

Sailing Instructions
Arizona Yacht Club's Annual Tall Cactus "Race"
27 April 2019
Lake Pleasant, Arizona

1. **RULES** All races will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS** will be posted on the AYC website <http://arizonayachtclub.org/racing> prior to 11 am each race day.
3. **CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** will be posted on the AYC website <http://arizonayachtclub.org/racing> prior to 11 am each race day.
4. **SKIPPER'S MEETING** - There is no formal skippers' meeting planned. Queries can be done at the pre-race social hour, race committee boat, or by text to the PRO.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
First signal will be at 2:00 PM. All racing will conclude by 7:00 PM (see Time Limits below for more details)
6. **COURSE BOARDS**
During the Warning period all competitors will start with the PHRF course board that will be displayed on the upper center rack that is attached to the Race Committee boat's forward flagstaff.
7. **THE COURSES**
The course to be sailed is described on the Arizona Yacht Club Course Chart for Lake Pleasant, Tall Cactus.
8. **MARKS**
 - 8.1. Marks will be inflatable Yellow or Green marks.
 - 8.2. The starting pin will be a small, round red buoy.
 - 8.3. The finishing pin will be a small, round yellow buoy.
 - 8.4. Horse Island and Balanced Rock Island are also considered "Marks of the Course"
9. **THE START**
 - 9.1. The race will be started according to rule 26 (5 minute sequence)
 - 9.2. The start line will be between the orange stripe on the Race Committee boat's flagstaff and the red starting pin. Start pin may be on either side of the committee boat.
 - 9.3. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule 4A.
 - 9.4. If a boat is on course side (OCS) of the start line at the start, the race committee, after signaling individual recall, may hail her sail number by voice or loudspeaker. Hailing is a courtesy only and competitors may not request redress. This changes rule 62.1a
10. **THE FINISH**
The finishing line is between the orange stripe on the Race Committee boat's flagstaff and the yellow finishing pin. Finish pin may be on either side of the committee boat.
11. **TIME LIMITS**
Boats failing to finish before 7 PM will be scored TLE without a hearing. TLE boats shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS *As this is designed to be a fun race, only egregious protests or if property damage is involved, please.*

12.1. Protest forms are available from the Race Committee or online at <http://arizonayachtclub.org/racing>. The Race Committee must be made aware of any protest immediately after a competitor finishes. A competitor should finish the race and then safely come around and hail the RC indicating they have a protest. If a boat is unable to finish because of an infraction, they should contact the RC via VHF 68 or Cell Phone when it is safe to do so. All protest forms must be completed within 1 hour of the last boat finishing.

12.2. Protest hearings will be held after the last boat finishes at one of the Ramadas at Lookout Point.

13. SCORING

13.1 A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.

13.2 To be scored, boats must complete the course before 7:00 PM. Boats failing to finish before 7:00 PM will be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). Boats identified TLE shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points. This changes rule 34, A4 and A5.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1. All boats must check in by sailing aft of the Race Committee on starboard tack and hailing their SAIL NUMBER before the race.

14.2. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.3. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See rule 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 event.

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