets only. 9:30am first warning. Cruising fleet first warning 12:20pm.
 - Sunday.** 9am first warning.Skipper's Meetings will be held in the area of "Lookout Point" (see site map).
No warning signal will be sounded after 4pm Friday and Saturday or after 1pm Sunday.
5. **Racing area.** The races will be conducted on Lake Pleasant, Arizona.
6. **Courses to be sailed.** Courses to be sailed are described on Lake Pleasant Chart L. Cruising entrants will sail one race Saturday, following the course on the Cruising Chart.
7. **Marks.** Rounding marks will be inflatable yellow "tomatoes," green pyramids, and islands.
8. **Starts.** AYC fleet boards will be substituted for class flags. This modifies rule 26. Refer to the course chart for procedure. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
9. **Check-in and Checkout.** Each boat must check in before her first race each day by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hailing fleet and sail number. A boat that retires from a race or retires from racing before the end of the race day shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible. If possible, use VHF channel 68.
10. **Starting and finishing line.** The starting line will be between the orange mast on the committee boat and a small red buoy mark. The finishing line will be between the orange mast on the committee boat and a small yellow buoy mark. After a boat rounds the first rounding mark, she shall not cross the start/finish line until she finishes. If she breaks this rule, she shall be scored "Did Not Finish" (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 28.1. On legs of the course that pass the start/finish line, the line may be left either to port or to starboard and on such legs the line is, for reasons of safety, an obstruction
11. **Time Limit.** Except for the cruising fleet, the time limit will be two (2) hours for the first boat to finish a race.
12. **Protests.** Competitors are to submit protests at race headquarters by 6pm on Friday and Saturday and by 3:30pm Sunday.
13. **Scoring.** One race is required to constitute a regatta.
 - a. A boat starting later than fifteen (15) minutes after her starting signal will be scored "did not start" (DNS). This changes rule A4.
 - b. After starting, a boat may retire (RET) from a race and receive a score equal to the number of starters in that race, except if she starts alone in her fleet she shall sail the entire course to be scored as a finishing boat. This changes rule A4.
 - c. Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in her fleet finishes will be scored "time limit expired" (TLE). Boats scored TLE shall receive points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one point. This changes rule A4.
 - d. If a fleet sails five races, one race will be discarded; if ten races are sailed, two races will be discarded.
14. **Prizes.** Three prizes will be awarded in each fleet.
15. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Arizona Yacht Club will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.