



# Sailing Instructions

Arizona Yacht Club Spring Series 2018

Tempe Town Lake, Arizona

1. **Rules.** The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and applicable class and fleet rules.
2. **Notices to competitors.** Notices will be posted on the AYC website, arizonayachtclub.org.
3. **Schedule.** January 21, February 11 & 25, March 11 & 25, April 15 & 29, May 6. First warning signal January and February, 2pm; March, April and May, 3pm. No warning signal shall be sounded after 4pm on Saturday or 1:30pm on Sunday.
4. **Racing area.** The races will be conducted on Tempe Town Lake, Tempe, Arizona.
5. **Courses to be sailed.** Courses to be sailed are described on Tempe Town Lake Chart B.
6. **Marks.** Rounding marks will be inflatable yellow and orange cylinders.
7. **Check-in and Checkout.** Each boat must check in before her first race each day by sailing past the Race Committee 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.
8. **Starting and finishing line.** The starting and finishing line will be between two small white buoy marks. After a boat rounds the first rounding mark, she shall not cross the start/finish line until she finishes. A boat that has broken this rule may correct her error. Unless corrected, 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
9. **Protests.** Competitors are to submit protests within the protest time that begins 15 minutes after the final race of day finishes and concludes 15 minutes later.
10. **RC training.** Each fleet is required to provide a race committee on an assigned schedule. The PRO of the day will provide instruction to RC personnel and operate races for other fleets to demonstrate their skills.
11. **Scoring.** Class rules may modify the low-point system, Appendix A4. One race is required to constitute a series.
  - a. A boat starting later than five (5) 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. Unless changed by fleet rules, discards shall be 20% (rounded down) of all races in the series.
12. **Prizes.** Prizes are based on number of fleet entries: 3-4 entries, one award; 5-6 entries, two awards; 7-9 entries, 3 awards; 10+ entries, four awards.
13. **Championship Race Qualification.** An AYC Fleet Champion shall be the AYC member entrant with the lowest combined score within each active fleet, determined by combining all of an entrant's scores for the fall and spring series and then discarding 20% (rounded down). To be eligible, the entrant must have obtained full or junior membership status before the final race of the spring series. Only champions of active fleets plus the current AYC Club Champion are eligible to participate in the AYC Club Championship Regatta.
14. **Disclaimer of Liability.** Competitors participate in the series 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.

**Note:** Race entrants and race crews are expected to assist with their fleet's race committee duty.

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